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# Unwanted challenge

A nationwide panic over a social media post promising school violence hits home

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## From page 1 ... TikTok challenge

The day before, emails from local school officials were accompanied by separate messages from law enforcement agencies alerting families that they were working together to ensure safety within their respective school communities.

The latest challenge implied violence at schools, including elementary. The Bethlehem Police Department issued a statement to clarify no threats were directed towards any area school, but that its officers would be involved to ensure safety within the community. On Friday, two patrol cars were stationed within the heart of town at the Bethlehem Central Middle School parking lot.

Bethlehem Police Cmdr. James Rexford explained that the agency continued to put an operational plan though there was no credible threat.

"Today was all about making our school community feel safe," he

shared in a statement to *The Spotlight*. "It has truly been a team approach. Our communication staff has been monitoring our tip line, our detectives have been working with school officials on operational planning, our patrol division has been following up on calls from the tip line and they have been highly visible at all our school buildings today."

Social media posts have recently challenged school children to perform acts of vandalism at school. Similar challenges have dared them to record themselves or record others as they break and damage school property and share on platforms like TikTok.

There were no reports of violence in Bethlehem on Friday, but other school districts reported a few disruptions. In Schenectady, a school went into lockdown after a perceived threat was reported on social media. Across the Hudson River, school administrators in

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Bethlehem Police Department

the Averill Park Central School District closed their buildings after a reported threat was directed toward their schools.

"If anything, the value of our partnership with the Bethlehem Police



Department really showed today," stated JoEllen Gardner of Bethlehem Central School District.

Superintendents across the Capital District had shared messages stating that their respective schools

would add extra security while assuring families there was no "credible threat" to the schools.

"The origin of these posts is unknown, however, this appears to be the latest entry in a troubling trend

of "challenges" that have been discussed extensively on TikTok," stated Jody Monroe, Bethlehem Central superintendent. "Earlier this year, schools across the country saw an increase in incidents of vandalism and, in some cases, violence related to these TikTok challenges that included the 'Devious Licks' challenge and the 'Slap Your Teacher' challenge."

Bethlehem police encouraged the public to adhere to the "See Something, Say Something" philosophy. In November, Bethlehem police were alerted by the public of online threats posted by a high school student. The student was later arrested and charged for making a threat to members of the school community.

"We want to be very clear, a specific threat has not been made against any of our RCS schools, staff, or students. This is a generalized threat that has been circulating around the state and country and we just want you to be aware," stated Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Superintendent Brian Bailey.



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## SCHOLASTIC SPORTS

# BC's Board of Ed recognizes game

Bethlehem Central honors team, individual achievements from the athletic field

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**DELMAR** — The Bethlehem Central Board of Education shined the spotlight on extraordinary student accomplishments at its Wednesday night meeting, Dec. 18.

During District Superintendent Jody Monroe's report to board members, the head administrator shared student accolades accomplished outside the classroom.

District Athletic Director Leonard Kies assisted Monroe to address several of the district's scholastic athletes'



accomplishments earned on the field. This fall, several of the school's athletic clubs earned recognition from the New York State Sportswriters Association — including Bethlehem Central's regional championship varsity girls tennis team.

"We had a great scholarly athletic fall," Kies said. "Each year, our goal is to be recognized by NYSSA as a school of distinction."

### Girls tennis team

The girls tennis team finished the Suburban Council regular season undefeated at 15-0, before

proceeding into post-season competition. The squad earned both Section II and regional championships before embarking on the first girls team New York State Public High School State Championships at the USTA Center in Flushing Meadows.

Kies praised the individual performances of Zara Pattison and Anna Peles. The two freshman together finished as Section II finalists in doubles. They won their first round in the state doubles tournament before they were defeated.

"[A] historic season. Great job, ladies," Kies said.

### Girls swim and dive squad

"We had quite a few outstanding performances," Kies said of the girls swim and dive squad coached by Kerriane Sanicola and Megan Planz. "The girls did a great job all season; very

competitive team, young team: We had section champions."

Senior Madeline Ferreira was the 200-meter individual medley and 100-meter fly Section II champion this season. She was also part of the 200-meter freestyle relay and 200-meter individual medley relays that qualified for state competition. The 200-meter freestyle relay team finished year season as Section II champions.

Senior Katie Taffe also earned Section II champion distinctions. Taffe finished the year as a state qualifier in the 200-meter individual medley relay as well as the 200-meter freestyle relay. Individual, she was a state qualifier in the 500-meter freestyle, the 200-meter individual medley, the 100-meter backstroke and placed sixth in the 500-meter freestyle and the 200-meter individual

medley.

Junior Courtney Sorbello was recognized as a member of the 200-meter individual medley relay team along with Ferreira and Taffe.

Junior Hannah Fronheiser was recognized for her part on both the 200-meter individual medley relay and 200-meter freestyle relay team. She also qualified for state competition in the 100-meter breaststroke.

Senior Maya Earleywine finished in sixth place in all of state diving competition.

Senior Caitlin Valerian qualified for state competition in the 100-meter backstroke, too.

### Girls cross country

Bethlehem's girls cross country team finished the year as runner-up in the Section II Class

A Championships and finished in third place overall in the New York State Federation Championships.

Junior Rylee Davis and Kate Bannigan each qualified for state competition this year.

"These are not small feats and small accomplishments," Kies said. "These are huge. This is a historically great season and this team is really going to be giving Saratoga battles for years to come."

### Girls soccer

On the girls soccer team, senior Ruth Hotaling was named to the Class A All State team by the New York State Sportswriters Association.

This fall, NYSSA also recognized the district's boys and girls cross country, field hockey, girls golf, boys golf, girls soccer and girls swim and dive teams.

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■ EDUCATION

## BC violinist named WMHT Classical Student of the Month



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**Freshman Romeo Vashishth's performance features rejected Dvorak piece from 1879**

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**DELMAR** — During District Superintendent Jody Monroe's report to board members on Wednesday, the head administrator shared student accolades accomplished outside the classroom; the first of which was that of Romeo Vashishth, featured by WMHT-FM who named him as December's Classical Student of the Month.

Vashishth, a ninth-grader at the high school, was recently featured in an interview and video performance of Antonin Dvorak's "Violin Concerto" on the station's website and social media channels.

"If you haven't seen it, it is very impressive for a ninth grade student, so congratulations to him," Monroe said.

His performance with pianist Dan Foster of Dvorak's "Violin Concerto in A minor, Op.53," was captured for the media station's website and social media channels. A lesser known piece by the Czech composer, but Vashishth told WMHT, "It's a very beautiful one."

Vashishth said he selected the piece for his feature because it is among his favorites. Ironically, the performer for whom it was originally written for in 1879 did not care for it. Dvorak had dedicated the piece to Hungarian violinist Joseph Joachim. Once presented to him, it is said he was critical of the work. At the time, Joachim was an acclaimed performer while Dvorak was a relative unknown. Joachim never performed it in front of an audience.

Though still a high school freshman, Vashishth shares a masters' critique of his own as he explains the structure of Dvorak's work. Despite being among his favorites, he said it doesn't fit well for the instrument he plays. The attention to the middle strings makes it awkward, he said and a challenge to play.

Nonetheless, watching him play his violin it is difficult to discern him from that of a seasoned veteran in a professional orchestra. There's no evidence of a boy in the midst of what is commonly an awkward time of growing up. The snip-bits of his performance shows him standing tall, gliding his bow across the strings of his instrument, fingers placed with precision and passion as his body sways to the sound — a young man intimately aware of his work. He not only plays the part, his ability to feel the music is evident as well.

"It has beautiful lyrical sections," Vashishth said. "And although there's a lot of technical passages, it is still very lyrical throughout."

The young musician was nominated for the recognition by Empire State Youth Orchestra's Director of Education David Bebe. He had been working with Bebe for the last three months, he said, and he hopes to continue doing so in the years to come.

"I'm very grateful to him for doing so," Vashishth said. "I had a wonderful time working with him."



## ■ EDUCATION

# Changes to teacher certification ahead

State Ed proposes changes to teacher certification, requirements to reduce barriers to certification while maintaining rigorous standards

**ALBANY** — The state Education Department proposed to modify teacher certification requirements to reduce barriers to certification while maintaining rigorous standards, Commissioner Betty A. Rosa announced last week.

The proposed changes would eliminate the requirement for teacher candidates to pass the edTPA and replace it with a teacher performance assessment during a candidate's student teaching or similar clinical experience in a state-registered teacher preparation program.

"The Department is transforming our approach to provide a continuum of educator development and support for

teachers starting with rigorous and relevant coursework and clinical experiences for teaching candidates," Rosa said. "By eliminating the edTPA requirement, we are allowing our teacher candidates to focus on developing the critically important skills necessary to successfully deliver classroom instruction. To grow and sustain a diverse and qualified teacher workforce, we must ensure we are bringing as many candidates as possible into the profession. The amendments proposed today lay a foundation to streamline the pathway to teaching."

### Building a continuum

The Department is committed to reshaping the teacher certification process by creating a continuum of educator development and support. This includes providing a supportive, responsive, and efficient certification process as well as mentoring, continuing education, and professional learning for teachers.

Under the proposed changes New York State-registered teacher preparation programs would be required to integrate a teacher performance assessment into a teacher candidate's student teaching or similar clinical experience. Through this multi-measure assessment, candidates would demonstrate their content knowledge and skill in teaching to the State learning standards in the grade band and subject area of certificate sought as well as the pedagogical knowledge and skills identified in the New York State Teaching Standards, which align with the four principles of the New York State Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework.

"Every student deserves a great teacher. The Board is committed to re-examining certification requirements to develop a more expedient approach to bring great teachers into our classrooms," Board of Regents Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr. said. "As schools and districts across the state face a shortage of qualified teachers, we must do everything in our power to enhance the

state's talent pipeline, including eliminating any financial barriers that may impede candidates from entering the teaching profession."

### Background

Since May 2014, teacher candidates have been required to pass the edTPA to obtain most teacher certificates in New York State. The edTPA is a national teacher performance assessment where candidates demonstrate their readiness to teach. For the edTPA, candidates must pay \$300, plan for instruction and assessment, videotape themselves teaching and engaging students in learning, assess and analyze students' learning, and reflect on their practice. The Department has offered edTPA "safety nets" for candidates since the inception of the edTPA requirement, allowing eligible candidates to take and pass a different assessment instead of the edTPA to meet certification requirements.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, teacher preparation program faculty reported the

edTPA safety nets have been helpful and recommended that the edTPA be eliminated as a requirement for certification. They indicated the edTPA often becomes the primary focus for candidates during the student teaching experience, which detracts from other potential learning experiences and responsibilities. In addition, it is difficult for candidates to manage the multiple tasks and related logistics of the assessment (e.g., video recording) and it represents a significant out-of-pocket expense. Thus, according to these educators, the edTPA serves as a barrier to certification during this period of significant teacher shortages.

### Next steps

Public comment on the proposal will be accepted through Feb. 28, 2022 via [oheregcomments@nysed.gov](mailto:oheregcomments@nysed.gov) (link sends e-mail). It is anticipated the proposed amendment will be presented to the Board of Regents for adoption at the April 2022 meeting.



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## ■ BUSINESS

# Plug Power clears first hurdle with ZBA

Power cell company continues towards prop to build facility at Vista Tech Park

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**SLINGERLANDS** — Plug Power Inc. cleared its first hurdle towards establishing its proposed 350,000-square-foot facility at Vista Technology Park.

The Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously approved power cell producer's application for an area variance on Wednesday, Dec. 15, pushing the issue to the town Planning Board where it will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 6 p.m.

ZBA members were first presented with the application because the proposed commercial

# PLUG POWER



building did not meet with zoning laws pertaining to rear yard setback in a mixed economic development district.

The board approved the application without discussion, further allowing the Planning Board to be lead agency as the project goes through the state environmental quality review.

The Latham-based business proposes an expansive development named 125 Vista Boulevard that will encompass 26 acres at the end of the Vista Boulevard roundabout. The plan would triple the amount of development already witnessed at the

tech park. Construction will include 50,000 square feet of offices, 85,000 square feet for manufacturing, 100,000 square feet for assembly and service, plus 115,000 square feet for storage.

Plug Power technology powers electric motors with hydrogen fuel cells. According to the company's website, it created the first commercially viable market for hydrogen fuel cell technology after it was founded in 1997. The company's GenKey technology powers forklifts for various customers, including Amazon, BMW, The Southern Company, Carrefour and Walmart.



**Plug Power lists several prominent business as customers, including Amazon, BMW and Walmart. Its fuel cells are also used to power Albany International Airports ground support team.**

Plug Power

According to several reports, the company's headquarters will remain on Albany Shaker Road in Latham.

According to Robert Leslie, Bethlehem's director of economic

development and planning, the tech park's master plan approval previously included an Environmental Impact Statement that evaluated potential impacts and mitigation measures associated with approximately 1.4 million

square feet of development. Nonetheless, the Planning Board will need to determine if the proposal conforms with that master plan.

To date, 107,500 square feet of office and commercial property have been developed at the park. Should plans proceed, Plug Power will be the first technology company since the tech park opened a decade ago. The park's courtship with Monolith Solar all but failed. The solar cell manufacturing company fell under financial hardship in 2018, but not before breaking ground on a new \$5 million headquarters at the tech park. Its steel skeleton and surrounding property were later foreclosed and are under the possession of Pioneer Bank.

Development of the project will require subdivision, site plan and variance approvals from both the Town of Bethlehem and Town of New Scotland.

## ■ CORRECTION

### Waiver vote

In last week's cover story "Waiver afforded," Bethlehem Town Board members voted 4-1 in favor of granting NRP Group a waiver on its affordable housing project. Town Supervisor David VanLuven did not abstain. He voted to approve.

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■ BUSINESS

# New store for Xgates

### Primark includes Crossgates in internat'l expansion plans

**GUILDERLAND** — Primark, the international fashion retailer, is stepping up its expansion in the United States as it announced three new store locations in the New York — City Point in Brooklyn; Roosevelt Field in Garden City, Long Island; and Crossgates Mall in Albany.

Primark said it expects the prospective Crossgates Mall store will give it “a foothold in the dominant shopping mall in the State’s Capital, Albany.”

“Six years after we opened our first store in Boston, it’s clear that U.S. customers – from Florida right up to Chicago – are loving the unique Primark offer,” said Paul Marchant, Primark CEO. “The three new store locations in the New York region... are important new additions to our offer and the team is working hard to convert the sizeable growth potential we see in the market into more new Primark

stores – and more loyal Primark customers.

“The future for Primark in the U.S. is looking very bright.”

The retailer now has five new leases signed in New York, with its Jamaica Avenue store in Queens set to open next year and another in Green Acres, Nassau County. These are in addition to a new store lease in Tysons Corner, Washington, signed earlier in the year.

The new Brooklyn store in the recently constructed City Point complex will have frontage onto Fulton Street, giving Primark prime access to Brooklyn’s principle retail high street. Meanwhile the Roosevelt Field location will position Primark in the pre-eminent mall serving Long Island.

The new leases continue the Irish headquartered retailer’s steady U.S. expansion path since opening its first store in Boston six years ago. In the past financial year, almost a third of Primark’s new store openings were in the U.S., including the most recent launch in September at Fashion

District, Philadelphia, its 13th store in the country.

Looking ahead, Primark intends to accelerate the pace of expansion in the U.S. market, building on strong trading and a growing brand awareness. Over the next five years, Primark expects the U.S. store estate to grow to some 60 stores. The success of recent openings outside of its existing North-East footprint – in Sawgrass Mills, Florida and State Street, Chicago – has shown that Primark’s unique formula of fashion and homewares at great value low prices is resonating more widely. The US business performed well in the past financial year, delivering like-for-like sales growth of 6 percent (excluding its downtown Boston store) on two years ago and a good profit margin.

