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What's New?

Greenway Board Meeting

The next Joint Meeting of the Boards of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council and the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley will take place on March 14th, 2007, in [Meeting Room 4 of the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany, NY](#). The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and is scheduled to adjourn at approximately 12:00 PM. For more information, please contact the Greenway at (518) 473-3835 or [hrvg@hudsongreenway.state.ny.us](mailto:hrv@hudsongreenway.state.ny.us).

Smart Growth Conference in Orange County

On February 7th at the [Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame](#) in Goshen, the Regional Plan Association, the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, and the Orange County Department of Planning jointly sponsored a professional development course entitled "Redesigning the Edgeless City," which explained new land-use laws and techniques for reducing sprawl development. The two-day workshop concentrated on the municipalities of Goshen, Walkill, Middletown, Crawford and Wawayanda. Participants examined maps of the area and discussed ways to incorporate principles of smart growth into their planning initiatives by reviewing examples of successful strategies from across the country.



Mount Gulian Receives Grant

[Mount Gulian Historic Site](#) in Fishkill has received a \$12,000 Institutional Development grant from the museum program of the [New York State Council on the Arts](#). The grant will enable Mount Gulian to add a Director of Education and Public Programs to its staff. The Mount Gulian site boasts a more than three hundred year history of Native American and colonial history.

Greenway Trail gives access to Iceboaters

This is the first year that the [Unification Theological Seminary](#) has allowed members of the Hudson River Ice Yacht Association to access South Tivoli Bay via the Greenway Trail on the Seminary's grounds. The trail was opened to the public in May. After September 11, 2001, access to the Bay via the railroad tracks was restricted due to security concerns.

New State Law for Planning and Zoning Board members

On January 1, 2007, a [new state law](#) went into effect requiring members of planning boards, zoning boards of appeals, and county planning boards (including alternates) to receive annual training. Training topics can range from basic skills on board procedures and responsibilities to advanced courses on planning and zoning techniques. Each municipality will decide the type of training required of their board members. Workshops on a variety of planning related topics are offered by numerous sources such as: county planning departments, county planning federations, the New York State Department of State, the New York Planning Federation, colleges and universities, and state associations like the Association of Towns and the Conference of Mayors. The [website](#), provided by the NYS Department of State includes detailed information and sample resolutions.



New National Heritage Area Microsite

In addition to the official website for The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area (www.hudsonrivervalley.com), the National Park Service has created a microsite for the Heritage Area on its website, at <http://www.nps.gov/hury>. Visitors to the National Park Service website can get information about the Heritage Area as well as the amenities and attractions it provides. A link to the [Heritage Area website](#) is also provided through the National Park Service microsite.



Greenway Watertrail Signs



More than 40% of designated [Hudson River Greenway Watertrail sites](#) have received site marker signs. These signs identify the area as a Greenway Watertrail site both from the land and from the water. For more information on this initiative and to order signs for your Watertrail site, contact Scott Keller at (518) 473-3835.

Association of Towns

The Association of Towns of the State of New York held their 2007 Annual Training School and Meeting Program from February 18-21 in New York City. Topics of discussion included a wind power symposium, stormwater regulations, and funding opportunities.

Hudson Valley Agricultural Conference



On March 16, 2007, the Hudson Valley Agricultural Partnership will host the 3rd Biennial Conference on Agriculture in the Hudson River Valley. "[Agriculture in the Hudson River Valley: Success Stories In Our Own Backyard](#)" will discuss a variety of issues ranging from farmland protection to agricultural economic development. The Hudson River Greenway is proud to be a cosponsor of this event. For more information call (845) 883-7162 x104 or visit www.hvap.org.

Upcoming Grant Opportunities



Applications for the next round of [Greenway Communities Grants](#) will be due May 13th for our June Board Meeting. Applications received after this date will be considered for our October Board Meeting. Applications can be downloaded from the Hudson River Valley Greenway Website by clicking [here](#).

