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## TOP STORY

# A new town park emerges

Bethlehem closes on land acquisition deal with Normanside Country Club

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**ELSMERE** — Bethlehem Supervisor David VanLuven announced last week that the town closed on the purchase of approximately 69 acres from Normanside Country Club, extending the footprint of a new community park.

Photo by David VanLuven

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## TOWN BRIEF

### ZBA to open discussion on prop solar farm

**SELKIRK** — The town's zoning board is expected to open the floor to allow the public to discuss a proposed large scale solar farm off Elm Avenue.

Cipriani Energy Group, a Colonie-based business, is proposing a solar photovoltaic farm that is expected to

produce approximately 2.0 megawatts from a plot of land neighboring the Selkirk water tower, and across the road from Elm Estates.

Cipriani buys and leases properties for establishing solar farms at close distance to existing power grids. The green energy company has targeted the lot at 518 Elm Ave. to generate clean electricity that will be distributed to local residents. Under the proposal, Cipriani will enter

into a lease of the land.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will host a public hearing on the topic on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m.

The network of solar cells and supporting infrastructure will occupy one acre out of the eight-acre lot that is surrounded by both residential and agricultural properties. According to the proposal, the Selkirk lot is ideal because it abuts National Grid power lines at close

proximity to a substation.

The town is in the process of amending current zoning laws under its comprehensive plan. Presently, the residential lot does not permit a solar farm. The town will be asked for a use variance to allow the farm, plus ask for an exception on a planned fence that will stand a foot taller than the allowed six-foot height.

"The Town can also take pride in knowing that by supporting

Community Solar, they are also supporting the New York state mandated goals of achieving 70 percent renewable energy by 2030, and 100 percent carbon-neutral energy by 2050," stated Bergmann representative Eric Redding in his proposal to the town.

The engineering firm dropped mention of the state's 2019 law mandating such an aggressive shift to sustainable energy, quantifying the solar farm's impact by estimating each

subscriber would remove the equivalent of one car off the road each year.

"These aggressive sustainability targets, signed into law in 2019, will make our environment cleaner, safer, healthier, and will preserve our planet and our way of life for future generations," stated Redding.

Subscribers to the proposed network would only be charged by their individual use.

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LOCAL SCHOOLS

# 'Let us play'

Students, coaches and teachers rally for permission to play sports

By JIM FRANCO  
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**ALBANY COUNTY** — High school students, coaches and parents rallied outside the Albany County office building to try and convince officials to let them play sports.

But County Executive Dan McCoy and Dr. Elizabeth Whalen, head of the county Health Department, are sticking to their guns and will not allow "high risk" sports to begin until the seven-day positivity rate is 4 percent or lower.

"I know parents want kids to play, and they want their kids to have their senior year. I do too," McCoy said during a press briefing while the rally was happening outside on a frigid cold Saturday, Jan. 30. "As a parent of three kids I want that too. I want kids to feel normal. But we can't just kick out the science."

On Jan. 22, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced

high risk winter sports like basketball, wrestling and competitive cheer could begin on Feb. 1, if the individual health departments gave them the green light. The majority of the 12 counties with Section II schools are not allowing winter sports to begin until the 4 percent threshold is reached. Other counties across the state have given the greenlight and a condensed winter athletic season began on Feb. 1 with competition set to start around Feb. 7.

For Albany County student athletes, it is a bitter pill to swallow.

"We need this time to be recruited. We are feeling cheated," said Mare Louridas, a Bethlehem High basketball player. "They haven't seen me play live since last February. It feels unfair. Let us play. We can play safe and we can follow the rules."

"We want the social interaction and the chance to play the sport we love. Everyone is at a loss right now, with all that time on our hands and playing basketball is important to me and my teammates," said Macie Crimarchi, a basketball player at Colonie High. "I want to make a

difference today. That is why everyone is out here on this cold day to fight for what we believe in and make a difference rather than wait for something to happen."

But Whalen and McCoy said it was not going to happen. They said students athletes could begin training and doing drills but scrimmages and games are off limits until the infection rate gets below 4 percent.

"It is just not time to start opening things up again," Whalen said. "I feel it is unfortunate they are here on such a cold day. Everyone has a right to state their opinion but parents need to carefully look at the information they are sharing with their children."

"Sometimes we have to work on strategies for the greater good. There are a lot of sacrifices many people are making and this is one of them."

As of Monday, the seven-day positivity rate in Albany County was 5.5 percent, down from 6.4 percent on Saturday, according to McCoy. In the eight-county Capital

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## Accessorizing in micro fashion

**GLENMONT** — Students at Glenmont Elementary showed school spirit with a splash of individuality as they all participated in Glenmont Hat Day last week.

Children from kindergarten to fifth grade donned hats of various styles, shapes and colors. Faculty members were in on the act, as well.

Teachers observed sports fans of many teams and leagues, while other dapper kids decided to go a bit more creative for the day.

"We see sports fans, princesses, a wee leprechaun, a fruit-fanatic and our personal fave, the card shark," stated the district on social media.

— Michael Hallisey



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District it was 5 percent, according to the state Department of Health COVID-19 dashboard.

There were a handful of parents and coaches at the rally and they not only pointed to the sport, but the ancillary benefits of students participating in athletics.

"I feel there are so many kids that have so much idle time and with idle time is not good for kids. You are going to have kids who never did drugs before doing drugs. You are going to have kids playing sports in places that aren't supervised by parents and coaches. They are going to go to the schoolyard and play with each other," said Paul Schafer, a parent with three children participating in sports at Shaker High. "If you give 15 hours a week, that is about what they put into sports, if you give kids 15 hours a week they are not going to be social distancing, they are not going to be wearing masks, you know what they are going to be doing, they

are going to be hanging out with their friends doing what nobody wants them doing with the exception of Albany County. They say they [athletes] might get a disease, and the might, but they don't want to pass it onto older people. Every kid here knows to be careful and not pass it onto older people."

The state put high risk fall sports like football on hold until March, which is known as Fall II but winter sports, like basketball, hockey, wrestling and competitive cheerleading, was left in limbo until the governor's announcement. Section II put out a tentative schedule in anticipation of sports starting up again but that was squashed last week by a number of counties in Section II. Other counties and sections across the state are playing sports and high schools in a number of states across the country also began playing winter sports.

Athletes playing "low risk" sports like gymnastics

and bowling have been competing but at separate venues or at different times.

According to the National Federation of State High School Associations, 38 states are now playing winter sports with 12 states delaying the start. The federation listed New York as a state that won't begin until Feb. 7, as so it is in many counties outside of the Capital District and Section II.

A December letter sent to the governor by the New York State Athletic Administrators Association outlined their plan to begin all winter sports and said they could do so in a safe, responsible manner.

"As a professional association, we ask for this with the knowledge that those sports are not only safe to run, but will be overseen by athletic administrators that have worked tirelessly to develop protocols to deal with the COVID-19 virus should there be an isolated case," according to the letter. "There are many documents authored by groups concerned directly with maintaining a safe environment for students, staff, and the surrounding



A child holds a sign stating "Let The Kids Play" while a crowd gathered in front of the Albany County office building to protest restrictions that threaten scholastic sports for the remainder of the school year.

Jim Franco / Spotlight News

communities and should be considered as a guide to the opening of a full sports program. We have followed the NFHS, CDC, and DOH guidelines to the letter to begin our limited seasons and now feel confident that after seeing how the rest of the country has celebrated successes, it is time for New York to lead again.

"The bottom line is that high school and middle school sporting events, controlled by Athletic Administrators are safe and well below the 1 percent that we saw throughout this

unprecedented time."

According to McCoy, athletes can "prepare" for the season's start by training and doing drills but there is no interaction allowed such as inter-squad scrimmages or, obviously, games.

Cuomo is opening up things across the state, restaurants in "yellow zones" are being allowed to serve again and weddings can now have up to 150 guests or no more than 50 percent of the venue's capacity. And at the same time he left it to the counties to make the final call on sports.

