



The Gardiner Gazette

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A call to community ...

(Big) Happenings In Gardiner

by: Joe Katz, Gardiner Town Supervisor



It is with great pleasure that I begin writing for the Gardiner Gazette. I hope to bring you all up to date on the goings on with the Town Board and in the Town Hall and I'll start with a piece of very good news: on April 2nd Governor Patterson announced the NYS transportation projects that will be funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP). One of them is the Gardiner

Sidewalks Project, Phase 2. Sidewalks will be 100% funded and will run from the Gardiner Reformed Church to the new Gardiner Library.

On other matters, the Town Board is working very hard in the areas of Business Development for Gardiner and the improvement of infrastructure. We have begun community meetings to explore ways of bringing new businesses to Gardiner as well as helping to grow those businesses that are currently operating. One of the goals of this effort is to broaden the tax base to provide some relief to homeowners. The new sidewalks in the hamlet, the creation of a sewer district in the Steve's Lane industrial area, and the erection of a cell tower on Steve's Lane are infrastructure projects that also encourage business growth. We are also rebuilding the Transfer Station. This project should be complete by June 2009.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the current fiscal situation. This year's budget is extremely tight and we are constantly monitoring both our expenses and revenues. Like all governments, if we see revenues take a major drop we may have to take more drastic action.

In other news, laws governing outdoor wood burning stoves, fireworks, sidewalk maintenance, ethics, wetlands and water-course regulation are currently being considered, or have recently been enacted. Zoning and Comprehensive Plan updates are also being considered. Spring is here, and Gardiner's Summer Camp is being planned. Signups for the 175 campers begin on April 17. Plans are being made for Gardiner Day on September 12 and we hope to have a great season at Majestic Park.

Stay tuned!!! Something wonderful is always happening in Gardiner.

Income From Your Woodlands—And Protect Rural Character To Boot!

by Christopher Duncan, Executive Director, Wallkill Valley Land Trust

Not long ago I had the opportunity to fly in a two-seater plane over the eight-town area the Wallkill Valley Land Trust works to preserve. Not only was this exciting and beautiful, it was instructive, making obvious the fact that Gardiner has far more woods and forests than it has farmland.



Former Heddens Lake on Bruynswick Rd. surrounded by forest, summer 2007

The Wallkill Valley Land Trust works with the community to preserve the rural character, the unique sense of place of each of our eight towns—including Gardiner, its hamlets and the outlying areas. Economically productive land, especially in these economically difficult times, will likely stay scenic and contribute to the feel of our unique area. This feel is what draws businesses, residents, weekenders, and tourists.

A qualified forester, can design a forest management plan that will continually regenerate the woods and produce income from the land virtually forever. Foresters understand the complex issues of maintaining a healthy woods. They can guide a logger on what trees to cut, and how to take and remove them so the forest stays healthy and productive—healthy for the many species that use the forest, and productive for the landowner.

For further information or help with your woodlands, contact Mike Greason (forest@mhccable.com) or Ryan Trapani

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Faith, Hope And Dreams

by: Heidi Haddard, Owner, Hi Ho Home Market

Everyone is optimistic that tomorrow will be better, and it doesn't matter what it's called. All Americans are born with it. Entrepreneurs have lots of it. Faith, hope, optimism and a dream are what we are made of. There are incredible entrepreneurs in Gardiner relying on all of it. They have held their breath and jumped, which has resulted in bringing new life to our community. The realization of their dreams has been the reward. Not only has the town changed, somehow the residents seem to have a stronger sense of community. Now is the time to support these dreamers.

We are a country of consumers currently being told not to spend. The media has us believing we should be saving every penny, and holding tight to each dollar. On the other hand, we are bombarded with promotions, discounts and campaigns to spend, and to shop local. Gardiner has a great mix of retail businesses and family-owned farm stands passed down through generations, as well as newcomers, selling everything from coffee to diamonds. Our local retailers face challenges every day. Some obstacles are anticipated: bad weather days, upkeep of buildings, food spoiling, damaged merchandise, and even the occasional unhappy customer (they must not be locals!). Our retailers continue to follow their dreams although they are also being affected by the downward swing in the economy.

We can all make a difference by being strong and not letting the constant fear promoted in the news convince us to hold too tight to our wallets. A hundred people spending ten dollars at a local produce stand adds up to a thousand dollar day for a dreamer. Maintain the thought that things will be better soon and hold tight to our community, including our dreamers who give us faith, hope and the optimism.

