



# HAPPENING IN HURLEY

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## Hurley elections

### Voters make changes in town government

Hurley residents in November elected a Town Supervisor, two Town Board members, a Town Clerk, a Highway Superintendent and two Town Justices.

Michael Boms, currently a Board member, was elected Supervisor. The two Board seats on the ballot were won by Diana Cline and incumbent Gregory Simpson. Town Clerk Annie Reed and Highway Superintendent Michael Shultis were re-elected, as were Town Justices Roy Hochberg and John Parker.

*Complete results, including the vote totals, appear on Page 4 of this newsletter.*

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## UPCOMING TOWN GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

All meetings will be held in the Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place.

Thursday, Dec. 14: Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 27: Town Board, 7 p.m. (NOTE: This is the only scheduled meeting of the Town Board in December.)

Thursday, Dec. 28: Planning Board, 6 p.m.

*For a complete schedule of town meetings, go to [townofhurley.org/calendar](http://townofhurley.org/calendar).*

# AROUND THE TOWN HALL: Info from our departments

**Assessor’s Office:** The Assessor’s Office reminds Hurley residents that property tax bills will be sent out by the Town Clerk’s office in January.

If you need to update your mailing address, changes must be made with the Assessor’s Office by calling (845) 331-7474, ext.4.

**Building Department:** The Town of Hurley is looking to hire a part-time Municipal Code Officer/Stormwater Management Officer.

The pay will be commensurate with experience, and a clean record and valid driver’s license are required.

Details about the job and the qualifications for it, as well as information about how to apply, can be found online at [tinyurl.com/43mm94ew](https://tinyurl.com/43mm94ew).

**Public Information:** The Town’s part-time Public Information Officer, Jeremy Schiffres, can be reached at (845) 331-7474, ext. 316, or [informationofficer@townofhurley.org](mailto:informationofficer@townofhurley.org). You also can

find him in the Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place, on weekdays, generally between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; and at meetings of the Town Board.

The Public Information Officer manages the Town’s website and Facebook page, produces this newsletter each month, keeps area news media informed about town happenings and upcoming meetings and events, updates the messages on the Town Hall sign board, responds to requests for Town information from members of the public, and played a key role in the Town’s emergency preparedness outreach effort.

**Town Clerk’s Office:** The Town Clerk’s Office is finalizing the installation of an online payment portal for property taxes and other fees.

The new system should be up and running on the Town website, [townofhurley.org](http://townofhurley.org), by Jan. 1, 2024, allowing Hurley residents to look up their tax bills and pay them online.

Watch the Town website and Facebook page for details as the launch date gets closer.

## Want to officiate at a wedding? One-day licenses are available



The town now has an application for people seeking a one-day license to be a marriage officiant.

It can be found on the town website at [tinyurl.com/yy7tfewp](https://tinyurl.com/yy7tfewp).

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**GET TOWN NEWS IN YOUR EMAIL:** Sign up for email alerts from the town by going to our website, [townofhurley.org](http://townofhurley.org), clicking on the button shown at right (located at the bottom of the home page), and selecting the types of alerts you’d like to receive.



### Your town newsletter

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**Page 1 photo:** Nutcracker figures adorn a fence on Millbrook Avenue in Old Hurley as part of a Christmas display on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023.

## WHO WE ARE, how to get in touch with us

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Looking for something on the town website? This should help



➤ **Homepage:** [townofhurley.org](http://townofhurley.org)

➤ **News and announcements:**  
[townofhurley.org/node/1/news](http://townofhurley.org/node/1/news)

➤ **Calendar:** [townofhurley.org/calendar](http://townofhurley.org/calendar)

➤ **Town budgets:**  
[townofhurley.org/about/pages/budget](http://townofhurley.org/about/pages/budget)

➤ **Town Board meeting minutes (from 2007 to 2023):** [townofhurley.org/node/1291/minutes](http://townofhurley.org/node/1291/minutes)

➤ **Disaster preparedness:** [townofhurley.org/disaster-preparedness](http://townofhurley.org/disaster-preparedness)

➤ **Highway Department:** [townofhurley.org/highway-department](http://townofhurley.org/highway-department)

➤ **Transfer Station:** [townofhurley.org/transfer-station-recycling-center](http://townofhurley.org/transfer-station-recycling-center)

➤ **Job and board/committee openings:** [townofhurley.org/job-and-board-openings](http://townofhurley.org/job-and-board-openings)

# Election results: New Town Supervisor in 2024

Here are the results of the Town election held last month. The results include ballots cast during early voting, on Election Day, and by mail. Asterisks denote the winners. The (i) markings denote incumbents.

## **SUPERVISOR**

\*Michael Boms - 1,211  
Melinda McKnight (i) - 1,181

## **TOWN BOARD**

(top 2 vote-getters elected)

\*Diana Cline - 1,243  
\*Gregory Simpson (i) – 1,217  
Peter Humphries (i) – 1,091  
William Mayhon III – 1,006

## **TOWN CLERK**

\*Annie Reed (i) – 1,216  
Tracy Kellogg – 1,145

## **HIGHWAY**

### **SUPERINTENDENT**

\*Michael Shultis (i) – 2,076

### **TOWN JUSTICE**

(2 seats)

\*Roy Hochberg (i) – 1,322  
\*John Parker (i) – 1,202

*Source: Ulster County Board of Elections*

## Board OKs 6 resolutions

The Town Board approved six resolutions, all by unanimous votes of 5-0, during its meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023, in the Town Hall.

