

WHUD-FM Public File
Quarterly Issues/Programming Report
July – September 2023

WHUD airs regularly scheduled newscasts beginning in the 5AM hour and airs them once per hour between 5AM and 9AM Monday through Friday. The approximate time for news reports is: 5:55AM, 6:55AM, 7:55AM, 8:55AM and 12noon. Issues in the newscasts included: Local politics and issues concerning local municipalities and county government for Westchester, Putman, Orange and Rockland Counties in New York, Bergen County in New Jersey and Fairfield County in Connecticut. This includes reporting on the actions of the administrations and legislature of county and local municipality governments in Westchester and Rockland Counties. During this period WHUD also had extensive coverage of local police and local community public information. Issues revolving around the local school systems in all counties were also covered.

TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTION AND PORT AUTHORITY TRAFFIC:

Traffic and transit reports air three times per hour between 5AM and 9AM as well as three per hour between 4PM and 7PM Monday through Friday, In addition, 2 reports per hour Saturday 6a -9a. Transit Issues regarding Metro North, MTA Bridges, Westchester County Airport as well as all local roads, parkways, highways and interstates. WHUD also covered serious schedule changes during construction for Metro North and NJ Transit, as well as updates on the Bee-Line Bus system throughout Westchester.

July 3, news segment, 8a, :20 - Frontier Airlines flew from New York Stewart International Airport to Florida for the last time on Sunday ending its service that began in November 2021. The airline was seen as a significant shot in the arm for the sleepy Newburgh area airport, which has seen ups and downs in airline service since it began regularly scheduled flight on April 17, 1990. Orange County Chamber of Commerce President Heather Bell heads a regional Stewart airline attraction and retention advisory committee. "We are telling the Port Authority what is necessary for this airport to be successful," she said. "You need to have frequent, affordable travel to key destinations and it has to be consistent."

July 17, news segment, 7a, :30 - -- Eurowings Discover, the low-cost division of Lufthansa, is planning four charter flights from Frankfurt, Germany to New York Stewart International Airport near Newburgh this fall. The flights, in cooperation with a German tour operator, are designed to gauge the market and consider a long-term commitment to the route. Stewart has a new international arrivals wing at its passenger terminal which is used only by Play Airlines, which flies between the Hudson Valley and Iceland, offering passengers the opportunity to connect to several mainland European cities.

July 18, news segment, 8a, :30 - -- The Metropolitan Transportation Authority Monday released its preliminary five-year financial plan that shows a balanced budget through 2027.

The financial plan reflects updates since the MTA warned of a fiscal cliff heading into 2023, with a projected \$600 million deficit. With the increase of the payroll mobility tax, increased New York City funding for paratransit and other dedicated taxes in the FY 2024 state budget, the MTA projects a balanced budget through 2027, the first time in more than 20 years the authority has projected a balanced budget for five consecutive years.

In addition to new dedicated revenue sources, MTA agencies have begun identifying operating efficiencies. Part of the state's budget included the authority achieving \$400 million in annual operating efficiencies to reduce expenses.

July 20, news segment, 7a, :30 -- The New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board Wednesday approved toll increases to go into effect on August 6 and fares that go into effect on August 20. The good news for riders of Metro-North Railroad west of the Hudson River is that fares will be frozen for the Pascack Valley and Port Jervis Lines.

Metro-North and Long Island Rail Road will continue the fare discounts that initially debuted in February 2022. Those discounts include an additional 10 percent discount on monthly tickets. The \$5 CityTicket for all off-peak trains will also continue as both railroads further expand CityTicket to peak trains at a \$7 fare. Fares will increase on Metro-North's east of Hudson lines -- Hudson, Harlem and New Haven.

August 14, news segment, 6a, :30 - Start-up Bermudian airline BermudAir is hoping to launch service between its L.F. Wade International Airport and Westchester County Airport.

The airline has secured an air operator's certificate from the Bermuda Aviation Authority, according to <https://travelradar.aero>. The airline must secure approvals from US authorities before it can begin service leaving an actual start-up date uncertain at this time.

According to the publication, the airline would fly twice daily, six days a week between Bermuda and White Plains. It also has plans to operate once-daily flights, six days a week to Boston Logan International Airport and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

August 23, news segment, 7a, :25 - The first-ever non-stop flight from the Faroe Islands to the United States arrived Tuesday evening at New York Stewart International Airport.

It was Atlantic Airways' inaugural flight between the remote islands in the north Atlantic and New York. Airline CEO Johanna Bergi said they had planned on providing the service years ago, before the pandemic. "We were planning to do it before COVID then COVID came," she said. Now, it took time to get all of the licenses in place. "We will use it as an experiment," she said, expecting they will resume flights next spring.

