



# The Gardiner Gazette

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A call to community ...

EDITOR'S NOTE: *In an effort to help more Gardiner residents get acquainted with town government, this column will feature comments from different town officials in each issue.*



## Public Access

by: *Janet Kern, Gardiner Town Councilmember*

As a major step toward expanding the legislative transparency crucial to good government, Gardiner has obtained a \$2,999 grant for the purchase of computer and camera equipment which will be used to videotape Town Board meetings and make them available on the web within 24 hours of their occurrence. Unless there is a particularly volatile issue on the agenda, Town Board

meetings are typically attended by a familiar and admirably intrepid 20 or fewer citizens—out of a population of over 5,500 residents.

If discussions of the issues we face are made easily available to the broadest possible public, it is our hope that this expanded accessibility will engage peoples' energy, imagination, and sense of participation in the democratic process on a regular basis. Many constituents may more readily express their opinions about how we're handling an issue—or suggest a totally new perspective on how to approach it, and this would benefit both the larger Gardiner community and the Town Board, as it works to govern productively on the community's behalf.

Citizens who are unable to attend the meetings, or who want to review Town Board deliberations, will soon be able to download Town Board proceedings at a time convenient to their individual households. In the service of community-wide participatory democracy, our ultimate goal is to eventually provide live webcast with interactive options. The Public Access grant (obtained with the help of Assemblyman Kevin Cahill) underwrites equipment only. We are now looking for a volunteer videographer who will record meetings and oversee uplinking them to the Net. Please contact me at the Town Hall offices (255-9675), or at [jkny256@yahoo.com](mailto:jkny256@yahoo.com) if you're interested. Town Board meetings begin at 7p.m., at the Gardiner Town Hall, on the first and second Tuesdays of every month (except July and August, when we meet on the second Tuesday only).

Join us. Gardiner needs YOU.

## Walking On Air! Walkway Over The Hudson Plans Opening Events

A Gardiner multi-media artist, who goes by the single name Meadow, has been selected by the Walkway over the Hudson Committee as the Artist in Residence to represent the Town of Gardiner and the Town of Pine Bush/Ulster in "Walking On Air," the opening ceremonies of the Walkway Over the Hudson. The ceremony, marking the 400th Anniversary of Henry Hudson's voyage of exploration, will take place on October 3, 2009. Meadow and 48 other artists representing 50 towns, cities, hamlets and villages in Dutchess and Ulster counties, will join the procession across the walkway with hundreds of people carrying banners and flags.

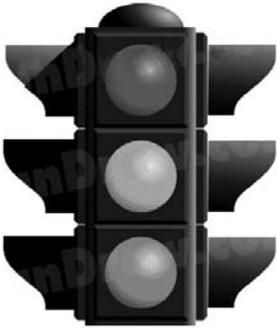


There are opportunities for participation in this exciting regional event. Creative people with community spirit are needed to produce 25 flags representing the Towns of Gardiner and Pine Bush. Meadow will conduct a flag-making workshop on Sunday, August 2, at Woodrock Studios in Pine Bush, and one of the flags will later be chosen to be sewn into a Commemorative Quilt for permanent display in the Walkway Visitor's Center.

Also needed are 25 people from each town to carry the flags in the procession on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Organizers are hoping that volunteers—who, although the walkway is very safe, should not be afraid of heights—will include a sizable representation from each town's Town Council and committees as well as other officials. Contact Meadow at (845) 744-4847 or [woodrockstudios@yahoo.com](mailto:woodrockstudios@yahoo.com) for more information.

## One-Light Town No More

by: Robin Hayes



I was kind of a show-off. I loved bragging to my urban and suburban friends and relatives that we only had one “real” traffic light in our little town. Sometimes the bragging was blatant, but sometimes I’d just slip it in when giving directions; “Make a left at the light at Ireland Corners, that’s the only light we have in town—well—except for the flashing light at Albany Post, which doesn’t really count because it just flashes.” My friends would be very impressed. A small upstate town with only one real traffic light! What could be more charming than that?

Well, on May 29<sup>th</sup>, the one that “didn’t count” grew up and now we have two full-fledged traffic signals. They have the power to stop us, and to tell us when to go. No doubt there were some very good safety reasons for making it a real light, and I am all for safety. Still, I can’t help but feel a little nostalgic for when I got to brag about our one-light town.