["Teaching the Hudson Valley" place-based K-12 curriculum development proposals](#): Funded by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area for public and private schools in the region to help teachers develop place-based lessons that complement core curriculum and standards and partner with significant cultural, historic, and/or natural resources. For details or assistance, phone Debi Duke, 845 229-9116 x 35, FDR National Historic Site, or e-mail rova_TeachingtheHudsonValley@nps.gov. (March 15, 2007)

Other Grant Opportunities:



[New York Main Street Grants](#) NY Main Street is pleased to announce that it is participating in the next DHCR/HTFC Unified Funding round for 2007. New York Main Street will have approximately \$6 Million in grant funds for potential awardees. (March 26)

[2007 Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program](#) Funding under the 2007 Annual Competitive Round may be used by municipalities for projects in three categories: Housing (rehabilitation, homeownership, private water/wastewater system assistance or construction of new affordable housing), Public Facility and Microenterprise. A community may propose a program that is "single purpose" in nature, addressing only a particular area of need or may propose a program that undertakes a strategy that deals comprehensively with the problems of a particular area. GOSC encourages communities to propose programs that are creative and innovative in addressing their needs. (April 9)

[Getty Campus Heritage Grants](#) assist colleges and universities in the United States to manage and preserve the integrity of their significant historic buildings, sites, and landscapes. (April 10)

[Getty Architectural Conservation Grants](#) support organizations throughout the world in their efforts to preserve buildings, sites, and designed landscapes of outstanding architectural, historical, and cultural significance. Planning Grants assist in the initial development of an overall conservation plan. Support is also available on a selective basis for the development of archaeological site management plans. Implementation Grants assist in the actual conservation of a building's historic structure and fabric. (April 10)

[Save America's Treasures](#) For preservation of nationally significant resources including districts, sites, objects, and features. The competitive matching program is administered by the National Park Service in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. (April 26)

[Preserve New York Grant Program](#) The Preservation League of New York State and the New York State Council on the Arts are pleased to offer the 2007 Preserve New York (PNY) Grant Program to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations undertaking historic structure reports, historic landscape reports and cultural resource surveys. Please note that you first must discuss your project with League Technical and Grants staff before you can receive an application. (May 1)

[Wetlands Conservation Act Standard Grants](#) To promote the long-term conservation of North American wetland ecosystems and the waterfowl and other migratory birds, fish and wildlife that depend on wetlands. (July 27)

[Conservation Trust grants from the National Geographic Society](#) For conservation and research programs that promote the sustainable use and preservation of the earth's biological, cultural, and historical resources. Grants of up to \$20,000 each to individuals who have conducted prior research or conservation work related to the proposed program. (Open)

[2007 Unified Funding \(UF\) process](#) Through the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) and the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC). This Request for Proposals (RFP) describes capital programs and programmatic initiatives that will provide funds for a wide range of affordable housing and community revitalization activities including: new construction, substantial rehabilitation or moderate rehabilitation of rental or owner occupied housing; emergency repair; homebuyer assistance; façade and building renovation; streetscape enhancement, downtown anchor creation; accessibility modifications and tenant-based rental assistance. (Deadlines Vary)

[Google's In-Kind Advertising Services to Nonprofits](#) This program supports organizations that share the company's philosophy of community service worldwide in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts. (Open)



[Management Assistance Mini-Grant Program](#). Helps board and staff members and volunteer leaders develop new skills by providing financial support to hire consultants and to help defray professional-development costs. The foundation will finance no more than 80 percent of a project budget, and grants will not exceed \$10,000. (Open)

[Collaboration Grants](#) Applications for grants from the Dyson Foundation's Strategic Restructuring Initiative, which supports the collaboration of two or more organizations intent on establishing a continuing relationship in order to increase efficiency and service. Grants awarded in four categories: assessment, planning, integration, and enhancement. (Open)

[Historical preservation grants from the Travelers Conservation Foundation](#). Projects designed to conserve, protect, and restore sites of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural significance, and to promote public awareness of and participation in those conservation activities. Priority will be given to projects that are linked to tourism, that are endorsed by local tourism offices, and that have the potential for duplication in other communities. (Open)

Upcoming Events



3/01-8/12: [Earth and Fire](#): Join the Albany Institute of History and Art for this celebration of clay and ceramics, focusing on past and present artists and their works. (518) 463-4478

3/1: Health and the Environment in the 21st Century: Join Patti Wood, of Grassroots Environmental Education, as she discusses environmental impacts on health. (845) 534-5506, ext 204

3/2: [Albany's First Friday](#): Visit Center Square and Downtown arts venues for exhibition openings, receptions, and special events

3/3-4, 10-11: [Maple Sugar Tours at Museum of the Hudson Highlands](#): Learn the techniques of maple sugaring during a walk through the Kenridge Farm forest. (845) 534-5506, ext 204.