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Economy

September 25, news segment, 6a, :30 - Woodbury Common Premium Outlets has announced plans to expand with the addition of new stores and restaurants, a hotel, and a second parking garage. Once complete, the improvements are expected to generate substantial tax revenues and economic benefits while attracting increased tourism to the region.

The project is expected to add 155,000 square feet of new retail and restaurant space, a 3,000+ space parking garage, a 200-room hotel, and additional walkways, improved crosswalks, and a new children's play area. An estimated 770 additional jobs will come with the completion of the project, and construction is anticipated to generate another 1,659 jobs. Estimates indicate construction would generate around \$250 million for the local and state economies.

"Woodbury Common Premium Outlets has been proud to be a dynamic source of economic growth generating hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue and thousands of jobs, as well as being a caring community neighbor," said David Mistretta, the shopping center's general manager. "This visionary proposal will further energize Woodbury Common, Orange County and the entire Hudson Valley as a world-class shopping and tourism destination that is so crucial to the region's economic success today and in the future."

Employment:

July 3, news segment, 8a, :30 - While the May unemployment rate in the Hudson Valley was at 2.8 percent, cities in the region continued to record the highest levels of joblessness, according to the State Labor Department. The cities of Poughkeepsie and Mount Vernon each recorded rates of 4.0 percent. The City of Newburgh was right behind them at 3.9 percent. The City of Middletown recorded 3.4 percent unemployment.

The Village of Port Chester had the lowest rate in the Hudson Valley at 2.1 percent while the towns of Ramapo and Rye each recorded 2.2 percent rates of joblessness.

As the unemployment rates remain low, many businesses still remain short on staff and have "help wanted" signs up seeking to recruit more workers.

August 10, news segment, 7a, :25 -- A report from the New York Building Congress found that New York's construction workforce continues to grow and diversify despite ongoing challenges across the industry. Overall, the state experienced an 11 percent increase in its construction workforce, growing to 545,000 workers from 493,000 workers the previous year, according to the group's report. Todd Diorio, head of Laborers' Local 17 and president of the Building Trades Council of the Hudson Valley, is also business manager of the trades district council from Westchester County to Utica. He echoed the findings of the report for his area of the state.

August 18, news segment, 8a, :25 - Private sector jobs in the Hudson Valley rose by 7,300, or 0.9 percent, to 816,100 over the year in July 2023, the State Labor Department reported. Largest employment gains were in private education and health services, at 9,200. That was followed by leisure and hospitality with 4,700 new jobs, and other services at 2,500. Job losses were mostly centered in professional and business services, at 5,900; financial services, at 1,400; manufacturing, at 600; and trade, transportation and utilities at 400.

September 15, news segment, 6a, :30 - Sullivan County had the highest number of new jobs in the Hudson Valley/Catskills in August with 4.0 percent growth while the Dutchess-Putnam Metropolitan Division lost 2.2 percent of its jobs, according to the State Labor Department. Delaware County saw a 2.8 percent growth in jobs, while the Orange-Rockland-Westchester Metro Area saw 2.1 percent growth. Ulster County had job growth of 1.1 percent while Greene County was flat, and Columbia County lost 0.6 percent of its jobs.

Over the past year, the private sector jobs county in the Hudson Valley rose by 11,600, or 1.4 percent, to 815,800 in August. Employment gains were largest in private education and health services at 11,500; leisure and hospitality at 6,400; and other services at 1,600 new jobs.

September 20, news segment, 8a, :30 - The state's unemployment rate in August was 4.4 percent and every county in the Hudson Valley/Catskills region was well below that, according to the State Labor Department. Columbia County scored the lowest with 3.0 percent rate of joblessness, while Greene County, directly across the Hudson River, had the highest level at 3.8 percent, the same rate as Delaware County. Sullivan County, with 3.1 percent unemployment, came in second lowest while Dutchess, Putnam and Rockland each scored 3.3 percent rates of joblessness. At 3.5 percent joblessness were Orange, Ulster and Westchester counties.

Public Safety/Residential Impacts

July 18, news segment, 7a, :30 - - Growing concerns over the potential hazards associated with lithium-ion batteries are drawing a response from Westchester County Executive George Latimer and his administration to protect county residents from those batteries. Latimer intends to propose legislation requiring point-of-sale warnings and safety information, requiring all devices to meet UL safety standards, and the prohibition on the sale of reassembled or damaged batteries. Westchester County has already experienced lithium-ion battery fires with e-bikes, e-scooters, hoverboards, laptops, a lawnmower, and a drone. In New York City, there have been several fires that have resulted in fatalities.