Reflecting the step-up in the pace of expansion in the U.S., Primark has strengthened its leadership team with the appointment of a new President

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## Business glow up in Delmar

Lavender Nail & Spa celebrated the opening of their new, second location at 266 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, with a Bethlehem Chamber Member Ribbon Cutting on Wednesday, Dec. 8. Owner Shao Feng Ma works in insurance next to the location, and felt the location made a good place for the spa. Lavender’s first location which has been open for 10 years is located in Niskayuna.

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## From page 7 ... New store at Xgates

to lead its U.S. Operations. Kevin Tulip, who most recently led Primark's Benelux business, will lead the retail operations in the US. Former President Andy Stewart, is taking on the new role of Director of Business Development for the US, working alongside the property team on the ground.

Primark sees further growth potential in all its existing markets. Building on the successful opening of 15 stores in the past financial year, it has 11 new store openings confirmed this year in Italy, Spain, Czech Republic, and Ireland alongside the Queens store.

As well as the U.S., Primark intends to focus this expansion in its European markets of France, Italy and Iberia as well continuing to grow in Central and Eastern Europe. With stores now in the Czech Republic, Slovenia and Poland, it has signed leases for its first store in Bratislava, Slovakia and four further stores in Poland.

Over the next five years, Primark expects its store estate to grow to 530 stores.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### SABIC moves low-carbon tech forward

**RIYADH, Saudi Arabia** — SABIC has entered an agreement with the World Economic Forum and other global chemical sector companies targeted at formalizing the Low-Carbon Emitting Technologies initiative into a stand-alone entity by 2023.

In collaboration, LCET members will share early-stage risks and co-invest in developing and upscaling low-carbon-emitting technologies.

The project development company will be designed and developed by an inclusive stakeholder primacy collaboration between SABIC, Air Liquide, BASF, Clariant, Covestro, Dow, Mitsubishi Chemical Corp., Royal DSM, SIBUR, Solvay and World Economic Forum, and is supported by The Mission Possible Partnership.

The joint undertaking represents the LCET initiative's seminal transition from a knowledge sharing platform to the implementation vehicle as envisioned at its 2019 founding, and on course with its original mandate to accelerate greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction in the chemical production value chain. The Forum-hosted collaboration is designed to foster creative public/private partnerships, partnerships

and to enable pre-competitive cooperation especially on common challenges to the industry to drive sustainable solutions and collectively solve challenges on the path to carbon neutrality.

"As the LCET initiative moves into the critical implementation stage, it will demonstrate the groundbreaking innovation that our industry can achieve through collaboration", said Yousef Al-Benyani, Vice Chairman and CEO of SABIC, and LCET Co-Chair. "By working together to co-develop and upscale low carbon-emitting technologies, we will accelerate circular carbon economy journey to carbon neutrality."

This effort calls for new ways to finance net-zero solutions, creative sharing of expertise, and for more producers, technology providers and value chain partners to join the LCET initiative in meeting the Paris agreement and UN 2050 sustainability goals.

### GE to produce zero waste blades by 2030

**COPENHAGEN, Denmark** — LM Wind Power, a GE Renewable Energy business, recently announced it will produce zero waste blades by 2030, a significant milestone for the industry as it seeks to reduce the carbon footprint of its products.

The commitment represents a step forward in the company's sustainability journey after becoming the first carbon neutral business in the wind industry already in 2018.

LM Wind Power will play a central role in supporting its customers to develop fully circular wind turbines that generate less waste during their production. In practice, LM Wind Power's vision of zero waste blades means the company aims to send no excess manufacturing materials and packaging to landfill and incineration without energy recovery by 2030.

Waste from manufacturing represents one of the biggest challenges faced by many industries as they seek to reduce their carbon footprint. At LM Wind Power, nearly one third of its operational carbon footprint comes from waste disposal.

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## The Wind Waits for History

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GLENMONT — Stuck in the weeds along the Hudson River lies a relic born out of the fiery collision of two coal-driven locomotives that blindly crashed, killing 14 people inside the Park Avenue tunnel in Manhattan in 1902. Steam locomotives had to be replaced within the city and new locomotives, powered with clean electricity, were designed, built and tested in the Capital District. It was a monumental project to solve a massive environmental problem.

Fast forward 120 years. The Capital District is again innovating, gearing up to manufacture massive offshore wind turbines to replace fossil fuels as a major source of clean electricity for Gotham by 2035. The creation of 9,000 megawatts of power will come from the facilities built at the Ports of Albany and Coeymans.

The new project will have to wait, at least for a little bit, because of the one started a century ago. The construction of a new tower manufacturing plant cannot begin until four historic locomotives are moved from a cutoff and abandoned rail spur at the Port of Albany's property on River Road.

A group made up of rail historians, museums, enthusiasts, riggers and the owner of a Glenmont bus company are in a race against time to get the rusted pieces of history to the rail museum that owns them. The once fully-restored showpiece locomotives, that have sat abandoned while being abused by vandals and thieves for over 35 years, have to be moved for the wind plant to progress along the banks of the Hudson.

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### Why must they move?

In order to stabilize and strengthen the soil on the site, developers must lay piles of stone and allow it to compress the soil over four months. The locomotives are in the way of where these piles will lay, and will slow the process of development if they are not removed soon. The four locomotives weigh in excess of 1 million pounds, so moving them is no easy task, but all parties agree they need to be in a museum.

### Four pieces of history.

The original S-1 prototype for the 1904 electric locomotive project and the only remaining T-motor electric locomotive sits at the head of the rail spur, followed by two retired diesel locomotives, an ALCO RS-2 and a GE U25B.

While the diesels are old, they have less historic value.

The four engines have had many owners over the years, but currently the Railway Museum in Danbury, Connecticut holds the title to them.

"The S-1 was the space shuttle of 1904," Paul Marsh said. "The electric subways in New York City went into service starting in 1902, so everything before that was steam locomotives. The S was the first actual electric locomotive in the world."

Marsh, of Glenmont, has been working on moving the locomotives for over 30 years. He is the retired owner of Marsh Bus Company of Glenmont and is also a mechanic of all kinds of transportation equipment including buses and trains.

### Removal to build

The locomotives currently rest on 80 acres of land owned by the Port of Albany. It is known as

Beacon Island, located between the PSEG power plant on River Road and the mouth of the Normanskill in the Town of Bethlehem. The port is slated to begin the construction of four buildings on the island that will manufacture towers for off-shore wind farms off the coast of Long Island and New York City. The Port of Albany CEO Richard Hendrick, said in order to meet the goal of starting production by the fourth quarter of 2023, the locomotives have to move.

"Everything has to happen pretty quick," Hendrick said. "They're ready to move forward, we're just waiting for the town [of Bethlehem planning] board's [site-plan] approval."

The port will be working with Marmen-Welcon who will be making the wind towers and possibly the transition pieces that connect the foundation to the wind tower. Marmen and



An aerial view of Beacon Island with the existing Port of Albany to the north. MarmenWelcon will be producing wind turbine towers here once the factory is built. *Jim Franco/Spotlight News*

Welcon joined together for this project with Marmen being the largest wind structure manufacturer in North America and Welcon being the world's largest manufacturer of offshore wind farms. A U.S. and Canadian company, Equinor, is also part of the project that manufactured structures for the first offshore wind farm in Scotland and also

holds leases on two areas off the coast of Long Island.

### What's the Plan?

One of the biggest challenges are the piles of toxic ash that covers Beacon Island. PSEG's Bethlehem Energy Center power plant next door was coal fired from 1952 to 1970 before switching fuel oil then to natural gas in

1981. The coal would come in by two rail lines, one from the CSX tracks and the other from the Port of Albany docks. The plant piled and stored the ash on Beacon Island and now project engineers have come up with a design that leaves the ash undisturbed. By a process known as surcharging the ground, they can reduce risk of ash toxins leaching to the

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surrounding property or the Hudson River.

“We’re not really going to disturb any of that,” Hendrick said. “Rather than run the risk of contaminating anything.”

Surcharging is the process of laying aggregate, or big piles of stone, on the footprints of where the buildings will be. The aggregate will sit for four months, compressing the ash and soil underneath creating a stronger foundation.

How did they get there?

The Mohawk and Hudson Chapter of the National Historic Railway Society, based in Albany acquired all the locomotives over the years and stored them in various locations across the Capital District. Many of the local railroads, especially the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, provided facilities to store and restore the historic machines. The NHRS chapter displayed and showed the first

electric locomotive, the S-1, to teach people about the area’s rich rail history and the deep impact it had worldwide.

“In the 1980s the S-1 was stored at the Altamont Fairgrounds inside a building and was on display for the public to see,” said Richard Vanderbilt, president of Mohawk and Hudson Chapter of NRHS. “I used to sit in the conductor’s seat and explain the history and function of the locomotive. It was a real showpiece and snapshot of history.”

The chapter decided to move it from the fairgrounds when the D&H railroad planned to remove the switch from the spur in Altamont.

“The MHNHRS members did not want it stuck there so they moved it to the Colonie shop of the D&H in Watervliet,” Marsh said. “That is where it met up with the T-3 motor. They have been together ever since. They

were [maintained] at the Colonie shop and were still functioning at that time.”

The second historic locomotive was from the second generation T-motor class, produced by the partnership of General Electric and American Locomotive Company in Schenectady in 1926. The T-3a, number 278, was last owned and used by Amtrak until 1987. It was an upgraded version of the original S-motor with more power and flexibility and the last one in existence, according to Vanderbilt.

It was repainted, restored and stored in 1987 at the Colonie shops with other railroad equipment owned by the NHRS Chapter. The chapter members had access to a building that provided all the tools to maintain and repair the machines.

Then D&H filed for bankruptcy, and that was the beginning of the end of the ability for the chapter to use the facility.



Paul Marsh stands next to the locomotives on Beacon Island in Glenmont. He and others have been on a 30-year quest to save them.

*John McIntyre/Spotlight News*

“In 1984 Guilford Transportation Industries purchased the assets of DH including the Colonie shops. The NHRS members were able to continue to work on the historic trains there for a while,” Vanderbilt said. “[Guildford] saw people breaking into the building and one time started a fire.

They thought the liability was too great and evicted us and demolished the buildings.”

The locomotives and five passenger cars had to move and found their way to the power plant on River Road, then owned by Niagara Mohawk.

When the plant

was sold to PSEG and upgrades began, the power company pushed the equipment onto the old spur that led to the port, on Beacon Island. They covered the tracks back to the plant when they built a state Department of

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Environmental Conservation-mandated wetlands remediation pond in 2003 and the bridge over the Normanskill to the port collapsed in the mid 2010's leaving the locomotives with no way out.

The Danbury Rail Museum acquired the locomotives from the Berkshire Scenic Railway in 2013 according to Stan Madyda, board member of the Danbury Railway Museum. Berkshire Scenic Railway accepted the locomotives as a donation from the NRHS chapter years earlier when the local chapter no longer wanted the liability of owning them.

After many failed attempts to remove the equipment from the site through negotiations with PSEG, the plans are coming together.

Hendrick hopes that the locomotives reach their new home within the next four to six weeks. During this time period, the port is also waiting for the Town of Bethlehem Planning Board's approval. At the latest, the team will be able to start in late February.

"There's gonna be a lot of work going on from day one to when we start shipping the towers," Hendrick said.

Once the locomotives are taken to the museum, all the remaining rail will be removed from the site. The original bridge on the site will also be removed and replaced with a road bridge. Hendrick,



The inside of the ALCO RS-3.

John McIntyre/Spotlight News

MarmenWelcon and the rest of the team are anxious to start construction in the new year.

"The clock is ticking," he said. "It's up to the Danbury Railway Museum to successfully move them out of here and time is running on them."

### The Towers

The hope is that MarmenWelcon will start producing by October of 2023. They'll shape the steel into the towers and then barge them to the offshore farm. In order to barge them from the port, part of the building plans included a lay down area, where finished products will go after manufacturing, and a wharf to transport them.

The finished towers will be shipped from the port horizontally on the barge as it moves through the Hudson River.

"Our business is shipping," Hendrick said. "We handle GE power systems, it's basically the same thing."

Throughout the lifetime of the project, the manufacturing of the towers and transition pieces will bring jobs to the area. MarmenWelcon's goal is to produce 150

towers annually. The biggest pull to manufacture in Bethlehem is the port will be the beneficial destination to source products as east coast production takes off.

### The actual plan to move

The locomotives will have to be disassembled, craned out and moved by truck to a place where they are reassembled on tracks. They cannot go by rail or truck, it has to be half and half.

They cannot be dragged on the rails, because no one knows if the wheels will turn. "They can't go completely by rail because the locomotives put on a flat car will be too tall to make it through a bridge in Pittsfield," Marsh said. "And the Danbury Museum is in the center of town and the only access with something that large is on rails. No trailers over 40 feet can make it through the downtown."

The team is waiting for RJ Corman Railroad Group, a national train service company with a location on Speeder Road in Selkirk, to finalize the plans and contract with PSEG to access the site. They will do the moving, with guidance from Marsh and the Danbury team.

According to Marsh, The idea is to truck the pieces on a flatbed to the Port of Albany where they will be checked to make sure the axles are structurally sound, because it has a train pit so they can see under the locomotive carriages. Then move it by truck to Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum in Lenox, Massachusetts and reassemble the locomotives and put them back on the tracks. They will then travel about 100 miles down the

Housatonic Railroad lines down to the museum in Danbury and they will be home.

Railroad owner, investor, enthusiast and historian Henry Posner III, the chairman of Railroad Development Corporation, has been involved with the quest of saving the locomotives for many years and agreed to fund the move.

"Henry Posner III has offered an unsecured loan to the museum to move the locomotives and he expects us to pay him back what we can," Madyda said. "He has been central to this effort and great to work with."

The Danbury museum has set up a dedicated fund to pay for the cost of the move and restoration. More information can be found at danburyrail.com.

"We will restore them to the way they were when they went to the New York Central Railroad," Madyda said. "Depending on what we can repair or replace, will be how far we can go. There is quite a bit missing, but we tried to take as many things as possible back to Danbury before people stole them."

### Why are they so important to Danbury

The museum is at the end of the Danbury Branch of the Metro North Railroad, which acquired much of the routes of the New York Central Railroad. It was New York Central that electrified the lines into Manhattan beginning 1903 after the horrific steam locomotive accident in the Park Avenue tunnel. The electric locomotives, like the ones going to Danbury, were the only ones used to pull trains to Grand Central Terminal after the state Legislature's ban on steam locomotives within Manhattan went into effect in 1908.

"These locomotives show the modes of transportation to New York City," Madyda said. "We will have all the locomotives that show the progression of technology that people used to commute into New York City."

## The Locomotives



Richard Vanderbuilt photo

### ALCO/GE S-1

Number: 100 and 6000 Fuel: Electric 600 V DC Built: 1903  
In service: Original Prototype. 50,000 miles of testing from 1904-1906.  
Details: First electric locomotive in New York. ALCO/GE built 47 before the S-motors were replaced with the T-motor locomotives in 1913. Developed as an alternative to steam locomotives and run on cleaner fuel, electricity.



John Bollentin photo

### ALCO/GE T-3a

Number: 278 Fuel: Electric 600 V DC Built: 1926  
In service: 1926-1987 Details: Only remaining T-motor in the world. ALCO/GE built 36 between 1913-1926. The locomotives were much faster than subways and could haul full passenger and freight trains within city limits.



