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## The Few Who Decide For The Many

by *The Gazette* Editorial Committee

If history is any judge, next month fewer than one third of the residents of Gardiner will decide how the rest of us live for the next two years. On November 5th, we have the opportunity to choose our Town Supervisor, two Town Board members, Town Clerk, Town Justice, Highway Superintendent and our representative to the Ulster County Legislature—choices that will determine quality of life issues, what local taxes we pay (and why), the infrastructure we use on a daily basis, the recreation we enjoy, our access to local

cultural life and how we are represented on the County level.

This is an “off” year though, one without a presidential election. That (historically) means that very few of us will actually make it to the polls. The few who do will, effectively, make these decisions for the rest of us. At its highest, voter participation in the U.S. has never exceeded 65%—substantially lower

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## Leaf Mulch: A Perfect Answer

by Carol O'Biso

Every fall most of us blow the leaves from our lawns into the woods, and every spring those of us who garden go out and buy mulch. Last fall I changed that pattern and had the folks who mow our lawn blow the leaves into a heap, run them over with the mower a couple of times and pile them near my composting area.

Within a day, a pitch fork inserted into the pile released a serious jet of steam—always a very encouraging sign when composting, but composting was not the goal this time. Fully decomposed organic matter (compost) re-

leases nutrients into the soil, but when leaves are to be used as a mulch they should not be thoroughly decomposed; it will make them less effective in protecting your plants' roots from heat, cold and wind.

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## Slowing Down The Traffic In Gardiner

by Carol LeFevre



Madison Goodnow with her Jersey calf, Zoe.

Photo: Anne Allbright Smith. Visit our facebook page for more pictures.

Just before the Ulster County Fair this past summer, Gardiner was a hectic place, with new sidewalks slowing, stopping and actually closing Route 44/55 at times, then one lane traffic over the Wallkill as the bridge was getting a much needed coat of paint (a delightful barn red). But what really had people slowing down was a Jersey calf named Zoe who had a temporary home on the front lawn of the Gardiner Animal Hospital.

Zoe was one of three Jersey calves born four months earlier, in April, on Domino's Dairy Farm in Accord. Jersey calves are bottle fed, as their mothers' milk is used at the Dairy to be sold. (The calves do get to drink any milk that is left over in the Dairy.) Madison Goodnow, age five, took over feeding and caring for the calf. Her father, Matthew Goodnow, also started caring for calves at five years of age and was a good teacher for Maddie,

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## Dirt Track Racing: A Family Affair

by Ray Smith

If 21 year old Gardiner resident Will Dietz were selling his car, the ad might look like this: "Unique vehicle: single seat straddling transmission; circa 500 horsepower modified Chevy 350 engine with two barrel carburetor using 112 octane racing fuel; two forward gears and brake bias to shift braking between front and rear wheels; steel grate windshield to protect against rocks."



Left to right: Will Dietz, Ted Conklin, Bud DePuy, Judy DePuy, Jennifer Dietz, Denise Upright, Sean Dietz and Jordan Upright Photo: Ray Smith

That's not as "fully loaded" as most car buyers might like, but just right for a dirt track racing car.

Will is far from selling though. He explains his interest, "My grandfather, 'Poppy' [Bud DePuy], raced in Middletown in the seventies. When I was fifteen, my friend Tom Johnson raced street stocks. I started in street stocks and then figured I'd move up to the Sportsman Class."

Will races his car weekly at Accord Speedway, a quarter mile dirt track, and occasionally at

the five-eighths of a mile Orange County Fair Speedway in Middletown. Although described as dirt tracks, these tracks are normally clay which provides better traction. The tracks are four to five cars wide with twenty to twenty-five cars in each race; races always go counterclockwise.

With such short tracks and so large a field, I wondered how drivers in the rear could move up in races of just twenty-five laps. Will said, "If you have a fast car—I've got a pretty fast car—you can pass. I started once twenty-first and came seventh. You want to slide to the turn but you want a controlled slide so you're still moving forward at a good pace and you're not breaking loose from the racing surface. But there are times when you spin out. The biggest thing is to try to keep

your forward drive going."

That's all these cars are used for . . . to turn left. So each tire is a different size. The biggest is right rear; second, left rear; third, right front; down to the smallest, the left front. Will says they must be replaced frequently, depending on wear.

Each car is custom built (Will's by TEO Pro Car); the frame built from hollow steel 2x4s on the bottom with the upper frame of tubular construction. Engines normally start with a Chevy 350 engine block which can be punched out up to 60/1,000ths of an inch over the original bore. The full containment seat "wraps" the occupant in eighth inch aluminum and padding. The driver is further protected by five point safety restraints, fireproof helmet and fire suit, plus gloves and racing shoes.

At the beginning of the season every car and driver's apparel is checked. The motor is checked, particularly the linkages to insure the throttle won't get stuck wide

open. Still, there is an ambulance, a fire truck and tow trucks at each race.

Except at the track, Will is usually accompanied by his German short haired pointer, Shooter. When I asked him to sum up the attraction of the sport, he lit up, "I just love it. It's just a fun hobby. Granted, it's expensive. My grandfather did it; I like to do it. We—myself, Poppy, friend Ted Conklin who is a great support and helps us out—all just love racing. It gets us all together."

Will feels the racing wouldn't be complete without the help of the whole family. His uncle, Gary Upright, is always there to help and is part of the pit crew along with Will's brother Sean. His aunt, Denise Upright, letters the car; his mom, Jennifer, makes the crew's t-shirts; Mackenzie Boylan, Will's fiancée, and Jordan Upright always make sure his gear is ready on race night; "Mimi" (grandmother Judy DePuy), keeps them all fed; and the sponsors keep them going.

It's no wonder that written on the back of the car is 'It's a family affair.' □

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## **The 2013 Democratic Party Platform**

"Working Together for a Better Gardiner"

### **Maintaining Fiscal Responsibility Through Smart Planning**

- Limit town tax burden on Gardiner property owners.
- Encourage business development to increase revenue base.
- Actively seek public and private grants to lower the tax burden of town programs.
- Develop responsible budgets based on the real needs of the community.

### **Preserving Open Space**

- Preserve the small town nature of Gardiner and support the goals set forth in the 2004 comprehensive plan.
- Support established policies that protect the Shawangunk Ridge as a natural and community resource.
- Advance Gardiner's Open Space Plan.

### **Improving The Town**

- Invest wisely in the infrastructure of the Hamlet, including sidewalks, parking, sewer, safety and ease of access to businesses.
- Continue to support the town library as the cultural center of Gardiner.
- Preserve and protect our clean water resources and aquifers.
- Improve Gardiner's recreational spaces for families including public access to the Wallkill River and Rail Trail.

### **Continuing Efficient Good Government**

- Continue open, inclusive government by encouraging participation by all members of the Gardiner community in town meetings and forums on issues of public concern. □

## **The 2013 Republican Party Platform**

The Republican platform continues to be that local government should focus on the priorities of the whole town, and manage the town within its means. We plan to work on issues that will benefit the whole town and responsibly manage those activities and all the funds available to accomplish those goals.

We plan to focus budget dollars on infrastructure spending needed to protect our citizens while working with private groups to expand open space protection and other recreational goals. We also will put more effort into investment planning for future highway repair and equipment needs.

We support the current Master Plan and are committed to updating it since it was adopted almost a decade ago. Without any doubt, we are committed to protecting the rural character of our town from corporate developers who are motivated solely by profit and not the quality of daily life in Gardiner. We also believe in the need to protect small property owners looking to reasonably enjoy the use of their property.

We encourage the development of all types of businesses within the town to generate revenues and relieve the tax burden on residential taxpayers. This will require efforts to develop not only the several Hamlet zones, but also reducing restrictions on home occupations, as long as the residential nature of the community can be preserved. We see the need to recognize that the world is changing around us so we need to be responsive to the reality of distributed workforces and the importance of communication technology. To be clear, the town of Gardiner deserves better cell service. We will continue to push for a cost free and revenue-generating plan to bring better cell service to Gardiner and help us financially, however, if a private application will speed this service to the town, we will support it. Improved cell phone coverage will improve not only the safety and quality of life for current residents, but will afford us a better chance at attracting

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Candidates were asked to respond to the following questions in a maximum of 150 words each. Responses were not edited.