Women Helping Women Fundraiser Dance

by: Robin Hayes

Four years ago Linda Majetich Hansen had a great idea: It was her birthday and she wanted to celebrate with a party at the VFW, but didn't want any gifts. So she told her women friends to come to a dance party, and to bring toiletry items for the Battered Women's Shelter in Kingston — and wow, did they. It took two minivans to get the boxes and baskets full of soaps, shampoos, towels, bathrobes, and generous checks out of the VFW.

Now Linda's birthday idea has become an annual event that she calls *Women Helping Women*. Once again, on April 24, women will turn out for a good cause and dance the night away. This time, instead of bringing items to donate, all participants will buy a \$20 ticket to the dance. Proceeds will benefit the shelter. Everyone should also bring finger food: those whose last names start with the letters A-M bring an appetizer, and N-Z bring dessert. There will be wonderful door prizes that have been donated by local businesses (I won a facial from Jenkinstown Spa one year!) and a cash bar. Space is limited, so call for your ticket now (Linda 706-0625).

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A Buy-Local Curmudgeon Is Gradually Persuaded

by Carol O'Biso

I'm a writer with a 55 to 60 hour work-week not counting the laundry, cleaning—blah, blah, blah— and I'm supposed to go to five different places to buy my food? Call people up? Make *appointments* to pick up my eggs? Are they kidding? I was vigorously expressing these views to my more enlightened colleagues at the Gazette (I do layout and editing) and eventually noticed that everyone had kind of turned to stone. They all had polite, frozen little smiles on their faces. I suddenly had an epiphany (this can happen when you sense your life is in danger). I would launch an experiment: could someone with a pressured life and modest income adjust to buying local?

My experiment began when I had forgotten to buy Christmas gifts for two colleagues and just could *not* bring myself to race up to New Paltz. Meadowscent Florist probably thought they were being held up when I burst through the door with a crazed look on my face (at least I hadn't left the car running) and said, "I need two gifts for guys, for under \$15 each." Within minutes I had a hammered copper tree ornament for the family guy with a toddler, and a set of wine-snob coasters for the wine snob. Perfect. Soon after that my doctor suggested wrist splints for my carpal tunnel. These are expensive little devices, with internet prices ranging from \$19 to \$27, plus shipping. I valiantly fought off the tug of Wal-Mart and went to Dedrick's instead. They surprised me by having the very best type of splints for \$22 each. I didn't have to pay shipping, and I didn't have to be exposed to a person with a deranged grin saying, "Welcome to WalMart." (Why does that make me want to bite someone's leg?) I was clearly on a roll, so for Valentine's Day I went to Hi Ho Home Market. I found a number of suitable gifts but, lo and behold, they sell honey from Widmark Farms. Who knew? My family has always loved Widmark honey, and we haven't had any since the farm closed to the public.

When I turned to food, the buy-local road got bumpier. Food is relentless. You gather the stuff and your family just comes

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

View from a horse

I woke this morning smiling. Finally, it is spring. I will go up to the barn, feed Ruby and brush her shaggy, muddy, winter coat until it shines. I will load her into the trailer and head up to the Mountain. We will spend a few hours there, finding spring on the Ridge. This is that fleeting moment just before anything discernable happens. A few birds, no swelling buds, no mountain laurel, snow still behind rocks, little ice sculptures hiding in permanent shade. Just the sound of Ruby's hoof beats. Peace. We are always looking for riding buddies. If you have a horse, or have access to one, and want to wander the Ridge or other places, drop me an email. Laurie Willow at LWillow@aol.com



To submit an item for The Not Too Personals see submission deadlines on the back page. Pictures are not required but if you send one we will make every effort to fit it in.

Income From Woodlands, from page 1

(cfa@catskill.net). Mike, a forestry consultant and retired Chief Forester for the Bureau of Private Land Services with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, has been a presenter at land preservation conferences produced by the Land Trusts of Ulster County. Ryan is Education Forester for the Catskill Forestry Association, and is available for consultation throughout Ulster County.