### ALCO RS-3

Number: unknown Fuel: Diesel Built: 1950-56  
Details: Some of these are still in use today. This was from New York Central Railroad. 1,418 were made



### GE U25B

Number: unknown Fuel: Diesel Built: 1959-66  
Details: One of seven left in existence. 478 were produced by General Electric.



The electrics sit waiting to move.

Jim Franco/Spotlight News

## Part of Movie History

The two electrics were hauled to New York City in 1987 for the filming of "A House on Carroll Street," a movie starring Kelly McGinnis and Jeff Daniels. The two trains had a brief cameo, but were then towed back to the Capital District. At that time they were restored and mostly operational.

"The 100 [S-1] almost didn't make it to Hollywood because when it was parked at the power Plant, a car from a Conrail work train parked at the top of the spur near the plant did not have its brake set and came down the hill and damaged the front of it," Vanderbilt said. "Conrail brought in special welders to fix the front and repainted it to look like new again and they towed it to New York City for the film."



## OBITUARY

# Delmar man remembered as educator, author, fighter for social change

Dr. Maurice Thornton died at age 90

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**DELMAR** — Dr. Maurice Thornton, educator, author and a steadfast fighter for social change, died on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at age 90.

Thornton earned a high school education in his hometown of Birmingham, Alabama at A.H. Parker High School, the largest of such schools for African Americans in the world, before ultimately obtaining his doctorate in secondary education. Both its historical distinction and social significance was never lost on him.

Thornton engaged in the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s. In August 1963, he joined more than 200,000 people in the March on Washington. It was a struggle he dedicated himself to through the years.

Thornton and his family moved to the Capital District in 1982 to take the position of Director of Affirmative Action for the State University of New York System. He had previously held a similar position at Cuyahoga Community College, where it is believed he was the first person to hold the title of Affirmative Action Officer at any college or university.

An avid learner with a penchant for reading about history, Thornton joined the efforts of the Albany 369th in obtaining the Medal of Honor for Sgt. Henry Johnson. Later, after returning home to Alabama to attend his brother-in-law's funeral, he was inspired to research his own family history.

In 2019, Thornton wrote "The Thornton Family," illustrating his family's history through generations that stretched from the west coast of Africa, to Europe and America. His



Dr. Maurice Thornton

book tackled the significant periods of time marked by Great Depression, racial segregation, World War II and more. That story was captured in a feature published in *The Spotlight* that year.

When asked why he felt it was important to find out and write about where his family originated from, Maurice brought up parts of a supposed quote by classical Greek philosopher Socrates.

"Unless you know yourself, you really are not living in the world. You have to know yourself and in order to know yourself, you have to know as much about yourself because you're not just yourself. You also are your ancestors all put together and that helps to make yourself."

Dr. Maurice Thornton was born in Birmingham, Alabama on Dec. 31, 1930, to the union of Alberta Jones Thornton and William Lee Thornton. He confessed Christ at an early age and joined Bethel Baptist Church in Collegeville. He attended Hudson Elementary School and the historical A. H. Parker High School. While there he demonstrated an early interest in American and World History. He finished first in a statewide World and American History Achievement Test and was awarded a plaque for his achievement at Alabama State University. Maurice attended Alabama State University and graduated in 1952 with a major in Secondary

Education. While a student, he worked in the Graduate Office and was initiated in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

He was drafted into the Armed Forces during the Korean War and for two years served in the Medical Corps at Fort Jackson, SC. He was honorably discharged as an NCO.

Maurice then attended Case Western Reserve, and School of Social Science in Cleveland, Ohio. He interned at Cuyahoga County Welfare Department and was recruited to work as a Social Worker at that Agency. Maurice became head of The Neighborhood Youth Corps. He served as Director of Personnel at the Agency. He was then recruited by Cuyahoga Community College to assume the position of Affirmative Action Officer. He was the first person to hold that position in a College or University. Struggle.

Dr. Thornton made time in his busy schedule to engage in Civil Rights activities. He was a participant at the "Historic March on Washington, DC" in August 1963. While there he reconnected with the Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth and others from the Birmingham Civil Rights Struggle (youtube.com 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington).

As a "Lifelong Learner," Maurice earned an MA at Cleveland State University in Education (1973) and a Ph. D. in education at Nova University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (1981).

In 1982, he came to Albany, New York to become the Director of Affirmative Action for the State University of New York (SUNY) System which encompasses 64 campuses. He retired in 1998 and became Adjunct Professor in African Studies for ten years at University at Albany, SUNY, and lectured at Hudson Valley

Community College in African American History, African American Family and The History of the Civil Rights Movement. In 2010, he retired from Hudson Valley Community College.

His passions and activities include family historian, writer, publisher of The Thornton Family legacy Book.

Maurice was a charter member of and Grapner for the Albany chapter of Beta Psi Boule, Founding member of Albany chapter of 100 Black Men, Lifetime member and a vice president of the 369th Veterans Assoc. Life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Board member of New York State Department of Health Data Protection Review and Capital District Council of Churches, and a public speaker and Book Reviewer for Albany Public Library.

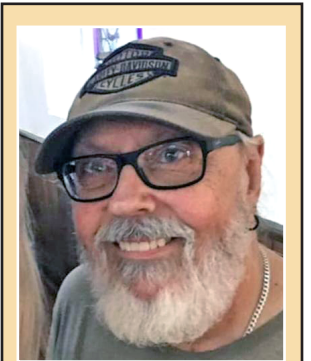
His significant achievements include being the first person to ever hold a full-time position

at a college or university in Equal Opportunity in America and many citations and awards in education and public services.

Maurice, along with the Albany 369th, were instrumental in obtaining the Medal of Honor for Sgt. Henry Johnson posthumously for his heroic acts in World War I and erecting a statute honoring Henry Johnson in the city of Albany. In 2015, Dr. Thornton was honored by Congressman Paul Tonko for his contributions in helping Sgt. Johnson to receive the Medal of Honor. Maurice was also proud to attend the State of the Union Address of President Barack Obama and was in attendance at the White House when President Obama presented the Medal of Honor to Sgt. Henry Johnson's family.

Maurice is survived by his wife of 61 years, Elizabeth "Betty", two daughters, Karen Elaine Thornton, MD of New York City and Susan Eileen Thornton-Smith, Yonkers, New York and one son, Christopher

William Maurice Thornton, Delmar, New York; two grandsons, John Edward Smith II, Yonkers, New York, and Christopher Juan Thornton-Lopez, Concord, NH; sisters Alberta T. Kimbrough, Chicago, IL, Dr. Emma T. Shepard, Birmingham, AL, and Estelle T. Lavender, Lithonia, GA. He is preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, William Cullen Thornton and Charles Edward Thornton.



Stephen Wright

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224 SUYDAM STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/08/21. 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, 587 Seneca Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279592

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

2341 81ST STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/19/21. 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, 23-41 81st Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11370. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280537

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

23L HORIZON, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/07/21. 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 Sanjay S. Gupta, 6119 Oakcrest Road, Dallas, TX 75248. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281020

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

242 IRVING AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/08/21. 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, 587 Seneca Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279593

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

243 NORTH 5TH UNIT 1A LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/21. 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, 9728 3rd Avenue, Suite 133, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280765

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

24KEXOTICS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/19/21. 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, 110 Mercer Street, 3B, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280538

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

2624 E PRESTON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/21.

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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, 141-51 71st Road, Flushing, NY 11267. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281024

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

27-63 CRESCENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/17/21. 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-279976

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

282 SUYDAM STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/08/21. 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, 587 Seneca Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279594

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

2898 LAUNDROMAT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/07/21. 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, 85-17 218<sup>th</sup> Street, Queens Village, NY 11427. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281023

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

30 PARK HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/21. 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, PO Box 689, Southern Pines, NC 28388. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280764

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

30 PARK PLACE GARAGE OWNER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/21. 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 E. 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280641

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30 WEST 63RD STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/12/19. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 Aquarium Drive, Hamburg, NJ 07094. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280713

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

30-16 STEINWAY STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/21. 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, c/o Sanjay S. Gupta, 6119 Oakcrest Road, Dallas, TX 75248. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281021

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

33-23 23RD AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/21. 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, c/o Alma Realty Corp., 31-10 31st Street, Suite 500, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279716

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

346 FRANKLIN REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/24/21. 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 Shirley Henegan, 660 Pine Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208-4509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280710

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

355 E 149TH STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/21. 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, 112-41 Queens Boulevard, Suite 201, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281116

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

400 AVE U APT#6PHC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/21. 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 Eddie Betesh, 1868 East 9th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279186

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

401 PARKER AVENUE 07723 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of

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process to the LLC, c/o Eddie Betesh, 1868 East 9th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279187

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

42A HORIZON, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/07/21. 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 Sanjay S. Gupta, 6119 Oakcrest Road, Dallas, TX 75248. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281021

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

45 WEST EMMUT PROPERTIES LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/21. Originally filed with Secretary of State Delaware on 11/04/21. 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, 521 West 48th Street, #1A, New York, NY 10033. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279278

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

469 MICHIGAN STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/30/21. 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, PO Box 127, Lake Grove, NY 11755. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279588

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

48C LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/15/21. 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, 249 Smith Street, #140, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279764

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

5 & 7 NEW MILL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/04/21. 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, Post Office Box 127, Lake Grove, NY 11755. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279590

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

5 HERITAGE SQUARE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/04/21. 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, Post

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Office Box 329, East Sauguet, NY 11733. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279589

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

519 HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/21. 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, 29 West 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 403, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280642

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

55 EAST 87TH STREET GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/21. 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 E. 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280721

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

555 W 6F LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/21. 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 Ryan Pak, 38 West 32nd Street, Suite 1603, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279194

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

593 HOWARD 08701 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/21. 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 Eddie Betesh, 1868 East 9th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279188

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

6407 LAUNDRY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/03/21. 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 Kasouto, 88 Highland Road, Glen Cove, NY 11542. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279386

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

641 DEKALB AVENUE A LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/24/21. 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 Wexler & Kaufman

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PLLC, One Penn Plaza, Suite 3406, New York, NY 10119. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280707

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

641 DEKALB AVENUE B LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/21. 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, c/o Wexler & Kaufman PLLC, One Penn Plaza, Suite 3406, New York, NY 10119. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281323

**Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY**

Action to Foreclose a Mortgage INDEX #: 907118-21 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, vs MICHAEL ANZALONE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA D. ANZALONE, TONI ANZALONE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA D. ANZALONE, KATHRYN LISOSKY AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA D. ANZALONE, DAMIEN ANZALONE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA D. ANZALONE, KATHRYN ANZALONE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA D. ANZALONE, MATTHEW ANZALONE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA D. ANZALONE, SPENSER ANZALONE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA D. ANZALONE, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICIA D. ANZALONE IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN



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TO PLAINTIFF, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHRISTOPHER ANZALONE IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE IRS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SPRING MEADOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, assignees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 67 Harvard Road Watervliet, NY 12189 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney (s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for

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business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Albany. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICIA D. ANZALONE AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHRISTOPHER ANZALONE Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. David Weinstein of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Eighth day of December, 2021 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Albany, in the City of Albany. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Patricia D. Anzalone (who died on March 21, 2020, a resident of the county of Albany, State of New York) dated the December 17, 2010, to secure the sum of \$259,500.00 and recorded at Book 6171, Page 151 in the Office of the Albany County Clerk, on the January 7, 2011. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed December 17, 2010 and recorded on January 7, 2011, in the Office of the Albany County Clerk at Book 6173, Page 106. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by a corrective assignment executed October 2, 2012 and recorded on October 17, 2012, in the Office of the Albany County Clerk at Book 6519, Page 597. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed January 23, 2013 and recorded on February 5, 2013, in the Office of the Albany County Clerk at Book 6594, Page 862. The mortgage was subsequently assigned to Bank of America, N.A. by an assignment executed on May 1, 2020 and sent for recording in the Office of the Albany County Clerk; The property in question is described as follows: 67 Harvard Road, Watervliet, NY 12189 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE

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PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: December 13, 2021 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 70462 D-281293

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

7201 RIDGE PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/21. 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, 230 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1508, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279259

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

77 PINEAIRE AVE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/02/21. 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, PO Box 127, Lake Grove, NY 11755. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279591

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

811 KEENE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/21. 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, 934 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279744

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

82C LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/15/21. 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, 249 Smith Street, #140, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279765

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

83-85 RIDGEWOOD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/16/21. 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, 398 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10314. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279853

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

8676 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/21. Office: Albany

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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, 155 Brazilian Avenue, Palm Beach, FL 33480. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280763

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

8723 26TH AVE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/21. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2120. 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 Alden Place, Hartsdale, NY 10530. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280830

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

917 AVENUE N 11230 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/21. 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 Eddie Betesh, 1868 East 9th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279189

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

AB VENTURE LI, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/13/21. 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, PO Box 127, Lake Grove, NY 11755. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279586

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

AKAM REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/16/21. 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, 51 Vista Road, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279846

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

ALLISON KOBREN DESIGN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/22/21. 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, 115 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Apartment 5A, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280539

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

AP EQUITY HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of

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process to the LLC, 240 East 39th Street, Apartment 36B, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280043

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

ARNOT GALLERY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/26/21. 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, 80 Central Park West, #23E, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279740

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

B HOSPITALITY VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/15/21. 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, 122 Duane Street, New York, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280442

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BABALOU HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/21. 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, 42 Stirrup Lane, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279712

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BAILEY BEAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/14/21. 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, 300 Elm Street, Apartment 2, Northampton, MA 01060. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281407

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BBW-ESA NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/21. 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, 783 Wood Street, Swansea, MA 02777. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281573

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BCSTIRLINGCOVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/08/21. 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, 105 High Farms Road, Glen Head, NY 11545. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279302

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BECKY MANAGEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/05/17. 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, 513 Bement Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280037

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BEEHIVE PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/26/20. 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, 42 West 48th Street, Suite 707, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281592

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BKNC REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/08/21. 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, 158-27 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Howard Beach, NY 11414. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279324

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BLUESTONE CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/21. 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, 950 Third Avenue, 25th Floor, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281153

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BrightTower Securities, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/21. 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, 42 Broadway, Suite 12-129, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280048

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BROOKLYN DUMPLING SI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/21. 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, 30 Howard Circle, Staten Island, NY 10301. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280719

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BROOKLYN THERAPY SUITES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/27/21. Latest date to dissolve: 10/27/2051. 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 Erin Brienza, 215 Adams Street, Unit 5G, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279478

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

CAMP CANOE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/21. 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, 635 Water Mill Towd Road, Southampton, NY 11968. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279825

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

COSITAS COLOMBIANAS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/13/21. 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, 986 Rockland Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279828

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

CREAM BAKERY TWO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/21. 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, 260 Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279438

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

CSS SELDEN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/21. 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, 80 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1101, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280443

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

CT VENTURE 1, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/21. 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, 130 West 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 201, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280040

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CUSTOM AUTOMOTIVE & PERFORMANCE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/21. 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, 3295 Amboy Road, Suite 10, Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279439

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

DANCE IS LIFE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/26/21. 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, 148 West 141<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 1E, New York, NY 10030. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279920

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

DIXEEE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/24/21. 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, 55 East 9th Street, Apartment 10D, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281143

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

DIZBUS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/22/21. 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, 290 Third Avenue, Apartment PHC, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280565

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

DUKKANI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/07/21. 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, 33-42 9th Street, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281009

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

E LAND TITLE AGENCY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/24/21. 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 Schwab Road, Suite 7, Melville, NY 11747. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280662



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**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
E&T RALPH AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/03/21. 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, 488 Madison Avenue, Suite 1230, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279172

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
EC 133 GREENE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/21. 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, 330 5th Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279175