## Girl Scouts Tackle Protection of Local Water Resources

by Tenney Gravatt, Girl Scout Troop #60114 Leader



Heart of the Hudson Brownie Troop 60114, comprised of eight girls ranging in age from six to nine, worked for eight months to earn the unique Waterdrop Badge, offered jointly by the Girl Scouts of America and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The girls, Aurora Gagne, Alexandra DeFoe, Melanie Grau, Kaitlyn Scialpi, Lianna Maley, Mikayla Simmons and Abigail and Josephine Gravatt, are all students in the New Paltz Central

School District. The Water Drop Project inspires Girl Scouts to learn about water quality by leading them through many activities that enhance their knowledge of wetland areas and encourages them to take action in their communities to protect local rivers, lakes, streams, wetlands and ground water.

As part of their project, Troop 60114 designed, made and hung a poster called “Wetlands—an Informational Poster” in the Gardiner Town Hall for the month of May, which is National Wetlands Month. During their eight months working towards the badge they also hiked with Minnewaska State Park naturalist, Laura Conor, at Peterskill Area to learn more about wetland areas and their importance, and completed several complementary Brownie Try-It Badges related to water, plants and the environment.

This troop will continue their scouting as Junior Girl Scouts next year. For information on joining or volunteering, contact Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson at (845) 452-1810.

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## Gardiner Gets Its Own Farmer's Market ...

How convenient is that? Now, every Thursday from June 18 to October 15 (3:30 pm to 7 pm), we can buy our locally grown products all in one place, at the Gardiner Farmer's Market at Gardiner Gables, Route 44/55. A sister organization to the New Paltz Market, the Gardiner Market gives preference to farm vendors from the town of Gardiner, followed by New Paltz vendors and, if there is still space, to other nearby vendors. Contact Thelma or Marty Kiernan, Kiernan Farm 845 255-5995.

If Thursdays don't work for you, try these other great markets:

**Farm Market at Robin's**, Fridays, 4 pm to dusk, June to November. Robin's Warehouse, Route 32 South, New Paltz. 845-255-0087

**New Paltz Farmer's Market**, Rock & Snow parking lot, Main Street, New Paltz. Sundays, 10 am - 3 pm May 24 until end of July. Sundays, 10:30 am - 4 pm August 1 - October 25. Contact Thelma or Marty Kiernan, Kiernan Farm 845 255-5995.

**Pine Bush Farmer's Market**, behind the Crawford Cultural Center, corner of Main and New Streets in Pine Bush. Saturdays, 9am to 1:30 pm, June 6 through October 17. Also has music & art. [www.pinebushfarmersmarket.com](http://www.pinebushfarmersmarket.com).

**Ellenville Farmer's Market** on Market, Sundays, June 21 to October 4, 10 am to 2 pm. Contact Michael Siegel 845-647-5150.

**The Not Too Personals:** A notice board for interest groups seeking like-minded souls ...

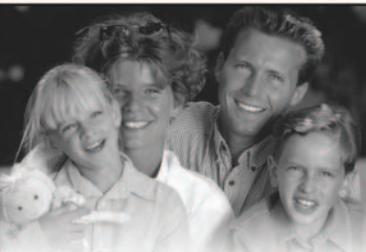
### Regional Newspaper Seeks Advertising Sales Manager

The Shawangunk Journal is a weekly newspaper growing from its initial base in Ellenville to coverage of towns along both sides of the Ridge in Ulster, Orange and Sullivan Counties. The publisher, Alex Shiffer, is looking for an advertising sales manager for the entire market area, and would welcome applications from Gardiner residents.

Responsibilities include working with clients, developing and marketing new and existing products, and assisting with the launch of a new monthly publication, The Shawangunk Mountain Guide. This is a ground floor opportunity to be an integral part of a new regional media outlet. Alex can be contacted at: The Shawangunk Journal, Box 669, Ellenville NY 12428, or [publisher@gunkjournal.com](mailto:publisher@gunkjournal.com).

