## VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING – OUTREACH AND EDUCATION TRACKING

Type of Outreach & Education	Location & Short Description	Date	Number of Participants		
1. Public Info	Village Hall	1/4/2023	10		
Session	In-person educational meeting				
	and Q&A session				
Flyers/Posters – December 2022 (Image A)					
2. Public Info	Village Hall	1/31/2023	5		
Session	In-person educational meeting		÷		
	and Q&A session				
Flyers/Posters – Dece	mber 2022/January 2023 (Image A	.)			
Newspaper Ad in High	nlands Current 1/6/2023 (Image B)				
Newspaper Ad in Putnam County News & Recorder 1/11/23 (Image C)					
Newspaper Ad in Highlands Current 1/20/2023 (Image D)					
3. Posters	At Library, local businesses, Village Hall	2/20/2023	-		
	Intro to CCA program, opt out, bill				
	info, etc.				
	(Posted on date and remained up				
	through end of 60 days)				
(Image E)					

## Part 5 – Post Award Meeting

Please populate the table below with all required additional post contract award outreach and education actions that have occurred within the municipality. If additional space is needed, please add rows to this table until fully captured. For new contracts that have the post award meeting detailed on the opt-out letter please provide the scheduled date/location of the meeting and the other mechanisms by which the meeting is being advertised. For contract renewals please provide the completed post award meeting information below.

Location & short description	Date	Number of Participants	Date and method of advertisement
<ol> <li>Cold Spring Village Hall In-person educational session and Q&amp;A session</li> </ol>	5/31/2023		Opt-out Letter notification, Flyers – Library/Village Hall/ Local Businesses (Image F), Ads (Image G & Image H)

## Images:

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The Village of Cold Spring is exploring a relaunch with Hudson Valley Community Power.

The program enables municipal leaders to leverage the purchasing power of residents and small businesses to negotiate more favorable terms on their electricity supply, protect consumers and choose renewable energy resources.

If your municipality selects a new electricity supplier with the program, eligible residents and businesses will receive a letter in spring 2023 with their choices and info about how to opt-out.

To learn more, join us at one of the following information sessions: WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at VILLAGE HALL, 85 Main Street SATURDAY, JAN. 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm via Zoom at <u>https://tinyurl.com/CCAinfoJan21</u> TUESDAY, JAN. 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm at VILLAGE HALL, 85 Main Street

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## Two Council Members Unhappy with Planning Chair

Unanimous votes for routine Beacon appointments, except one

By Jeff Simms

hen the Beacon Planning Board holds its next meeting on Tuesday (Jan. 10), it will do so with John Gunn again at the helm. Gunn was reappointed to the board by the City Council last month and tapped by Mayor Lee Kyriacou to serve as chair, a position he has held since 2017.

The council also reappointed Kevin Byrne and added David Jensen to the Planning Board. Jensen had been the chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals; he will move to the Planning Board to succeed J.C. Calderon, who resigned in the fall.

Jordan Haug, who had been the ZBA's deputy chair, was appointed by Kyriacou to lead that board. Stowe Boyd, one of the co-chairs of the city's Main Street Access Committee, was also added to the Zoning Board.

All of the votes were unanimous except for Gunn.

"Tve heard from a lot of different people very upset at interactions that they've had with the Planning Board," said Council Member Justice McCray, who abstained. "I want to make sure the people that are coming feel like they're heard." Council Member Dan Avmar-Blair was the

lone vote against Gum. Aymar-Blair was the was unhappy with how the Planning Board has interacted with members of the public, particularly neighbors protesting a plan to subdivide a 1-acre lot on Highland Place and build four new homes on the tract. During those meetings. Highland Place

burning those meetings, rightand Plate neighbors presented a petition with more than 200 signatures asking the Planning Board to reject the developer's plans, which would double the number of houses on the street. While pleading with the developer to listen to the feedback, Gunn also pushed back, saying the board would enforce the zoning code but could not deny a project because it's unpopular. In October, City Attorney Nick Ward-

In October, city Attorney Nex water Willis spoke to the council about the Planning Board's charge, noting that its members are "allowed to use lay person opinions, but when it comes down to certain areas of expertise, courts have established that a board member can't rely on general opposition from the community" for approving or rejecting a project.