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Ulster County Office For The Aging

by: Yvonne Allenson, Chair, Office for the
Aging Advisory Council

In the last issue of the Gazette there was an article about area transit, "The Best Kept Secret in Ulster County." Well, here's another: the Ulster County Office for the Aging (UCOFA). The Older Americans Act of 1965 resulted in a comprehensive federal, state and local network to advocate on behalf of older citizens. What this means for you (if you're over 60) or for your aging loved ones, is that the UCOFA is here to help county residents be as independent as possible through a variety of programs which support and empower the elderly and their families. A brief description of some of the available services/programs follows. All are for those who are 60 or older:

Case Management—a comprehensive program that assesses the needs of the elderly and develops a care plan to address those needs.

Home Delivered Meals—meal delivery Monday to Friday for homebound elderly who have no one to provide meals.

Senior Dining Program—three dining sites are located throughout the county for lunch and socialization.

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)—provides funding to help pay heating bills for low-income individuals.

Weatherization Referral and Packaging Program (WRAP)—offers a variety of services and resources to low income, vulnerable elderly to assist them in maintaining an affordable, energy-efficient home.

Senior Care-A-Van—provides, on a scheduled basis, health screening and health education for rural County seniors.

Subsidized Home Care—local providers offer services in the homes of people with temporary or chronic needs who cannot perform day-to-day tasks.

Legal Services—legal counseling on civil matters is available to County residents.

Financial Counseling and Tax Preparation—no-cost tax counseling for elderly or disabled.

Additionally, co-sponsored programs such as Senior Games and Live, Laugh Learn are offered, as well as an annual hearing for public input. For a complete overview of services and programs visit www.co.ulster.ny.us/aging, or call the UCOFA at (845) 340-3456.

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Buy-Local Curmudgeon, from page 3 ...

along and eats it all up so you have to go do it all over again. I decided to tackle eggs first. Eatlocalfood.org (written about in the last Gazette) gave me a place to start, but the magic local food fairy was not in. I still had to look up phone numbers, call and ask about availability, etc. I calmed myself with deep breathing and the knowledge that this business of developing a viable buying pattern was something I would only have to do once. In any case, I could find no Gardiner-laid eggs available in Gardiner in February. I did find that The Village Market in Gardiner, and Robin's Warehouse and Health & Nutrition in New Paltz carry eggs that at least come from the Hudson Valley, and the price is not enough more to give me a stroke or anything. The last egg hurdle was size: the local-ish eggs weren't jumbo. My family is used to jumbo eggs. Come to think of it though, it's probably not really a normal or natural thing for chickens to lay eggs the size of the State of Missouri. I'll think we'll adjust.

The best resource I found was the indoor farmer's market at Robin's. True, I hate weekend grocery shopping, and we've been renovating our house for nine years (I wouldn't lie about some-thing like that) so scraping off the grout and caulk and paint to get there in a narrow band of time—third and fourth Saturday of each month, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm—is not always possible. Still, the market has the feel of a festival so it's not onerous, and the arrangement is probably as convenient as the buy-local thing is going to get: when I can't find what I want in the farmer's market, or if prices get the better of me, I can back out (smiling) and shop as usual in the traditional part of the store. The winter farmer's market is finished, but in June, the summer one will begin. Call Robin's for details (255-5201).

All in all, I am proud of my early efforts to change the habits of a lifetime. The experiment continues ...

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Business As Usual

This column will feature two Gardiner businesses per issue.

Uptown Attic: The New Kid on the Block

by: Robin Hayes

Nestled between Pasquale's Pizzeria and Lightsey's Cycles you will now find Uptown Attic, a women's and children's consignment shop owned by Montgomery resident Jodi Whitehead. Jodi's enthusiasm for the consignment concept is contagious—and who can blame her? Pre-owned fashion at Uptown Attic costs about 50% of the norm, and you fight global warming by reducing the need for more manufactured goods. It's fun, and environmentally and economically friendly all at the same time.

Jodi is now accepting spring items, and will be looking at summer ones in May. Bring in up to 20 items at a time—women's, juniors, plus sizes and school-age kids' clothes, shoes or accessories—and Jodi will accept the ones that are clean, in very good to new condition, and that are in style now or are classics. When your items sell you get 40% of the sales price, and if they don't sell after 90 days, you can pick them up, or have Jodi donate them to Family of New Paltz. As a consignor, you also get 15% off other items in the store!

The shop is full of moderately priced fashions, but I also saw some pretty impressive names like Stella McCartney, Ann Taylor, Free People, Seven for All Mankind, Coach, Dooney and Bourke, NY and Co., Lucky Brand, Aeropostale, Abercrombie and Fitch and Manolo Blahnik. Dresses are priced from \$15 to \$100 with lots of choices in the \$25-30 range. Jeans tend to be \$10 to \$25, but there is so much more. So stop by *Uptown Attic* and see for yourself! Monday and Wednesday 10-5, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10-6, Sun 11-5. Closed Tuesday. Ph. 255-0093.