"Lithium-ion battery fires can be exceptionally difficult to control. These fires can result in a chemical reaction known as 'thermal runaway' which occurs when heat builds up faster than it can be dissipated," Latimer said. "This causes a very rapidly expanding fire, as well as the release of toxic gases, and a possible explosion. In Westchester, we are committed to ensuring the safety of our residents and those who protect from these deadly fires."

August 23, news segment, 8a, :20 - - A bear attacked a seven-year-old boy on the family's property in North Castle late Tuesday morning. Several emergency medical services responded to the scene at 75 Hickory Kingdom Road to treat the child whose condition, police said, did not indicate the injuries were life threatening. The bear continued to present a danger to first responders in the rear yard where the attack had occurred.

State Environmental Conservation officers were called in, euthanized the animal and transported it to the Westchester County Department of Health for testing.

Assisting at the scene with North Castle Police were the Banksville and Armonk Fire Departments, Westchester EMS paramedics, and animal control.

September 15, news segment, 7a, :25 - In the last two years, 10 people have jumped to their deaths from the five bridges over the Hudson River operated by the New York State Bridge Authority and another person jumped from the Walkway Over the Hudson, also under the jurisdiction of the bridge authority. State lawmakers gathered on the waterfront in Peekskill on Thursday to urge the state agency to move forward with installation of climb deterrent fencing.

Health and Health Care Issues:

July 17, news segment, 8a, :30 - Air quality health advisories are being issued for today (Monday) for the entire state as smoke from wildfires in Western Canada continues to negatively affect the air quality across the region.

The smoke is expected to cause the Air Quality Index to reach levels in upstate communities that are “unhealthy for all” New Yorkers. The forecast for the Lower Hudson Valley is expected to reach “unhealthy for sensitive groups.” The state is issuing Air Quality Health Advisories for fine particulate levels that are unhealthy for any New Yorker due to smoke for the Upper Hudson Valley. The state departments of Health and Environmental Conservation issue Air Quality Health Advisories when ozone or fine particulate matter are expected to exceed an Air Quality Index value of 100

July 26, news segment, 7a, :25 - – Congressman Mike Lawler (R, NY-17), Tuesday, introduced the Fentanyl Kills Act, legislation that would charge individuals who have trafficked fentanyl with attempted murder. He said the legislation is an important step in tackling the fentanyl crisis impacting Hudson Valley communities and will dissuade drug dealers from spreading the lethal drug across the country.

August 3, news segment, 8a, :25 - Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County has been awarded a \$45,000 grant that will support its Bountiful Meals program to address food insecurity in the county. The Farm Fresh Food Grant comes from the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. According to a United Way report, despite its affluence, the county has around one in three residents struggling to cover basic living expenses, including food.

August 16, news segment, 7a, :25 - – US Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand are calling on the US Department of Agriculture to approve an Agricultural Disaster Declaration following this past May’s deep freeze in parts of New York State.

The lawmakers are calling on the USDA to quickly approve emergency federal funds for 31 counties across New York including Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam, Ulster and Westchester. The senators said those areas suffered major crop damage from the extreme cold weather destroying thousands of acres of grapes, apples, strawberries, blueberries, and other fruits, and with harvest season just beginning it is vital that USDA provide relief to farmers who suffered severe crop loss. They said if the USDA approves the application, it will make relief available including low-interest FSA emergency loans to impacted growers in the designated counties.

September 20, news segment, 6a, :30 - The United States government and State of New York have entered into a civil consent decree with Mount Vernon to resolve ongoing litigation regarding that city's non-compliance with Clean Water Act requirements for municipal storm sewers, which has caused raw sewage to be discharged into the Bronx and Hutchinson rivers. In June 2018, the US government sued Mount Vernon, alleging that since at least 2012, the city had failed to comply with permit obligations, and as a result, had allowed raw sewage to flow into its storm sewer system and then be discharged into those two rivers. The complaint also alleges the city had failed to comply with two EPA administrative orders issued to compel Mount Vernon's adherence to those requirements. The consent decree requires, among other things, for the city to perform sewer system repairs that are estimated to cost over \$100 million.

Utilities

July 28, news segment, 6a, :25 - The two-year-old major billing problems with Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation should be resolved in the near future as the State Department of Public Service Thursday took two major steps to fix it.