3/4: [Glories of Chocolate Tasting](#): Visit the Jay Center in Rye for a demonstration on the art of chocolate creation. Enjoy a chocolate and wine reception afterward. (914) 698-9275

3/5: [Historic House Museum Symposium](#): Join the Lower Hudson Conference at Lyndhurst for a symposium on evaluating and expanding the interpretation of house museums.

3/11: [Irish for a Day at the Harness Racing Museum](#): Enjoy activities for all ages including crafts, interactive exhibits, and a horse from the Emerald Isle plus Goshen's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Hot tea and Irish soda bread complete the experience. (845) 294-6330

["Masterpiece Found in Warehouse Fire"](#): Visit Cedar Grove for this discussion by Elise Effmann, Assistant Conservator of Paintings at the Kimbell Art Museum, about the fire that destroyed Cole's "View of Fort Putnam" and the subsequent cleaning and restoration that helped save it. (518) 943-7465

3/11-6/17: [The Bicentennial of the Archdiocese of New York](#): Join the Historical Society of Rockland County for an exhibition that will explore the Roman Catholic Church's history, diversity and mission. (845) 634-9629

3/14: [Bio fuels in New York State](#): This conference will bring together local, state and national leaders to discuss challenges and opportunities driving the growth of the biodiesel and ethanol industries. (518) 432-6400 x225

Heritage Spotlight

[Locust Grove](#)



Locust Grove - the country estate of telegraph pioneer Samuel F.B. Morse - was the first Hudson River estate to be designated a National Historic Landmark (1963).

Built in 1830, the Federal-style house and its 150 acres were purchased by Morse in 1847. With the help of architect Andrew Jackson Davis, Morse remodeled the house in the Tuscan style adding a porte cochere, two octagonal wings, and a tower. William and Martha Young purchased the estate in 1901.

The house has been restored to its 1915 appearance and includes 18th and 19th-century furniture. The unusual architecture includes a half-octagonal library with Gothic bookcases and a billiards room with a domed ceiling. Set on a sharp bluff overlooking the Hudson, the site includes formal gardens and grounds featuring more than three miles of hiking trails.

2683 Route 9, Poughkeepsie. Open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. May-November. Gardens and grounds open 8 a.m.-dusk year-round. (845) 454-4500.



- 3/16: [Agriculture in the Hudson River Valley: Success Stories from Our Own Backyard](#): Attend this Conference that will focus on the trends and ventures that have made our agriculture successful. (845) 883-7162 x104
- 3/16-18: [Mystery Weekend at Mohonk Mountain House](#): Participate in "Virtruvian Man - Symbols, Codes, Murder" and review crime scenes, observe the suspects in action, and enjoy the camaraderie and friendly competition. At the end, join your team and reveal the criminal (845) 255-1000
- 3/18: [Living History Textile Program at Philipse Manor Hall](#): A presentation, demonstration, and display about quilting in celebration of National Quilting Day. Learn how to make beautiful quilts and admire the work of others. (914) 965-4027
- 3/20: [Nature Strollers](#): Join this hiking group for families with babies, toddlers and young children at the Museum of the Hudson Highlands. (845) 534-5506 x204.
- 3/23: [Story Time in the Manor Hall](#): Visit Philipse Manor Hall for a children's storytelling program, focusing on books about the colonial period. (914) 965-4027
- 3/23-25: [A Weekend of Theatre and Readings at Mohonk](#): Enjoy a weekend of performance and discussion. (845) 255-1000
- 3/24: [First Spring Walk](#): Come to Olana for a spring walk that will showcase magnificent views and recent restorations. (518) 828-0135 x305
-  [Eastern Bluebirds at Museum of the Hudson Highlands](#): Come learn some interesting bluebird facts while building a nest box. Finish the morning with a short hike in the woods. (845) 534-5506 x204.
- 3/29: [Troy Night Out](#): Visit the City of Troy for an evening of arts and culture with live music, food, shopping and gallery exhibitions.
- 3/30-4/1: [Rock 'n' Roll Weekend at Mohonk](#): Join Bruce Morrow, a.k.a. Cousin Brucie, for music, memories, and movies that will fuel reminiscences of this bygone era. (845) 255-1000

Community Spotlight

[City of Newburgh](#)

The City of Newburgh, along the Hudson River in Orange County, was named after Newburgh in Scotland by settlers in 1750. From 1782-1783, the community served as headquarters of the Continental Army and was formally incorporated in 1865.