"Any time that there's a controversial project, people will come out and want a specific answer," Kyriacou said during the City Council's Dec. 12 workshop.

George Mansfield, who served on the Planning Board before his election to the council, said he endorsed Gunn, an architect who worked for the Gensler agency in New York City for 16 years. Gunn is now with NBBJ, an international design firm. "The Planning Board takes a great

amount of effort and we are lucky to have this kind of institutional knowledge on there," Mansfield said.

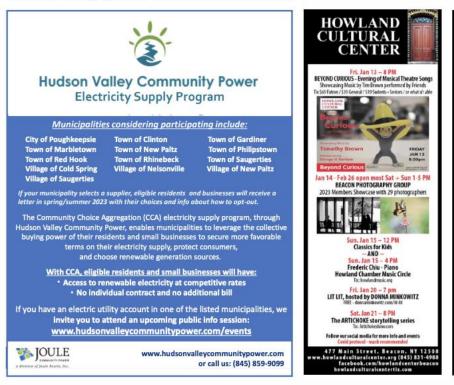
Gunn said this week that he is "grateful for the opportunity to have served on the board through the many phases of Beacon's transformation."

The Planning Board will continue its review next week of a proposal to expand The Lofts at Beacon apartment complex. It will also continue a public hearing for 12 Highland Place.

As for the board's interaction with the public, that should be handled with "some grace and as much kindness as possible," McCray said during the December workshop.



FIRST DAY HIKE — The Little Stony Point Citizen's Association organized its annual hike on Jan. 1, with coffee, hot cocca, cookies and churros from Juanita's Kitchen in Nelsonville. Participants were offered a choice of a naturalist hike to Little Stony Point or a historical hike to the Cornish Estate. Raffle prizes included free Empire State annual passes. Photo by Ross Corsair





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Putnam Firefighters Assist at Peekskill Inferno; Condo Water System Inadequate



The scene at the Peekskill fire when crews from Putnam arrived, Photo, Peekskill FD,

By Eric Gross

Firefighters from several Putnam departments assisted their neighbors in northern Westchester last Thursday at

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"Eorgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude MLK Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others? -MLK



The Haldane Central School District is beginning the Kindergarten registration process for the 2023-2024 school year. Children turning five on or before December 1, 2023 who live in the Haldane Central School District are eligible for Kindergarten.

Parents are invited to attend a Kindergarten Orientation Meeting on Thursday, January 26th, 2023 at 7:00 PM. (2/2 Snow date). Please see the website for details.

To register, please complete the registration packet on our website: <u>www.haldaneschool.org</u>. Click on Quick Parent Links, Registration then Kindergarten Registration. Fill out and submit the required forms along with supporting documentation then kindly schedule an appointment with Sue Hylka @ 845-265-9254 ext. 122 on Feb 6th-10th, 2023 (8:15am-2:00pm ) to complete the registration proces

Parents registering children in person should enter Haldane Middle School through the Main Entrance and will be directed to the registration location. Registrants must have all forms completed and must bring or upload a copy of the child's birth certificate, his/her immunization record signed by a physician, and all **Proof of Residency forms** indicating that the family resides in the Haldane School District.

Please call Mrs. Hylka directly if you have any questions

# Hudson Valley Community Power **Electricity Supply Program**

## Municipalities considering participating include:

**City of Poughkeepsie** Town of Marbletown Town of Red Hook Village of Cold Spring Village of Saugerties

**Town of Clinton Town of New Paltz** Town of Rhinebeck Village of Nelsonville

**Town of Gardiner Town of Philipstown Town of Saugerties** Village of New Paltz

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fication for the "onslaught of bills" or an accurate reading of his meter, the suit alleges.