The resolutions pertained to the purchase of traffic-calming speed humps for Joys Lane;

drainage improvements on Woodland Drive and Kemble Terrace; improvements to the Town Park in West Hurley; hiring a full-time Building Inspector; hiring a part-time Deputy Clerk; and seeking a Building Decarbonization Grant.

The resolutions are posted on the Town website at [tinyurl.com/3vkk6w4c](https://tinyurl.com/3vkk6w4c).

## New York State, Town of Hurley offer winter preparedness tips

The New York State Department of Public Service offers a wide range of winter preparedness recommendations on its website. The site includes, among other things, energy conservation suggestions and information about financial assistance for heating costs.

The website is at [dps.ny.gov/winter](https://dps.ny.gov/winter).

See, also, the Disaster Preparedness section of the Hurley website at [townofhurley.org/disaster-preparedness](https://townofhurley.org/disaster-preparedness).

## Flood-relief loans available

The U.S. Small Business Administration has announced that, in Ulster and 18 other New York counties, Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) are available for small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small companies engaged in aquaculture, and most private nonprofits that suffered economic losses due to flooding and heavy rain from June 13 to July 31, 2023.

The EIDL program serves eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of natural disasters. The loan amount can be up to \$2 million, with interest

rates of 4% for small businesses and 2.375% for private nonprofits, and terms of up to 30 years. Payments start a year after the first disbursement.

The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition. Eligibility is based on the size of the applicant, type of activity, and its financial resources. The loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

Interested parties should go to the website at [tinyurl.com/3zsc7sxy](https://tinyurl.com/3zsc7sxy) and apply under SBA Declaration #20087.

## Things to do at the Hurley and West Hurley libraries

**Note: Both libraries will be closed Dec. 25 (Christmas) and Jan. 1 (New Year's Day).  
They Hurley Library also will be closed Dec. 24, Dec. 26 and Dec. 31.**

### HURLEY LIBRARY 48 Main St.

(845) 338-2092, [hurleylibrary.org](http://hurleylibrary.org)

#### SUNDAY, Dec. 3

Wreath Making, with Jill Obrig – 1:30 p.m.  
Preregister at (845) 338-2092. Participants should bring gloves and clippers.

#### MONDAYS

Mile Walking Club – Meet at the library at 1 p.m.  
Drop-In Tech Help – 3 to 5 p.m.

#### TUESDAYS

Signing Friends ALS Playgroup – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

#### WEDNESDAYS

Scrabble – 1 p.m.  
Chair Yoga – 5:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAYS

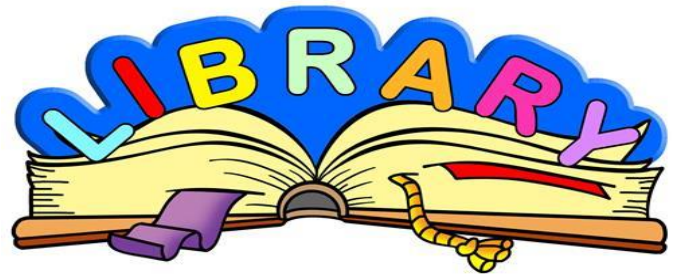
Preschool/Toddler Story Time – 10 a.m.  
Drop-in Tech Help – 3 to 5 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, Dec. 7

Library Board meeting – 6:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAYS

Dungeons & Dragons – 4 to 6 p.m.



### WEST HURLEY LIBRARY 42 Clover St.

(845) 679-6405, [westhurleylibrary.org](http://westhurleylibrary.org)

#### MONDAY, Dec. 11

Lego Lab (for ages 4 and up) – 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
Register at [tinyurl.com/y8wbascn](http://tinyurl.com/y8wbascn).

#### TUESDAY, Dec. 5

Winter Macrame Christmas Craft – 6 to 7 p.m.  
Preregistration required at [tinyurl.com/2h579kt5](http://tinyurl.com/2h579kt5).

#### FRIDAYS

Preschool Story Hour – 10 a.m.

#### SATURDAY, Dec. 16

“Old West Hurley” – 1 to 2 p.m. at the **Olive Free Library**, 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan.

Discussion about the impact that creating the Ashokan Reservoir had on West Hurley and its surroundings. More info: (845) 657-2482.

## Breakfast With Santa planned for Dec. 10 at West Hurley firehouse

The West Hurley Fire Department is hosting a Breakfast With Santa from 8 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the firehouse, 24 Wall St.

The event, which is open to the public, will include a pancake breakfast, activities for kids, photos with Santa, and more.

The cost to attend is a donation at the door.



## West Hurley Fire District election scheduled for Dec. 12 at firehouse

West Hurley Fire District 1 will hold its annual election on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, at the Company 1 Firehouse, 24 Wall St. Voting will be from 5:45 to 9 p.m.

District residents will elect two commissioners and vote on four propositions. For complete information about what will be on the ballot, go to [tinyurl.com/p7xf82b5](http://tinyurl.com/p7xf82b5).

## Free COVID-19 test kits available at Town Hall

The Town of Hurley has received at-home COVID-19 tests from the Ulster County Department of Health, and they're available to pick up for free at the Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place.

Each box contains two Antigen Rapid Tests – which render results in 15 minutes – and an instruction sheet.

The test packages (pictured) are on a table in the main hallway of the Town Hall, and there are more in the Town Clerk's Office. N-95 face masks also are available for free.



Hurley's supply of the tests and masks is plentiful, but please do not take more than you need for your household.

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**The Town Hall will be closed Monday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) and Monday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day). The Transfer Station, which is closed every Monday, will be closed the Tuesdays immediately after the holidays.**

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