## Summer Recreation A Big Success

The Gardiner Summer Recreation program is in full swing, providing lots of seasonal fun for local campers between the ages of 5 and 13. The program began on July 6th and runs through August 14th every weekday from 9 am to 3 pm. Home Base is Majestic Park. On Mondays and Wednesdays, the program at the park includes Arts & Crafts, nature study, sports, group games, and visits to the Gardiner Library where younger campers work with Head Counselor Katie Powell and the older kids work with Children's Librarian Nicole Lane. Tuesdays and Thursdays are spent at the Ulster County Pool, and each Friday is Field Trip Day. This year, trips are planned for bowling, roller-skating, a visit to Kelder's Farm, Minnewaska, the Ulster County Fair, and the season finale (and perennial favorite), Splash Down Water Park! Co-directors Frank LaRonca and Juli Weisz report that registration filled up quickly this year and recommend that all interested families be on the lookout next April for the 2010 season sign-up dates.



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## A Delicious Way To Care For The Planet

by: Joe Hayes

Lately, bees have been having a worse time than stockbrokers. As Hemingway said about going broke, it happened two ways: little by little, and then all at once. A gradual decline in wild bees—from pesticides and loss of habitat—accelerated dramatically in recent years due to successive waves of foreign bee parasites and bacteria. Experts estimate that up to 90% of wild bees in the eastern U.S. have fallen prey to Colony Collapse Syndrome, a troubling and still poorly understood condition in which adult bees die or abandon the hives. Dozens of commercial apiaries have lost their entire bee populations at a time when they are also battling competition from bulk sales of foreign honey.

Bees are vital pollinators and an unseen link in the health of our ecosystem. The decline of bees means eating local honey, and maybe keeping some backyard bees, could be one of the healthiest things a family can do for the planet.

Enter the local beekeeper. As wild bees and large operations suffer, smaller apiaries—one of the few places where healthy hives survive for now—have become a haven and could be an important resource in repopulating bees. Organic beekeeping, like organic farming, is having a resurgence. It includes smaller artisanal operations that de-emphasize chemicals and try to work with the natural order of the hive, unlike many large commercial operations which manipulate the natural hive order to increase and stabilize population and increase honey production (killing and replacing queens regularly to prevent swarming, for instance). The rewards of keeping a pair of backyard beehives include increased food production from your own garden and fruit trees, delicious honey for your family and friends, and an intimate glimpse into the ancient, orderly world of the hive. Some people with strong allergies have found eating local honey can have a side benefit of reducing hay fever symptoms by exposing their bodies to local pollen without triggering histamine production

Gardiner is fortunate to still have local honey, local beekeepers, and lots of local beginners (like me). Widmark Farms, a local honey landmark for generations, sells creamed honey, honeycomb, bee's wax, and several delicious honey flavors at local stands and at the HiHo Market, as well as online at [www.widmarkfarms.com](http://www.widmarkfarms.com). Myron Rowe of Rowe Apiaries in Kingston (331-4058), a commercial pollination service decades old, sells equipment and starter bees for home beekeeping. New Paltz beekeepers Chris Harp and his wife Grai Rice operate HoneyBeeLives, an organic beekeeping and education business ([honeybeelives@yahoo.com](mailto:honeybeelives@yahoo.com)) that teaches beginner and advanced beekeeping classes and provides bee doctor services for beekeepers with ailing hives. Their webpage, [honeybeelives.org](http://honeybeelives.org) has a wealth of information on practical, naturalist home beekeeping, and insight into the

appeal and rewards of keeping bees.

So, help the planet. If you have a sheltered location—close to some water, near fields, crops or woodlands—follow the advice of Chris Harp at HoneyBeeLives. Take beekeeping classes this winter, and be sure to order your first bees in January, for delivery in early spring.

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## Green Energy Task Force Wants You!

by Lewis Eisenberg

It finally happened. The president of the United States has given "green energy" the priority that it deserves. Cash and legislation from Washington are already starting to get the big stuff moving: investments in R&D, tax credits, green and sustainable energy job training. A game changer to be sure, but it won't succeed without strong grassroots efforts in all the towns and cities across America. A group of us in Gardiner has already started working on this issue as part of the Ulster County Progressive Coalition, itself an outgrowth of the campaign to elect Barack Obama president.

We are looking for folks who would like to participate in our Energy Task Force. We have met once a month since March and have developed an action plan which we will implement over the next 6-9 months. Our goal is to work with government, businesses and residents to help transform energy use in our community. Projects include how-to workshops, connecting people with sustainable energy funding and grants, and educating and inspiring the public. All levels of experience welcome; ditto skills. Please join us in being part of something that will truly improve the lives of generations to come—and help to give the earth's carbon dioxide choked atmosphere a little breathing room.