Another plaintiff, a Kingston man, said he received a bill for \$1,113 for mid-January to mid-February 2022, more than double what the man had averaged for previous 30-day periods. Further, the man shut off the power in his residence in March but was still billed \$252, according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit attributes the widespread billing issues to Central Hudson's "hasty" release of a billing system that the utility "knew was riddled with bugs and defects."

The suit also takes the utility to task for statements made since the billing system rollout, including comments that attributed high energy prices to cold weather, increased global demand and Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Instead, citing the report by the Public Service Commission (PSC), the lawsuit attributes the widespread billing issues to Central Hudson's "hasty" release of a billing system that the utility "knew was riddled with bugs and defects." The company "did not bother to adequately train and educate its own staff," leaving employees unprepared to face angry customers, it said. In addition, the suit alleges "a slew of other deceptive and improper practices," including failure to read consumers' meters, unlawfully withdrawing funds from consumers' bank accounts and billing consumers "exorbitant amounts" for electricity and gas they did not receive.

Following its six-month investigation, the PSC, which regulates the electric, gas, water and telecommunication industries in New York state, is considering a civil penalty. It also plans to investigate Central Hudson's expenditures for the billing system.

Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat whose district in the state Assembly includes Beacon, this month introduced a bill that would regulate when utilities can render estimated bills, a practice that Central Hudson employed when its new system erroneously stopped creating bills for prolonged periods. The lesislation would permit estimated

bills under certain circumstances. But it would require utility companies and municipalities to submit to the PSC a model procedure for the calculation of estimated bills that incorporates best practices and technology and accounts for any barriers to the use of actual meter readings.

If adopted, the law would protect consumers from excessive fluctuations in their month-to-month bills, Jacobson wrote in a memo in support of his legislation. He also suggested that the growing availability of remote meter-reading technology should cut down on the need for estimated bills.

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Village of Cold Spring Hudson Valley Community Power Electricity Supply Program in Our Village

## What is CCA?

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), is a state enabled program, which offers residents and small businesses the opportunity to receive more attractive electricity supply terms through the bargaining power of aggregation (group purchasing).

## Does this program replace my utility company?

No, Central Hudson will still be responsible for billing and responding to power outages.

Can I participate if I already have rooftop solar or community solar or hydro? Yes, you can participate!

## What is the Municipality's Role?

The Village enabled CCA through a local law and selected a program administrator. The proposal is still being considered by the Village Board.

## Who is the CCA Administrator?

Joule Community Power, a division of Joule Assets, who has been authorized by the state to administer CCA programs in New York.

#### How will my bill look?

You will still receive one bill from Central Hudson, but the supply section of your bill will show the name of the alternative supplier/CCA Administrator.

## What is Opt-Out Enrollment?

Opt-out enrollment means that you will automatically be enrolled to participate in the CCA program unless you are already receiving supply service from an alternative supplier, have a block on your account, or take action to opt-out of the program. There is no fee or penalty for opting out. Not sure if you'll be automatically enrolled? Contact us!