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
EMERY UPHOLSTERY SUPPLIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/02/21. 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, 478 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281090

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
FOX CHASE HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/21. 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 Tesser, Ryan & Rochman, LLP, 15 Fisher Lane, Suite 200, White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280604

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
FSGG HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/03/21. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2081. 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, 59-28 70th Street, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279480

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
FTC FUNDING LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/21. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 11/17/21. 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, 214 N. 11th Street, Apt 4T, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280654

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**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
FUNDBERGS LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/21. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 12/08/21. 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, 1110 2nd Avenue, Suite 303, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281319

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
GARUDA LOGISTICS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/21. 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, 42 Stirrup Lane, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279713

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
GAW 147-20-A REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/21. 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, 242-12 134th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11422. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280012

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
GAW 147-28-A REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/21. 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, 242-12 134th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11422. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280014

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
GAW 179-08 REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/21. 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, 242-12 134th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11422. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280016

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
GAW 242-08-A REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/21. 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, 242-12 134th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11422. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280018

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**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
GIN RICKY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/15/21. 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, 3160 Bee Caves Road, Suite 304, Austin, TX 78746. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279747

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
GOOD PROPERTIES 1646 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/21. 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, 1187 Van Nest Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280898

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
GOOD PROPERTIES 1831 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/21. 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, 1187 Van Nest Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280901

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
GREEN ENERGY HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/21. 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, 818 6th Avenue, Suite 4S, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279442

**NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION**  
HASAN MOODY, LCSW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/21. 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, c/o Registered Agents Inc., 90 State Street, Ste 700, Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Licensed Clinical Social Work. D-280762

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
HEAVY.DEV LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/30/21. 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, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12231. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280748

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**Notice of Formation**  
of HG Hospitality LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/23/20. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 350 Northern Blvd, Ste 324-1226, Albany, NY 12204. Purpose: any lawful purpose. C-279843

**NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION**  
HOBIN KANG D.D.S., PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/15/21. 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, 61-55 Junction Boulevard, #14G, Rego Park, NY 11374. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry. D-279766

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
I.BINGY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/28/21. 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 Chaifetz & Chaifetz LLC, 1501 Broadway, Suite 1001, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279479

**Notice of Formation**  
of JAYDEE COLLECTION LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/10/21. Office location: County of ALBANY. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 600 BROADWAY STE 200 4695, ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. C-279997

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
JD HAIRSTON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/27/21. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2071. 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, 1221 85th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279585

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
JOEY BELLS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/14/21. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2075. 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

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LLC, 449 Willowbrook Road, Staten Island, NY 10314. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279832

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
JURIEL GOSPEL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/22/21. 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, 191 Chrystie Street, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280569

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
KH CONSULTING, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/21. 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, 2141 45th Avenue, Fl 1, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279443

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**King Thiel II Senior Community LLC**  
Notice of formation of King Thiel II Senior Community LLC, a limited liability company (the LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 11/11/2021. 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: acquire, own, hold, improve, manage and operate the real property known as King Thiel II Senior Community, 11 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 or otherwise deal with or dispose of the Premises; to enter into and perform contracts and agreements of any kind necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the business of the LLC; and to carry on any other activities necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the foregoing, as the Member in its discretion may deem desirable. D-279817

**NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION**  
LAW OFFICE OF KERI A. CHRIST PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/21. 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, 115 Perry Street,

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2B, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law. D-280885

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
LITTLE WILLY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/11/02. 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 Hardware Store, 114 First Ave, Ground Floor, New York, NY 10009. Registered agent address c/o Rashida Dilaver Khanbhai, 149 W 28th Street, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280966

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
LOPOPOLO IRON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/30/21. 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, 2495 McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281144

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
LS EQUITY HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/21. 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, 240 East 39th Street, Apartment 36B, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280044

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MAGIC COLLECTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/06/21. 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, 21 Holmehill Lane, Roseland, NJ 07068. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280935

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MAKE MY DONUT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/08/21. 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, 35-30 36th Street, Long Island City, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279788

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MALKA MAKEUP ARTIST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/21. 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, 398 Beach 13th Street, Far Rockaway, NY 11691. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279445

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MARTINO FAMILY MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/14/21. 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, 986 Rockland Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279827

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MCMLXII LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/21. 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, 215 Bowery, Apartment 5F, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279177

**NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION**  
MEEKINS LAW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/21. 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, c/o Susan L. Meekins, 437 Madison Avenue, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law. D-280887

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MOTHER HUSTLER NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/07/21. 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, 49 Manors Drive, Jericho, NY 11753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281015

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MOTTO HOME SERVICES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/10/21. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2121. 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, 4131 Albany Street, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279936

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MOTTZ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/21. 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

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LLC, 1110 2nd Avenue, Suite 303, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281101

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MPT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/21. Latest date to dissolve: 01/02/2095. 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, 80 1st Avenue, Apartment 16C, New York, NY 10009. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279621

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MRK GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/21. 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 E. 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279446

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MSI CONSTRUCTION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/21. 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, 19-24 76th Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11370. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281102

**NOTICE OF LLLC FORMATION**  
MUSSO HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/03/21. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2081. 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, 60-42 69th Lane, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279481

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MYCHEF REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/21. 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 Jose A. Quesada, Esq., 1424 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279179

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
NAHATI REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-



## AlbanyMed names new VP and CIO

**ALBANY** — Kristopher Kusche has been named vice president and chief information officer of Albany Med, having served in an interim role since June. Kusche joined Albany Med in 1993 as director of

clinical engineering and now oversees information services for the entire Albany Med Health System. He was most recently chief information security officer, responsible for all technology security policy, operations, investigation, enforcement, and compliance.

“Kris grew his career with us,

and through his various roles, has a thorough knowledge of all the systems and applications that allow us to serve our community every day,” said Dr. McKenna. “His keen insight of healthcare information technology will prove invaluable as we continue to adopt the most advanced technology, enabling us to improve our healthcare delivery

across the entire Albany Med Health System.”

Kusche earned his bachelor of science and master of engineering degrees, both in Biomedical Engineering, from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and currently holds certifications as a Certified Information Systems Security

Professional from the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium and as a Certified Professional in Healthcare Information and Management Systems (CPHIMS) from the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS).

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cess to the LLC, 55-07 39th Avenue, Queens, NY 11377. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280050

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

OMAR PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/21. 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, 1841 East 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280720

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ONEANDNINE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/21. 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, 3737 Collins Avenue, Unit S1601, Miami Beach, FL 33140. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281574

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PE 1590 LAKELAND MGR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/17/21. 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, 35 Pinelawn Road, Suite 214E, Melville, NY 11747. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279774

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PIER 57 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/21. 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 Yaron Kornblum, Esq., Rivkin Radler LLP, 926 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11566. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279988

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

REALTORS NASSAU COUNTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/28/21. 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

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LLC, PO Box 127, Lake Grove, NY 11755. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279587

#### NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

REGISTERED NURSING PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/21. 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, c/o Regina Massaro, 61 N. Fordham Road, Hicksville, NY 11801. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Registered Professional Nursing. D-279678

#### NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

RIVER VETERINARY CARE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/10/21. 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, 54 E. 8th Street, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Veterinary Medicine. D-281173

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RM COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/21. 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, 9005 153rd Street, 1H, Jamaica, NY 11432. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279268

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ROCKLEDGE 1537 WHITE PLAINS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/21. 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, 230 5th Avenue, Suite 1508, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279255

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ROCKLEDGE 1625 BENSON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 230 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1508, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279258

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RODNEY STREET GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/21. 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 E. 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281162

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RV FUNDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/21. 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, 309 East 108th Street, Unit 1F, New York, NY 10029. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281108

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RWQS PROPCO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/30/21. 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, 130 East 75<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280747

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SADIE BEBE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/14/21. 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, 300 Elm Street, Apartment 2, Northampton, MA 01060. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281408

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SANOPET HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/10/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of

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process to the LLC, 531 1st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281305

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SDJD EQUITY HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/22/21. 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, 240 East 39th Street, Apartment 36B, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280573

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SDL REALTY SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/07/21. 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 Razis & Ross, P.C., 23-09 31st Street, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280831

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SEVENTEEN TRUCK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/21. 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 Law Offices of Michael Michael PLLC, 1795 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281163

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SMOKEY BERGEN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/26/21. 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, 1240 Dean Street, Second Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279477

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SOPHIA CHABOT INTERIORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/21. 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

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Tulip Avenue, Suite 308, Floral Park, NY 11001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-280609

#### NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SPARKLING RIDGE HOUSE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/21. 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 Wexler & Kaufman PLLC, One Penn Plaza, Suite 3406, New York, NY 10119. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-279454

#### NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

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# Shameful vote of the Town Board

Dear Editor:

I am writing to voice opposition to the proposed affordable housing project in Selkirk which was recently granted a waiver to the town building moratorium. The Bethlehem Town Board saw fit to violate it's own building moratorium with a 4-1 vote in favor of granting a waiver to the moratorium, with Mr. Foster voting against granting the waiver. Then during the same session, the same board voted to extend the very same building moratorium for another six months....a rather dichotomous decision to say the least. Give an out of state developer a pass to the moratorium but not local

builders.

The current proposed site on a parcel between 9W and Jericho has no access to public transportation and no sidewalks. Pedestrian traffic along 9W is perilous to say the least. The strain that would be placed on the RCS school district would be overwhelming to an already overburdened faculty and staff due to the disproportionately higher than average population of special need students that are bused in from outside districts.

According to available data, the Bethlehem Central School District has an economically disadvantaged student population of 14.7 percent grades 3-8 compared

to a 42 percent student population for RCS grades 3-8. The same source also sites that the students with disabilities population is 25 percent higher at RCS than it is at BCSD.

Perhaps the town should consider giving economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities access to the BCSD considering the dramatic disparity between the two school districts. It has been rumored that the town is being pressured by NYS to establish affordable housing within the town. If this is in fact true, then perhaps the town should consider other hamlets and school districts that could better support the needs of such a project.

According to U.S. News & World Reports, the BCSD has 54.3 percent of their graduating seniors "college ready" as opposed to just 12.7 percent for RCS. Proficiency scores are 96 for math and 99 for English at BCSD as opposed to 68 and 81 respectively at RCS.

These numbers are in no way a slight against the dedicated, overworked faculty and staff at RCS district, but there are already glaring differences between the two districts, and it does not appear that the Town Board has taken this into consideration by any metric.

Advocates for affordable housing want to live in an affordable home, with access to jobs, schools

and other amenities for themselves and their children. Clearly, this proposal as well as the Town Board's support of it does not meet any of those desires.

It is also clear that the Town Board is willing to curry favor for a multi-billion dollar developer from Ohio by violating its own moratorium as opposed to listening to its residents and doing what is best for an already overwhelmed school district, shame on you, and thank you Mr. Foster for being the only board member to vote against granting the waiver.

Jeffrey Riker

Selkirk

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### Sign language for teens and adults

A Six-Week Series on Zoom. Join us for a six-week introductory course in American Sign Language

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We will cover basic signing skills so that you can begin to interact and communicate using ASL. Classes are cumulative, so plan to attend all sessions. Registration is required, and limited.

### Holiday Hours

The Library will be closed December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday and December 31 and January 1 for the New Year. Visit us between the holidays – and, of course, you can access books, music and movies at Hoopla and books and magazines on Overdrive. They're always open!

### School vacation week at the library

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— Carol Melewski

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# Take a walk on the wild side

Don't let yourself feel cooped up this winter. Head out for some fresh air and enjoy an outdoor story at our newest Story Stroll at Elm Avenue Park featuring "We Walk Through the Forest" by Lisa Ferland.

Story Strolls promote literacy, physical activity and time together for caregivers and children as you follow a story along on a numbered path.

Looking for even more Story Strolls? Visit [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/programs/children/enjoy-a-storywalk](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/programs/children/enjoy-a-storywalk) for a list of Story Strolls in our area.

## Big data at your fingertips

If you are looking to grow your business or seek out new career or marketing opportunities in the new year, get a head start with Bethlehem Public



Library's powerful digital research tool, Reference Solutions (formerly ReferenceUSA), a big data resource that grants access to continuously updated business and residential information in the U.S. and Canada for research, marketing, job seeking and more.

Local small business owners and marketing professionals can get a leg up and optimize marketing prospects using the data available through Reference Solutions, as well as the site's sophisticated mapping tool that helps identify potential customers. Beyond the marketing and business possibilities, Reference Solutions is a valuable tool for general research, such as locating individuals or information



As we were setting up our newest Story Stroll in Elm Avenue Park, we took it as a good sign that a "deer" friend stopped by and seemed quite "fawned" of it! Library staff

about healthcare professionals.

To access the site through Bethlehem Public Library, visit [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org) and click on the "Research" tab. On the research page, you'll find Reference Solutions listed in alphabetical order. The service is free for anyone to use on-site at the library, where the data collected

can be downloaded and saved. Bethlehem patrons can also access the site remotely using a library card.

## Technology fund

The Krakower-Storch Family Technology Fund, established at the end of 2016 by Bethlehem residents Joe and Naomi Storch, is used by the

library to purchase items for our collection that use technology to inform, educate or entertain. In the five years following the creation of the fund, Joe and Naomi have pledged to match up to \$1,000 per year of other donations.

There are so many ways that advances in technology can bring about positive changes in our lives, but many times those advances aren't affordable for individuals. Adding these types of items to our collection – where they can be used and borrowed by many – means they can have a much broader impact on our entire community.

The library is so grateful to the Storch family for the establishment of this fund to strengthen and extend our current spending in the area of new technologies for public use.

To contribute to the Krakower-Storch Family

Technology Fund, please contact Library Director Geoffrey Kirkpatrick at (518) 439-9314, ext. 3022. You can also donate online through the Friends of the Library page on our website at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/about-us/friends-of-bethlehem-public-library](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/about-us/friends-of-bethlehem-public-library).

## Storm and ice warning

In the event of inclement weather, the library's telephone system will provide information on a closing or delayed opening. Weather conditions can occasionally cause icing near the entrances that could lead to closure even when the town roadways are clear. Call ahead at (518) 439-9314 if you are unsure. Information may also be available on our website at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org).

— Kristen Roberts

# Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Children ages 3 to 7 w/caregiver are invited to join Mrs. Brown at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 7, for an interactive stuffed animal themed storytime. Wear your PJ's and bring a stuffed animal buddy for a bedtime story. Your stuffie will be invited to stay for a fun-filled sleepover at the library. Who knows what mischief they will get into! Teen volunteers will help entertain your stuffed buddies, and take pictures to share with you on Saturday, Jan. 8, when you pick up your friend. Please register once per family.

## Teens care

Students in grades 6 and up, with sewing machine experience, are invited to register for this baby blanket project. Unless circumstances dictate otherwise, this will be an in-person program, held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the library. Community service



certificates will be given to participants.

## Winter wonders storytime

Winter is here, with it's freezing temperatures, snow, and sparkling beauty. Children ages 2 to 5 w/caregiver are invited to join us at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 11, for a theme-based storytime, that will include an art activity that can be completed at the library or at home. Please register once per family.

## Bead creative

Teens and adults are invited to a beading workshop at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 11. Experience is not needed for this project. You will learn some easy beading techniques that may start you on to a new hobby. If you are

already experienced, join us to create something beautiful using our large selection of beads.

## Curbside pickup

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— Lynn Kohler



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# Fresh, sustainable nutrition

**T**ired of the January dieting ritual? Looking for a fresh and sustainable approach to healthy nutrition?

Registered Dietitian Mariel Baron provides the knowledge and inspiration needed to ditch restrictive diets and ultimately find freedom through a five-part virtual program entitled "Intro to Intuitive Eating: A Non-Diet Approach" starting Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m.