Those interested in joining this committee please contact me at (845) 417-8034 or [leweis@hvc.rr.com](mailto:leweis@hvc.rr.com).

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## Business As Usual

This column will feature two Gardiner businesses per issue.

### Ultimate Gymnastics, Now in Gardiner

by: Robin Hayes

When gymnast Richard Ferrono was nine he decided he would one day open a gymnastics school. His boyhood ambition, now in its third incarnation, is called The Ultimate Gymnastics Center, and its doors are now open at a spacious and scenic Gardiner location on Osprey Lane, right next to the Got Rhythm Dance Studio. Priming for his venture, Ferrono approached Gardiner resident Richard Condon about a partnership. When Condon



was nine he fantasized about being a Hollywood stuntman, so a balance was struck. Ultimate Gymnastics satisfies enthusiasts ranging from three and a half years to, well, any age, even after more sedentary pursuits might seem prudent.

The fully equipped gym eschews the standard, intensely competitive model of most gyms, favoring safe gymnastics instruction with a refreshingly fun-loving orientation. While classes for competition-level athletes are available, Ultimate's general populace seeks only the pleasure of challenging their bodies with new and thrilling physical skills.



The two Richards plan to make use of their high ceilings by installing an indoor climbing wall, and adding aerial silks classes to their schedule. Silks is a circus art in which participants perform various acrobatic maneuvers on material

suspended from the ceiling. Other possibilities are under consideration as well. Ultimate offers free trial classes. Visit [www.ultimategymnasticscenter.com](http://www.ultimategymnasticscenter.com) or call the gym at 255-5600. Just ask for Richard.

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### The Mountain Brauhaus: A Cornerstone At A Crossroad

by: Veronica O'Keefe, Fulbright Scholar and  
Brauhaus Bartender

1953—There is no corner: Emil Ruoff, an intrepid German immigrant hears word of the pending construction of State Route 299, planned to intersect with Route 44-55 in Gardiner, abandons *Emil's Tavern* down the road, builds the left half of the future Brauhaus (the dining room was an addition), and, with his wife's assistance, sets up an ice cream and burger shoppe, *The Sugarbowl*.

Emil endeavors to create a high end steak house, but his business is within two miles of an established bar and state law forbids him to open his own for two years. The original menu of The Mountain Brauhaus, finally established in 1955, is now mounted on the dining room wall and boasts a \$3.00 Charcoal Steak, a 20¢ Frankfurter, and Chicken A La King for \$1.50. Printed beneath is, "**Sauerbraten: 1.75.**" It was among the cheapest dishes on the menu, and the only one to have survived the ages. Perhaps inevitably, Emil had the misfortune to hire German chefs—historically proven to be utterly incapable of cooking a good steak. The meat was either well done or burnt, but it turned out customers did not want steak. They wanted Sauerbraten. They wanted Schnitzel. They heard there were Germans, and they flocked. In perhaps the earliest of Gardiner's democratic movements, the community demanded German food. And so it was written.

**...wines from Whitecliff Winery, whiskey from Tuthilltown Spirits, daiquiris made with strawberries from Meadow View Farms ... The cider is local and each egg that enters the kitchen is free range.**

In 1963 Emil Ruoff retires. His brother and nephews take over, the youngest of whom eventually loses interest. The eldest remains, perhaps lured by a certain waitress, a beautiful waitress, and a fireball of a woman to this very day—Miss Margarete Hildebrandt—and perhaps driven by his German heritage, stubbornly insistent on continuing his family's tradition of serving authentic German fare in an unfamiliar world, John Ruoff endures. In 1967, John and Margarete marry. They work hard. They bear children. They work harder. In 2009, their youngest children, Mark and Ilka, run the front of the house, while Kevin Casey, Ilka's husband, takes care of the cooking.

These days, there is far more to the Brauhaus than Sauerbraten. While traditional German fare makes up the

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## Not Enough Rooms in the House?

Everyone wants to come visit the Hudson Valley in summer and it is, indeed, a lovely time to be here. However, a nice weekend away shouldn't be spent on a friend's couch—why not send your extra guests to a local B&B? Gardiner has several to choose from; a quick search on the web found the ones listed below. Let someone else spend their summer doing sheets. On the other hand, if you *like* doing sheets, why not join these bold entrepreneurs and bring in a little extra cash to your own household. Gardiner's new zoning law encourages home businesses, and makes it much easier to secure a permit for a B&B in your own home.