**#1:** What do you see as the most important issue facing Gardiner and what are your constructive ideas concerning this issue?

**#2:** How would you fund the development of Gardiner's parkland?

## Candidates for Town Supervisor

### Carl Zatz (Dem)



**Response to question #1** Before I became Supervisor, Republicans governed behind a cry of lower taxes and less spending. All the while they turned a blind eye to unacceptable neglect: Highway equipment, accounting systems, parks and town buildings and the Transfer Station had all deteriorated. I came into office demanding a full financial audit of past procedures by the NYS Comptroller's office while initiating a clean sweep of our

infrastructure. We're a community rich in rural traditions and community values but those that point only to the past undermine the future. Children without vital services—Internet, transportation, education, quality recreation, and so on—will be left behind. These are the things I care about. You know me: you see me around town, at events, and checking into the town's services. You know me as someone who gets things done. What's the biggest issue? Planning for the future while enjoying every minute of today.

**Response to question #2** Gardiner's George Majestic Memorial Park is a gem. If you haven't been there in a while, please go. Together with the library, the parks provide the sort of quality recreation and programs that enrich the community. Recently, surveys have been distributed in order to learn more of your thoughts about a master plan for the parks (if you haven't filled one, please head over to the Town Hall and fill one out). The Summer Rec program is the envy of surrounding towns and the park regularly hosts community and private events. And, of course, there's Gardiner Day which brings the town together with shows, events, exhibits, business expos, and great food. The pole barn is next up. Already in use, the building will become a center of recreation, sports, and events. We'll continue to seek funding through state and federal grants while minimizing our tax burden. So enjoy Gardiner's parks today and be part of its future. I certainly will. □

### Richard Koenig (Ind/Cons)



**Response to question #1** Gardiner faces a lot of issues going forward, one significant one being the deteriorating condition of the towns' highway department buildings and equipment. Steps already taken are the salt shed roof repair and new truck purchases, but more needs to be done. There are two main buildings at the town garage—the salt shed and the garage. The salt shed still needs its back wall repaired; the garage, where the trucks and other equipment are repaired and stored, started its life strictly as storage barn. It needs to be updated for insulation and lighting and heating to reduce utility costs. It also needs an addition to house a work area where the equipment can be maintained. The current low ceilings require some maintenance to be performed outdoors. A long-term infrastructure plan needs to be put in place to address the buildings and equipment.

**Response to question #2** Developing a funding plan requires that you know what your needs are. A Master Plan for Gardiner's Parks and Parkland is required to do that, something we currently do not have. We have Majestic Park, the Rail Trail, and about a dozen "orphan" parkland parcels that were acquired over the years that need to be included in a Master Plan.

Currently Gardiner's Parks & Recreation committee gets the majority of its funds from fees paid by developers of subdivisions. The Parks & Rec committee also accepts donations, and it was a generous donation from a local family several years ago that allowed the pole barn at Majestic Park to be built. Other donations have helped outfit the interior, not only for our well-respected summer camp program, but for year round community use. But until we have a Master Plan and know the requirements, we cannot develop a funding plan. □

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## Candidates For Town Board



### David Duckler (Dem)

**Response to question #1** The most important issue facing Gardiner, now and in the future, is the preservation of open space. The rural quality of Gardiner is our biggest asset. We need to promote and preserve this resource so we don't end up becoming either Westchester or Long Island. We will need to review the Master

Plan to see that it accords with the vision of a rural Gardiner. We will also work with private/public partnerships to continue our preservation efforts as with the Hess and Kiernan farms. We will continue to seek grants and available funding for rural, open space and farm preservation.

**Response to question #2** We should have commercial developers assessed user fees, instead of donating unusable land, that can be applied to park development. Additional costs will determine whether we can use available funds or need to find other funding opportunities. Public input will help determine the scope and cost of any project. □



### James Miller (Ind/Rep/Cons)

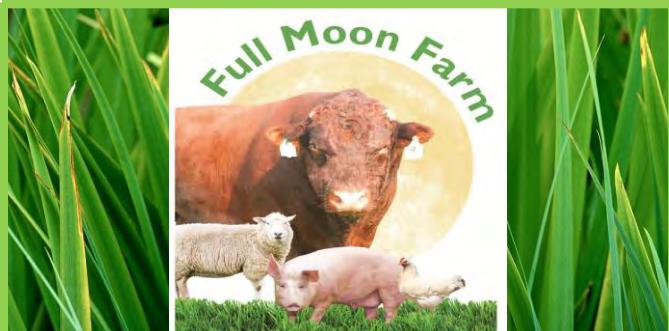
**Response to question #1** I see the dwindling number of volunteers for our town's fire department and ambulance as a major concern. If asked about service of self, the fire and EMS would be my number one example of neighbor helping neighbor. To be an EMT requires 175 hours of training and numerous state-written tests, which must be repeated every three years; the beginner firefighter class is eighty-seven hours and includes much of the same rigorous training. We must remember this is done in the volunteers' personal time, at all hours of the day and night in all different kinds of conditions. This type of commitment to one's neighbors is required to maintain safety and foster the sense of community we all want to see grow in Gardiner. I would like to see a lot more of our townspeople step up to help their town, and I think that members of the town board could start by setting the example.

**Response to question #2** I think it would be great to develop our parkland starting with a phased plan that all taxpayers are in favor of, then look back at a couple of ways to fund it: a reserve fund, monies from land subdivisions, fundraisers, generous donations from townspeople who support the plan and want to be a part of it, and real involvement and interaction with the park committee are all possibilities. Hopefully there are many members of the community who feel strongly enough to get involved and help create a plan to develop Gardiner's parkland. □

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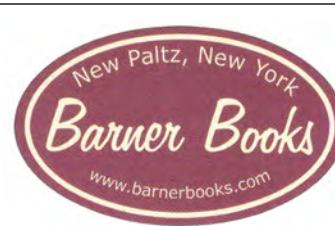
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## Candidates For Town Board

### Laurie Willow (Dem)



*Editor's note: Laurie Willow is a member of the Gazette Editorial Committee and submitted her responses first to avoid giving her the advantage of reading others before writing her own.*

**Response to question #1)** The most important issue facing Gardiner is whether or not we have the ability to continue the current direction of our town government. This direction maintains a well-organized present

while planning for the future needs and desires of the community. This applies not only to the future of our town services, such as the Highway Department, but also to the future of our very special natural resources. Only by setting specific goals, and then moving toward them, can we hope to deliver Gardiner to our children in a way that improves the Town and the quality of life for Gardiner residents. These goals include developing long term plans for infrastructure such as water and future sewer in the Hamlet, continuing to identify and protect additional open space and farmland, continuing to find ways to attract new business, and continuing the ongoing protection of farmland such as the Hess Farm and Kiernan Farm to keep our town rural.

**Response to question #2)** Because in the past Gardiner had a policy of accepting land from developers in lieu of a development fee, Gardiner owns multiple lots scattered around town. Some of these lots could be sold in order to develop other lots into parkland, notably the 80 acres on the Wallkill River, with views of the Ridge, that are next to the transfer station. □

### John Hinson (Ind/Rep/Cons)



**Response to question #1)** The citizens that I have heard from have consistently spoken to me about the difficulty managing taxes, especially property taxes. Year after year, residents receive tax increases. The burden placed on our senior population is causing them to reevaluate living in Gardiner and is forcing them to consider relocating to lower taxed states.

To add insult to injury, no one person has a solution to this. Governor Cuomo's 2% property tax cap was a start. The school districts should be held fiscally accountable but they also need our support in demanding mandate reform. We the citizens of Gardiner need to have our voices heard at the school district level, at the school board level, at the county level and most certainly at the state level. This issue should be on the minds of all our elected officials as it is weighing heavily on our community's minds.