This evidence-based approach involves trusting your natural hunger, fullness, and satiety cues, and cultivating a positive and confident attitude towards food. Sign up on the Events tab of our website.

### Holiday schedule

GPL will be closed Christmas Eve Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Day Saturday, Dec. 25 and New



Year's Day Saturday, Jan. 1. We will close at 2 p.m. on New Year's Eve Friday, Dec. 31. We extend our best wishes for the holiday season and year ahead!

### Board vacancies

The Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees is looking to fill two vacancies for positions that would run through June 2022. Interested individuals are invited to submit a resume and a brief statement of interest to: nominating-committee@guilderlandlibrary.org no later than Jan. 10, 2022.

### Live virtual storytime

Meet us via Zoom for a lively interactive storytime

on Thursday, Dec. 23 at 10:30 a.m., ideal for children ages infant-age 5. We'll read books, sing songs and enjoy a fun time together! Please register online, where you'll find a list of common household items that can be used with the songs and rhymes. We also read picture books to viewers every Friday on our YouTube channel.

### Y2K Virtual Escape Room

Travel back in time with us to New Year's Eve 1999 to stop the Y2K computer bug and save the future! Join us Wed. Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. for this engaging virtual escape room for ages 16 and up, and have fun reliving the late 90s in the process. Register on the

Events tab of our website to receive the Zoom link in advance.

### Activity kits

As of this writing, the following activity kits are available for pick up the week of Dec. 27:

- winter break cozy family bag (family/all ages)
- baby activity kit: movin' & groovin' (ages 6-24 months)
- tween activity kit: hot chocolate candles (grades 6-12)

Please register promptly on the Events tab of our website - these kits tend to "sell out" quickly.

### Computer coach

Our trusty computer coach, Robin, is ready to help you get the most out of your Apple device. She can also assist with the Learning Express tool on our website to help you craft a winning resumé.

Sign up on the Events tab of our website for your 1:1 virtual hour-long appointment Monday, Jan. 3, 10, 24 or 31 at 6:30 p.m.

### Night Owls Online

"The Hellfire Club" by Jake Tapper, centered on 1950s Washington D.C. intrigue, is the subject of our next monthly evening book discussion on Monday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Please register on the Events tab of our website for the link to participate via Zoom.

### Genealogy help

Ready to explore your family tree, delving deeper into generations past? Professional Genealogist Lisa Dougherty can provide customized virtual family history consultations to augment your research on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 6-8 p.m. Register on the

Events tab of our website for the link. For more information on Lisa, visit her website at: <http://www.upstatenygenealogy.com>.

### Dial A Story

Sharpen your listening skills and take a tech break with our Dial A Story line. Simply call 518-456-2400 and press 5, then choose 1 for an adult story; 2 for a children's story; and 3 for an international story, updated regularly.

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— Luanne Nicholson

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Meteorologists recognize a familiar pattern for Christmas.

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# History Brought Aflame

A grassroots effort to bring Albany's vibrant history of fighting fires is coming to life

By **CHEYENNE WALLACE**

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Albany is rich in history, but there was one segment of the area's story that is underrepresented at local museums that contributed to the city's growth and success. The new Albany Firefighters Museum and one of its creators, Bill Tobler, plan to share that history through exhibits that share artifacts dating back to 1773.

"Everyday we're discovering something new," Tobler said. "We always find something that juts off to another avenue to explore."

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quote of the week

"The difference between Irish music and bluegrass is the number of chords. The Irish look at this song and think we don't need half these chords, while the bluegrass musicians want to add more in!"

— Kevin McKrell, musician

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Holiday shopping at Crossgates Mall mixed with vaccination efforts on the weekend before Christmas.




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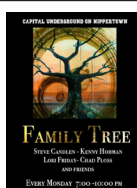
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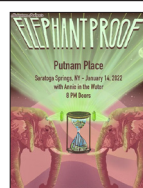
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## ■ IN MEMORIAM

# Playin' With Fire loses its Rockstar

Guitarist Stephen 'Lefty' Wright died unexpectedly at 66

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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**ELSMERE** — Lefty played guitar. And he did so much more.

Stephen R. Wright, volunteer firefighter and local rock star, died on Monday, Dec. 13 at the age of 66.

A 46-year member of the Elsmere Fire Company, Wright was as visible as any one person could be without running for elected office. Within that fraternal order, he served several posts with the Red Knights, Fireman's Association of the State of New York and the state Association of Fire Chiefs. He chaired the Albany County Volunteer Fire Recruitment and Retention Committee. he has served as the chairman for the Hudson-Mohawk Volunteer Firefighters Association and Albany County Volunteer Fireman's Association conventions.

Wright was twice awarded Firefighter of the Year by the fire company; first in 2017 and again in 2020. He was honored in 2002 for his support in the 9/11 World Trade Center Response. Since joining the company in 1979, he had served as Property Clerk, Director, Vice-President, President and Fire Police Lieutenant. He became an active "life" member in 2000 after achieving 25 years of active service. Most recently, he was elected both President-Elect and Fire Police Lieutenant just four days before he died.

"It is deepest regret and sincerest condolences to his family that we announce



**Stephen R. Wright**

the passing of fire police member Stephen R. Wright," wrote members of the Elsmere Fire Company in an online statement. "Needless to say, Steve's hard work and enthusiasm will be sorely missed far beyond the Elsmere Fire Company Family. Our condolences to his family, including sons, son-in-law, and grandson who all carry on his proud tradition in the fire service."

Wright's love for his service melded in with his lifelong passion for music when he founding his band Playin' With Fire. For 15 years, he'd be on stage while playing his electric guitar. Through the years, the band earned accolades for being among the best within a local scene known well for exemplary music. Last month, he was in attendance at The 2021 Capital Region Thomas Edison Awards where bandmate Kim Cirillio Wickham was nominated for Songwriter of the Year.

"I don't even know what to say. I miss you already," Wickham stated as she began her online tribute. Her friendship with Wright started when she was 7 years old and developed more as she started singing in the band. "You'd send me lyrics via text and I'd reply back with a lyric to you. That's how some of our



**Stephen Wright, far left, was the founding member of the band Playin' With Fire, a popular local band that has played the scene for 15 years. This is a picture of them playing before a hometown crowd at The Real McCoy in Delmar in October. Wright died unexpectedly last week at 66.**

Playin' With Fire

songs were written. I have so many lyrics in my email that you have sent me over the years.

"You were not done!"

Wickham and her family vacationed and spent holidays together with Wright over the years. She described him as kind hearted, passionate and compassionate.

"You always took the high road in everything you did," she stated. "You had the most amazing soft heart of anyone I've ever known."

Stephen R. Wright, 66 of Elsmere, N.Y. passed away unexpectedly on December 13, 2021.

His friends knew him by many names such as Big Daddy, Stevie, Lefty and Rock Star. He was born in Albany, NY to the late William Wright and Rosemary Blodgett (Pittz).

He was an appliance technician for 25 years

with RCA/Whirlpool and General Electric where he developed long lasting friendships.

Steve was a life member of the Elsmere Fire Company and the current President-Elect and Fire Police Lieutenant where he has served the community of Bethlehem for the past 46 years. He has been awarded Firefighter of the Year twice along with many other accolades. Through his many years of community service, he has served as the chairman for the Hudson-Mohawk Volunteer Firefighters Association and Albany County Volunteer Fireman's Association conventions respectively. He chaired the Albany County Volunteer Fire Recruitment and Retention Committee and was also tapped by the Town of Bethlehem where he successfully chaired the town's Bicentennial

Celebration.

Lefty was recently elected to the position of Vice President of the Red Knights, NY III motorcycle club of Albany, NY where he has been a member for the past 12 years. He also served as a Road Captain, riding in tandem with his RKMC family.

Passionate about music from childhood, Steve was a founding member of Playin' With Fire Band. They have been playing the Capital Region for 15 years and were voted one of the Capitol Region's Top 5 Best Local bands two years in a row by the Times Union Best Of. The band recently attended the Regional Eddie Awards after being nominated for songwriting. Steve will be remembered as a prolific songwriter, amazing rhythm guitarist, vocalist, and recording artist. He was the bands

driving force both in concerts and the studio.

Steve will be forever missed by all and is survived by; his wife of 43 years, Elaine Wright (Bidwell); his father Ronald Blodgett; his children Kristopher Wright (Sarah), Stephanie Moon (Michael), and Michael Wright; grandchildren, Trever, Kylianna, Cameron, Sydney, and Lucy; his brother David Wright and sister Rhonda Farley; many nieces, nephews, and extended family; and his constant K9 companions Bernie and Jeter.

Visitation was on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. A firefighter procession from the funeral home to the Elsmere Fire House followed the visitation with a short ceremony and reception.

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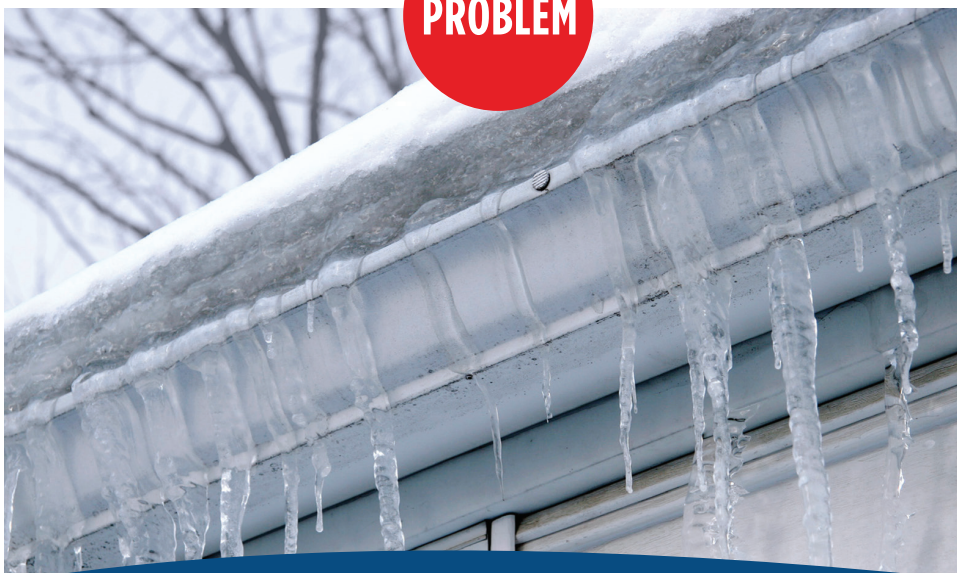
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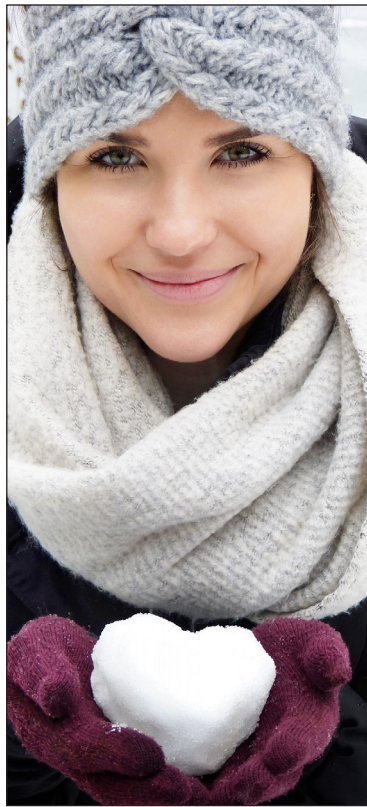
# Odds favor a white Christmas this year

Meteorologists see weather pattern known to usher snow to the Northeast

**STATE COLLEGE, Penn** — According to AccuWeather Global Weather Center, a climate pattern well-known for bringing precipitation to the northern tier of the country may tip the scales on which areas get a white Christmas or just a handful of flurries - if that - this year.

To forecast what kind of weather the different regions of the U.S. will have a month out from the big day, AccuWeather's team of long-range forecasters, led by Senior Meteorologist Paul Pastelok, looked to key patterns that could favor snow in time for the holidays this winter.

La Niña, a phase in which sea surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific Ocean drop to lower-than-average levels for an extended period of time, was one such pattern that played a major role in drawing the map. The big thing to know about La Niña is that it tends to steer storms



northward, cutting the southern portion of the U.S. off from moisture.

With the La Niña phase in place, areas across the Northwest, upper Plains and interior Northeast will have a higher probability than average of having a white Christmas.

"We're actually kind of in that normal zone for [the Northeast] just in case we get one of these sneaky, late-December systems coming in there," Pastelok said. "But I do feel like the probability of a white Christmas in Boston, New York, D.C. and Baltimore is slightly lower" this year.

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HEALTH and FITNESS

# Running on an empty gas tank?

Many athletes confront a lack of stamina at some point. Various strategies can help athletes overcome a lack of energy so they can stay the course and achieve their fitness goals.

Athletes know that energy is vital to their training and performance. But every athlete experiences days or periods when energy levels wane. Lack of energy can compromise performance and derail individuals' fitness goals, especially if they can't find ways to increase their stamina.

Individuals can try various strategies to improve their stamina. Certain solutions may be temporarily effective, but people who want to commit to a long-term fitness regimen should forgo fads in favor of long-term remedies to improve their endurance. The following are some strategies athletes can try to overcome stamina issues.

- Design a multifaceted fitness regimen. Strength training and cardiovascular exercise are often separated, and that can have an adverse effect on stamina. The fitness and wellness retailer Johnson Fitness notes that a healthy combination of strength and cardio training, sometimes referred to as concurrent training, allows the body to perform at its best. When the body is performing at peak capacity, energy levels should not be an issue.

- Remember to rest. It might seem counterintuitive to suggest that rest will actually help athletes avoid prolonged periods characterized by a lack of energy. But rest is vital to recovery. The American Council on Exercise notes that rest allows the body to repair muscle tissue, which is routinely damaged during exercise. Without that time to repair, athletes may feel fatigued when they begin their workouts, and insufficient rest between workouts increases the risk for injury.



The effort to keep your body physically fit often requires mind games to keep yourself from losing interest in your workout.

- Eat before you exercise. Athletes who exercise on an empty stomach may note their workouts tend to start off sluggish, and that's not a coincidence. The Cleveland Clinic notes that food fuels exercise by providing energy the body needs to get through a workout. Carbohydrates can provide the energy individuals need to make the most of their workout, but men and women who like to exercise in the early morning hours may not reap those rewards. In such instances, a small piece of fruit or granola bar can increase blood sugar levels, which are at their lowest after waking up, and provide a small yet useful energy boost.

- Switch things up. Sagging stamina

could be a byproduct of boredom. Experienced fitness enthusiasts know that exercising as part of a daily routine and a routine exercise regimen are not one and the same. Periodically switch up a workout so the body does not grow accustomed to the same exercises and the mind does not grow bored with performing the same exercises. New challenges can reinvigorate a passion for exercise, which should reduce the mental stamina associated with doing the same exercises over and over again.

Many athletes confront a lack of stamina at some point. Various strategies can help athletes overcome a lack of energy so they can stay the course and achieve their fitness goals.

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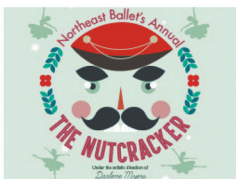
This New York Times Critics' Pick takes you into the heart of the remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them. Cultures clashed and nerves ran high, but uneasiness turned into trust, music soared into the night, and gratitude grew into enduring friendships.