**Bernetta's Place Inn By The Lake**, 12 Calderone Drive, Gardiner (845) 464-5106, [www.bernettasplace.com](http://www.bernettasplace.com)

**Blueberry Inn on Kiernan Farm**, 1308 Bruynswick Road, Gardiner (845) 255-8998, [www.blueberry-inn.com](http://www.blueberry-inn.com)

**Cedar Hill Farm B & B**, 379 Mckinstry Road, Gardiner (845) 255-0554

**Country Meadows B & B**, 41 Denniston Road, Gardiner (845) 895-3132 [www.countrymeadowsbandb.com](http://www.countrymeadowsbandb.com)

**Inn at The Ridge**, 2098 Bruynswick Road, Walkkill (845) 895-9251, [www.innattheridge.com](http://www.innattheridge.com)

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**Minnewaska Lodge**, Route 44/55 Gardiner (845) 255-1110, [www.minnewaskalodge.com](http://www.minnewaskalodge.com)

**Mountain Meadows B & B**, 542 Albany Post Road, New Paltz, (845) 255-6144, [www.mountainmeadowsbnb.com](http://www.mountainmeadowsbnb.com)

## Navigating Around Our Town Without Leaving Home

by Nancy R. Cass

I've recently taken an interest in our Town. I've lived here for 13 years and must confess that Gardiner is the place I've lived for the longest period of time in my life. It is also the place that has the most beautiful scenery. Even the Town Dump, known as the Transfer Station, is situated in a bucolic setting, and believe me when I tell you that I don't hesitate to bring company down there if I have to go ...the view of the Ridge is worth the \$3 it costs to dump my household trash.

In the past, I've voted for my candidates based on the marketing material that is mailed out, and by talking to my friends in town about who they're voting for, etc ....but I never really knew who the candidates were. I wouldn't even know them if I passed them on the street. That's different now. I've started to attend Town Board meetings, and I'm becoming more involved in what our Town is about: it's more than just the scenery. It is also more than just our Board Members. The road through our Hamlet is more than just a road to travel on my way home. Our town is beautiful land, a myriad of people and businesses, and so many other things that I never knew ....

Did you know that Majestic Memorial Park encompasses almost 50 acres, and has a nature trail that leads to the Walkkill River?

Did you know that if a street sign, stop sign or speed limit sign is missing or damaged, all you have to do is call our Highway Department to correct the situation?

Do you know where to find the agenda for our Town Board Meetings? What about the Master Plan/Comprehensive Plan that directly affects our Town's future....do you know where to find it?

Do you know what new projects and/or new proposals are being considered for our Town?

Do you know what the Master Plan is for land use in our Town?

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## Cupcake Festival A Huge Success

by: Robin Hayes



On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Gardiner had its first annual Cupcake Festival. We closed Main Street in the center of the Hamlet and had donkey rides, a bouncy house, wine tasting, vendors, a cupcake baking contest and wonderful live music. We had a huge turnout, and the atmosphere was fun and friendly. For those of you who didn't make it, please look for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual

festival in May next year. I asked two of our locals to write a bit about their experiences at the Cupcake Festival.

**From Jodi Whitehead of Uptown Attic:** What a wonderful day! I've always dreamed of having a shop in an area where people take pride in their community, are close knit, friendly and welcoming. This is exactly what I have found in Gardiner. Helping to organize the Cupcake Festival was a fun and exciting experience, but for me, seeing Main Street come alive with great music, proud local business owners and vendors, smiling children carrying balloons and enjoying a donkey ride, was picture perfect! And, let's not forget the cupcakes—WOW! There were over a thousand of them and they were beautiful and delicious (not to mention gone by mid-festival). We all enjoyed a cupcake or two and I especially enjoyed seeing my new shop, Uptown Attic, fill to the brim with shoppers galore who waited patiently both for dressing rooms and their turn at the register. It was more than I could have imagined! What a huge success this was, more than we *all* imagined. I eagerly look forward to next year's festival. Thank you Gardiner!