**Response to question #2)** Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to hear the ECC committee present to the Town Board a proposed application for a grant to fund developing Gardiner-owned waterfront property along the Wallkill River. Although there was a dispute over who should drive that application, I could not help but appreciate how various committees and citizens all wanted to develop under utilized town property. I believe the answer toward such development of funding lies in grants. I also believe that town committees all look at the problem differently and look at opportunities differently. I would propose bringing the committee chairs together to develop direction for the town and ask for a team approach towards application requirements and development of grants. The grant the ECC found spoke to waterfront property, certainly a grant that most people would not have found, had they been focused solely on developing parkland. □

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### Town Clerk Michel Mosher



Town Clerk Michelle Mosher is running unopposed for another four-year term. Michelle has been Town Clerk for the past 18 years. She enjoys serving the people of Gardiner and looks forward to continuing. □

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## The Ulster County Legislature

The candidates were asked the following question and given 150 words in which to reply. Their responses were not edited:

### What are the most pressing issues currently facing Ulster County?

#### Tracey Bartels (Dem)



The economy continues to be the most pressing issue facing Ulster County. Property taxes are forcing residents to make difficult choices. Many of our neighbors can no longer afford to live here. During the last two years, I have worked hard to contain costs. I have supported innovative solutions to complicated problems. As a result, last year we delivered the first County property tax cut in over a decade.

That's right, your County taxes actually decreased last year. Still there is much work ahead. More than 100% of all County property tax dollars go to pay for State-mandated programs. I will continue to work to find efficiencies in County government and to demand savings. I know how important it is to make every dollar count. Ulster County is such a special place – I am so grateful to have the opportunity to represent you and to work on your behalf. □

#### Frank Lenny Zapka (Rep)



What is most important to the people of Gardiner may not be obvious to many. We have to get back the 1% Sales Tax extension. The loss of the tax will affect jobs throughout the county and the county budget, and could trickle down to local municipalities's budgets. Quality of life is the reason many of us choose to live and raise our children in Gardiner. We enjoy safe and secure surroundings for our families with the

NYS Police substation and the Ulster County Sheriff in Shawangunk. Some in the Legislature and County Executive's office question if this police coverage is efficient and sustainable, and have suggested eliminating the road patrol and adding a surcharge for the Sheriff's patrol. As a former Law Enforcement officer and your County Legislator, I will support the continued presence of the State Police and Sheriff's services in our town to maintain Gardiner's Quality of Life. □

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businesses that need reliable cell service to be successful. We will also work with commercial and light industrial businesses to make our CLI districts more business-friendly and inviting.

We also want to make the best possible use of the recreational areas we already have. This will draw people to Gardiner, help our businesses and spread the word that this is a nice community to visit but, more importantly, live in, and to work in. To accomplish this, we believe the town should be more discriminating on the acceptance of land in lieu of development recreation fees. Those fees, coupled with private efforts, should be invested in the public lands we currently have to improve them and open them up to new activities.

With everything that we want to do to move Gardiner forward, we need to avoid making long-term mistakes. No one doubts the future of Gardiner is positive and this town will continue to grow and prosper. We believe the sale of the Old Firehouse will be regretted. While we recognize the appeal of the revenue from a near term sale, the growth of the town will at some point in the near future require more public space in the Central Hamlet. This is the last of that space and should be protected.

Our overall message is that we want to include the entire town in the discussion about what is best for Gardiner. We will work with everyone to generate the resources needed to meet the priorities we all set. We believe planning to rely on merely raising taxes to accomplish our goals is not sustainable. Our policies, and our ticket, are centered on these ideas. □

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## Candidates for Highway Superintendent

These candidates were not asked a question. They supplied the following details about themselves:

### Brian Sticia (Dem/Cons)



I am a life long resident of Gardiner and have been employed by the Town of Gardiner Highway Department for more than 20 years. I have supplemented my knowledge of road construction, repair, maintenance, drainage and other highway department duties with classes at Cornell University on road construction, arborist training and drainage.

For over 28 years, I have served Gardiner as a volunteer firefighter and am currently the Assistant Chief. This has allowed me to impart my knowledge and train upcoming firefighters, assume management and budget responsibilities, as well as understand how the bid process works for purchasing and selling equipment.

As Highway Superintendent I will serve Gardiner residents with the same dedication and pride I have as a firefighter, working to improve communications with taxpayers; implement appropriate replacement schedule for equipment, as well as attend monthly town board meetings. I will explore such resources and grants as CHIPS, FEMA and other programs in order to meet the needs of residents while reducing the cost of repairs. □



### Gary Upright (Rep/Ind)

Gary Upright was born and raised in Gardiner and has continued to live in the area with his family. His qualifications for Superintendent of Highways speak for themselves.

Since graduating high school in 1987, Gary has worked in all phases of heavy construction, including but not limited to

the installation of natural gas lines, blacktopping of roads, and correcting drainage issues on county and state roads. As a foreman, he managed a crew of 10 men, and worked closely with county and state inspectors and utility company supervisors. Currently, Gary owns and operates his own landscaping and snow plowing business. He is a hard worker, is passionate in his work and takes pride in the finished result.

When elected, his goal is to be an active Highway Superintendent, answer calls from the taxpayers, work closely with other departments to complete town projects, and lead a strong team of highway workers. Gary will be conscientious of the wetlands and the environment around us and be vigilant against the wasting of tax money. □

## Candidates for Town Justice

### Robert Rich (Dem)



Bob Rich is a life-long Ulster County resident and an award-winning, AV-rated attorney with 25 years experience working first as a New York State Supreme Court law clerk and then in private practice as a trial attorney.

In 2012, Bob was rated among the top 1% of trial counsel in New York by Medical Malpractice Lawyers. This fall, he was designated as one of the top area attorneys by Hudson Valley Magazine and Super Lawyers Magazine. Bob has served on the NPCSD Board of Education and the Kingston Hospital Board of Trustees. He is currently on the NPCSD Foundation, a charitable organization he helped create, the NPHS Scholarship Committee and is also a proud member of the Poughkeepsie New Yorkers Barbershop Chorus.

Bob lives with his wife, Dawn, and their two daughters in Gardiner. He would be honored to have the opportunity to serve his community as Gardiner Town Justice. □



### Carmine Mele (Rep)

I have lived in the town of Gardiner for over 40 years and the first time I was in the current town hall it was my kindergarten classroom. After finishing college and law school, my wife, Janet, and I started our own family here. Our three teenage daughters attend the New Paltz Schools.

I started my town service on the Planning Board, where I was a member for 12 years, several of them as Chairman. For the last 4 years, I have been a member of Town Board. In both roles I have been instrumental in bringing divergent views together to move forward by being thoughtful, open minded and objective towards the best overall solution. Based upon my proven commitment to Gardiner and its people, my objectivity, and my focus on the issue at hand, I ask for your support to be your next Town Justice. □

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## New Book Is A Cure For Medical Disorganization

by Fred Mayo

Every once in a while along comes a book that opens our minds to new experiences or new ways of organizing experiences and brings richness to our daily lives. Gardiner resident Puja Thomson's *My Health & Wellness Organizer: An Easy Guide to Manage your Healthcare—and Your Medical Records* is such a book and a very timely one for many of us that are getting older.

This book provides you with words of advice, well organized workbook pages and many friendly suggestions. It is available in a three-hole-punched workbook ready to place into a three ring notebook, or in a bound version with three-hole-punched pages and is organized into six major sections: My Yel-

low Pages; Decisions, Decisions, Decisions; My Medical Appointments; Following Up After Appointments; Bills, Insurance and Legal Records; and My Reference Library—all of them designed to help you through the complexities of managing your health, your tests, and your visits to medical professionals.

Drawing on her experience dealing with doctors and other medical professionals and needing to create a support tool for herself, Puja Thomson has developed a system that organizes your office visits, your activities, and the important information that you need to have in one place so that you can retrieve it when you need it. It

is also designed to help you focus on your wellness—not just your health challenges.

Building on her very successful *My Hope & Focus Cancer Organizer*, Puja has created a manual to help all of us with the myriad challenges of maintaining records. As she says, "Disorganization is really bad for your health; being organized can take some of the stress out." And this book provides many ways to reduce stress:

- It encourages you to record your doctors' addresses, phone numbers, emails, and the names of their receptionists, nurses and technicians
- It motivates you to prepare for each visit to a health professional
- It structures your recording of what the professional tells you, and
- It reminds you to write down what you need to do after each visit (something some of us may forget to do).