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UPH • December 31, 7:00 PM

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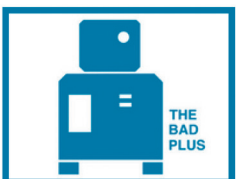
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Rich Ortiz



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**ECHO**-Ginne Gardiner & Amy Talluto Recent Painting and Collage A pattern of reflections distinguishes the work of these two artists, who make paintings that are cycled into collages, which are then reinterpreted as new paintings. Amy Talluto and Ginne Gardiner both describe the earliest phases of their creative process as cloaked in associations with landscape, weather and seasons. Beginning November 20th 2021 to April 25th, 2022 Location: 3rd Floor, Main Terminal, 737 Albany Shaker Rd, Albany, NY. 518-242-2241 or www.albanyairport.com/arts

#### Arts Center of the Capital Region

**Fence 2021**- The Fence Show is an annual celebration that pays homage to a time when members' artwork was exhibited on the iron fence surrounding Washington Park in Troy, the original location of the Arts Center. Open September-December 2021. 265 River St., Troy. Gallery hours: Daily, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Free admission. 518-273-0552 or artscenteronline.org

#### The Clark Art Institute

**Competing Currents: 20th-Century Japanese Prints** - Japan's printmaking landscape underwent an unprecedented tidal shift in the twentieth century. During the Edo period (1603-1867) a new market of middle-class patrons had encouraged artists to create expressive and iconic images for mass distribution. These prints, known as ukiyo-e (pictures of the floating world), became wildly popular not only in Japan but across the globe when the country opened to international trade in the mid-nineteenth century.

By the beginning of the twentieth century, however, woodblock prints had largely fallen out of vogue. Mass-market newspapers and magazines had taken

Japan by storm, and the popular woodblock prints of the previous century seemed to many a relic of the past. Open: Now - January 30, 2022.

**Anne Thompson-Trail Signs** -Thompson has long explored the shifting meaning of signs and symbols in relation to their social setting, whether making paintings, prints, or outdoor projections. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, she began designing posters featuring bold, black-and-white symbols and installing them on trail kiosks throughout Berkshire County. This unsanctioned project sought to engage and complicate public messaging at a time when people increasingly ventured into and sought meaning in the outdoors.

As striking as they are mysterious, Thompson's abstract forms suggest public wayfinding, but also digital iconography, modernist logotypes, or even ancient languages. Open: Now-Dec. 31.

**Erin Shirreff**- This yearlong exhibition in public spaces around the Clark examines Erin Shirreff's practice—between analog and digital media, two and three dimensions, and still and moving images—and its fascination with the mythmaking behind art history. Through photographic manipulations of sculptures found in books, and ones of her own making, Shirreff asks what is left of the original experience of an artwork once it has entered the historical record, and what traces of an artist's labor might still be legible after the fact. The exhibition includes photographs on paper and aluminum that have been creased and cut, to take on sculptural dimensions, as well as the artist's video work. Open: Now- January 2nd, 2022. Advance timed ticket reservations are required.

Museum hours: Daily, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission: Adults, \$20; children 18 and younger, free. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. 413-458-2303 or www.clarkart.edu

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#### CLUES ACROSS

- Loud cheer
- Defensive nuclear weapon (abbr.)
- Type of cell
- Oblong pulpits
- Pitching statistic
- Uncommon
- Liabilities
- Thin, straight bar
- Oh goodness!
- Competitions
- \_\_\_ Jima, WW II battlefield
- Professional assn. (abbr.)
- Italian mountain range
- Taking possession of
- Used in cooking and medicine
- Water (French)
- Parent a child
- Sun-dried brick
- One point south of due east
- Female fashion accessory
- A way of making a copy of
- A way to debilitate
- Wings
- Social insect
- Dull brown fabrics
- Indian musical pattern
- N. England university
- Portable stands for coffins
- Iranian district
- Envision
- Passerine bird genus
- Container
- Falter
- Tunisian city

#### CLUES DOWN

- Cool!
- Passover offering

- Swedish rock group
- Collegiate military organization
- Large nests
- Beloved baked good
- 1980s pop legend
- Finger millet
- Hillside
- Surrender
- Midway between south and southeast
- Long, narrow strap
- Discount
- A type of cast
- Large, tropical lizard
- Half of "Milli Vanilli"
- Single
- Big truck
- Midway between east and southeast
- Et \_\_\_ : indicates further
- Insecticide
- Luke Skywalker's mentor \_\_\_-Wan
- Cast out
- Breakfast food
- By reason of
- One who makes thread
- Baseball stat
- Breezed through
- Frothy mass of bubbles
- Tony-winning actress Daisy
- Made of fermented honey and water
- Member of a Semitic people
- Monetary unit of the Maldives
- Run batted in
- Makes publicly known
- Disagreement
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Single-reed instrument

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**Ongoing:** Permanent antique print and map room. Gallery exhibits hours: Weekdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. 201 Broadway, Troy. Visit Salon '21 Art Show Local Artists thru Jan. Holiday Hrs. Mon-Sun, 11-6 201 Broadway, Troy. 518-2726811 or clementart.com.

**The Esther Massry Gallery**

Massry Center for the Arts, The College of Saint Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Gallery hours through Saturday, April 27: Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.; open until 8 p.m. on Thursday, closed on Sundays, academic holidays and between exhibitions. Free admission. 518-485-3902 or www.facebook.com/esthermassrygallery

**The Hyde Collection**

**Summer Bomb Pop: Collection in Dialogue-** Brings together seventeen works of contemporary abstract painting from the collection of the Tang Teaching Museum at Skidmore College by artists such as Sarah Braman, Jeffrey Gibson, Rashid Johnson, Mindy Shapero, and Chuck Webster with several twentieth-century works from The Hyde Collection's renowned Feibes & Schmitt Collection by artists such as Grace Hartigan, Alfred Jensen, Ellsworth Kelly, Bridget Riley, and Andy Warhol.

Summer Bomb Pop is organized by the Tang Teaching Museum in collaboration with Jonathan Canning, Director of Curatorial Affairs and Programming at The Hyde Collection. This exhibit is currently ongoing - January 2022.

**Masterpieces & Mysteries-** Artistic treasures and art historical queries, drawn from its vaults. Among the great works of art that Louis and Charlotte Hyde brought to Glens Falls are deli-

cate works on paper so sensitive to the damaging effects of light that they can only be exhibited once every few years. Out from storage come watercolors by Winslow Homer, pastels by Edgar Degas, drawings by Henri Matisse, and a pen and ink sketch by Vincent Van Gogh. This exhibit is currently ongoing- December 31st.

Museum hours: Daily, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., Closed Monday. Admission: adults, \$12; seniors (60+), \$10; Children, students (w/ID)/ active military members and their families, free. 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. 518-792-1761 or hydecollection.org

**The Jan Rutland Memorial Artists' Space**

Gallery hours (through Thursday, Feb. 28): Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Second Floor, National Bottle Museum, 76 Milton Ave., Ballston Spa. 518-885-7589 or nationalbottlemuseum.org/the-jan-rutland-artists-space/

**Mabee Farm Historic Site**

**Redesigning Fashion: Transgression and Identity in Women's Historic Dress-** A partnership between SCHS and the Fashion & Textiles program at SUNY Oneonta. The collaboration has resulted in an exhibition that explores the historical importance of women's clothing and fashion in the expression of cultural values and the creation of identity, and examines how those ideals change over time. Open now - November 30.

**Beyond the Pines: Early Schenectady-** Explore early Schenectady: its founding, its people, and what life was like for early Schenectadians. This exhibit is ongoing.

**Changing Downtown-** At the heart of



**A night with The Nutcracker**

Proctors welcomes the Northeast Ballet as it performs Marius Petipa's and Lev Ivanov's The Nutcracker, based on the original 1816 short story by T.A. Hoffmann and danced to the music of Pyotr Tchaikovsky.

Dave Clark / Northeast Ballet



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Winter hours: Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1100 Main St. (NY Route 55), Rotterdam Junction. Admission: Adults: \$5/person for self-guided access; or \$8/per person for tour and exhibit access; children and students (w/ID) free. 518-887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org

### miSci

**Seeing Ourselves: From Silhouette to Selfie** - Imagine not knowing the look of their own face. For most people throughout history, this was the rule rather than the exception. It was only through the development of technology that we reached the modern day, where seeing yourself is as simple as looking in a mirror or pushing a button. Seeing Ourselves takes guests on a journey through the development of portraiture, photography, mirrors, and more.

Featuring approximately 55 objects, the exhibition includes more than 20 works of art, among them a collection of late 18th-century miniature portraits by Irish-born artist George Place, and a painting by Harold M. Mott Smith titled Their Last Meeting that commemorates Thomas Edison's visit to Schenectady in 1922 where he met Charles Proteus Steinmetz, another trailblazer in the field of electricity. Early prototype X-ray equipment, rare photographs, a collection of cameras, and a model of the first GE Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

machine are also on view. Interactive activities include Capture Your Shadow, Colorize a Photograph, Get In The Scene, Face Mixer, Fool a Computer Vision System, Make Your Bones Dance, and more.

**Engineering the Perfect Shot! The Interactive Minigolf Exhibit** - This exhibit features nine interactive, miniature golf holes, each designed to demonstrate a concept from the science of physics. Observe projectile motion, kinetic friction, collision, and more as you play a full round of miniature golf.

Players track their progress using a digital scorecard, accessible with any smart device, as well as access bonus materials associated with each hole. Open Now - Jan. 9.

**Schenectady Inventors that Changed the World** - Explore a rotating display of inventions from Schenectady that changed the world, from the first home appliances and televisions to power generation and medical imaging devices. The exhibit features unique artifacts from miSci's collection including the world's first synthetic diamond; a prototype mechanical television from 1928; and a 1907 Electric Breakfast Set, featuring some of the first electric appliances ever produced. Open: Now - Jan. 17, 2022

Museum hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (observatory open until 8 p.m. on Thursday); Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 15 Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Admission: Adults (13+), \$12; seniors (65+), \$10; children (3-12) \$8. Additional \$6/person for planetarium show. 518-382-7890 or www.miSci.org

**National Museum of Dance Posters From Hollywood's Golden Age** - An unprecedented one hundred thirty dance movie posters from the col-

# HOROSCOPES

## December 2021 Week 4

### ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

Aries, the stars have been keeping you on your toes lately. There has been much going on but somehow you have been able to wade through it all like a rock star.

### TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

Others are asking you to stretch yourself beyond normal limits, Taurus. Do your best, but weigh the effects that this could have on your overall well-being.

### GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

Aim to be honest and direct with others as much as you can this week, Gemini. If you can prove you are trustworthy, then more people are likely to follow you.

### CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

Cancer, you may be introduced to someone who is the ideal partner for you at work. This pairing can lead to the successful completion of projects new and old.

### LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23

Prioritize your actions to maximize peace and quiet, Leo. You have been under pressure lately, so take every opportunity to enjoy some quiet time.

### VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

Virgo, your intuition is telling you that there are tensions growing at home or at the office. You will have to find ways to diffuse any situations that may grow out of control.

### LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

Continue to lean into an optimistic mindset, Libra. It will enable you to be a bright light when others are feeling a little down. Boost good moods.

### SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

You are naturally compelled to look deeper into any circumstance you find yourself in, Scorpio. Always dig below the surface to unveil the truth, even if it takes work.

### SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

Be direct about any frustrations you may be harboring, Sagittarius. Share your feelings with others who are willing and able to help. Releasing this burden will prove liberating.

### CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

This week is packed with cosmic action, Capricorn. All of this energy has you a bit restless. Rest easy, as you will soon figure out how to juggle your personal and professional lives.

### AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

Aquarius, you're on a truth-seeking mission and you're ready to question everything you see. Take a step back and figure out your strategy, which will require finesse.

### PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

Pisces, try to smooth over something that has been a thorn in your side for some time. Keep at it and you'll persevere.



lection of veteran producer Mike Kaplan are on view in three of the Museum's galleries. This rare and exceptional collection includes several American and international versions of Hollywood film posters which range in date from 1918 to the 1980s with the majority from the 1930s, 40s, and 50s. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

**On Being Still: Portraits By Joanne Savio** - Renowned photographer Joanne Savio has been documenting the arts community through portraiture since the 1980s. She has captured some of the most influential dancers and choreographers of our time including Mikhail Baryshnikov, Pina Bausch, and Elizabeth Streb in addition to several members of the Hall of Fame such as Merce Cunningham, Mark Morris, Gregory Hines, Bill T. Jones, and Trisha Brown. Her stunning, iconic portraits of dancers and choreographers are on view in the Foyer.

**Dancers After Dark** - Dancers After Dark features photographs from Jordan Matter's 2016 book in which he documents nude dancers in iconic locations around the world. This exhibition also includes exclusive video from the making of Dancers After Dark. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

Museum hours: Daily, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Admission: Adults, \$6.50; seniors/students (w/valid ID) \$5; children ages 4 to 12, \$3; children ages 3 and younger, free; free admission for all patrons on Tuesday. 518-584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org

**New York State Museum**

**Thomas Hart Benton**

In 1956 Thomas Hart Benton was commissioned by Robert Moses, chairman of the

New York Power Authority, to create two murals for the powerhouse building of the state's first hydropower facility in Massena. They feature Jacques Cartier's explorations of the St. Lawrence River and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Alternately titled The Seneca Discover the French and Jacques Cartier Discovers the Indians, the murals depict the 16th-century encounters from two points of view. These life groups were on view at the Museum when it was at the State Education Building.

The original building in Massena where these murals were displayed is now closed to the public. They were removed and conserved beginning in 2018 and are on loan to the New York State Museum until Dec 31. Also, "a small fort, which our people call Fort Orange." This exhibition examines the momentous discovery of Fort Orange and the lasting impact of events occurring there 400 years ago that shaped the character of the region, state, and the nation. Select artifacts, film footage from the excavation preceding the construction of I-787, and four decades of historical and archaeological research are highlighted.

Museum hours: Tuesday-Sun, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free admission; suggested donation of \$5/person or \$10/family. 518-474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

**Opalka Gallery**

**SHIFTING GAZE: A Reconstruction of the Black & Hispanic Body in Contemporary Art** - From the collection of Robert B. Feldman. On view from October 22 - December 14th. Opening reception on Friday, October 22nd from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Proof of vaccination is required to enter gallery and view exhibition.

Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.



**HOT DATE**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

You took a break from competition and you're now ready to lay the gauntlet down at McGeary's Irish Pub for Trivia Night on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 7 p.m.

Sage College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Free admission. 518-292-7742 or opalka.sage.edu

**Saratoga Arts**

320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free admission. Gallery hours: weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 518-584-4132 or saratoga-arts.org

**Schenectady County**



**Let's have a Very Leonard Christmas**

Jam out with Saratoga Spring's favorite Leonards with Let's Be Leonard as the band plays Caffé Lena for a "A Very Leonard Christmas" on Thursday, Dec. 23, starting at 7 p.m.

Bryan Lasky

**editors' playlist** the spot 518

**Black Hole**  
Girl Blue

**The Light of Christmas**  
Madison VanDenburg

**The Christmas Song**  
Jocelyn & Chris Arndt

**Hungover on Christmas**  
The Erotics

The holiday obligates me to mention a few songs dedicated to the season this week. Of course, we've covered Madison VanDenburg and her latest single that brings "The Light of Christmas" to a time where we could use some light. But Girl Blue just dropped her first full length album, and you are just as obligated to give it a listen. I've long said I enjoy her most acoustically, but I find myself a changed man.

— Michael Hallisey

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## Back to The Parting Glass

You're familiar with The McKrells playing at The Parting Glass. It's an event to enjoy, and perhaps moreso as Christmas comes to town. Head up to Saratoga Springs to celebrate the holidays as The Parting Glass hosts a McKrells Christmas Show.