"It was unfair to our health commissioners, it was unfair to us the governor to release this on us unannounced without any guidance without talking to us and said 'here you figure it out' in the midst of everything else going on," McCoy said. "I don't know why things are changing, we are saying 'open up and do weddings, do this and that' when the numbers are at our peak and we lost more Albany county residents in the last two months than we have over the past year."

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OBITUARIES

Stokoe, Barbara

**SLINGERLANDS** — Barbara J. (McWhorter) Stokoe 85, died Monday January 4, 2021 in the compassionate care of the staff at Golden View Health Care Center in Meredith, N.H. She was the adored wife of the late John C. Stokoe with whom she lovingly shared 60 years of marriage before his death on April 20 2019.

Barbara Jane McWhorter was born January 21, 1935 to the late J. Arthur and Helen (Coulter) McWhorter in Cambridge, N.Y. where she loved, and was loved by, her parents, grandparents, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. From early on, her life was greatly influenced by her family and faith in God. When Barbara had children of her own she introduced them to the simple pleasures of Cambridge; visits to the Popcorn Wagon, savoring a King's Bakery donut and swimming in Hedges Lake.

The McWhorter family, including Barbara's beloved younger brother Jim, settled



STOKOE

in Delmar, N.Y. Barbara was known for her natural athleticism and love of the outdoors. She enjoyed ice skating on a smooth frozen pond, shooting hoops with neighbors and facing a competitive opponent on the tennis court. She held leadership roles in school clubs, particularly the Girl's Athletic Association, Band and Choir.

After Barbara graduated from Bethlehem Central High School her desire to help others inspired her to attend Bouve-Boston School and Tufts University where she earned a degree in Physical Therapy.

Barbara married the late John C. Stokoe and settled

in Slingerlands, N.Y. where they raised four children. John's job required extensive time away from home so Barbara became well-versed at independently and creatively parenting. Barbara generously gave 100% of herself and established a peaceful, loving and joyful home for her children. By example, Barbara instilled in them a love of all types of music, an active and healthy lifestyle, appreciation of nature and kindness to others. Barbara encouraged each of her children to pursue and grow their own unique talents and interests.

The Delmar United Methodist Church was important to Barbara for spiritual renewal, fellowship, opportunities to serve the wider community, and for providing her children a faith foundation. Barbara found great satisfaction working as a Physical Therapist at the Hallmark Nursing Home. Barbara also cared for her mother-in-law and later, her mother.

In 1994 Barbara and John moved to Newfound

Lake N.H. fulfilling her dream of living on a peaceful lake and waking to the sound of loon calls. Upon arrival, they became active members of Bristol United Church of Christ where Barbara especially enjoyed Women's Fellowship and organizing the Crop Walk. Barbara shared her time and energy mentoring young girls through the Circle Program, driving people to doctor appointments and helping in countless other ways through Bristol Community Services. Barbara and John together, and with friends, enjoyed their many outdoor loves, primarily skiing, biking and hiking. In the summers, Barbara delighted in the N.H. Music Festival concerts, tending her garden, and also kayaking or swimming in the lake. For Barbara, the highlight of every summer was having her children, their spouses, and her six grandsons together at the lake. Her family will remember Barbara for her lifetime of love and selfless giving to others.

Barbara is survived by

her children, Lisa Barrett, Don Stokoe, both of Hebron, N.H., Lynda Wade of Lewiston, ME, and Leann Stokoe (Slade Warner) of Plymouth, N.H.; grandsons Dylan and Calvin Barrett of CO, Griffin and Gunnar Wade of ME., and Seth and Troy Warner of N.H.; Brother Jim McWhorter (Fern) and nieces, Kim Gorham and Lynda Krokoff.

Her family and friends will continue to honor her beautiful memory and will be holding funeral services at a later date.

For those who wish, a donation in loving memory of Barbara can be made to: The New Hampshire Alzheimer's Association 166 S River Rd #210, Bedford, NH 03110 or online at [www.alz.org/manh](http://www.alz.org/manh). Newfound Lake Region Association, 10 North Main ST., Unit 1, Bristol, NH 03222. [www.newfoundlake.org](http://www.newfoundlake.org), or any organization of your choice.

Winn, Lealand

**DELMAR** — Lealand Gerald "Gerry" Winn passed away at age 91 on

January 17, 2021 in York, Maine. He was born in Utica, NY on July 12, 1929 to Lealand and Cecelia Winn.

Gerry grew up in Ravena, NY and graduated from Syracuse University in 1951. He went on to earn his Doctorate in Dental Surgery from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. He served his country in the US Air Force for 2 years, stationed in Savannah, GA. After discharge, he moved to Delmar, NY to set up a dental practice where he served the community as a family dentist for 45 years, retiring in 1999.

On September 12, 1953, he was united in marriage to Virginia Gilbert. They raised 4 children and were happily married for over 67 years. Together, they loved and served the Lord in several churches and ministries. Their home was always open and filled with family and friends. Gerry loved getting to know people and was a spiritual mentor to many. No matter the occasion or topic, he

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266 VAN BUREN ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/30/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1 Harvest Bend Road, Robbinsville, NJ 08691-2561. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260321

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2728B, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 61 Ocean View Parkway, Southampton, NY 11968. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-259977

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

31-24 TANOWALL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 50-44 45th Street, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260764

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

32-45 210TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 211-19 34th Road, Bayside, NY 11361. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260112

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

40 MISSAPOGUE AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260994

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

41-10 40TH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/15/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Ioannis Likidis, 126-10 89th Avenue, Richmond Hill, NY 11418. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260969

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

4E STATE STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/31/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Falcon Rappaport & Berkman PLLC, 265 Sunrise Highway, Suite 50, Rockville Centre, NY 11570-4912. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260610

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

5-34 50 AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/27/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Ioannis Likidis, 126-10 89th Avenue, Richmond Hill, NY 11418. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261586

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

50-44 45TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 50-44 45th Street, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-360765

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

51-11 47TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 601 Washington Street, THW, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260320

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

51-24, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Hausman Law Group, P.C., 7600 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 402, Woodbury, NY 11797. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-259975

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

52-01 REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/02/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Hausman Law Group, P.C., 7600 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 402, Woodbury, NY 11797. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-259976

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

525 JV LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

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copy of process to the LLC, 11 Hanover Square, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10005. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260113

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

6 CHILDS LANE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/19/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 6 Childs Lane, Setauket, NY 11733. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261090

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

60 RSB U21 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/22/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 590 Franklin Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261567

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

601 WASHINGTON THW LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/30/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 601 Washington Street, THW, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260320

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

61 OCEAN VIEW, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 61 Ocean View Parkway, Southampton, NY 11968. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-259978

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

63 SOMERS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/10/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Bernadette Mitchell, 1410 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-259983

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

655 WEST, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/26/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 444 East 82nd Street, 31G, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261578

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68 JACKSON AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/04/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 81 McClean Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260539

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

742 DRIGGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/07/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Leonidas Trampoukis, 347 Bleecker Street, #3, Brooklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260422

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

765 HOTEL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Ira B. Pollack & Associates, PLLC, 26 Austin Place, Port Chester, NY 10573. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260293

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

8402 FIFTH AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/20/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 584 78th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261363

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

A & T HOLDINGS GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/21/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Allan Silvera, 500 East 85th Street, Apartment 19H, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260227

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

ACU INNOVATION AND CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/26/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 444 East 82nd Street, 31G, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261578

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

ALL FOR ONE ONLINE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on

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05/05/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Ganz & Hollinger, P.C., 1394 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10075. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260949

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

ANLG, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o B. Berger, 8801 Shore Road, #2F-East, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260415

**NOTICE OF FORMATION**

ARIS 2010 & CO 2 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/22/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Kostas Alafoyiannis, Greiner-Maltz, 24-09 38th Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261560

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

ATELIER DIMITRIOU LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/22/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2521 Palisade Avenue, Apartment 12B, Bronx, NY 10463. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261561

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

Beverly Royce Designs, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/12/21. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 75 Valley Avenue, Locust Valley, NY 11560. Purpose: General. D-260648

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BITZOULAS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/19/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 23-24 Steinway Street, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261030

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BLEDGE ENTERPRISE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/21/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o