Joanie's Bistro Mountain Store

by: Laurie Willow



The Bistro Mountain Store, at the intersection of Routes 299 and 44/55, is tucked onto a well-traveled ledge of the Shawangunk Ridge at the gateway from Gardiner to Minnewaska State Park and the Mohonk Preserve.

The Bistro combines a down home prettiness and cleanliness with the practicalities and necessities of an outpost oasis. It's a fairly long way to anything else from here, and thanks to the proprietors, Joan Fall and her husband, Terence McConnon, who have owned the store for the past three years, you can get things ranging from a box of bandaids to one of their famous "Crankin Sandwiches" on your way to (or over) the mountain. The atmosphere is always

friendly and helpful, and there are great sandwiches and wraps, pastries and bagels and a wide selection of drinks to take out, or eat there.

The Bistro Mountain Store is a family business in the truest sense of the word. Joannie's brother Rick is there too, and they characterize it as a "Mom and Pop" store with community values. Spring has definitely sprung on the mountain. Stop by the store for a picnic lunch to take on up with you, or just eat it on the Bistro's outdoor deck and enjoy the looming view of the Ridge. Open 7 days. Ph. 255-2999, www.bistromountainstore.com.

Firewise Is Wise For Gardiner

Community Residents Meet to Learn About
Wildfire Protection Planning

by: Greg Finger, Councilman, Town of Gardiner

On March 12th more than 70 citizens gathered at the Shawangunk Valley Firehouse for a joint meeting of the Gardiner and Shawangunk Town Boards. We were there to learn about Community Wildfire Protection Planning and the Firewise Community Program, a key part of that effort.



2008 controlled burn coordinated by the Nature Conservancy to help cut down on the risk of future forest fires

NYS DEC Ranger Rob Mecus educated us about the risks of fire dependent ecosystems. The Shawangunk Ridge is one of the prime examples in NY State and has been identified as the highest priority need for wildfire protection programs in the State. Michelle Steinberg, the Firewise program coordinator for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), explained how this voluntary, community-driven program not only protects our homes and property, but in the event of a wildfire, makes it safer for the firefighters to do their jobs. Simple steps like clearing dead limbs from trees and brush from the ground, creating a "clear space" around your home, careful selection of building materials, and screening of attic, subfloor

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Inspiring Children at the Gardiner Library

by: Nicole Lane, Children's Librarian, Gardiner Library

After my husband and I sold our artisan bakery in Park Slope, Brooklyn, to lead a more balanced life, I began thinking about switching careers. While reading to my daughter for hours on end, I rediscovered the world of children's literature. It is the world of Kevin Henkes, Tomie DePaola, Patricia Polacco and many other gifted authors and illustrators, and it plays an important role in our children's lives. Fast forward three exhausting, stimulating and inspiring years, and I had a master's degree in general education and literacy from Bank Street College in New York. It was time to land a first job, and a help-wanted ad for a children's librarian in the new Gardiner Library made heart jump: this was the perfect job for me.



A friendly giraffe, a quilt and a "fairy" lamp in the children's room at the Gardiner Library.

Now I surround myself with children's literature and meet wonderful families five days a week in our beautiful new facility. My co-workers support and encourage me daily to make the children's area everything I want it to be. It now offers three weekday story times: for Bouncing Babies;

Terrific Twos/Threes; and Great Fours to Eights and a Saturday story time with related crafts twice a month for children who are in school during the week. Our "Reading to Dogs" program is filled up through June. It's been so popular that we'll offer it again in the Fall. In addition, Iza Trapani and Durga Bernhard, two local authors/illustrators, will be in the library to read from their books this coming Spring. We're expanding programming geared to our community's older children and young adults as well. Ben Hayes has already created a website called "Rail Trail Reviews" as a forum for boys and girls to communicate with each other about the books they're reading. As the juvenile and young adult sections get better organized, book picks and book reviews written by our tweens and teens will be posted in that area. I will also seek out their recommendations when making book purchasing decisions. The future holds many opportunities, including after-school programs, book clubs, gaming days and special events.