Jim Gilbert / Nippertown

### Historical Society

**Continuing: "Back in My Day: Childhood, Play, and Schenectady."** Are play and childhood toys a reflection of larger social, cultural, and technological developments? This exhibition examines that question, focusing primarily on cultural and social influences on childhood in the 20th & 21st century. Admission, \$5. On view indefinitely. **Plus permanent exhibits.** **Ongoing: "Mapping Schenectady."** Some of SCHS' most prominent and interesting maps are now on permanent display in the Map Gallery. Also, **"Beyond the Pines: Early Schenectady,"** an exhibit focused entirely on early Schenectady: its founding, its people, and what life was like for the city's earliest residents. Plus permanent exhibits. Museum hours: weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Library and Museum, 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Admission: \$5. 518-374-0263 or schenectady-historical.org

### Dan Sekellic Visual Arts Gallery

Gallery hours: Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 NY Rte. 43, Averill Park. Free admission. 518-674-2007 or slca-ctp.org

### Tang Teaching Museum

**Un-Representation**-Un-Representation is the capstone project for Maria Staack '22, the 2020-21 Meg Reitman Jacobs '63 Endowed Intern. The Internship is a yearlong pre-professional opportunity for a Skidmore junior or senior in the Tang Museum's Education Department. This exhibit is currently ongoing - Nov 21st.

**All Together Now-** All Together Now forges new collaborations between neighbor arts organizations to bring attention to rarely seen objects. At the Tang Teaching Museum, exhibitions feature

furniture, tools, and textiles from the Shaker Museum and a revealing survey of postcard collages by Ellsworth Kelly. At partner institutions, exhibitions will show focused selections of work from the Tang collection, including many recently acquired paintings, photographs and sculptures, many shown in dialogue with collections at each museum. This exhibit is currently ongoing- Jan 2, 2022.

**Look After Each Other: Intimacy and Community-** presents work by artists and designers who demonstrate that life with the disease is bigger than someone's medical diagnosis: it includes intimacy, care, friendship, and more. Intimacy is a political act. The intimacy and love, both romantic and platonic, highlighted in this exhibition extends from bedrooms to community centers to ephemeral objects that bring people together even when physically distanced. This exhibit is currently ongoing - Dec 5th.

Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Museum hours: Tuesday - Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; Thursday until 9 p.m. Free admission; suggested donations of \$5/adult; \$3/child 13+; seniors, \$2. 518-580-8080 or tang.skidmore.edu

### Union College Galleries

**Alisa Sikelianos-Carter: In the Eye of Belonging-** Sikelianos-Carter asserts that Black features are a manifestation of a sacred and divine technology that has served as a means of survival, both physically and metaphysically. She envisions a cosmically bountiful world that celebrates and pays homage to ancestral majesty, power, and aesthetics. Inspired by traditionally Black hairstyles, Sikelianos-Carter uses web and catalog-sourced images to construct new archetypes. Through her exploration of opulent, luminescent materials she is creating

a mythology that is centered on Black resistance and uses the body as a site of alchemy and divinity. This exhibit is currently ongoing- Jan 9, 2022.

**Olivier Models at Union College-** Union College's Permanent Collection includes an extremely unique and priceless collection of Theodore Olivier's stringed models, used for demonstrating the relationships and intersections of geometric shapes in space. This collection is the largest single group (forty-six) of Olivier models to be held in one collection around the world. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

**Chitra Ganesh: Sultana's Dream-** a portfolio of twenty-seven linocuts created in 2018 by contemporary artist, Chitra Ganesh, and published by Durham Press, will be on exhibition in its entirety on the third floor of Schaffer Library. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

Hours (all galleries): Daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 807 Union St., Schenectady. Free. 518-388-6004 or muse.union.edu/mantdeville/home

### University Art Museum

**Well/Being: An Exhibition on Healing and Repair-** Well/Being: An Exhibition on Healing and Repair features 12 established and emerging artists and musicians presenting multi-disciplinary approaches to pandemic-related issues such as kinship, chronic illness, convalescence, intimacy, the emotional costs of caregiving, and various incarnations of love and community. This exhibit is currently ongoing- Dec 11th.

**I'll Be Your Mirror-** I'll Be Your Mirror explores mediated representations of self in the newly launched Collections Study Gallery. Featuring works from the collection in dialogue with pieces on loan by past-exhibiting artist, Dave McKenzie. Features artwork by Andreas Feininger, Katria Foster, Rachel Foullon, Jenny Kemp, Mary Ellen Mark, Dave McKenzie, Edward Steichen, and Andy Warhol. This exhibit is currently ongoing- Dec 11th. Uptown Campus, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free admission. 518-442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum

## THEATER

### Northeast Ballet's Annual The Nutcracker

Under the Artistic Direction of Darlene Myers. This year's production is dedicated to John Wescott and Allan Yerton. This performance is made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency and Fenimore Asset Management. Northeast Ballet's Annual Nutcracker under the Artistic Direction of Darlene Myers. Making its annual return to the MainStage is everyone's favorite holiday ballet. Enter a world of Christmas dreams to the joyous music of Tchaikovsky in this annual year-end favorite. Join the Sugar Plum Fairy, the heroic Nutcracker Prince and the evil Rat King in this whimsical celebration of the season. Show will run for two nights December 22nd and 23rd at 7 p.m. only at Proctors 432 State Street Schenectady.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Jerusalem Reformed Church**  
Soup, Sandwich, and Desert Take-out. Saturday, October 9th from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Donations welcome. Please note, masks are required to enter the building. 1433 Indian Fields Rd, Feura Bush.



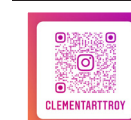
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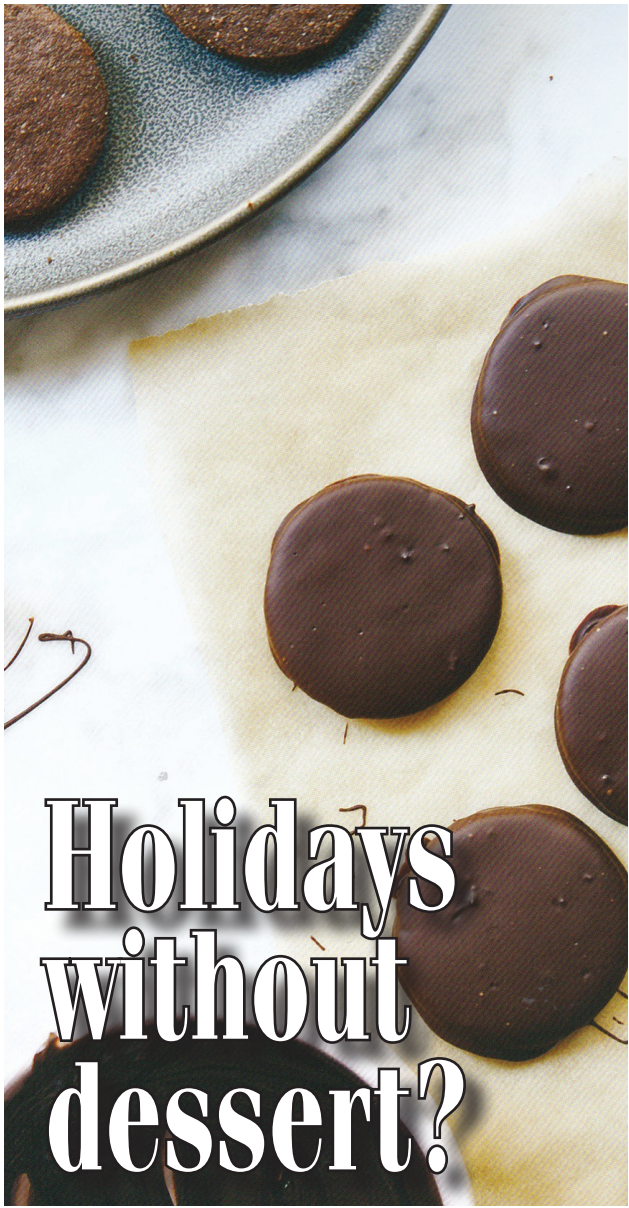
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**FOOD and VINO**

People who avoid gluten for health reasons may feel left out when the bevy of desserts is distributed during home visits or office holiday parties, as they probably cannot indulge in these sweet treats. This recipe for “Mint Slims” from Danielle Walker’s “Eat What You Love” (Ten Speed Press) ensures that even those who have gone gluten-free can enjoy some holiday sweets.

Mint Slims

**INGREDIENTS: Makes 25**

- 2 cups blanched almond flour
- 2 tablespoons coconut flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1/4 cup maple sugar
- 1/4 cup light-colored raw honey
- 1/4 cup expeller-pressed coconut oil
- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon pure peppermint extract

**Coating**

- 10 ounces dairy-free and soy-free semisweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 teaspoon expeller-pressed coconut oil
- 1/4 teaspoon pure peppermint extract

**INSTRUCTIONS**

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the beater attachment, or using a food processor, combine the almond flour, coconut flour, cocoa powder, baking soda,

salt, and maple sugar and mix thoroughly on medium speed. In a saucepan, combine the honey, coconut oil, chocolate, and peppermint extract and cook over low heat, stirring until melted. Pour the melted chocolate mixture into the dry ingredients and beat on medium speed until fully combined.

Using your hands, pack the dough firmly into two balls, then flatten each into a thick disk. Roll each disk into a 1/4-inch-thick circle on a piece of parchment paper. Stack the pieces (with parchment paper in between) on a baking sheet and refrigerate for at least 1 hour, or up to 2 days. (If chilling for more than 2 hours, cover the top piece of dough with another piece of parchment paper.)

When you’re ready to bake the cookies, preheat the oven to 350 F and line two or three baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats. Remove one of the dough pieces from the refrigerator. Use a 2-inch-round cookie cutter to cut out circles and place them on a prepared baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining dough, rerolling and cutting circles until all the dough is used.

Bake one sheet at a time for 8 minutes, rotating the sheet halfway through baking. Cool the cookies on the sheets for 5 minutes, then transfer them to a wire rack to cool completely. To make the coating, melt the chocolate chips and oil together in a double boiler or a heatproof bowl set over a saucepan filled with about 1 inch of boiling water. Stir the mixture frequently until the chocolate melts. Stir the peppermint extract into the melted chocolate. Turn off the heat and remove the bowl from the pan.

Dip each cookie completely into the melted chocolate and use a fork to lift it out. Tap the fork gently on the side of the bowl to allow any excess chocolate to drip off. Place the dipped cookies on the prepared baking sheets, then refrigerate the cookies for 1 hour to help the chocolate set. Serve chilled.

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## From page B1 ... History brought aflame

On Dec. 8, the museum opened its doors for an event that featured Albany City Historian Tony Opalka where he invited visitors to take a trip back 240 years to the start of the volunteer firefighter period in Albany and work their way back to the present day. It also featured a unique type of auction that included parts of a historic Albany fire truck, to raise money for the facility.

### History never heard

The event was one of the first public events for the museum since the pandemic. However Tobler believes that the pandemic

helped the museum gain more information about individual firemen who served on the Albany Fire Department. In the few times that the museum was open to the public this year, visitors from as far away as Arizona and Los Angeles told stories of distant relatives who served.

"There's not too much literature written by the guys themselves," Tobler said. "It's a hit and miss."

A lot of the physical history, like reports or stories, no longer exist or are proving to be hard to find. The reports filed by the department were destroyed in a fire at Albany City Hall in the 1800s. Historians have

no way to tell how many reports burned with the building.

However, Tobler and other active or retired firefighters did catch a bit of luck. The team found a ledger dating back to 1801 that listed every Albany fire company in service until 1867. 10,000 individual firefighters who served during that time are listed.

"We're trying to explore the individual firefighters," Tobler said. "We find a little information on a person and try to develop that as far as we can."

The museum fundraised in a unique way at the event, by auctioning off parts from the 1986 American LaFrance fire truck, Albany Engine No. 1. It is a historic truck because it was the first one manufactured by the company in its Century 2000 series. The museum wanted to preserve as much of the engine as possible and figured that an auction would be the best way to raise money to do so.

"We're going to restore the cab and put that in the museum," Tobler said.



A horse-drawn water tanker was one of the first means early firefighters used in Albany to douse out the flames in the Capital city.

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the museum team were pleasantly surprised with the turnout of Wednesday's event. Many in attendance were firefighters; some retired, some active with a mix of both volunteer and paid service. Others in attendance were police officers, fire history buffs and families.

"We had more people in attendance than expected because we had to set out additional chairs," Tobler said.

The goal of the night was ultimately to raise money to continue the museum's work of figuring out the past. In total, the museum raised about \$1,000 from the event. Much of that money came from the silent auction. Four pieces were sold off Albany Engine No. 1, the most expensive, a pump

panel, sold for \$310.

"The pump panel was sold to a retired Albany firefighter," Tobler said. "They served as a pump operator on this pumper in the 1980's and 1990's at many fires."

The night seemed like a success to Tobler and the museum team with them looking hopeful to the future. The fundraiser ultimately reminded the team of the importance and significance in retelling the history of fire service in the capital district.

### The Inception

In 2014, Tobler and other retired and active firefighters thought there should be a firefighters museum. Tobler jokes that they were completely unaware what they were

walking into. He says there is a real passion for this museum, not just for Albany, but the entire capital region. In the early days of the museum, the team realized that local firefighting history went further back than they thought.

"Our biggest find was Tony Opalka, who's now our museum director," Tobler said. "He's our heavy hitter."

With Opalka's help the team were able to find artifacts like the ledger and access to the common council minutes that weren't destroyed in the Albany City Hall fire. The minutes were saved because of the multiple editions made that weren't kept with the reports. There still isn't a lot of information to get from the minutes, so

the team also relies on the newspapers from the time and visitor stories.

There have been other big finds that the museum found themselves or been given. One of those finds is the records of about 20 men who transferred from volunteer companies to the paid department. Out of the 20 firefighters, five were killed in the line of duty by 1890.

"We feel like there's a brotherhood between that group that we can't just totally dismiss," Tobler said.

A unique and important artifact to the museum is a 18 karat solid gold badge with a diamond inlay and other jewels. The badge was donated by a retired Albany firefighter and is originally from the 1890's.

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There are many artifacts and interesting stories that go along with them on display at the museum.

Tobler hopes that the event made people aware of the museum's existence, but also that someone comes in with stories, information or documentation about a distant relative that served with the department.

"We think, in some ways, their stories should be told," Tobler said.

The men of the Albany Fire Department from 1773 to now have contributed to the growth of America. Their contributions should be seen and Albany Firefighters Museum is fighting to make that happen.

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## CONCERT REVIEWS

### The McKrells usher in the Holidays with a Christmas Show at The Egg

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**ALBANY** — It isn't Christmas in Nippertown until you've attended the McKrell's Christmas Show, or at least that's what Jim [Gilbert] told me before we headed out in a freezing rain storm to catch the Irish/bluegrass concert at The Egg on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Full disclosure: I love bluegrass, and I'm pretty in love with Irish music. And as most of you know, Christmas is my jam; there isn't a holiday tune I won't sing. But I wasn't sure what to make of a Christmas show with Jim who is, well, a bit Scrooge-y about the holidays. We tend to avoid these as they are a bit predictable, sappy, and sometimes repetitive. But Jim seemed super excited, so I donned my overalls and was ready for a fun time.

The McKrell's Christmas Show has been a tradition in Nippertown since it first was included in Mountain Snow and



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Mistletoe Orchestra, and this year Kevin McKrell continued beloved traditions while adding in some crowd requests.