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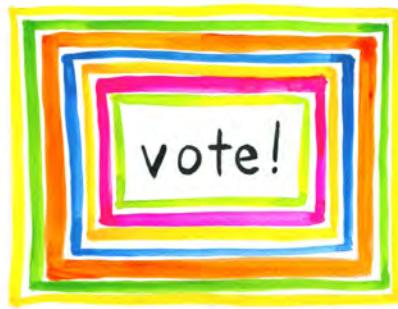
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## Few Who Decide, from page 1

than in other established democracies—but in 2012 only about 57.5% of Americans cast votes. Experts give many reasons for a declining participation in civic life in our country, a decline that, despite the potentially high stakes in any number of political contests, has continued since the early 1970's. Among the reasons are difficulty of voting, indifference, poor voter information and a deteriorating sense of community. Presidential election years do bring more Americans out

though; In Gardiner, 51% of eligible voters participated in 2012, while in 2011, a non-Presidential year, only 32% went to the polls.

Low turn-out in local-only elections is an odd phenomenon since the rewards or consequences of our votes are felt most acutely on a local level. It's where quality of life issues affect us daily, yet these are the times when most voters stay home. We

have all heard of elections that have been lost or won based on a handful of votes: in January of this year, Cecelia Tkaczyk, Democratic State Senator from New York's 46th District, won her seat by 18 votes after a recount of provisional and absentee ballots; in Gardiner, in 2009, a Town Board race was decided by 33 votes. The most extreme example came in 2006, when the proposition on the Gardiner Open Space Bond passed by one vote.

In a democracy, exercising the right to vote is the only way for the average citizen to insure that his or her voice is heard. Interestingly, the slim margins of past elections can be seen as both the good news and the bad news; in a small town like Gardiner just a few more people heading out to the polls can change an outcome.

Maybe this will be the year we rewrite history and head out in droves to influence our future. □

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# Carl Zatz

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## Supervisor

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## Just A Bite ...

### Loving Kale At The Village Market

by Carol O'Biso

Last summer I was having dinner with a friend on the Upper East Side of Manhattan when she confided earnestly that she was trying to love kale. When I stopped laughing (it was so Upper East Side ...) I offered to help her out with that. The next time I went down for dinner some of the "Kale Salad with Citrus Sesame Dressing" from the Village Market & Bakery in Gardiner made the journey to the city with me. When I reported the results (huge success) to John Reilly and Karen Schneck, owners of the Market, John said, "And not only did she love kale, she loved raw kale."

OK, John and Karen are entitled to some bragging rights here, because their kale salad,

which they've been making for about a year now, is extraordinary.

"When the Wednesday food section of the New York Times started to indicate that people were showing an interest in kale we started playing around with kale salads," John said. Initially, they blanched the kale first because, really, nobody likes raw kale. In a very short time though they realized that raw was better. It tasted better. It looked better. It's better for you. They do soak it overnight in cold water to soften it though, and all the thick ribs are removed.

Once they add the luscious



Kale Salad with Citrus Sesame Dressing at the Village Market & Bakery. Photo: Carol O'Biso

dressing—organic sesame oil, citron juice, Thai Mae Ploy sweet red chili sauce (also sold at the Market) and toasted sesame seeds, among other ingredients—this pile of raw greenery turns into something truly wonderful. "We are refilling the platter two or three times a day," John says.

Life is not usually fair, so it's rare to find something that tastes this good that is also

good for you, but kale is packed with health-promoting sulfur compounds, has the greatest antioxidant capacity of all fruits and vegetables, is an excellent source of vitamins K, A and C, is a very good source of dietary fiber, calcium, iron and potassium and is very low in calories.

A one-quart container of kale salad at the Village Market (approximately four servings as a side dish) costs around \$5 or \$6. Give it a try! □

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# Dave Dukler Laurie Willow

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## **Leaf Mulch**, from page 1

Research indicated that, unlike compost, leaf mulch is ready to be used as soon as you shred it, but it didn't seem wise to let the leaves do all that cooking and steaming on the roots of my sweet little plants (even though they would steam less when spread out). It takes quite a long time to turn leaves into compost though, so there was no rush. The moistened pile was covered



The pile of shredded leaves, bedded down for the winter.

with a tarp and left to sleep for the winter. In the spring, I spread a thin layer of wet newspaper as an extra weed barrier and shoveled barrows full of this wonder-

ous, rich brown shredded material over it. Like peat moss, when released from

If you want to try making leaf mulch, keep the leaves separate from other composta-



The ugly duckling transformed in the spring!

the weight of its own pile, leaf mulch springs to life and covers a lot of ground. Over the course of the summer, my leaf mulch turned out to be the most moisture-retentive mulch I have used. If there is any down side at all it's that it is very light in weight; beware of exposed, windy areas.

ble material and definitely shred them in some way. Unshredded leaves make a slick helmet that prevents

air and moisture from reaching your soil. The lawn mower worked well for large quantities, especially with a bagger on the back so the leaves could just be dumped in the pile instead of needing raking afterwards. For smaller quantities, putting batches in a large, plastic garbage pail and processing them with a weed whacker works, too (wear goggles), and if you've got a shredder, I'm jealous! Do some research on what types of leaves are OK—maple and oak leaves are ideal but apparently some other types, like evergreen leaves, are not. Finally, keep in mind that leaf mulch retains so much moisture you could risk collar rot if you pile it too closely around the base of your plants.

I'm still figuring out what works and what doesn't with gardening, but leaf mulch? It's nature's perfect answer; a keeper. □

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## **Ulster County Legislature**

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## Calf, from page 1



Maddie and Zoe taking a nap in between events at the fair last summer.  
Picture courtesy Goodnow family.

who was taking Zoe to the Ulster County Fair.

Zoe and Maddie were entered in the Pee Wee Showmanship and Cloverbud Class where they won a rainbow colored ribbon and a blue ribbon. Maddie was very busy at the Fair. When Zoe is home she has a bath once a week, but at the Fair a bath every day is required and the clean up around Zoe is constant. Along with these fun tasks, Maddie walked around the show ring with Zoe where she won the two ribbons and, when not working, handed ribbons to the judges for presentation. In the future, Maddie and Zoe will be back at the Fair and, after Zoe is bred, Maddie will be at the Fair with Zoe and her calf. Maddie said, "Zoe was too little to be with the bigger cows this year but next year we'll get to stay the night."

Dr. Lyle Goodnow, the veterinarian and owner of the Gardiner Animal Hospital, is so proud of his great granddaughter Maddie and grandson Matthew. Next year, when we see a cow and maybe later a calf on the lawn at the Gardiner Animal Hospital, we won't have to wonder; we'll know they are getting ready for the Ulster County Fair and wish them Good Luck. □

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## Stewart Airport: Build it and They will Come?

by State & County Correspondent Nadine Lemmon

The latest news coming out of Stewart Airport is that on October 31st, Allegiant Air, after a six-year hiatus, will resume its service to St. Petersburg-Clearwater on Florida's Gulf coast. This comes on the heels of Allegiant's non-stop service to Cancun Mexico, announced in 2010. The new operator of Stewart Airport—Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ), which took over from a private company in 2007—is working hard to bring more carriers and flights to the airport. Perhaps Allegiant's announcement is a good sign that the economy is coming back from recession, but the expansion and success of Stewart still faces a seemingly insurmountable hurdle: a lack of customers.

Stewart has always felt like one of those promising assets in the Hudson Valley that has never quite lived up to its potential. When I first traveled from the airport in 1994, it was a dream—easy parking, quick access to the gates, minimal lines and minimal headaches. Unfortunately, these pluses were coupled with a big minus—a limited number of cities to travel to, presumably because there were a limited number of passengers willing to fly out of Newburgh. But the promise was there; after all, the first commercial flight didn't happen until 1990, so there was plenty of time for improvement!

With the recession, demand for air travel plummeted, and airlines responded. American Airlines pulled flights to

Chicago's O'Hare in 2007, and AirTran Airways ended service in 2008. Although numbers show that travelers are now coming back to Stewart, the real cluster of untapped customers for the airport is the New York Metropolitan market, 60 miles to the south. There are loads of people there looking for an alternative to the tri-headed downstate monster—Newark, LaGuardia, and JFK airports—whose capacity is busting at the seams. The problem is convenience and access; there is no good public transportation between Stewart and the City, and driving is an awkward option for many city dwellers.

PANYNJ has big plans though. They've already invested \$70 million, have set aside an additional \$500 million in their capital plan, and are hoping to invest in a new terminal, a runway extension, expansion of cargo

capacity, and possibly even a train station connecting to Metro-North. One concept is that the airport can initially serve as a hub for low-cost carriers serving travelers who want low-cost options—i.e., those who'd be willing to trade a little convenience for cheaper flights.