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Bryan Ledgister, 240-24 145th Avenue, Rosedale, NY 11422. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261116

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BPMC 219 FL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 38 West 21st Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-259967

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BRICON ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/06/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 33 Bowery, Suite B206, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260413

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BRONSON 5 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/12/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 92 Greene Street, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. C-260685

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BSKC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/06/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 700 Washington Street, #4D, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260414

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CAP SUD OPPORTUNITY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/04/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Philip E. Klein, 324 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260322

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CAROLE GEITHNER, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/08/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Allegretti & Associates LLC, 305 Broadway, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260596

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CHIP ROCKEFELLER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/07/21. Latest date to dissolve: 01/08/2121. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Concourse Suite 20, New York, NY 10111. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260417

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

COHOES PROPERTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/12/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 99 Johnston Avenue, Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260743

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CRMM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/19/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1 Great Jones Alley, Apartment 3B, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261034

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DAMY 2020, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/18/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o David Yorkmack, 80 White Oak Tree Road, Laurel Hollow, NY 11791. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260114

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DAVID HANDLER MUSIC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/24/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 201 North 11th Street, Apartment 2, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-259968

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DENUO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/30/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Law Offices of Thomas C. York, P.C., 399 Union Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260318

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DIVYA'S RETAIL CPG KITCHEN 1, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/21/21. Office: Al-

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bany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Thomas C. York, Esq., 85 Broad Street, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261346

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DREAM REAL ESTATE SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/16/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 940 Atlantic Ave., 1st Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11238. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260742

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DUSTY'S NY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o B. Berger, 8801 Shore Road, #2F-East, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260416

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FINNEGANS WAY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/30/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 30 East 9th Street, #2LL, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-259969

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FOX HARLEM, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/23/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o The Lido, 2168 Frederick Douglass Blvd., New York, NY 10026. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260286

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FRUITION REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/21/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Demetris Panagiotou, 46-67 Hanford Street, Douglaston, NY 11362. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260228

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GAP MECHANICAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/25/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-

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cess to the LLC, 2688 Arthur Lane, Bellmore, NY 11710. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261568

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GOLAZIN TABIB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/07/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Lawrence R. Schoenfeld, Esq., 305 Broadway, Suite 601, New York, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-259971

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HALPERIN GROUP REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/21/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Halperin & Halperin, P.C., 18 E. 48th Street, Suite 1001, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261347

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HONK BRIDGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/19/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Langhaus, 103 East 75th Street, Apartment 4E, New York, NY 10021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260279

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HOSEIN HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 9422 Magnolia Court, Apartment 2B, Ozone Park, NY 11417. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260533

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ILINI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Lustrin Tetelman Adler, LLP, 450 7th Avenue, 40th Floor, New York, NY 10123. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260405

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

INIMITABLE REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Demetris Panagiotou,

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46-67 Hanford Street, Douglaston, NY 11362. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260232

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

INTERNATIONAL HOME TEXTILES MARKET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 Daniel Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260406

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JACQUELINE ABISOR ACUPUNCTURE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/15/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 172 Spring Street, #3, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Acupuncture. D-260979

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JAGGER 165, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2251 80th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-259972

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JASCN LEX LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/19/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 295 5th Avenue, Suite 1012, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261364

## King Thiel Senior Community LLC

Notice of formation of King Thiel Senior Community LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 1/14/2021. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o Executive Director, 6 Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205. Purposes: are to acquire, own, hold, improve, manage and operate the real property known as King Thiel Senior Community, 17 Elks Lane, in the Town of Colonie, New York; to incur indebtedness, secured and unsecured; to mortgage, finance, refinance, encumber, lease, sell, exchange, convey, transfer

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MISS CLEAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/21. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2120. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom pro-

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cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7719 24th Avenue, East Elmhurst, NY 11370. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260761

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NEXIO GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Philip E. Klein, 324 East 48th Street, Suite 1, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260408

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Onondaga, Cortland and Madison Counties, as Administrative Participant under the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services, which organizes a municipal cooperative pursuant to Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law among municipal corporations ("Participants") on behalf of itself and the participating members, collectively as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC"), issues these Request for Bids (each a "RFB") for retail electricity and natural gas supply and other energy services, in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, for supply commencing May 1, 2021 through the negotiated contract period. **Name of Bids:** NYSMEC "Electricity, RFB-221-53; and NYSMEC - Natural Gas RFB-221-54 Bid Opening: **March 1, 2021, 1:30 P.M., at 110 Elwood Davis Road, Liverpool, NY 13088. Anticipated Date of Award:** March 15, 2021 **Contact for more information and to obtain bid documents:** Steven Levine, Encap Development LLC, 1337 Massachusetts Ave., #133, Arlington, MA 02476, Phone: 978-844-4623, Fax: 978-875-6104, Email: slevine@encapdevelopment.com D-261531

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LIRANZO TEAM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/08/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 33-41 69th Street, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260528

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LOOK TO THE COOKIE MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Post Office Box 50494, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260535

## NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

MICHAEL HELLER, DDS PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/30/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 106 Bedford St., Apt. 3A, New York, NY 10014. Registered agent address c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261345

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

P2 RANCHO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/26/20. Office: Albany County.

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cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 82 Park Row, Lawrence, NY 11559. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-259979

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SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 82 Park Row, Lawrence, NY 11559. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-259979

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PARKCHESTER ASSET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/07/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2245 Gleason Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260418

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PARKCHESTER CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/07/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2245 Gleason Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260419

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PARKCHESTER EQUIITIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/07/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2245 Gleason Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260420

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PERUCH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/22/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 9210 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260536

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PILATES ON LUDLOW LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/15/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 77 Ludlow Street, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260970

## NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PIONEERTOWN DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/25/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Rhodes NY, 77



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### New town park emerges

The purchase concludes a two-year effort to build a 147-acre Normans Kill Ravines nature park. The footprint extends to the east near Salisbury Road and spans west to an entrance on Wright Lane. It's northern border protects more than 3,000 feet of Normans Kill shoreline, lending its name to the new park.

"I can't describe how exciting it is to see this idea, which started when Karen [Shaw] and I were looking at a map of Town-owned lands back in early 2018 and I said, 'We could make an amazing park there,'" said VanLuven. "And now we have an amazing park."

The land acquisition costs the town \$146,900. Included into the price tag is a \$11,900 land survey and a \$1,000 option-to-buy previously held by Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy. The purchase is covered through funds already earmarked under the town's Town Parkland Set Aside Fund.

The Parkland Set Aside Fund is one of two, prominent tools the town has utilized in its pursuit

to preserve open space. Since 2016, the town has protected 93 acres under its Conservation Easement Exemption program. The program took off in earnest after Bethlehem Central School District agreed to offer tax-break incentives. More than 40 acres were committed under an agreement settled last December off of Blessing Road.

Within that same time frame, another 90 acres have been acquired as parkland. The town had already owned the 85 acres of land of Wright Lane since 2014. Nonetheless, assuming the total acreage of Bethlehem's newest town park, 175 acres have been preserved.

"Whenever we have good news to share, we're giddy," said Karen Shaw, the town's open space coordinator. The acquired land is expected to extend a network of trails already present at Wright Lane. Volunteers and professionals are working on the trails to create an environment suitable for hikers and mountain bikers through forest landscapes,

ravines, wetlands and riverside views.

The park creates an expansive greenspace preserved less than a mile from Delmar's Four Corners. Its proximity to the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail will lend diverse environments for bikers using the pathway.

The Normanside

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Country Club has long allowed neighbors to use its former land for hiking and hunting. The country club allowed the latter through a 10-year lease permitting Salisbury Road Deer Management Group, a four-member club, to bow hunt deer on the land.

Last December, the town amended code to allow bow hunting on the

Normanside property in order to honor the lease signed in 2019. Hunting will still be prohibited in all other town parklands, including the Wright Lane property.

John Boyd Thacher State Park and the Holt Preserve in New Scotland are among several state parks, nature conservancies and preserves that allow for bow hunting.

— David VanLuven,  
Bethlehem Town Supervisor

Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy said it has managed hunting on three of its preserves for decades.