The utility's new billing system, installed two years ago, saw customers receiving massive billing increases, but with the agreement, Central Hudson will pay for an independent monitor to verify system and operational improvements. Central Hudson has also agreed to start taking meter readings monthly, instead of estimating readings every other month. But, while Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger is happy to see both terms, she is concerned that the ratepayers don't get stuck covering the added cost of the monthly billing

August 1, news segment, 7a, :30 - Days after the state announced an agreement with Central Hudson Gas and Electric to start monthly billing for actual electric usage and the hiring of an independent monitor to oversee its billing practices, the utility announced its proposal for a new rate plan. The approximately 16 percent increase on the average residential electric bill and approximately 19 percent increase on the average residential natural gas bill would take effect when the current rate plan expires in June 2024.

Senator Michelle Hinchey (D, Saugerties) is not pleased at all with the announcement.

"I've said it before, and I'll say it again: Central Hudson should not receive a rate increase, and most certainly not at a time when the company is being investigated by the PSC for improper billing practices while continuing to issue inaccurate bills to Hudson Valley residents," she said.

September 13, news segment, 8a, :30 - -- A series of public hearings opened Tuesday for Central Hudson to raise rates for its electric and gas service. Central Hudson wants to raise \$139.5 million for its electric delivery service or 16.4 percent in total revenue, and the money would be used to help replace aging infrastructure, finance its enhanced low-income and energy efficient heat pump programs, increased labor costs and recovery from major storms and extreme weather. The utility wants to raise an additional \$41.5 million or 29.2 percent and a 19 percent in total income for its natural gas delivery service. The rate increase would be used to finance

its low-income, energy efficiency programs, increased labor costs and additional investments to eliminate leak-prone pipes

Indian Point

August 24, news segment, 8a, :25 - – In light of the governor’s signing of legislation preventing Holtec from dumping radioactive waste from the decommissioned Indian Point nuclear power plant into the Hudson River, members of a number of environmental organizations wrote to top state officials calling on them to take the next steps to protect the environment.

Anne Rabe, environmental policy director for New York Public Interest Research Group, said the state should do a number of other things. “Our main request today to the governor, attorney general and two state agencies is that New York State set up an Indian Point pollution wastewater plan and process based on the principles of prioritizing health and the environment, a fair, judicious, transparent environmentally sound approach, and the first task at hand is for this process to focus on isolating the radioactive wastewater from the environment,” she said.

Immigration/Asylum Seekers:

July 20, news segment, 7a, :30 - Congressman Marcus Molinaro’s (R, NY-19) legislation dubbed the “Schools Not Shelter Act” would prevent schools from being turned into shelters for undocumented immigrants sent into communities by large urban areas.

The freshman lawmaker expected the measure to be adopted in the House of Representatives Wednesday evening. It has no Senate sponsor at the moment, he acknowledged.

Molinaro was prompted to draft the measure following New York City Mayor Eric Adams’ transfer of immigrants from the Big Apple – a self-proclaimed sanctuary city – to other parts of New York, including the Hudson Valley.

July 24, news segment, 8a, :30 - – Asylum seekers who were sent to Orange County by New York City Mayor Eric Adams are being taught English in what Kevindaryan Lujan, one of the lead volunteers helping them to assimilate into American culture, said is working out well.

Not all are Spanish speaking; some speak French and other languages, in a program Lujan said has been quite successful. “We have amazing volunteers, an amazing group of people putting this together and we are really, really happy for this collaboration,” which he said includes among others, Orange County BOCES, Literacy Connections, and a host of volunteers doing “a host of great stuff.”

July 28, news segment, 7a, :20 - Rockland County has won a victory in its efforts to block future asylum seekers from being sent from the City of New York to be housed locally.

Rockland was one of several Mid-Hudson Counties sued by New York City seeking to have their cases all heard in Big Apple courts.

Orange County earlier was removed from that suit and had their legal arguments returned to State Supreme Court in Goshen. Now, Rockland has won a similar battle. “I firmly believe a case

that is about Rockland should be adjudicated and decided by judges elected by Rockland residents – which now thanks to this decision it will be,” said County Executive Ed Day.

September 19, news segment, 6a, :30 - More than 30 migrants have been discovered living in deplorable conditions in a less than 1,500-square foot, three-bedroom cape code-style house in Clarkstown and town officials are cracking down on this and potentially other similar situations. Town Supervisor George Hoehmann said some of the people living at the 295 New Hempstead Road house owned by a Monsey man, including eight or nine children, are believed to be undocumented and brought up from the southern border in Texas to New York City and eventually to Rockland County.

☒ “This would have been an absolute disaster had there been a fire. People would have died here, first responders would have been injured or killed,” he said. “This is unacceptable. We are not going to allow this in the Town of Clarkstown.”