**From Janet Kern, Town Board Member:** I've never seen so many, so happy. I mean, what's not to like: cupcakes, cupcakes everywhere. Kids with vari-hued icings on lips and clothing. Adults... ditto. Dogs in tow—tails wagging, eyes watchful (crumbs gotta fall, right?). Great music. No rain. No worries. Serving on the Town Board is challenging, but then I was asked to serve as a cupcake judge. It was our public obligation to sample



all seventeen entries: coconut lime, tiramasu, and cupcakes in the form of beagles, to name a few. We served nobly, voted honorably, and managed to remain conscious, if a bit giddy. Y'know what? Gardiner's got it all—our ridge, our valley, and our true community of neighbors who know how to have a good time, and ingest prodigious amounts of sugar.

**And, from the entire Cupcake Festival Committee:** Thanks to everyone who helped make the Cupcake Festival a great success. It was a delicious day!

## Brauhaus, from page 5

core of the menu, Chef Kevin's daily specials focus on eclectic cuisine and seasonal produce—spice rubbed ostrich (melts in your mouth!) paired with locally grown vegetables to “the best vegetarian meal I've ever tasted!” according to one customer who couldn't get enough of Kevin's rosemary infused polenta. At the bar, you'll find reasonably priced, carefully selected wines (look for Whitecliff Winery's pinot noir or sip a variety of whiskey from Tuthilltown Spirits) and scrupulously crafted cocktails (the daiquiris are made with local strawberries from Meadow View Farms and the mint for mojitos is straight from the garden). Perhaps it goes without saying that German beers abound, but with a solid selection of Weiss beers among an authentic variety of delectable brews, Oktoberfest is a year round affair. The cider is local and each egg that enters the kitchen is free range. Apples are purchased at either Jenkins-Luekens or Dressel Farms, and veggies travel as little as three miles to the table, from a plethora of local farms. Brook Farm, along with Phillies Bridge Farm, provide everything from lettuce and heirloom tomatoes to watermelon and acorn squash. Naturally, the menu reflects the seasons.

The Mountain Brauhaus has certainly come a long way, and its transition into an environmentally conscious, locally driven restaurant only further confirms Gardiner's reputation as a cutting edge community. And, on Thursday afternoons, when I pick up my organic produce at Taliaferro Farms on Plains Road, I am proud to know that my favorite restaurant does the same.

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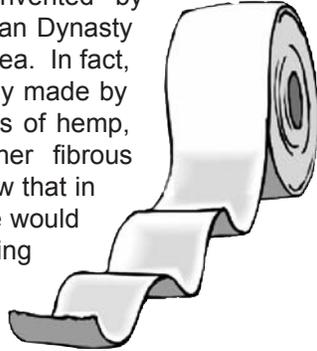
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## A Brief Word About Your Toilet Paper ...

by Carol O'Biso

When modern paper was invented by Ts'ai Lun, a court eunuch in Han Dynasty China, it seemed like a good idea. In fact, this early paper was harmlessly made by hand, from tree bark, remnants of hemp, linen rags, fishnets, and other fibrous materials. Ts'ai Lun didn't know that in the mid-19th Century someone would "improve" on his idea by inventing a machine for pulping wood to make paper, or that in the 21st Century somebody would make a lot of money by convincing us that we need soft, fluffy, quilted toilet paper.



The problem is that soft, fluffy toilet paper (and paper towels, etc.) can't be achieved if even a tiny amount of recycled paper is used in its production, so mature trees are being cut down in large numbers to make it. Apparently other countries are not so fussy, and America is being damned as the primary user of these damaging products. What I have to say about that is—sure I like the stuff, but I didn't know they were cutting down giant redwoods or something to make it for me! Greenpeace is concerned enough to have established a website rating different recycled paper products.

For 3,000 years papyrus was the writing material of choice. For another 1,700 years or so Ts'ai Lun's paper was harmlessly made from the fibrous byproducts of daily life. Paper made from wood pulp has only been around for a little over 150 years and has already caused untold damage. What really should happen is somebody should hurry up and think of a better way to make paper. (SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry is concerned enough to offer generous scholarships to students entering their paper science program.) Meanwhile, won't you visit [greenpeace.org/usa/campaigns/forests/tissueguide](http://greenpeace.org/usa/campaigns/forests/tissueguide) and click "download the

guide," or skip that—just go to Shop Rite, Hannaford or Stop & Shop. They each carry at least one brand of recycled paper products, surprisingly close in price to other products.

A warning ... the Greenpeace site could make you feel guilty for not switching to recycled toilet paper, paper towels, tissues *and* napkins, and for not buying the products to which they give the highest ratings. Just know this: switching even one of your paper products to any of the recycled equivalents is better than not switching at all.