"There's a lot of losses when you're dealing with protecting land, but when there's a win, it's exciting," said Shaw. "I think we live in a very interesting community for this to be happening."

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### Lealand Winn

always had a quote or a joke or a story to share.

Gerry vacationed in York, Maine with his family from boyhood on. He loved the ocean, fishing on the rocks by the Nubble lighthouse, boating, and enjoying the great local seafood. It was a dream come true when he and Virginia moved to York in 2015.

Gerry was well-known for his many talents and hobbies. He had a massive model train collection which he had started at age 7. He loved all types of games and sports. He coached softball for nearly 50 years, was always ready for a game of horseshoes or bocce, often worked on crossword puzzles or sudokus, and played poker, bridge, or pinochle at every opportunity. He was the family handyman, able to fix most anything with whatever he had on hand. He loved to organize things and meticulously kept his books by hand and to

the penny. His blueberry pancakes were 'world famous' and loved by all.

Those left to cherish his memory are his beautiful and devoted wife, Virginia; his children Mark (Karen) Winn of York, ME; Virginia Lee Winn of Cohoes, NY; Bruce (Michele) Winn of Berne, NY; and Gary (Amy) Winn of Arundel, Maine; 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren; a sister Ellen (Bob) Barker of Delmar, NY, 4 nephews, a niece, and a host of extended and dear family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date when everyone can gather, and all will be welcome.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Gideons International.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Lealand Gerald Winn, please visit our floral store.

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Spruce Street, 3rd Floor, Cedarhurst, NY 11516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-261569

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**Notice of Formation of Spruce & Sprout LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/07/19. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1971 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful activities. D-258835

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Philip E. Klein, 324 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260323

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WATTHEHOLL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 163 West 18th Street, Apartment 7A, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-260760

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To place your Legal Notice: Call 439-4949

LIBRARIES

# Take the Library to Your Child

The first Saturday in February is traditionally Take Your Child to the Library Day, a national initiative marking its tenth year. However, during the pandemic, we're taking the library to your child! We'll have curbside goodie bags chock-full of booklets, coloring pages and fun surprises for ages pre-K-grade 5 to enjoy. No registration is needed; simply stop by to take one per child on Sat. Feb. 6, 1 to 3 p.m.

## Tax Help

Unfortunately, none of the AARP TaxAide sites, including ours, will be providing services during this tax season. However, we've compiled a list of handy resources to assist you at: <https://bit.ly/GPLTaxes> and will update this page as needed. Federal (IRS) tax forms and instructions are available to pick up during curbside hours inside our Normanskill Room. New York State tax forms are



expected mid-February.

## Curbside Kits

Preschoolers can benefit from our fun and educational Grab & Go Storytime Kits, intended for ages 2-5. No registration needed; simply pick up one kit per child every other Monday during curbside hours. On Feb. 8, the theme is winter; on Feb. 22 it's Drive & Ride.

Tweens and teens: celebrate the year's sweetest holiday with a "Love is All Around" homemade craft guaranteed to win hearts! Using the materials and directions provided, you'll create a lovely garland for someone special. Register on the Events tab of our website, then pick up your kit during curbside hours starting Monday Feb. 8, at 10 a.m.

Teens: beat the winter

doldrums with a Snowed-In Winter Art Kit! This creative collection contains art activities, treats, and fun surprises. Register on the Events tab of our website, then pick up your kit during curbside hours starting Monday Feb. 8, at 10 a.m.

Adults: Pick up a fun Fortune Cookie kit with ingredients and instructions to celebrate Chinese New Year, or to give as a special Valentine's Day gift! Register on the Events tab of our website, then pick up your kit during curbside hours starting Wednesday Feb. 10, 10 a.m.

## Great Backyard Bird Count

From February 12 to 15, the Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology invites us to



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watch and count as many birds as we can find and report the numbers. Visit [birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org) and sign up for a free eBird account.

Then, venture out on the designated dates and start counting!

We'd like to know what you observed outdoors!

Email us at [ask.library@guilderlandlibrary.org](mailto:ask.library@guilderlandlibrary.org) with a photo of yourself and/or your family birdwatching—or better still, a photo of a bird you observed—along with a list of the birds you saw. We'll choose a random winner for a prize of a 10-pound bag of quality birdseed!

## New GPL Podcast

Check out our new GPL Podcast: "How Did You Find It?" This monthly podcast, produced by Librarian Kathleen Tyrrell, explores books, libraries, information, entertainment and everything in between. It's currently on Spotify, Google Podcasts, Pocket Casts, Breaker and RadioPublic, and hopefully soon on Apple Podcasts too. We welcome your feedback at: [podcast@guilderlandlibrary.org](mailto:podcast@guilderlandlibrary.org). Also, check out our list of recommended podcasts at: <http://bit.ly/GPLPodcastList>.

— Luanne Nicholson

# February Book Discussion Dates

Books & Beyond – Wednesday, February 24 at 11 am: Emma by Jane Austen

Fiction Book Discussion: Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.: Emma by Jane Austen

Middle School Book Club (grades 6-8): Thursday, Feb. 25, at 4 p.m.: The Lions of Little Rock by Kristine Levine

Kids' Book Discussion (grades 2&3): Wednesday,



Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m.: The Mystery of the Gold Coin by Harper Paris

Teen Bookflix Club (grades 8 & up): Friday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m.; Alex Rider: Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz

Please register online each month to receive the private meeting link

for any of these virtual book discussions. Limited copies of the book are available, compliments of the Friends of the Library. Library copies will also be available for checkout and downloadable ebook and audiobook versions are on Overdrive.

## Game Day

Students in grades 6 and up are invited to join us from 2 to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16 to enjoy

gaming together, from the comfort of your own home. Tackle Minute to Win it challenges, play a few rounds of Bring Your Own Book, and solve puzzles in a virtual break-out room. Grades 6 and up, please register online to receive your link.

## Bring the Library to Your Child

2021 is the 10th anniversary of Take Your

Child to the Library Day and we will be doing it a little bit differently this year! Join Miss Lisa and Mrs. Brown live on Zoom, Saturday, Feb. 13, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., to celebrate all that's great about the library through shared stories, songs, activities, and interactive props. You may pick up your fun activity bag during curbside hours, starting February 8. This bag will include craft

supplies, paper hearts for a special project, fun props, and surprise activities and prizes. For ages 3-8 and families. Please register online for your Zoom link and to request your bag.

Curbside appointments are available. Please call Monday through Friday, 11am to 4 pm (518) 765-2791 to schedule your curbside pickup.

— Lynn Kohler



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Curbside hours are currently:

Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Although the library building is closed to the public, staff are available to answer questions by calling (518) 439-9314 or by emailing [information@bethpl.org](mailto:information@bethpl.org).

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Other Kindness Matters activities continue this month with surprise giveaways tucked into Book and Media Bundles, Boredom Busters for Books to People and more! For more information, visit [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/kindness-matters](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/kindness-matters).

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— Kristen Roberts



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# Dynamic duo

ESYO debuts another year of Young Leaders program

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ALBANY — The Empire State Youth Orchestra announced another year of its Young Leaders program last week.

The young players of the Empire State Youth Orchestra persevere through a pandemic with the help of mentors.

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*"I've found that the students involved in this organization are incredibly engaged and all share those attributes that will make them a success. We want to empower them to use those skills and become leaders in their community."*

— Master Sergeant Brian Sacawa,  
Empire State Youth Orchestra mentor

The Empire State Youth Orchestra has had to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic. One way is through chamber concerts, where smaller groups of musicians are asked to perform six feet apart.

Empire State Youth Orchestra

## From page B1... Dynamic duos

The elite orchestra comprised of gifted high school musicians is known for its high-level requirements and advanced arrangements. One reason for the success is the organization's pairing of young musicians and mentors. Mentors are "committed to empowering the next generation of leaders and inspiring a life-long love of music-making," according to the press release.

Master Sergeant Brian Sacawa is one of the mentors in this year's program. The senior musician and media relations director for the U.S. Army Field Band is an ESYO alum and has performed all over the country.

"ESYO opened up a

new world for me because I performed with some of the best musicians around," Sacawa said. "I was able to get to know others who were just as passionate about making music as I am."