Stewart has had a long list of cheerleaders, ranging from General Douglas MacArthur in the 1930's to Governor Nelson Rockefeller in the 1970's and, more recently, US Senator Charles Schumer. It's also had a colorful history. It's been touted for its long runway—built long enough to land the space shuttle in an emergency—and for a while, the Concorde would do a "touch-and-go" there, a popular tourist attraction until the plane was decommissioned in 2003. Stewart played a key role helping out after Hurricane Katrina, and welcomed home the 52 American hostages held in Iran in 1981. Unfortunately, it's anyone's guess as to whether heavy investment and/or cheerleading in the future can transform its rather lackluster commercial past. □

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## Bob Rich Town Justice

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## What's in a Name?

by Kathy Muessig

"Home is a name, a word, it is a strong one; stronger than magician ever spoke, or spirit ever answered to, in the strongest conjuration."

Charles Dickens

Have you ever wondered about the name of Gardiner, your hometown? Or the names of places around town and its many ancestral families? Carrying out some simple research about the history of Gardiner is fun, and sources are plentiful and easy to find.

Whether it be historical cemeteries you are looking to visit or historical markers you are counting, your first steps can be taken online. Let's start searching right at home—take a quick online visit to the town website ([www.townofgardiner.org](http://www.townofgardiner.org)) for historical sources, where a simple search gives this brief synopsis of the evolution of the name Gardiner:



"...GARDINER, in its numerous varieties of forms, can be traced back in English history to William the Conqueror and ...was first introduced into the British Isles as DES JARDINE. In the areas more heavily populated by the Britons, Danes and Saxons, it appeared in the Twelfth Century as De Jardin, Jardin, Gardin, etc... In Scotland, for example, GARDINER was known as Gardenkirk. In Wales it was

spelled Gardynyr. Across the line in Gloucestershire it was slightly altered to read Gardyner."

After clicking on numerous other links to local history on the town site, consider taking time to appreciate some of the many historical photos on the walls in our town hall during your next visit there. A trip to the Gardiner Library is also a must for local history research—be sure to ask at the desk for materials in addition to those on the shelf. The book *The Road to Gardiner* by Ed Thompson gives an interesting explanation of how the family surname of Decker was arrived at: Roofers in the early days in Europe were commonly known as "deckers"; those who travelled to the New World on the sailing ships' decks where they ate and slept became known as "deckers"; and relatives of a well known

family in Holland were named deDecker.

If you prefer to do all your research online, there is no shortage of sites providing access to Gardiner in days gone by. For a brief, fun description of Gardiner written in 1871 go to <http://history.rays-place.com/ny/uls-gardiner-ny.htm>. Among other interesting facts you will find that in 1871 there were 813 children of school age, that the number enrolled in school was 465, and that the average attendance was 198."

Also visit [www.hrvh.org](http://www.hrvh.org), where you can access hundreds of historical newspapers throughout our region. It is sponsored by the Southeastern NY Library Resources Council and Hudson River Valley Heritage.

It's nice to get a sense of perspective on the way we live today, so enjoy dialing back a couple of centuries in time. □

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# Brian Stiscia

## Highway Superintendant

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## eBooks At The Gardiner Library

by Ray Smith

"Keeping up with new technology is always challenging," says Library Manager Nicole Lane, explaining a new initiative in which the library recently bought two eReaders—a Kindle Fire and Nook Tablet—and created a space behind the circulation desk for training and exploring.

"Since more and more people are using eReaders we knew, as a library, we had to expand our offerings and services in order to remain relevant in this changing environment," Nicole said. "We are calling it our petting zoo." Patrons can use the library's devices to learn how to download and read eBooks as well as how to use the library's collection of eBooks. A representative from the library system trained the Gardiner library staff so they can help patrons who are just getting

started using eReaders or who have questions, and this pre-knowledge then allows people to purchase an eReader for themselves with more confidence.

"We want to start slow to see what patrons want," Nicole continued. But eventually she hopes to be able to lend out eReaders pre-loaded with genres of books, for example, mysteries, best-sellers, etc.

Despite being electronic, eBooks are not free. The library must buy eBooks, which generally cost \$7 to around \$18 each. And, although eBooks are electronic, patrons still need to wait for available copies when they request titles through the library system.

The good news is that the

library's budget has a new line specifically for eBooks, so they won't get usurped by paper and print acquisitions. As Nicole went on, "Most importantly the Gardiner Library has also opened an Overdrive Advantage account which allows the library to purchase eBooks that only Gardiner Library patrons can check out. This will reduce wait time for bestsellers considerably. We can run reports showing what titles our patrons are requesting. That will drive the purchases I make for our Overdrive Advantage account."

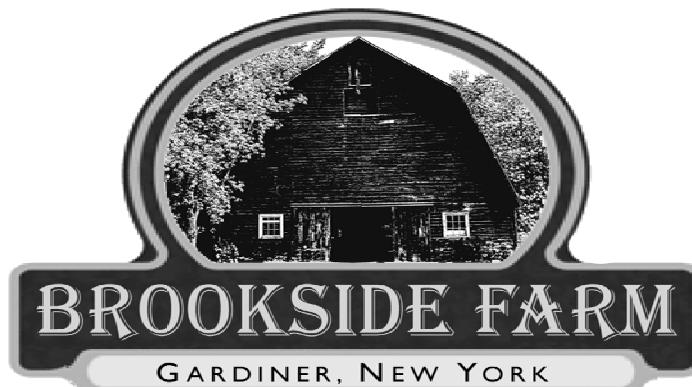
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device with Overdrive.

To facilitate access to eBooks and other electronic materials, the library has increased the number of desktop computers available for patron use from three to four and the number of laptops from four to six. In addition, an iPad for the children's area has been added which is preloaded with child level educational apps they can explore.

To support an ongoing process, Nicole explained, "I participated in a webinar on how to use an impact survey developed to understand community use of library technology and how we can improve those services. This will then help shape our choices about how to incorporate technology into our future library services and offerings." □

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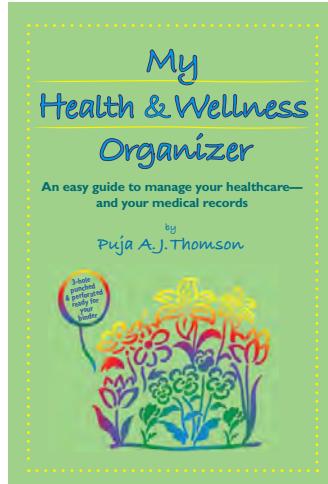
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## **Book, from page 1**

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Puja Thompson's new book.  
Photo: courtesy Puja Thompson.

ordinarily think of as supporters. Recording who they are and how to contact them reminds you to call on them and to use their help.

The organization and tone of the book have been designed to decrease the stress involved in preparing for a doctor's visit. Writing down what was said in the office helps you to remember the diagnosis and the recommendations. Knowing who

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Puja Thomson, a successful author, publisher, healer, minister, and proprietor of a

local bed and breakfast retreat center, has been publishing books since 1999, when self-publishing was becoming the norm; she launched *Roots & Wings for Strength and Freedom* under the Roots & Wings Publishing imprint. Since her career has included working in the fields of education, social work, massage, and healing, she has the background to write this book and make it useful to a wide range of persons. For more information about the book, you can contact Puja Thomson at [www.rootsnwings.com](http://www.rootsnwings.com). □

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## Michelle Mosher - Town Clerk

Town Clerk Michelle Mosher is running unopposed for another 4- year term. Michelle has been Town Clerk for the past 18 years. She enjoys serving the people of Gardiner and looks forward to continuing.

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## Jim Miller - Councilman

Jim has a strong sense of service to the country & the community in which he lives. Having served over 20 years in the U.S. Army, He is a retired veteran with a Bronze Star Award. He currently serves his community through the volunteer fire service as an EMT & firefighter. Jim has been a member with Shawangunk Valley since 1977 & has served as Chief since 2011. Through his leadership abilities & desire to maintain and foster an equal government in Gardiner, Jim is confident that he is your candidate for Gardiner Town Councilman.

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## Carmine Mele - Justice

Carmine has lived in Gardiner for over 40 years. After law school, he & his wife, Janet, started their own family here. His 3 daughters attend New Paltz schools. His town service began on the Planning Board, where he was a member for 12 years, several of them as Chairman. For the last 4 years, he has been a member of Town Board. He has been instrumental in bringing divergent views together to move forward by being thoughtful, open minded & objective towards the best overall solution. Based upon his proven commitment to Gardiner & its people, he asks for your support to be Town Justice.