McKrell entered the Swyer Theatre stage promptly at 8 p.m., accompanied by some of the most celebrated local musicians in the genre. Brian Melick's infectious smile couldn't be missed behind the drum set, and Arlin Greene's understated bass was a constant throughout the set. With Frank Orsini on fiddle, one of the most prominent acoustic musicians in the upstate area, the crowd was prepared for a huge treat. Scott Hopkins on banjo and Peter Pashoukas on guitar rounded out the talent, promising an exceptional night of bluegrass.

And they didn't disappoint. McKrell started off the night by singing "Santa Clause is Coming to Town," but he only started each verse, encouraging the audience along until the theatre was filled with amateur voices. It was an unusual but fitting start to a holiday concert, pulling on the audience like family members at a holiday party to belt out easy carols. Everyone loves to sing a Christmas song, and these fans were no exception. They only needed minimal encouragement from McKrell to sing through their masks the familiar words.

From there, The McKrells made no time in shifting gears. The band launched into a unique "Drummer Boy" that highlighted Melick on the udu. The sound was unique and yet strikingly pleasing as the band worked around the pitches produced. They followed with "Silent Night" before launching into some bluegrass Christmas favorites.

McKrell is an entertainer, capable of telling a good story and holding the audience mesmerized even with familiar tales from holiday past. His clear enjoyment of the season was punctuated by laughter with bandmates, inside jokes, and humble self-mockery. He

apologized for mistakes he made, noting "The difference between Irish music and Bluegrass is the number of chords. The Irish look at this song and think we don't need half these chords, while the bluegrass musicians want to add more in!"

Hopkins jumped on tuba for a fun rendition of "Mr. Grinch," including adding his young son Carter to the stage on melodica and Greene using his classic bass voice at the front of the stage. McKrell's adult daughter Katie joined her father to sing "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas," a tune her father admitted he first sang with her as a young one.

The magical moments came, however, not in these popular Christmas tunes, but when the band launched into John Prine covers and took requests from the crowd. McKrell's "Danny Boy" was achingly tender and sounded perfect in The Egg; his voice, guitar playing, and expression were quite moving.

The band swung back to the holiday theme with a zany reading of "Twas The Night Before Christmas," with Melick performing the sound effects for the poem that was first published in the Sentinel, the local newspaper of Troy, NY

in 1823. From there, the group crescendoed into the night, moving through "Auld Lang Syne" into a technically intricate "Lady on the Mountain."

Hopkins and Pashoukas dueled a bit toward the end with solos, and that was heart-stopping. The younger musicians' work was met by wide eyes from Greene who looked authentically impressed.

McKrell led the audience in singing "All of the Hard Days are Gone" during the encore, and as band members left, McKrell left the audience alone singing the song. "It's all beer and whisky, and songs from now on," the audience members crooned as McKrell left the stage, throwing out a peace sign.

And just like that, it is Christmas in Nippertown, courtesy of The McKrells Christmas Show. If you missed it, it is completely worth catching at their engagements this week in Saratoga's Parting Glass Pub. Kevin McKrell leaves you with a shot of hope and laughter as he reminds you that Christmas comes this time every year – and is worth an embrace.

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## The Wind Waits for History

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GLENMONT — Stuck in the weeds along the Hudson River lies a relic born out of the fiery collision of two coal-driven locomotives that blindly crashed, killing 14 people inside the Park Avenue tunnel in Manhattan in 1902. Steam locomotives had to be replaced within the city and new locomotives, powered with clean electricity, were designed, built and tested in the Capital District.. It was a monumental project to solve a massive environmental problem.

Fast forward 120 years. The Capital District is again innovating, gearing up to manufacture massive offshore wind turbines to replace fossil fuels as a major source of clean electricity for Gotham by 2035. The creation of 9,000 megawatts of power will come from the facilities built at the Ports of Albany and Coeymans.

The new project will have to wait, at least for a little bit, because of the one started a century ago. The construction of a new tower manufacturing plant cannot begin until four historic locomotives are moved from a cutoff and abandoned rail spur at the Port of Albany's property on River Road.

A group made up of rail historians, museums, enthusiasts, riggers and the owner of a Glenmont bus company are in a race against time to get the rusted pieces of history to the rail museum that owns them. The once fully-restored showpiece locomotives, that have sat abandoned while being abused by vandals and thieves for over 35 years, have to be moved for the wind plant to progress along the banks of the Hudson.

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### Why must they move?

In order to stabilize and strengthen the soil on the site, developers must lay piles of stone and allow it to compress the soil over four months. The locomotives are in the way of where these piles will lay, and will slow the process of development if they are not removed soon. The four locomotives weigh in excess of 1 million pounds, so moving them is no easy task, but all parties agree they need to be in a museum.

### Four pieces of history.

The original S-1 prototype for the 1904 electric locomotive project and the only remaining T-motor electric locomotive sits at the head of the rail spur, followed by two retired diesel locomotives, an ALCO RS-2 and a GE U25B.

While the diesels are old, they have less historic value.

The four engines have had many owners over the years, but currently the Railway Museum in Danbury, Connecticut holds the title to them.

"The S-1 was the space shuttle of 1904," Paul Marsh said. "The electric subways in New York City went into service starting in 1902, so everything before that was steam locomotives. The S was the first actual electric locomotive in the world."

Marsh, of Glenmont, has been working on moving the locomotives for over 30 years. He is the retired owner of Marsh Bus Company of Glenmont and is also a mechanic of all kinds of transportation equipment including buses and trains.

### Removal to build

The locomotives currently rest on 80 acres of land owned by the Port of Albany. It is known as

Beacon Island, located between the PSEG power plant on River Road and the mouth of the Normanskill in the Town of Bethlehem. The port is slated to begin the construction of four buildings on the island that will manufacture towers for off-shore wind farms off the coast of Long Island and New York City. The Port of Albany CEO Richard Hendrick, said in order to meet the goal of starting production by the fourth quarter of 2023, the locomotives have to move.

"Everything has to happen pretty quick," Hendrick said. "They're ready to move forward, we're just waiting for the town [of Bethlehem planning] board's [site-plan] approval."

The port will be working with Marmen-Welcon who will be making the wind towers and possibly the transition pieces that connect the foundation to the wind tower. Marmen and



An aerial view of Beacon Island with the existing Port of Albany to the north. MarmenWelcon will be producing wind turbine towers here once the factory is built. *Jim Franco/Spotlight News*

Welcon joined together for this project with Marmen being the largest wind structure manufacturer in North America and Welcon being the world's largest manufacturer of offshore wind farms. A U.S. and Canadian company, Equinor, is also part of the project that manufactured structures for the first offshore wind farm in Scotland and also

holds leases on two areas off the coast of Long Island.

### What's the Plan?

One of the biggest challenges are the piles of toxic ash that covers Beacon Island. PSEG's Bethlehem Energy Center power plant next door was coal fired from 1952 to 1970 before switching fuel oil then to natural gas in

1981. The coal would come in by two rail lines, one from the CSX tracks and the other from the Port of Albany docks. The plant piled and stored the ash on Beacon Island and now project engineers have come up with a design that leaves the ash undisturbed. By a process known as surcharging the ground, they can reduce risk of ash toxins leaching to the



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surrounding property or the Hudson River.

“We’re not really going to disturb any of that,” Hendrick said. “Rather than run the risk of contaminating anything.”

Surcharging is the process of laying aggregate, or big piles of stone, on the footprints of where the buildings will be. The aggregate will sit for four months, compressing the ash and soil underneath creating a stronger foundation.

How did they get there?

The Mohawk and Hudson Chapter of the National Historic Railway Society, based in Albany acquired all the locomotives over the years and stored them in various locations across the Capital District. Many of the local railroads, especially the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, provided facilities to store and restore the historic machines. The NHRS chapter displayed and showed the first

electric locomotive, the S-1, to teach people about the area’s rich rail history and the deep impact it had worldwide.

“In the 1980s the S-1 was stored at the Altamont Fairgrounds inside a building and was on display for the public to see,” said Richard Vanderbilt, president of Mohawk and Hudson Chapter of NRHS. “I used to sit in the conductor’s seat and explain the history and function of the locomotive. It was a real showpiece and snapshot of history.”

The chapter decided to move it from the fairgrounds when the D&H railroad planned to remove the switch from the spur in Altamont.

“The MHNHRS members did not want it stuck there so they moved it to the Colonie shop of the D&H in Watervliet,” Marsh said. “That is where it met up with the T-3 motor. They have been together ever since. They

were [maintained] at the Colonie shop and were still functioning at that time.”

The second historic locomotive was from the second generation T-motor class, produced by the partnership of General Electric and American Locomotive Company in Schenectady in 1926. The T-3a, number 278, was last owned and used by Amtrak until 1987. It was an upgraded version of the original S-motor with more power and flexibility and the last one in existence, according to Vanderbilt.

It was repainted, restored and stored in 1987 at the Colonie shops with other railroad equipment owned by the NHRS Chapter. The chapter members had access to a building that provided all the tools to maintain and repair the machines.

Then D&H filed for bankruptcy, and that was the beginning of the end of the ability for the chapter to use the facility.



Paul Marsh stands next to the locomotives on Beacon Island in Glenmont. He and others have been on a 30-year quest to save them.

*John McIntyre/Spotlight News*

“In 1984 Guilford Transportation Industries purchased the assets of DH including the Colonie shops. The NHRS members were able to continue to work on the historic trains there for a while,” Vanderbilt said. “[Guildford] saw people breaking into the building and one time started a fire.

They thought the liability was too great and evicted us and demolished the buildings.”

The locomotives and five passenger cars had to move and found their way to the power plant on River Road, then owned by Niagara Mohawk.

When the plant

was sold to PSEG and upgrades began, the power company pushed the equipment onto the old spur that led to the port, on Beacon Island. They covered the tracks back to the plant when they built a state Department of

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Environmental Conservation-mandated wetlands remediation pond in 2003 and the bridge over the Normanskill to the port collapsed in the mid 2010's leaving the locomotives with no way out.

The Danbury Rail Museum acquired the locomotives from the Berkshire Scenic Railway in 2013 according to Stan Madyda, board member of the Danbury Railway Museum. Berkshire Scenic Railway accepted the locomotives as a donation from the NRHS chapter years earlier when the local chapter no longer wanted the liability of owning them.

After many failed attempts to remove the equipment from the site through negotiations with PSEG, the plans are coming together.

Hendrick hopes that the locomotives reach their new home within the next four to six weeks. During this time period, the port is also waiting for the Town of Bethlehem Planning Board's approval. At the latest, the team will be able to start in late February.

"There's gonna be a lot of work going on from day one to when we start shipping the towers," Hendrick said.

Once the locomotives are taken to the museum, all the remaining rail will be removed from the site. The original bridge on the site will also be removed and replaced with a road bridge. Hendrick,



The inside of the ALCO RS-3.

John McIntyre/Spotlight News

MarmenWelcon and the rest of the team are anxious to start construction in the new year.

"The clock is ticking," he said. "It's up to the Danbury Railway Museum to successfully move them out of here and time is running on them."

### The Towers

The hope is that MarmenWelcon will start producing by October of 2023. They'll shape the steel into the towers and then barge them to the offshore farm. In order to barge them from the port, part of the building plans included a lay down area, where finished products will go after manufacturing, and a wharf to transport them.

The finished towers will be shipped from the port horizontally on the barge as it moves through the Hudson River.

"Our business is shipping," Hendrick said. "We handle GE power systems, it's basically the same thing."

Throughout the lifetime of the project, the manufacturing of the towers and transition pieces will bring jobs to the area. MarmenWelcon's goal is to produce 150

towers annually. The biggest pull to manufacture in Bethlehem is the port will be the beneficial destination to source products as east coast production takes off.

### The actual plan to move

The locomotives will have to be disassembled, craned out and moved by truck to a place where they are reassembled on tracks. They cannot go by rail or truck, it has to be half and half.

They cannot be dragged on the rails, because no one knows if the wheels will turn. "They can't go completely by rail because the locomotives put on a flat car will be too tall to make it through a bridge in Pittsfield," Marsh said. "And the Danbury Museum is in the center of town and the only access with something that large is on rails. No trailers over 40 feet can make it through the downtown."

The team is waiting for RJ Corman Railroad Group, a national train service company with a location on Speeder Road in Selkirk, to finalize the plans and contract with PSEG to access the site. They will do the moving, with guidance from Marsh and the Danbury team.

According to Marsh, The idea is to truck the pieces on a flatbed to the Port of Albany where they will be checked to make sure the axles are structurally sound, because it has a train pit so they can see under the locomotive carriages. Then move it by truck to Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum in Lenox, Massachusetts and reassemble the locomotives and put them back on the tracks. They will then travel about 100 miles down the

Housatonic Railroad lines down to the museum in Danbury and they will be home.

Railroad owner, investor, enthusiast and historian Henry Posner III, the chairman of Railroad Development Corporation, has been involved with the quest of saving the locomotives for many years and agreed to fund the move.

"Henry Posner III has offered an unsecured loan to the museum to move the locomotives and he expects us to pay him back what we can," Madyda said. "He has been central to this effort and great to work with."

The Danbury museum has set up a dedicated fund to pay for the cost of the move and restoration. More information can be found at danburyrail.com.

"We will restore them to the way they were when they went to the New York Central Railroad," Madyda said. "Depending on what we can repair or replace, will be how far we can go. There is quite a bit missing, but we tried to take as many things as possible back to Danbury before people stole them."

### Why are they so important to Danbury

The museum is at the end of the Danbury Branch of the Metro North Railroad, which acquired much of the routes of the New York Central Railroad. It was New York Central that electrified the lines into Manhattan beginning 1903 after the horrific steam locomotive accident in the Park Avenue tunnel. The electric locomotives, like the ones going to Danbury, were the only ones used to pull trains to Grand Central Terminal after the state Legislature's ban on steam locomotives within Manhattan went into effect in 1908.

"These locomotives show the modes of transportation to New York City," Madyda said. "We will have all the locomotives that show the progression of technology that people used to commute into New York City."

## The Locomotives



Richard Vanderbuilt photo

### ALCO/GE S-1

**Number:** 100 and 6000 **Fuel:** Electric 600 V DC **Built:** 1903  
**In service:** Original Prototype. 50,000 miles of testing from 1904-1906.  
**Details:** First electric locomotive in New York. ALCO/GE built 47 before the S-motors were replaced with the T-motor locomotives in 1913. Developed as an alternative to steam locomotives and run on cleaner fuel, electricity.



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### ALCO/GE T-3a

**Number:** 278 **Fuel:** Electric 600 V DC **Built:** 1926  
**In service:** 1926-1987 **Details:** Only remaining T-motor in the world. ALCO/GE built 36 between 1913-1926. The locomotives were much faster than subways and could haul full passenger and freight trains within city limits.



### ALCO RS-3

**Number:** unknown **Fuel:** Diesel  
**Built:** 1950-56  
**Details:** Some of these are still in use today. This was from New York Central Railroad. 1,418 were made



### GE U25B

**Number:** unknown **Fuel:** Diesel  
**Built:** 1959-66  
**Details:** One of seven left in existence. 478 were produced by General Electric.



The electrics sit waiting to move.

Jim Franco/Spotlight News

## Part of Movie History

The two electrics were hauled to New York City in 1987 for the filming of "A House on Carroll Street," a movie starring Kelly McGinnis and Jeff Daniels. The two trains had a brief cameo, but were then towed back to the Capital District. At that time they were restored and mostly operational.

"The 100 [S-1] almost didn't make it to Hollywood because when it was parked at the power Plant, a car from a Conrail work train parked at the top of the spur near the plant did not have its brake set and came down the hill and damaged the front of it," Vanderbilt said. "Conrail brought in special welders to fix the front and repainted it to look like new again and they towed it to New York City for the film."