Sacawa's experience in the Army's music branch lends itself well to his mentorship abilities. Despite it being his first year in the program, Sacawa is drawing on his knowledge of bridging the gap between groups of people to create a lasting bond with his mentees.

"Because of what the army field band does, it's my responsibility to keep that connection with the American population," Sacawa said. "ESYO creates so many connections between its members and



Wind instruments are of particular concern when attempting to mitigate the spread of the virus. Players perform while placing their instruments in special bags to contain particles.

Empire State Youth Orchestra

allows those with similar interests to bond."

Alyeene Zebrowski is one of ESYO's mentees. A senior at Scotia-Glenville High School, she's found success with the orchestra and her mentor so far.

"The thing I love most about ESYO is how the music is just challenging enough without becoming stressful or overwhelming," she said. "Working with my mentor and challenging myself with our repertoire has inspired me to open myself up to more

opportunities because I know I can handle different challenges in my life."

Zebrowski finds her peers to be equally as dedicated as she is and finds the supportive environment lends itself well to improvement in both music and life skills. Since joining ESYO, and by extension working with her mentor, she's found the confidence to advocate for her needs and speak up for herself. She's also become incredibly involved in the community, like her fellow

mentees; she's been on the radio and hosted a ball, both with her mentor.

"As I move on to college, I want to stand out and get those extra opportunities," Zebrowski said. "It's hard to find a place that hosts such a dedicated group of people."

As the future of ESYO's live performances is still in the air, Sacawa said he and his fellow mentors are looking to keep the momentum going for the students. While ESYO has performed virtually and

has adapted its rehearsals to meet CDC protocols, there is still a huge group of musicians who are giving their all to their craft.

"I've found that the students involved in this organization are incredibly engaged and all share those attributes that will make them a success," Sacawa concluded. "We want to empower them to use those skills and become leaders in their community."

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# The lost common denominator

SUNY Albany alumna pens memoir of two homes and the contrasting cultures that reside within each

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**PITTSBURGH, Penn.** — There's something whimsical about a foreign land.

We all feel the excitement that bubbles up when you renew your passport for that international vacation. Some are lucky enough to find enough refuge to make the vacation permanent; with that change, one's entire self can also be swept up in an instant.

Dorit Sasson is unique in this regard. An alum of University at Albany, she's lived on two continents.

Born in New York City, she immigrated to Israel at 19 to serve in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), where she got married and started a family. This journey, documented in Sasson's first memoir, "Accidental Soldier," would be only the beginning of the wild ride she would take.

Sasson penned a second memoir, "Sand and Steel," which will release in April. "Sand and Steel" centers around life after the IDF and a different kind of change; after life in her kibbutz (think a type of commune) became shrouded by crisis after the second Israel-Lebanese War, Sasson and her family made the difficult decision to come back to the United States in search of work. Instead of being greeted by familiarity, she finds herself lamenting the life she lost in Israel and struggling with American culture.

The struggle is real for many of the 24 chapters "Sand and Steel" boasts. As Sasson, her husband, Haim, and her children, Ivry and Ayala, assimilate, they're struck by the way Americans now operate. Sasson said life in Israel is about adapting to challenges and going with the flow, whereas Americans plot everything out in planners and panic about not having control. Israelites are blunt but honest and willing to help their neighbors; Americans tend to stick more to themselves, a trait Sasson noticed when going about town.

"I was shocked when we went to an apple orchard and my husband, who was born and raised in Israel, was talking to someone and leaning against a random car," Sasson said. "The owner of the car approached us and asked him to back up from her

car. We were shocked; people think nothing of that in Israel. It's a sign of kicking back and enjoying a chat with someone."

Another challenge presented itself when Sasson and her family are shopping and Haim disappears with Ayala. While this wouldn't worry her in Israel, as "people have a way of finding their way back," Sasson spends a good three pages trying to find her husband and daughter, only for them to reappear sweaty, disoriented and frustrated; Haim had turned down the wrong side street.

What struck me most about Sasson's account is the idea of reverse culture shock, an idea I had never pondered before. Reverse culture shock is the idea that one can adapt to a life outside of their homeland and be struck by the differences when they return if they've

spent enough time away or assimilated deeply into their new culture. It's pretty common, as the United States Department of State has an entire subsection of its website dedicated to the idea. Despite her American roots, her account of having to unlearn the automatic jump to speak Hebrew instead of English, to think more in line with her family's best interest as opposed to her entire kibbutz, to undo those traits that helped her assimilate in Israel is extensive.

"To see the Department of State recognize my feelings and know that what I was going through silently was valid was such a relief," Sasson said. "I couldn't fully understand why I was going through so much chaos, but it kind of put a rubber stamp on the storm in my mind and allowed me to find the right outlet."

"Sand and Steel" is the

result. Sasson said her writing was the way to disassociate from the soldier in the IDF and the mother and wife in America to better understand the journey. As pages turned into chapters, Sasson's story unfolds into a flurry of education, with generous amounts of Hebrew vocabulary sprinkling the page.

"To think I left America as a teenager and returned as an adult, wife and mother is still something that is hard to wrap my brain around," Sasson concluded. "The loss someone experiences when going through this is extreme, but there is always a common denominator among us, even if we don't see it."

To pre-order "Sand and Steel," visit doritsasson.com.



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THEATRE

# All in this together

The Cue Theatre is adapting with some school spirit

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**DELMAR** — This hometown theatre is breaking legs once again.

The Cue Theatre is no exception to COVID-19 struggles. When the pandemic swept through last March, the company was forced to abandon ship after in-person gatherings were banned. Despite their best efforts to go virtual, cast and crew could not capture the dynamic needed to perform the show.

Now, the theatre is alive again. Program director Stacy Sansky said this production, while a little different than shows past, is a testament to the strength of her cast and crew. The group, ranging in ages

of 8 to 16, filmed “High School Musical Jr.” and it streamed this past Friday and Saturday.

“I was really nervous that many in our community weren’t going to be receptive to coming back after we had to go dark,” Sansky said. “Fortunately, everyone was so grateful to come back. It’s been so refreshing to get back to it after such a terrible year collectively.”

The story of “High School Musical” is one many 2000s kids know by heart; basketball player Troy is forced to sing karaoke at a youth mixer and is paired with shy, cerebral Gabriella. As Troy and Gabriella become closer, Troy’s father and basketball coach is bearing down on his future as an athlete and Gabriella’s studies are demanding attention. The story follows the teens through the throes of a year at East High School

and documents the duo’s interactions with their friends, Taylor and Chad, and snarky thespians Sharpay and Ryan. The moral of the story? Be yourself and follow your heart.

Cue’s latest show would not have been possible without the help of an expert in CDC COVID guidelines, Sansky said. One of her fellow producers worked closely with the existing protocols and was able to help the cast and crew stay on top of safety. The biggest deviation from the social distancing practiced by the public is the 8-foot distance between each actor, as singing and dancing expels more droplets than speaking or walking. Sansky said her cohort has a tape measure and has been diligent about keeping the students apart. Students are also wearing masks, including during the filming, using their



“High School Musical Jr.” was a particularly smart choice for a production, allowing the theatre group to work with limited resources.

Stacy Sansky

own clothes as costumes and being mindful of the theatre’s cleanliness standards.

“We picked ‘High School Musical Jr.’ because we knew it would require limited resources and allow us to put on a decent show without having too much cross-contamination,”

Sansky said. “Once we nailed down what each actor was wearing, they brought their costumes in and kept them here for the duration of filming. Props were minimal and we were able to utilize a lot of extra space.”

Performers have also been rehearsing in small

blocks, a stark difference to those who are used to rehearsing with an entire cast present. The smaller groups were hard to adapt at first, Sansky said, but students warmed up once they learned their parts. The last two rehearsals before filming, the cast was united and the energy in the room was “incredible.”

“We’ve had to film in segments, so it’s been fun to work with the idea of continuity and show our cast and crew what goes into it,” Sansky said.

The effort is paying off; during filming, Sansky received a handwritten note from one of her actors. The young student expressed gratitude at the prospect of performing and thanked the crew and theatre company for their efforts.