## Navigating Without Leaving Home, from page 6

Do you know what the future might hold for our Town?

Do you know what our Town Board discusses and/or decides for our Town at their meetings?

Do you think like I used to? What happens "in town" doesn't affect me because I don't live in the "town". Well, if you do think the way I did, I hate to be the one to tell you...but you're wrong! What happens "in town" affects us all even if we live in the most outer-skirts of Gardiner's boundaries.

If you have an inquiring mind, you'll want to know and keep abreast of what is going on in our town. Find the time to get out and attend one of the Board Meetings, and check out our town's website, [www.townofgardiner.org](http://www.townofgardiner.org), for the latest agendas, meeting minutes, Town events, laws and regulations, latest happenings, etc. Just take a 15-minute break and browse...then really take the time to navigate through it. You'll be surprised by the information you can find. There is even a feature on the website that allows you to receive the Town Board Agenda and other announcements via e-mail subscription! This is your Town...This is my Town...This is our Town!

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## Push Pin: A Community Calendar

- July 16, 6:30pm:** **Gardiner 5K Classic Run/Walk**, Majestic Park. 7:30pm kid's fun run.
- July 19, 4pm:** **Picturing America Lecture Series.** Albert Cook will discuss artworks in American history. The Series will discuss American history based on reproductions of American artwork on display at the Library.
- July 21, 5:30-6:30pm:** **African Drumming.** Amadou Diallo, local drummer, educator and performer, will host this introduction to African drumming and culture for children 7 years old and older. Gardiner Library.
- July 22, 5-6pm:** **Whose Toes Are Those?** Join Nicole Lane and Laura Conner (Minnewaska State Park Preserve Educator) and learn about animal tracks and how to identify them while listening to stories and playing a game. Plaster animal tracks will be made to take home. For 9-12 year olds. Gardiner Library.
- July 22, 7pm:** **Library Yoga Series III** with Ray Greenberg. "Meditation Made Easy," is a class for people who would like to meditate but find that they can't sit still because their minds rebel. Gardiner Library.
- July 23, 5:30-6:30pm:** **African Drumming.** Amadou Diallo, local drummer, educator and performer, will host this introduction to African drumming and culture for children 7 years old and older. Gardiner Library.
- July 26, 4pm:** **Picturing America Lecture Series.** Albert Cook will discuss artworks in American history. The Series will discuss American history based on reproductions of American artwork on display at the Library.
- July 29, 5-6:30pm:** **Hands-on Illustration and Design Program.** Durga Bernhard, local children's author and illustrator, will conduct this program designed for children 8-12 years old. Gardiner Library.
- July 29, 7pm:** **Library Yoga Series IV** with Ray Greenberg. "Yoga Nidra," or yogic sleep, is a state somewhere between sleeping and wakefulness, where your body is completely at rest and your mind is gently focused and completely aware. Gardiner Library.
- July 31, 10:30-11:15am:** **Children's Music Program.** Amy Laber, yoga teacher and professional musician, will conduct this program of song, dance and instrument play for children up to 4 years old. Gardiner Library.
- August 9, 4pm:** **Picturing America Lecture Series.** Albert Cook will discuss artworks in American history. The Series will discuss American history based on reproductions of American artwork on display at the Library.
- August 16, 4pm:** **Iraq Lecture.** Writer, editor, and international photographer Lorna Tychostrup will share her pictures of and experiences in Iraq. Gardiner Library.
- August 29:** **BBQ and cake & pie auction** to benefit the Gardiner Library, Majestic Park. Time to be determined.
- September 11, 12, 13** **Library Book Sale. Main Street**, times to be announced.
- September 12:** **Gardiner Day**, Majestic Park
- Oct. 10, 9-4 pm:** **Classics Under the Gunks Car Show** at the Kiernan Farm.
- Oct. 30, 6:30pm:** **Pumpkin Walk**, Friends of the Library Fundraiser at Majestic Park
- Skateboard Park Hours:** April 24 to June 28 open Fri. – Sun, 3-7pm. June 29 to Sept. 6, open everyday, 3-7pm. Sept. 7 to Oct. 31, open Sat. & Sun, 1-5pm. All skaters must sign waiver at Town Hall. Required safety gear must be used at all times.
- Transfer Station Hours:** Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat., 8 am to 4 pm.

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