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## F. Lenny Zapka - County Legislator

Lenny is a retired City of Newburgh Police Detective and is currently a part time investigator for the Town of Montgomery Police Department. He is the owner and Vice President of Alert Security and Investigations. He is married and has two sons. Lenny believes in PROTECTING OUR CONSTITUTION, the right to bear arms, and the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution should be something we do not take for granted. Many have died for these rights. Let's not take them away.

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Carl is a familiar face in town and in community affairs. Carl's advocated for kids and seniors by supporting the parks and library. He works to make Gardiner affordable and a great place to live. A financial leader his entire career, he balances the needs of the community with smart spending and wise investment.

#### David Dukler



David is an accomplished policy maker and fiscal conservative. He's served on the New Paltz School Board for 9 years, as vice-president and president. He's currently president of the Gardiner Library Board of Trustees and acts as coordinator of trail volunteers for Mohonk and aids in trail maintenance at the Stewart Bufferlands.

#### Laurie Willow



A long time Gardiner resident, Laurie Willow knows the workings of the town. She's actively served the town's committees, coordinated projects, and championed for the environment. A seat on the Town Board enables her to advocate for building a community that's rewarding and exciting for everyone.

#### Tracey Bartels



Tracey is a three term Ulster County Legislator known for environmental advocacy and fiscal responsibility. Her hard work advanced a property tax reduction – the first in ten years. She led the committee that investigated mismanagement of the county jail. She helped end closed-door meetings on county property and authored a resolution requiring audio recordings of committee meetings for public access.

#### Brian Stiscia



A Gardiner firefighter for over 28 years, Brian's term as Chief focused on training, leadership, and productivity. He's worked for our Highway Department for over 20 years. His deep knowledge of road construction and maintenance preserves our safety and uniquely qualifies him for the role of the Highway Superintendent of Gardiner's 57 miles of roads.

- **We'll supply services to help Gardiner's seniors and aging population thrive while advocating for lower property taxes**

- **Help build our children's future by supporting their educational, technical, research, and recreational needs**

- **Fuel the growth of agri-businesses to benefit Gardiner farms, wineries, farm stands, and tourism**

- **Increase revenue opportunities to keep taxes low by a) attracting new businesses to Gardiner and b) leveraging available outside funds**

- **Put an end to ongoing neglect of Gardiner's infrastructure by investing wisely today for a productive tomorrow**

- **Become purveyors of Gardiner's local produce, services, labor pool, and manufacturing and support the Gardiner Association of Businesses**

- **Preserve and protect the natural beauty of Gardiner that makes it a great place to live**

**VOTE FOR ZATZ, DUKLER, WILLOW, BARTELS & STISCIA ON NOVEMBER 5th**

# Keeping Gardiner a Great Place to Live



## A decade of excellence, a decade of results Vote Row A and keep Gardiner a great place to live

- Supported the Library in its emergence as Gardiner's cultural center
- Renovated Gardiner's historic schoolhouse and built a new Town Hall office center with room for expansion to meet the town's future needs.
- Developed an ongoing Gardiner news channel with information delivered via email news, Facebook, Town website, and Twitter, produced entirely by Carl Zatz; FM broadcasts beginning in November will feature town information on a low power radio frequency.
- Worked to advance and pass an Ulster County property tax **reduction** – the first in ten years
- Rebuilt the Town's Transfer Station, increasing revenues, customer service, and operational excellence
- Created the Open Space Law to protect working farms, already having preserved the Kiernan Farm and Hess Farm from development at no cost to Gardiner's taxpayers
- Created new zoning to protect "The Ridge" and to maintain Gardiner's rural character
- Led the bi-partisan Ulster County committee that investigated the mismanagement of the county jail
- Built safer playgrounds, eliminating unsafe and hazardous materials; supported the building of an activities pole barn in Majestic Park; extended hours of Gardiner summer camp, making it one of the best camps in the county.
- Secured state and federal funding to build sidewalks in the hamlet — started construction in June and ending this month — and installed landscaping, beautified the Rail Trail, and lit the streets with new lampposts
- Planted reed beds at the sewer station that minimize the burden on existing waste disposal, utilizing effective state-of-the-art natural methodology
- First to bring wifi hot spots to Gardiner Town Hall while building our technical infrastructure, plus completing the plan to bring cable and internet to every road in Gardiner

**ELECT ZATZ, DUKLER, WILLOW, BARTELS & STISCIA.  
VOTE ROW A ON NOVEMBER 5th.**

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**Ulster Properties**  
845-256-0075; Management & Hospitality  
[www.UlsterProperties.com](http://www.UlsterProperties.com)

**Willow Realty**  
845-255-7666; Real Estate Agents  
[www.WillowRealEstate.com](http://www.WillowRealEstate.com)

## GALLERY

**DM Weil Gallery**  
845-255-3336; Art Gallery  
[www.dmweil.com](http://www.dmweil.com)

## FLORISTS

**Elegant Accents**  
845-527-9590; Floral Design  
[www.ElegantFloralAccents.com](http://www.ElegantFloralAccents.com)

**Floral Affairs by Sarah**  
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[www.FloralAffairsBySarah.com](http://www.FloralAffairsBySarah.com)

**Meadowscent**  
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[www.MeadowscentFlowers.com](http://www.MeadowscentFlowers.com)

## WINERIES/WINE & LIQUOR/DISTILLERY

**Hudson Valley Wine Market**  
845-255-0600; Wine & Spirits Shop  
[www.HudsonValleyWineMarket.com](http://www.HudsonValleyWineMarket.com)

**Peter Cordovano, P.C.**  
845-691-4200; Law office  
[www.CordovanoLaw.com](http://www.CordovanoLaw.com)

## AUTO & RV/SERVICE/SALES

**Beek's Auto**  
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Facebook

**Len-Rich RV**  
845-725-7624; RV Repairs  
[www.Len-RichRV.net](http://www.Len-RichRV.net)

**STS Tire & Auto Center**  
845-255-7600; Auto Sales & Repair  
[www.ststire.com](http://www.ststire.com)

**X-Treme Rides**  
845-270-2504; 24 Hr. Towing & Collision Restoration  
[www.x-tremrides.com](http://www.x-tremrides.com)

## FITNESS/SPORTS/DANCE

**Got Rhythm? Dance Studio**  
845-255-6434; Dance Studio  
[www.GotRhythmGardiner.com](http://www.GotRhythmGardiner.com)

**Gunx CrossFit**  
845-419-2177; Strength & Conditioning Center  
[www.gunxcrossfit.com](http://www.gunxcrossfit.com)

**New Paltz Karate Academy, Inc.**  
845-255-4523; Karate & Martial Arts  
[www.NewPaltzKarate.com](http://www.NewPaltzKarate.com)

## BANKS/FINANCIAL/INSURANCE

**Farm Family Insurance**  
845-633-8600; Personal and Commercial  
[www.NYInsuranceCoverage.com](http://www.NYInsuranceCoverage.com)

**Fraleigh & Rakow, Inc.**  
845-876-7035; Insurance  
[www.FraleighAndRakow.com](http://www.FraleighAndRakow.com)

**Ulster Savings Bank**  
845-255-4262; Financial Institution  
[www.UlsterSavings.com](http://www.UlsterSavings.com)

**Walden Savings Bank**  
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## PERSONAL CARE/HEALTH

**Happiness Day Spa**  
845-256-3840; Boutique Day Spa  
[www.happinessdayspa.com](http://www.happinessdayspa.com)

**Homeopathic Consultations**  
845-255-8560; Homeopathy & Light Therapy

**Miracle Day Spa**  
845-702-3526; Skin Care, Massage, Yoga  
[www.spamiracles.com](http://www.spamiracles.com)

**Peace of Mindfulness**  
845-255-9090; Massage Therapy  
[www.PeaceOfMindfulness.org](http://www.PeaceOfMindfulness.org)

**Roots & Wings**  
845-255-2278; Ceremonies  
[www.rootsnwings.com/ceremonies](http://www.rootsnwings.com/ceremonies)

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**Robibero Family Vineyard**  
845-255-9463; Wineries/Wine & Spirits  
[www.RobiberoFamilyVineyards.com](http://www.RobiberoFamilyVineyards.com)