“I cried when I read the letter,” Sansky concluded. “It’s been such a privilege to see the kids so excited to be here.”

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■ FEATURE

# The return of the independent label

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Back in the early days of recording, there were many independent record labels that churned out a myriad of music in all different genres.

Many have heard of the more famous of those, such as Sun Records who not only discovered Elvis, but produced such disparate artists as BB King, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and a several artists that defined Rockabilly. Another Memphis label, STAX, produced hits from Eddie Floyd, Wilson Pickett, Otis Redding and Isaac Hayes. These labels, along with lesser known, but just as impactful such as Starday (George Jones) and Event Records (created by Al Hawkes) produced many national releases. At the time, however, most needed distribution help from the major labels. In many cases, as Sun Records' Sam Phillips predicted, these

labels were either taken over, or put out of business by these same labels.

Now, in the current days of the internet, aside from the streaming services, a new breed of independent labels have begun to pop up. Many of these cater to niches not served by these large music labels. They serve primarily roots music such as Rockabilly, Surf, Garage, and other less commercial, but equal in talent, styles of music. I reached out to a few of these independent labels who primarily produce records similar to the way they were done in the 50s, mostly singles of 45 RPM vinyl, with a few full albums, as well as CD and digital downloads. Many of which, I play on my show, Big Ed's Little Rock & Roll Show on radioradiox.com. Beck Rustic, who runs Swelltune Records out of Revere, Massachusetts, Sean Law, who runs a pair of labels, Rockin Records and Jinx Records, out of Vancouver, BC, and Magdalena

O'Connell, who along with Vincent Minervino, run Hi-Tide Recordings out of Asbury Park, NJ were kind enough to sit down and answer a few questions.

**Conway: Why did you get involved in starting your label(s)?**

Swelltune: I run a music festival called the New England Shake-Up, and for it's 5th year, I wanted to put out a 45 in celebration of that, and then maybe just release some "Live at the Shake-Up" stuff after that. At the time, I wasn't looking to start a full label... just a small, purely Shake-Up related thing where I could put out New England Shake-Up live sets. But, I guess word got out that I was starting a full record label, because I started getting all these emails and calls about the label from bands and musicians wanting to work with me. I kinda fell into it, and I love it!

Rockin: I'd previously done a record label with a former romantic partner.

Since the time of our split I'd always been thinking of getting back into it, but hadn't acted on it. One day I found an old record on the 'ZIRKON' label at my local thrift store. The company sleeve on the record had a really cool design, and my dyslexic brain flipped the letters for 'ZIRKON' to 'ROCKIN' in my head. I figured this would look really cool the way I'd envisioned it. So I then spent a lot of time basically fantasizing about this (imaginary) ROCKIN' label. Eventually I kind of figured: "You've spent so much time fantasizing about this, to not actually DO IT would be pretty silly!" So I engineered the label from my daydreams really.

Hi-Tide Records: Vincent and I started Hi-Tide Recordings in 2016. Our vision quickly became focused on releasing newer bands in the surf music genre - giving them opportunities to expand their audiences through physical releases, and

assistance on the digital music streaming platforms. The label very recently signed a distribution deal with Universal Music Group, and we release "surf, lounge & exotic sounds" from around the world.

**Conway: What are some of the problems you've had to deal with?**

Swelltune: Budget mainly... There's so much good music out there that I'd like to put out, and musicians I'd like to work with, but I'm limited by what I can afford to do. As the label keeps growing, I've been able to release more and more music... but I've still got more Ideas, than wallet. ha!

Rockin: I'm kind of a loner and I'm accustomed to having everything my way because of that. So working with other people has been kind of a challenge. I've had to learn how to compromise, and to make allowances for other people's quirks, desires, and creative input. It's

all worked out pretty well though. Other than that I think the main problem has been the actual amount of time it takes for a record to get pressed. Sometimes I'm working on these things for a year. I wish the turnaround time could be faster.

Hi-Tide: There have certainly been growing pains and learning curves. Common challenges have been constantly changing vinyl production timelines, failed test presses, missing packages - you name it! Overall this eConway. has taught us to plan ahead, and be prepared. Anything can happen!

**Conway: How do you choose your artists for releases?**

Swelltune: A combination of going to see bands, and checking them out, and also demo submissions. But in the end... It's just music that I like. That's all it's based on.

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- Ethnic group associated with Hungarians
- Gains knowledge of
- Gradual destruction
- Purchase
- Pharaoh of lower Egypt
- Where you're going
- The 6th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Fishing net
- Midway between south and southeast
- A way to sort
- C C C
- Popular sports podcast (abbr.)
- Discount
- Consumes tobacco
- A way to run
- Popular musical awards show
- Pertains to the male sexual organ
- Supplements with difficulty
- Green veggie
- Deep-bodied freshwater fish
- Holy fire
- Usually has a lid
- Being of use or service
- Have a yen for
- Unknowingness
- Dry white wine drink
- Unwinds
- Traveling by sea
- Outdoor entertaining areas
- Stringed instruments
- \_\_\_ Redgrave, actress
- Moves earth

**CLUES DOWN**

- Progressive decay of a bone or tooth
- Burrowing rodents
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## From page B6 ... Independent labels

I only release music I enjoy listening to.

**Rockin:** The general formula so far has been to work on projects with friends. I really hate getting cold-calls from strangers, and I don't solicit demos at all. Probably not a typical approach, but it works for me. Conversely, I sometimes approach bands out of the blue, unsolicited. That's rarely worked out though, ha ha.

**Hi-Tide:** Most bands we sign have been discovered by us, shared a bill with one of our HT artists, or sent our way by a friend. We receive multiple submissions each week, and listen to each one. We look for melodies and styles that transport us.

**Conway:** What has been some of your favorite things about your label?

**Swelltune:** I get to help musicians get their music out into the world... I love that part about it. And from a personal level.. I love not having to

answer to anyone. I run Swelltune Records entirely by myself, so I can make decisions without having to compromise anything.. not quality, not music choice, artwork decisions... anything.. all my concern can stay directly focused on making sure the musicians on Swelltune are happy.

**Rockin:** The creative aspect definitely. I'm not musically talented, so this is my creative outlet: engineering the 'look' of each record etc. I decided I wanted to make the sort of records that I'd want to buy, so each record is a personal 'favourite' in a way. I was particularly thrilled to do a record with The WildTones. We went all out on that one. I commissioned the great NYC illustrator Donny David to re-draw a design the band had done: an image of some nude women doing a Voodoo ritual around a fire. We made it 3-D (I'm obsessed with 3-D stuff), with glasses included. So it's like all of my favourite things

on one record!

**Hi-Tide:** Vincent and I absolutely love the process of making a record - from mixing and mastering, to sequencing, artwork and choosing vinyl colors. We have the most fun working with our design team of artists for upcoming album art & event posters, and glassware & apparel for the lifestyle side of the label.

**Conway:** What does your future look like, any announcements, etc. that you'd like to make.

**Swelltune:** We're growing right now, which is great. We've got a lot of releases scheduled to come out in 2021... Michale Hurr and His Haunted Hearts, another 45 from Tammi Savoy and Chris Casello, a special 45 from Shaun Young and Sean Mencher, Willie Barry, Three Blue Teardrops. It's going to be a big Swelltune year!

**Rockin:** Last year I started a second label, called JINX. This is my outlet for things that I like that don't quite fit within the parameters I've laid down for the ROCKIN' label. The first release was

by The Knights Of Trash, a Garage-Punk band from Seattle. I silk-screened all the record sleeves myself, on my kitchen table. I'm currently cooking up the second release on the label, but I generally keep details of these projects under wraps until near release time.

**Hi-Tide:** We are very excited to begin announcing 2021 projects - lot's of great releases slated for the first half of the year, including a few special holiday releases for 2021.

**Conway:** What issues has the pandemic caused?

**Swelltune:** We've had several tours and shows cancelled because of the pandemic. It's always nice to be able to support record releases with a tour, or record release party.. but right now that is not an option. So, I've just been really focusing on promoting the label right now through the newsletter, and through social media. We've had a few Swelltune livestream events too... its fun, but I really can barely wait until we can all safely eConway. music "in person" again.