Because a library isn't just a large collection of books, and because we have a beautiful, light-filled new space, our community room is now open as a play space Wednesdays and Fridays 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Much credit goes to those local parents and library patrons who brought in toys and donated rugs. Now that one of our dedicated volunteers has carefully cataloged our extensive collection of 16mm films, we've also started a family movie night once a month—complete with popcorn, thanks to Janine Brutvan! Check our website (www.gardinerlibrary.org) for movies, dates and times.

A library is one of those special places that build a sense of community and belonging for our children. Please come in, introduce yourself and your children, see some of the beautiful artwork our kids have done, and discover the wonderful resources and programs our fantastic new library has to offer. I look forward to meeting you soon.

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Firewise, from page 5

or foundation vents to prevent sparks from a wildfire from getting into your home are inexpensive and make a big difference.

Other contributors were Greg Greer, Jr., NYS Fire Instructor, Art Snyder, Ulster County Director of Emergency Management, and Heidi Wagner, Sam's Point Preserve Director and coordinator of Cragmoor's Firewise Community effort—the first in NYS.

We ended the meeting with a "brainstorming session on next steps" and got some excellent ideas about how to get the word out about Firewise. I will present a resolution to the Gardiner Town Board urging the adoption of the Firewise Program for Gardiner. We will need interested citizens to form the Firewise Community Steering Committee for our town.

If YOU are interested in being part of this proactive community effort to make our homes safer, please contact me. Thank you. (895-2974, gfinger@frontiernet.net)

What's The Weather? Find Out From The Mohonk Preserve

*by: Paul C. Huth, Mohonk Preserve Director
of Research and Weather Observer*

Whether one works in an office or on a farm, drives or walks to get around, and lives in town or the countryside, everyone seems to care a great deal about the weather. That's likely the case in Gardiner, too, where so many people enjoy the great outdoors all year round. And it's certainly true for staff at the Mohonk Preserve's Daniel Smiley Research Center.

For 113 years there has never been a question of where we'll be every day between 4 and 5 pm: we'll be checking the weather. This daily ritual has been carried out since the Mohonk Lake Cooperative Weather Station was established by the National Weather Bureau (now the National Weather Service) in 1896. At the end of March, 2009, we will have completed observations of temperature and precipitation for nearly 41,400 days!

Albert K. Smiley proudly became the first Volunteer Observer of the weather station. Three generations of Smiley family members subsequently served as official Observers, including Daniel Smiley for over 50 years until his death in the 1980s. Our weather information—collected uninterrupted over time, and in the same location using the same or standard issue equipment and methods—provides a unique record of weather conditions. In turn, these long-term data are used by regional, national, and international scientists to investigate such critical environmental concerns as climate change and the links between temperature and plant growth and wildlife survival. For example, our records show that nine of the ten warmest years on record have

occurred since 1990 and average annual rain and snowfall levels are steadily rising.

As a public service, the Preserve provides the monthly weather report to local residents and visitors. (It is also supplied to the National Weather Service and the Northeast Regional Climate Center at Cornell University.) Check it out at www.mohonkpreserve.org/index.php?weatherdata, and be sure to get outside and enjoy the weather!

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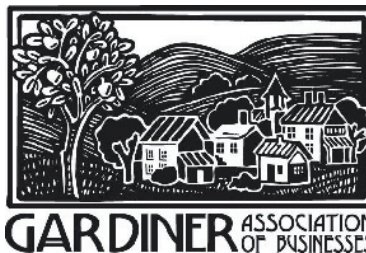
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Oh Those Strands of Wisdom

by: Bernetta Calderone

For many years I have been covering up my graying hair. If you have gray hair, you should be wise enough to have answers, and I didn't want to answer any more questions.

On Sunday March 1st, I was taking a walk with Lola (my new dog), to Tillson Lake. I was walking down to the water's edge and took alarm at the large group of people on the other side; many were wearing those neon vests. I saw some splashing in the water and quickly thought someone had fallen in—this was a rescue. I stood and watched for a few minutes more, and realized that this was a mock rescue. I was taken aback. I wanted to watch more, so I walked to the other side, watching everything that was going on, listening to the chatter and the directions that were given to the rescuers in the water.