**Tuthilltown Spirits Distillery**  
845-633-8734; Farm Distillery  
[www.tuthilltown.com](http://www.tuthilltown.com)

**Whitecliff Vineyard**  
845-255-4613; Wineries/Wine & Spirits  
[www.WhitecliffWine.com](http://www.WhitecliffWine.com)

## PETS/VETS

**Gardiner Animal Hospital**  
845-255-1549; Veterinarian  
Facebook

**Hudson Valley Dogwatch**  
845-255-3126; Dogwatch Hidden Fence  
[www.DogWatchDave.com](http://www.DogWatchDave.com)

**Lung Ta Wellness**  
845-797-2079; Animal Wellness Facilitation  
[www.LungTaWellness.com](http://www.LungTaWellness.com)

**The Natural Pet Center at Ireland Corners**  
845-255-7387; Pet Supplies  
[www.TheNaturalPetCenter.com](http://www.TheNaturalPetCenter.com)

## LAW FIRMS/ATTORNEYS

**Glenn & Breheny, PLLC**  
845-561-1951; Attorney  
[www.GlennBrehenyLaw.com](http://www.GlennBrehenyLaw.com)

## HORSE STABLE/TRAINING/BOARDING

**Journey's End Farm**  
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[www.acps.org/journeysend](http://www.acps.org/journeysend)

**La Luna Farm**  
845-332-4519; Horse Boarding/Lessons  
[www.lalunafarm.com](http://www.lalunafarm.com)

**Lucky C Stables, Inc.**  
845-255-3220; Horse Boarding/Lessons  
[www.LuckyCStables.com](http://www.LuckyCStables.com)

**Mountain View Farm**  
845-255-5563; Horse Boarding/Lessons

## RETAIL

**Kiss My Face**  
845-255-0884; Body & Skincare Products  
[www.KissMyFace.com](http://www.KissMyFace.com)

**HiHo Home Market & Antique Center**  
845-255-1123; Antiques and Collectibles  
[www.HiHoHome.com](http://www.HiHoHome.com)

**Majestic's Hardware, Inc.**  
845-255-5494; Hardware Stores  
[www.MajesticsHardware.com](http://www.MajesticsHardware.com)

**Oh Crow**  
845-255-0250; RainGauges  
[www.worldscoolestrainingauge.com](http://www.worldscoolestrainingauge.com)

**Utility Canvas**  
845-255-9290; Clothing and bags including design  
[www.UtilityCanvas.com](http://www.UtilityCanvas.com)

**Trendz Family Hair Salon**  
845-895-5437; Full Service Hair Salon  
[www.trendzfamilysalon.com](http://www.trendzfamilysalon.com)

## MARKETING/PRINTING/MAILING

**Cornerstone Services**  
845-255-5722; Graphic Design & Fulfillment  
[www.crst.net](http://www.crst.net)

**Pages Printing & Graphics**  
845-562-3309; Printing & Graphics  
[www.PagesGraphics.com/Newburgh](http://www.PagesGraphics.com/Newburgh)

**Roots & Wings Publishing**  
845-255-2278; Publishing  
[www.aftershockfromcancer.com](http://www.aftershockfromcancer.com)

**Vivid Business Communications**  
845-256-0000; Bus. Services, Consultants  
[www.VividBusiness.net](http://www.VividBusiness.net)

## ARCHITECTURE

**Hoover Architecture, PLLC**  
845-598-4762; Architects  
[www.HooverArchitecture.com](http://www.HooverArchitecture.com)

**Matthew Bialecki Associates**  
845-255-6131; Architects  
[www.BialeckiArchitects.com](http://www.BialeckiArchitects.com)

## CLUBS/ASSOCIATION

**Southern Ulster Rotary Club**  
Community Service  
[www.SouthernUlsterRotary.org](http://www.SouthernUlsterRotary.org)

## DINING/CATERING

### Bridge Creek Catering, LLC

845-255-9234; Catering  
[www.BridgeCreekCatering.com](http://www.BridgeCreekCatering.com)

### Café Mio Restaurant

845-255-4949; Restaurants & Cafés  
[www.MioGardiner.com](http://www.MioGardiner.com)

### Lombardi's Restaurant

845-255-9779; Restaurant & Cafes

### Mountain Brauhaus Restaurant

845-255-9766; Restaurant & Cafes  
[www.mountainbrauhaus.com](http://www.mountainbrauhaus.com)

### Tuthillhouse at the Mill

845-255-4151; Restaurants & Cafes  
[www.tuthillhouse.com](http://www.tuthillhouse.com)

## CONTRACTORS/TRADES/SUPPLIERS

### Alert Security and Investigations, Inc.

845-234-0923; Security Services  
[www.AlertSecurityInc.com](http://www.AlertSecurityInc.com)

### Amthor Welding Service

845-778-5576; Tank Truck Welding  
[www.AmthorInternational.com](http://www.AmthorInternational.com)

### BuildingLogic, Inc.

718-791-6443; Building Design  
[www.BuildingLogicInc.com](http://www.BuildingLogicInc.com)

### Dalan Adjustment Corp

845-568-34440; National Public Adjusting Firm  
[www.DalanAdjustment.com](http://www.DalanAdjustment.com)

### P.E. Colucci Excavating, Inc.

845-255-5602; Excavating & Landscaping

### Ron DeGroodt Paving, Inc.

845-895-3171; Paving

### Skytop Construction

845-401-3720; Construction, General Contracting  
[www.skytopconstruction.com](http://www.skytopconstruction.com)

### Stryker Electric

845-255-3200; Electricians

### Tantillo Landscape Supplies & Excavation

845-255-6680; Excavating & Landscaping  
[www.TantilloSupplies.com](http://www.TantilloSupplies.com)

### Tanya Maraquette Building & Consultation

845-255-8560; Home Inspections, Air Testing

### Ultimate Homes, Inc.

845-255-9378; Construction  
Facebook

### Vaz-Co Reclaiming Service

845-691-6246; Environmental Services  
[www.vaz-co.com](http://www.vaz-co.com)

### Wildlife Busters, LLC

845-256-1212; Pest Control  
[www.WildlifeBusters.com](http://www.WildlifeBusters.com)

## OUTDOOR/ADVENTURE/TRAVEL

### Blue Sky Entertainment/Gardiner Airport

845-256-1646; Airport



## GARDINER ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESSES

### Full Moon Farm

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[www.FullMoonFarmNY.com](http://www.FullMoonFarmNY.com)

### Grass Fed Beef on Kiernan Farm

845-255-8998; Farm: Beef  
[www.KiernanFarm.com](http://www.KiernanFarm.com)

### Jenkins & Lueken Orchards

845-255-6787; Farm, Farm Markets  
[www.JLOrchards.com](http://www.JLOrchards.com)

### Meadow View Farm

845-255-6093; Farm, Farm Market  
[www.MeadowViewFarmStand.com](http://www.MeadowViewFarmStand.com)

### Phillies Bridge Farm

845-256-9108; Farm Markets, Orchards & CSAs  
[www.PhilliesBridge.org](http://www.PhilliesBridge.org)

### Wright's Farm

845-255-5300; Farm Markets, Orchards & CSAs  
[www.eatapples.com](http://www.eatapples.com)

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[www.DavidKuceralInc.com](http://www.DavidKuceralInc.com)

### DayCo Mechanical Services

845-255-8605; HVAC

### Fall Fittings, Inc.

845-255-5710; Structural Steel Fabricating

### Fischer Electric

845-256-0365; Electricians

### Friedle Construction, Inc.

845-256-9338; Construction  
[www.FriedleConstruction.com](http://www.FriedleConstruction.com)

### Gordon Fire Equipment, LLC

845-691-5700; Fire Suppression Systems  
[www.GordonFire.com](http://www.GordonFire.com)

### Heritagenergy

845-255-7779; Oil & LP Gas  
[www.HeritagEnergy.com](http://www.HeritagEnergy.com)

### Hudson Builders Group

845-245-7773; Comm. & Res. Contracting  
[www.HudsonBuilders.com](http://www.HudsonBuilders.com)

### Mitchell Electric, LLC

845-255-5216; Electricians  
[www.MitchellElectricLLC.com](http://www.MitchellElectricLLC.com)