**Rockin:** A lot of what I do is directly related to the 'Rockabilly' ('Rockin') scene, most of which is currently on ice due to COVID. The venues, weekly shows and record hops, and semi-annual festivals are all closed, so it's had an impact obviously. I was trying to get a record out on time for the last (planned) Viva Las Vegas weekender, but that got postponed along with the festival. I've been taking a breather during this period, but am currently getting things together for the next couple of releases.

These are, by far, not the only independent labels out there, but I'm sure many of the ideas expressed here also apply to them as well. The gift of music is always a great present, and maybe some vinyl from a nice group of small independent music lovers could be just the thing. Here are the websites to the labels I've included in the above article and your chance to reignite the independent label business of the past where many of the major stars were first discovered, who knows, you may find

your next favorite artist.

**Hi-Tide:** We have been fortunate that business has remained steady. As people are spending more time at home, they have been ordering vinyl & cocktail glasses for those mini-escapes that we all need right now. In 2020 we have focused on our online presence, whereas in previous years we have hosted and attended events where we were able to showcase new releases and bands on the label - particularly our Hi-Tide Summer and Winter Holiday events. While that posed it's challenges, it was a very fun experiment that led to a label-wide remote collaboration project, The Hi-Tide Orchestra. We have a few songs online now, and planning lots more in the coming year.

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## February 2021 Week 1

### ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

Aries, your ideas may seem a bit fantastical to the people who are closest to you. It could be time to expand your reach a little bit and pitch your thoughts to others.

### TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

A financial surprise may require extra attention early in the week, Taurus. Take a step back and look at things from a new perspective as you try to adjust.

### GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

Gemini, expressing how you feel to someone special is key to your personal growth this week. Don't hesitate to share your thoughts and open yourself up.

### CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

Cancer, sometimes routines can be a good thing — even if you feel as though change is needed. Knowing what to expect when other things are off-kilter can be comforting.

### LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23

A supervisor may ask you to take the lead on a project that is right in your wheelhouse, Leo. Put in the extra effort to help ensure the results will be top notch.

### VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

Your perception may be altered through a sudden modification in the way you think, Virgo. This can be a refreshing change for you and open up new possibilities.

### LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

Libra, facilitate conversations with new people to broaden your opportunities for social interaction. This may lead to friendships or even promising business opportunities.

### SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

Thoughts may pop in and out of your mind, Scorpio. The trick is to figure out how to weed out the pertinent ideas from the fluff. Ask others to weigh in if need be.

### SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

Emotions run high between you and your partner this week, Sagittarius. Enjoy the ride as this outpouring of emotions will strengthen your bond.

### CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

Sometimes others do not even need to speak for you to infer what they are feeling, Capricorn. This is a good gift to have and can bring you closer to those around you.

### AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

Aquarius, a recognition of your specific talents and skills is conveyed to you by others. It may inspire you to work on a new project or change departments.

### PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

Knowing and expressing just how you feel can help you to troubleshoot areas that need a bit of modification, Pisces. Be honest with yourself.

**MUSIC REVIEW**

# Ranging far and wide

Jeff Brisbin's release "Blame It On Love"

By **ROBERT MILLIS**  
nippertown.com

Jeff Brisbin has carved out the embodiment of the so-called lifestyle business here in his post real career years. The fact that it involves the playing of live music doubles the joy in that it also becomes a passion project as well. His night job is now his day job. We should all be so blessed.

A longtime player in Saratoga's tourist-entertainment economy, the deeply-rooted Spa City native has built his (mostly) solo / covers act of "giving the people what they want"

up to an impressive 200+ gigs/year mark. Such a schedule has him at or near the top of the list for anyone doing that sort of counting.

But Brisbin goes deep in another important way: scratching the itch now and then to cross over to that Dreamers side of the music world by writing, recording and performing his own original compositions. That's where he's at right now, with the release of his new full album "Blame It On Love."

This offering – available right now as a CD and on the streamers — is not his first foray into the creative realm. Proof there is 2009's "Uncharted Waters" and 2017's "Foreverly". The latter gained some legs with

regional airplay because of both its refined touch and all around studio chops. Credit here went to Brisbin having brought brought in Dave Maswick as the hands-on producer.

Maswick stays on board for this new one, of which the liner displays sole songwriting credit going to Brisbin on all ten cuts. Another nineteen musicians are gathered from the regional talent pool to join the festivities, including Chuck Lamb, Joel Brown, Tony Perrino, Chris Carey, Graham Tichy and other familiar names.

The opener is the title track, a tight and safe, straight ahead blues-rock push with a micro blend of reggae along with a Baker Street sax floating about.

While maybe not being the right choice for being either the title cut or the opener, it still gets the ball rolling with no one getting hurt.

"I Wish You Enough" is a break up weeper and which might have benefited from a later placement in that running order. Covering nothing new and playing to script, it stands as the album's only true weak point. With only one, he's ahead of the curve already.

"New Years Day" rebounds, delving into resolutions and self-analysis leading to a preferred path of self – betterment. Instrumentally, the score benefits nicely from Irish/Celt fiddle of Oona Grady, leading it to claim the lofty position of being

the standout track to this whole audio shindig and the one which the parties involved might be advised to now use as the album's marketing & promo teaser.

"The One for Me" follows next. Its mandolin picking nicely glides around short piano rolls, lending a Bruce Hornsby feel to the proceedings. There's nothing wrong with that, thank you very much.

"For A Song" starts with a part-curious / part-surprise swamp string run, giving way to a guy dishing of his perfectly happy lot in life of slinging tunes and not having anymore deadlines to meet. Hmmmm; who can this fella be?

"Always In Key" is a

bud-shout; reflecting on a life lived properly thanks in part to a locked in friendship, hereby honored.

"It's Just Love" is a soft-bounce, Laurel Canyon style country'esque, popster that is dressed perfectly for what we used to call radio. This makes it the most accessible tune on this, an ever-accessible album.

"Ain't it that Way" offers a Motown'ish feel that starts as a big nothing but gets saved by both a catchy chorus and an even catchier bridge.

"The Only Feeling Felt" resurrects the ghost of Toy Caldwell and his Tucker Boys classic "Can't You See" in the opening spaces, but can't match those strides going forward. The big

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hook eludes this one; but not a bad effort otherwise.

“Not My Business” wraps the proceedings in a Chicago blues sort of way, complete with a tasty Hammond float and a well-placed Robert Cray Meets Larry Carlton type of guitar run. A good tune which may have been better with more dirt and grit thrown on it.

In talking with a reviewer, Jeff Brisbin related how he sought to make adiverse, (mostly) upbeat piece of work here which reflected the sounds and innovation of a host of the upper echelon acts that have ruled the charts in past decades. He certainly went into this with many such guides, given the resulting all-over-the map (in a good way) wanderings of styles

and approaches here.

These classic names and sounds will, of course , be intimately familiar to a stool hound like Brisbin. His means of paying homage via new material hereby certainly gives him do the right thing cred.

To this listener, the single influencer that seems to rise above the other in stamping this album might be Mr. Billy Joel. That comparison is offered not so much from the expected hearing of similar lyrical approaches, but more from instrument composition and general vibe throughout and as a whole. Yeah, let’s call it the Long Island Sound — even though this one’s coming from an Upstate dude.