Rob Scofield practices a rescue in the hole. Shawangunk Valley Fire Company's Ice Rescue Class/March 2007/Tillson Lake. Photo: Kae Kotarski

As I got closer I saw the Shawangunk fire department vehicles and was greeted by a very handsome firefighter. I extended my hand, introduced myself and thanked him for what they were doing—it was so *cold* that Sunday! Out on the water was a man with grey hair directing and teaching our young men how to rescue someone who's fallen into icy water. On a Sunday, at 9:30 AM, while many were having breakfast with their families, our volunteer firefighters were standing in the

cold, waiting for their turn to be in the icy water of Tillson Lake. I thank those men. Those strands of wisdom—techniques for saving lives are—worth teaching and passing on. I am very proud of all of them and thanked them for doing what they do. As I walked away because I was getting cold, I thought to my self, WOW.

Gardiner Reformed Church Youth Group

by: Keri L. Burke

The Gardiner Reformed Church has a wonderful youth group. When I first moved here four years ago, I started attending and became so active I didn't mind giving up my time for it. Other members agree. Most students in either New Paltz Schools or even Wallkill Schools, normally wouldn't be coming every week to church, but Pastor Gary Sissel and the other youth leaders managed to change all of our minds. We even have 18-year-olds still coming once they graduate from high school. Each service we have changes the way most of the teenagers, or even children, look at what they do everyday.

Pastor Gary Sissel believes the youth group is important because "it will put a change in a person's life on earth, and prepare you for the life after." This youth group contains a few youth leaders such as Beth Freer, Jim Freer, Carol Lohrman, Bill Lohrman, Fran Kwak, David Kwak, Rose Guerrie, Robin Decker, Ken Decker and Gary Sissel's wife, Lynn Sissel.

There are different activities such as Snow Camp, where the teens can go to Word Of Life Bible Institute in the Adirondacks and attend services, play football, volleyball, basketball and paintball, and spend a weekend in the love of God's word. More teens are always welcome at the youth group, It is held on Thursdays from 6:30-8pm.



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Push Pin: A Community Calendar

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- Apr. 24 & May 1, 4-6pm: Open Sign-Up at Town Hall for Summer Recreation.
- April 19, 4:00: Carlton Mabee to discuss his latest publication, *The History of the Gardiner Library*. Gardiner Library.
- Apr. 20, 2pm: Introduction to Computers for Older Residents. Gardiner Library.
- Apr. 21, 7pm: Friends of the Library meeting. Gardiner Library.
- May 1 Transfer Station permits for 2009 will be available at the Town Hall.
- May 3, 2pm: Children's Author Durgha Bernhard reading. Gardiner Library.
- May 7: Teeny Tiny Book Club to discuss *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck. Gardiner Library
- May 9, 9am-3pm Defensive driving course. Fee \$40, to enroll call 914 213-5008.
- May 9, 1- 5 pm Gardiner Cupcake Festival, Main Street Gardiner: Live music, local food & shopping. Info 256-1122.
- May 14, 7pm: Dr. Lester, Active Listening presentation. Gardiner Library.
- May 15, 7pm: Family Movie Night. Gardiner Library
- May 17, 2-4pm: Nora Scarlett Art Opening. Gardiner Library.
- May 17, 4-5pm: Laura Connor, Environmental Educator at the Minnewaska Preserve, will lead a workshop limited to 15 children (second graders and older) on making nature journals. Gardiner Library.
- May 19, 7pm: Friends of the Library meeting. Gardiner Library.
- May 23 to 25: Multi-town Yard Sale. For more information and to get your yardsale on the list, contact Nadine Lemmon, Nadine@gunk.org or 255-4374.
- June 7, 4:00: Terry Laughlin of Total Immersion to speak about and show his approach to swimming. Gardiner Library
- July 6 to Aug. 14, 9am to 3pm: Summer Recreation.
- July 12, 4:00: Gerry Sorin will speak on Howard Fast's historical fiction. Gardiner Library.
- July 25: Fun at the Park. Kids Art Show • Fire House BBQ • Movie in the evening.
- Aug. 29 (Tentative Date): BBQ and cake raffle at the Kiernan Farm, 1308 Bryunswick Road.
- Sept. 12: Gardiner day. Sponsored by Gardiner Day Committee. Majestic Park
- Oct. 10: The Car Show at the Kiernan Farm, 1308 Bryunswick Road.
- Oct. 30, 6:30pm: Pumpkin Walk, Friends of the Library Fundraiser.
- Skateboard Park Hours: April 24 to June 28, open Fri. – Sun., 3-7pm.
June 29 to Sept. 6, open every day, 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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