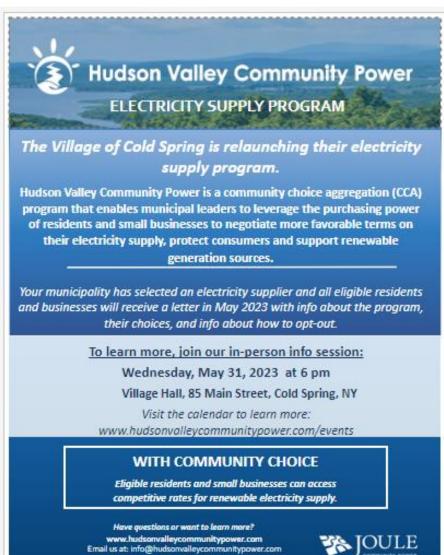
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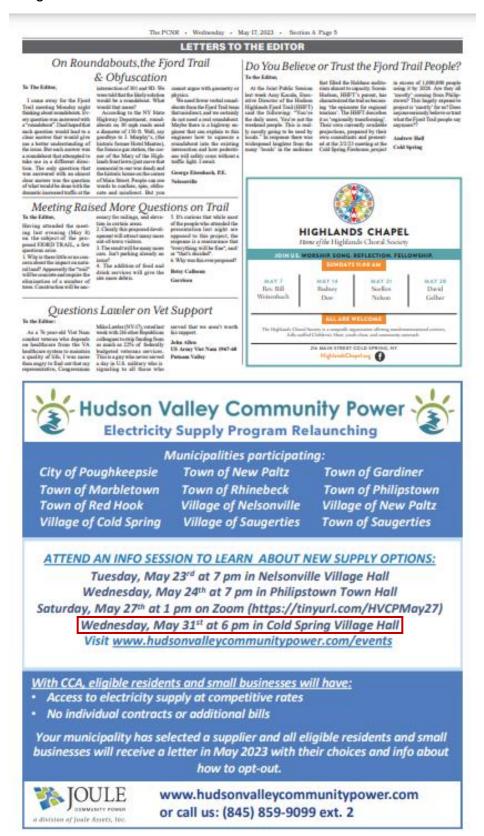
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## **Bannerman Island to offer** tours, shows this season



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## **Courtyard Marriott case concludes** with Murder 2 conviction

Dutchess County Chief Assistant District Attorney Matthew A. Weishaupt announced on Friday, May 12, that Roy Johnson was convicted by a Dutchess County jury of the crimes of Murder in the Second Degree, for the murder of Paul Kutz that occurred at the Courtyard Marriott on October 2. 2022. Johnson was also convicted of three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, and Reckless

Endangerment in the First Degree. 

Office, both at the scene and in the months that followed

Weishaupt further stated, "It is this collaborative team effort that led to this verdict. This effort never waned despite outside pres-sures. Everyone involved in this case deserves a great deal of credit for remaining focused on the task at hand; it was truly an outstanding job."

Weishaupt praised Bureau Chiefs Kristine Whelan and Robert Knapp, Deputy Bureau Chief Angela Lopane, Crime Analyst

0 Hudson Valley Community Power **Electricity Supply Program Relaunching** 

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### ATTEND AN INFO SESSION TO LEARN ABOUT NEW SUPPLY OPTIONS:

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm in Nelsonville Village Hall Wednesday, May 24th at 7 pm in Philipstown Town Hall

Saturday, May 27th at 1 pm on Zoom (https://tinyurl.com/HVCPMay27)

Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm in Cold Spring Village Hall

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We are looking for volunteers for any and all positions, but mostly street marshals - they maintain road safety for the people and dog runners/walkers and pro-vide course direction," said Kristen. "We are also looking for people to help at the water stations and with set up and break down." Anyone interested in volunteering can fill out this form online, https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/NY/Beacon/ ARF5K

Those who are interested in participat-ing in the 5K can sign up at https://events.elitefeats.com/23arf. For more information, email

arfbeacon5k@gmail.com.

## Volunteers needed for July 4th celebration

Seeking volunteers to assist in coordinating the July 4th Celebration in the City of Beacon.

Interviews will be conducted by Dennis Pavelock. For more information, call him at 845-416-5330.

### Get on Down dance set May 25

Get On Down at the Towne Crier Dance Jam on May 25 at 7 p.m., located at 379 Main Street, in Beacon. Dance to a vibrant mix of musical; song requests welcome. Fine dining, snacks, desserts and full bar are available before and during the dance. These dances are informal. All are welcome - singles, couples, friends, newcomers. There is a \$10 admission fee.

For more information, call 845-765-0667 or email rhodaja@optonline.net.