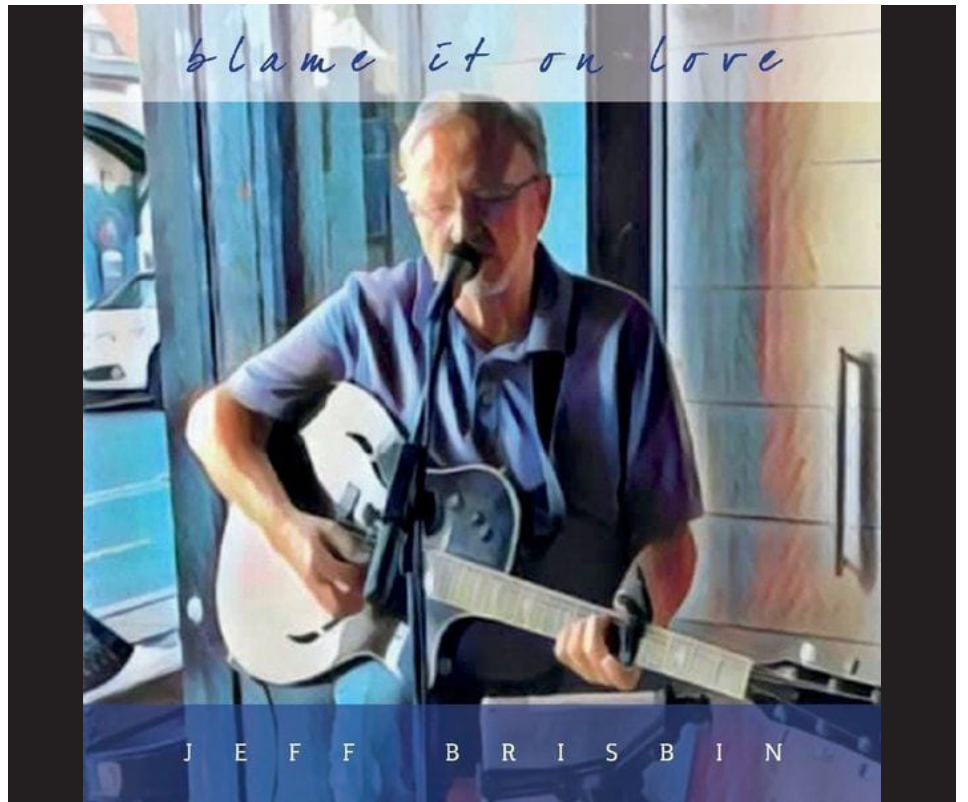
In summary; a good

piece that makes a nice contribution to the regional scene for the same reason it must have been a blast to work on: it brought together a swarm of the best locals and let them collectively do an original long form piece of work together. That right there we should point to as a case study in how one goes about growing the 518 Scene.

To think, it took a “covers guy” to make that happen!

“Sing us a song, Mr Guitar Man! Now make sure you toss a few of your own into the mix!”

Jeff Brisbin released “Blame It On Love” reminds this reviewer of another New York State of mind.



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■ MUSIC REVIEW

# Blotto hits the waves again

Wit and grooves don't go out of style, so Blotto's humorous rocking music has aged well

By **MICHAEL HOCHANADEL**  
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Newly rediscovered Blotto live recordings bring big laughs and pack a punch via streaming services no one could have imagined in the Albany band's 1980s delicious days as the big noise on the local scene and soon-to-be national MTV faves.

Listening to "Blotto: Live at My Father's Place 6/26/1980" on Spotify is almost redundantly delightful. The second set in a lively night, it shows Blotto generating full fun power. By then, they always



had the audience in their pocket. While the music itself amazes and amuses, so does hearing a happy audience completely given over to it.

Blotto's humor tickles

the funny bone with such unerring glee that it's tempting to forget how hard they rocked. And those two elements add up to an irresistible invitation to jump around and enjoy.

**Sarge, Bowtie, Blanche and Broadway Blotto, as captured in 1979.**

Nippertown.com

This live-Blotto resurgence started two years ago; online, of course, as Kingston intellectual property-show-biz attorney Paul Rapp (F. Lee Harvey Blotto the band's drummer) recalled.

"I found a bootleg site selling a show 'Blotto Syracuse 1981' and I was like 'what?'" He bought it for \$10. "It was a fabulous recording from the Jabberwocky at Syracuse University that was broadcast on WAER, the college radio station," he said. "It was one of our first shows as a five-piece (after singer Blanche Blotto and keyboardist-singer Chevrolet Blotto left) and we play like we've got something to prove."

He soon tracked down an August 1980 show recorded at The Country House in Westchester and broadcast on WRNW, "a wonderfully strange set," Rapp said, but the sound

was strong and clear as the Syracuse show.

Blotto already had tapes of the 1980 My Father's Place show and the 1983 BBC Rock Hour show, using songs from each on their two-CD compilation "Then More Than Ever." But the costs for producing full-show CDs kept most of those recordings on the shelf.

Then, as Rapp said, "Digital services like Spotify have changed the calculus of releasing music." He explained, "You can release stuff without a huge outlay of time or money." Both F. Lee Harvey/Rapp and guitarist-singer Bowtie/retired IT genius Paul Jossman found deep memories in the grooves of these live recordings. "Everybody's on top of their game," said Rapp of the My Father's Place show, "(bassist) Cheese especially." Jossman said, "This set is an

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### Blotto

excellent example of Blotto as we just shed our fledgling feathers and left the nest to go full time." He said, "It's a great show, high energy and fun. It's quite nice to listen to Cheese's bass and Sarge's vocals." Cheese, born Keith Stephenson, died in October 1999; Sarge, born Greg Haymes, in April 2019.

The My Father's Place show in June 1980 came at a pivotal time. Blotto had just started touring, in two vans with a crew of three and earning \$750 to \$3,000 a show. "We were on the radio in New York City two months before," said Rapp, noting they'd played the City for the first

time a month previously, then opening night at the Ritz two weeks before. "We still had day jobs!" he said. "Never having played on Long Island before, we weren't sure what to expect, and it was jam packed and crazy, as you can hear... If it sounds like a lot of the crowd at My Father's Place had seen us before, it's because they had - at JB Scott's in Albany!"

Jossman said, "The beautiful thing about radio airplay is, the audience loves you before you play a note. You can tell by the spirited crowd as we were being introduced."

Preparing music for streaming costs less than for CDs but involves

playing back fragile reel to reel analog audiotapes. Rapp said, "Digitizing tapes involves baking the tapes... in an oven!" He explained, "Once digitized they get mastered, just to make them sound consistent and as listenable as possible."

Since Blotto played cover songs, as well as their own originals, live, they needed "to pay the songwriters/publishers for the use of their songs," among Rapp's professional specialties. Once legal and technical challenges are met, the latter by Bert Blotto, "the tracks are uploaded to an aggregator," explained Rapp. Blotto uses CD Baby as its link to Spotify. Other aggregators include Distrokid and Tunecore, while Tidal, Deezer, Amazon, and others also provide online

music streaming and downloading.

With the "My Father's House" show streaming now, Blotto will release others in chronological order. "The Country House show is up next. It's all ready to go and it'll be released soon," said Rapp. Then they'll release a show recorded at Albany's J.B. Scott's, on Valentine's Day - "40 years to the day after the show and 41 years from the release of the EP 'Hello My Name Is Blotto What's Yours?'"

"My Father's House" was one of the last gigs that Blanche Blotto played with us," said Jossman. "She (actor, director and teacher Helena Binder) decided to stick with her acting career and couldn't go on the road full time," he added. Around the same time, keyboardist

Chevrolet Blotto (Dave Maswick) also left, to make solo albums, do IT work at Bard College and play for decades in the Stony Creek Band and a duo with Joel Brown.

"They're excited!" said Rapp of his former bandmates' reaction to the "My Father's House" streaming release. "They've both got some killer performances on these, and this is the first release of the Blanche Blotto/Sara Ayers (Greg "Sarge" Haymes' wife, now widow) tune 'I Love You Calvin Klein', which was a staple of our shows and appears on a bunch of these recordings."


Jossman said, "I Love You Calvin Klein' would have been a good MTV song," as "I Want to be a Lifeguard" was.

Jossman mused, "This


was 40 years ago and might as well be a century."

He said, Broadway (singer-guitarist and main songwriter Bill Polchinsky) Sarge and I had spent most of the 70's playing full time and touring with the Star Spangled Washboard Band; so we were well acquainted with what that meant." He added, "The fact that we decided to do it again is a good indication of the strength and commitment of the band and our belief in what we were doing. It was the right choice and a great ride!"

Rapp said, "I was touched by whoever reviewed one of our last shows, with Blue Oyster Cult on the Albany Riverfront; he said something like 'Blotto's schtick has aged amazingly well.'"



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