Throughout the 19th and first half of the 20th century, Newburgh was an economic and cultural center. Architects who flocked to Newburgh included Andrew Jackson Downing as well as Calvert Vaux and Frederick Law Olmsted, designers of New York's Central Park. In 1850, [Washington's Headquarters](#) was designated the nation's first historic site. Industries that fueled Newburgh's economy ranged from cotton to automobiles. Newburgh was the home of the first Edison power plant and became the first American city to be electrified and have street lights. In 1941, Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz debuted in Newburgh at the Ritz Theatre on Broadway, a street with the distinction of being the widest in the nation. By 1952, Look Magazine awarded Newburgh the title of "All American City." However, Newburgh suffered significant setbacks in the 1970s as many factories closed, race riots plagued the city, and an urban renewal plan left large tracts of vacant land and inadequate housing.

Today, Newburgh is focused on reclaiming its status as a vibrant community committed to preservation. Recent efforts focused on rescuing and restoring the [Dutch Reformed Church](#), a Greek Revival structure designed by Alexander Jackson Davis, which is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a designated National Historic Landmark. Newburgh has the second largest historic district in the State, it is a designated [Preserve America community](#), and it has signed on as a [Certified Local Government](#) with the New York State Office of Historic Preservation.

The city's 2005 Sustainable Master Plan effort was followed up recently with a week-long charrette focused on [redevelopment of the city's waterfront](#). With the assistance of Leyland Alliance and renowned new-urbanist Andres Duany, the final proposal includes site sensitive solutions, riverfront trails, and canoe and kayak access to the Hudson River as well as transit and alternative transportation options.

Did You Know...

Did you know that the earliest heritage trail in the United States is located in the Hudson Valley?

In 1775, General Washington dispatched Henry Knox to organize the transport of captured artillery pieces from Fort Ticonderoga and Crown Point on Lake Champlain to Dorchester Heights, Massachusetts. Using the array of heavy artillery General Knox and his troops had laboriously dragged, Washington stood in position to bombard the British in Boston in March 1776. The journey from Fort Ticonderoga, along the Hudson River and through Massachusetts, made by General Knox and his troops was a monumental and heroic undertaking and a catalyst for American victory against the British.



The [Henry Knox Cannon Trail](#) was created in June 1926 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the American Revolution. The State sought a way to interpret for the public the endeavor of General Knox and his troops. The Advisory Board on Battlefields and Historic Sites recommended that that state purchase 30 granite markers in identical pattern, each with a bronze tablet featuring a map of the trail, a heroic image in relief of cannons being dragged by ox sled through the snow. There are currently 56 monuments (30 in New York, 26 in Massachusetts) marking the Henry Knox Cannon Trail that commemorates the epic journey from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston. The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area has undertaken an initiative to restore these monuments within New York State. The installation of these monuments across two states three-quarters of a century ago represents the earliest heritage trail created in the United States.

Have some good Hudson Valley Trivia you'd like to share with everyone? [Let us know!](#)

Featured Website



[National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/sustainable/) - Through stewardship of resources, this website promotes the balance of "environment, culture, aesthetics, heritage, and the well-being of residents" with respect to tourism and urban planning.



Recognizing that unique resources help create a sense of place, the website promotes a tourism experience using concepts that manage visitor use and encourage an authentic visitor experience. The website identifies Best Management Practices for achieving these experiences and emphasizes the coexistence of economic development with cultural resource protection.

(www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/sustainable/)

The City of Newburgh is a community rich in culture and heritage. With a vibrant arts community, unique resources and proactive approach to redevelopment, there is no doubt that Newburgh has all the ingredients needed to reclaim its place as a prominent community along the Hudson River.

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