### New York Solar Farm, Inc.

845-597-6631; Comm. & Res. Solar PV Installer  
[www.nyssf.com](http://www.nyssf.com)

### Cruises, Inc.

845-895-2784; Vacations, Cruises, Tours  
[www.cruisesinc.com/abotto](http://www.cruisesinc.com/abotto)

### Freefall Express

d.b.a The Blue Sky Ranch  
845-255-9538; Airport, Skydiving  
[www.TheBlueSkyRanch.com](http://www.TheBlueSkyRanch.com)

### Mohonk Preserve

845-255-0919; Hiking Nature Preserve  
[www.MohonkPreserve.org](http://www.MohonkPreserve.org)

### New Paltz Travel Center, Inc.

845-255-7706; Travel  
[www.NewPaltzTravel.com](http://www.NewPaltzTravel.com)

### Skydive The Ranch, Inc.

845-255-4033; Airport, Skydiving  
[www.SkydiveTheRanch.com](http://www.SkydiveTheRanch.com)

## FARMS/ORCHARDS

### Blue Crest Farm

845-895-3754; Farm

### Brookside Farm of Gardiner

845-895-SIDE (7433); Farm: Beef, etc.  
[www.Brookside-Farm.com](http://www.Brookside-Farm.com)

### Bruynswick Farmstand

845-255-5693; Farm, Preserves, Baked Goods

### Brykill Farm LLC

845-895-8928; Farm: Beef, etc.  
[www.BrykillFarm.com](http://www.BrykillFarm.com)

## LODGING

### Blueberry Inn on Kiernan Farm, Inc.

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[www.Blueberry-Inn.com](http://www.Blueberry-Inn.com)

### Enthusiastic Guest House

845-256-1122; Lodging  
Facebook

### Maplestone Inn

845-255-6861; Bed & Breakfast  
[www.MaplestoneInn.com](http://www.MaplestoneInn.com)

### Minnewaska Lodge

845-255-1110; Lodging  
[www.MinnewaskaLodge.com](http://www.MinnewaskaLodge.com)

### Roots & Wings Lodging

845-255-2278; Lodging  
[www.rootsnwings.com](http://www.rootsnwings.com)

## REAL ESTATE/PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

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### Connor Properties

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845-255-9009; Real Estate Brokerage  
[www.lauraroserealestate.info](http://www.lauraroserealestate.info)

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2356 Route 44/55, Gardiner, NY 12525

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## BLENDING THE CHARM OF THE PAST WITH MODERN CONVENIENCE

This lovingly maintained country farmhouse built in 1850 has wide board floors throughout. A more recent addition provides additional space for gathering with friends and family yet includes places for more quiet times. The gourmet kitchen with professional appliances joins up with the spacious dining room. The ample family room with its own fireplace and beamed ceiling is flooded with sunlight. Picture yourself lounging pool side, taking a refreshing dip in the heated gunite pool or soaking in the adjoining in-ground hot tub all while admiring the wildlife. Just a five minute walk to Tillson Lake and several thousand acres of state land for swimming, hiking, climbing, etc. Close to all that Gardiner & New Paltz have to offer. **\$739,000**



## PERFECT RIVERFRONT WEEKENDER!

Such a sweet charming home with direct access to the Wallkill River where you can drop your kayak in and enjoy one of the most beautiful parts of the river and the mountain views. The house has character with walled stone fireplace and a small wood stove in the four season sun room that also has back up electric heat so it can be used year round and is opened up with french doors leading to the family room. The kitchen has a lot of natural light from the large sky light and is complete with great counter space and plenty of cupboards. The large screen porch is only steps away from the house and has a large deck. Great space to do your summer barbecues and entertain while watching the river. **\$162,500**

## STUNNING 1866 GOTHIC REVIVAL FARMHOUSE

Architecturally designed renovation of this 1866 Gothic Revival farmhouse in 2005 has produced the perfect blend of stylish updates with energy saving details, while preserving the charm of the era. Totally gutted & lovingly restored to the highest of standards: gourmet custom crafted Apuzzo kitchen, stylish baths in every bedroom, cathedral ceilings, pine wood floors, floor to ceiling windows, mahogany front porch, two Master Bedroom suites. Nestled between New Paltz and Woodstock, New York, the home sits on 4 glorious wooded acres along the Rondout Creek with frontage on what was once part of the historic Delaware & Hudson Canal. Surrounding this showplace, extensive perennial gardens that lead down to the river were designed by the former head landscaper of Mohonk Mountain House, trained in Paris. **\$899,000**



## SWEET HOME, GREAT LOCATION!

The beautiful country road is just part of the appeal! Picturesque DuBois Rd, home to horse stables and Hurd's Family Farm adds to the charm of this 3bedroom, 1.5 bath gem. House has been lovingly maintained, by original owner over the years. Rooms are bright and airy and feature hardwood floors throughout. Combined dining/living room perfect for entertaining and/or family time, features fireplace for these cool autumn nights. Quaint eat-in country kitchen awaits your personal touches. Walk-out finished basement is perfect for family room, man cave, or whatever you desire with fireplace with insert that makes it extra cozy! There is a rear screened in porch that overlooks the tranquil backyard. Yard is level with some mature trees and a handful of perennial gardens. **\$242,500**

## MEET THE COLUCCI SHAND TEAM

**Terri Colucci Shand, CRS, ASP, ABR, SRES, SFR  
Broker/Owner**

**Linda Majetich Hansen, CRS, ABR, ASP, SFR  
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## ENJOY THE SUNSET OVER THE MOUNTAIN

You will find yourself watching the seasons change on your deck where you look out to the mountain called Bonticou Crag and the grazing horse pasture. The house is a 1900's home that is fun, romantic, eclectic and charming with a lot of character. Beautiful perennial gardens abound including Japanese Maple trees that are coming into their peak of color. One of the outdoor amenities that is included when you own this home is the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail being only minutes away where you can bike ride, hike, run, snow shoe or horse back ride. The separate bunkhouse/studio allows the creative person to find its best use for them as it has new 100-amp electric and heat. This property has not been for sale in 30 years and won't last. Hurry!! **\$298,500**



## CHARMING CEDAR FARMHOUSE

Privately nestled on over 45 acres, a peaceful country lane leads to your own private nature preserve. Wildlife is abundant within this eclectic mountainside homestead. The cheerful 3 bedroom home has been tastefully renovated. Pristine kitchen & bath compliment this well kept getaway, where classic charm is found throughout. The beautiful stone fireplace is made efficient with an insert and is the centerpiece of the living room. Lots of windows allow the sun to drench the rich wood floors. Minutes to Ellenville, home of the "Shadowland Theater" and fine restaurants. Minnewaska State Park and Sams Point are just minutes away for all of your outdoor activities. Easy commute to the George Washington Bridge. This will be a beloved family getaway for generations to come. **\$265,000**

## AFFORDABLE CONVENIENT LIVING!

This immaculate townhome features an inviting open floor plan. Large kitchen perfect for your custom island flows directly into dining room and large but cozy living room with vaulted ceilings. Each bedroom has its own private bath. Master Bedroom features an ample walk-in closet. Need an office or study or like the idea of front parlor room? Got it! And light abounds throughout! But if you need a little more sunshine, step out back to your private deck or enjoy a morning cup of coffee on your covered front porch. Take a leisurely walk in this well thought out community or in the summer take a dip in the pool! Lots of closets throughout but if you're looking for extra storage this unit has a full basement and the one car-garage also offers extra storage. **\$232,000**



## NEAT AS A PIN SPLIT LEVEL

Nestled on 40 acres of tranquil meadows and forest, this inviting home has been totally renovated over the last 10 years. Boasting a 2005 two story addition, which includes a lower level Master Suite with radiant heat, an inviting living room with cathedral ceilings and an additional bedroom. Steel barn (30x40) is drive thru & perfect accompaniment to this picture perfect homestead. The bright and airy floor plan boasts new Andersen Windows on all sides. The delightful kitchen is tastefully organized and finished with quality appliances and granite counters. Enjoy dining on the spacious composite wrap around deck. Perfect for a family compound as 27+/- acres is vacant and across the road with plenty of road frontage for possible subdivision for additional residences. Or just enjoy the 40 acres of nature for wildlife watching, hiking, trail riding, or hunting in your own private preserve. **\$300,000**