Rockland County Executive Ed Day said he is “fed up” with the current immigration policy.

☒ “I’m calling upon the state attorney general to immediately open up an investigation into the movement of human beings all over this state. I believe it is human trafficking, I believe there is money involved, I believe it is illegal,” he said. “And while she is at it, she should take a look at it if it ends up that Mayor Adams is involved in this, in my simple mind, there are a number of court orders that he is held to. If he is violating those court orders, he should be held accountable or he should resign.”

Environment/Weather/Safety:

July 17, news segment, 7a, :25 — Governor Kathy Hochul has supplies and manpower to assist Orange County should it need additional aid in the wake of the devastating flooding of last week. Areas along the Hudson River, particularly the Highland Falls-West Point area, Cornwall and Washingtonville, were hard hit. The governor said on Sunday the state is assisting the county. “I spoke with the county executive in Orange County and told him we have three swift water rescue boats available,” She said they were prepositioned last week and were responsible for rescuing motorists. “We have sandbag machines, 3,500 sandbags, 25 tons of sand in Orange County.” The governor Sunday spoke with county executives from Orange, Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester and asked them for an assessment of what they’re seeing on the ground, what their main concerns area, what roads they ae most worried about, and what bridges they ae afraid of being compromised.

July 18, news segment, 6a, :30 - US Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand joined Congressman Pat Ryan, a West Point graduate, and Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus on a helicopter tour of the storm damage at West Point and the surrounding area today, including Highland Falls. After the flyover, Schumer said the damage at West Point alone is more than \$100 million after a review by the Army Corps of Engineers.

☒ “We all know that for two centuries West Point has stood in the Hudson Valley as an essential pillar to our nation’s military excellence and we cannot allow its buildings, infrastructure and training grounds to sit destroyed in the wake of this and we are going to make sure it happens,” he said. “The historic campus is a symbol of our country’s proud military history. Right now, the

America's Army's home needs our help, and we are going to do whatever we can to get that done." FEMA officials are expected to be on the ground in Orange County to begin their damage assessments caused by, and costs related to the disaster. Once these assessments are complete, FEMA validates whether the state and impacted counties have reached the required federal damage thresholds for a federal Major Disaster Declaration.

July 18, news segment, 7a, :30 – Following the devastating flooding that impacted communities across the state, Governor Kathy Hochul has announced that the deadline for resiliency-related grants has been extended. There is more than \$500 million available to municipalities to fund projects such as water infrastructure, water quality improvement, and wastewater management. "Communities dealing with the destruction and aftermath of these severe weather events shouldn't lose out on the opportunity to apply for grant funding that could advance critical water quality and resiliency projects," said Hochul. "Extending the deadline will give flood-stricken communities time to finish their applications for projects that will protect public health, prepare for future severe weather events, and create jobs that boost local economies." The deadline, which was previously July 28th has been extended until August 11th.

July 18, news segment, 8a, :30 - – As traumatic as it was for US Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand to see first-hand the massive devastation that last week's heavy rains and floods caused at the US Military Academy at West Point, it really hit home to Congressman Pat Ryan (D, NY-18). Ryan spent four years of his life as a West Point cadet and then served two tours of duty in Iraq. "It's really heavy for me to fly over and see the community that raised me, that I love, that formed me as Senator Schumer said, so hurt, so devastated, not just physically, but talking to folks and looking at the damage it's really a gut punch to see your community flooded, to see the tragic loss of life," he said on Monday. Ryan said officials are channeling the grief and frustration into constructive urgency.

July 28, news segment, 7a, :25 - – Another round of violent thunderstorms with heavy rains brought down trees on wires and in at least one instance, lightning struck the roof of a single-family house at 42 Fortune Road East in the Town of Wallkill at around 5:15 p.m. on Thursday. The two-alarm fire in the Silver Lake district brought out several neighboring departments as crews erected a ladder on the exterior of the house while other members entered the building looking for any signs of flames of internal damage.

August, 1 news segment, 8a, :30 - – In Westchester County, no longer will customers of food service established automatically be given plasticware. The new law is geared toward reducing the quantity of smaller single-use plastic items from the waste stream.

First Deputy Environmental Services Commissioner Lou Vetrone said customers wanting plastic forks, spoons, knives and the like will have to ask for them.

"Under this new law beginning in September, food service establishments in Westchester County are no longer able to provide single-use plastic food ware or condiment packets unless specifically requested by a customer," he said.

That will apply to eating in, take out, ordering online or delivery service and also include chopsticks, plastic lids, and coffee stirrers. After the first six months of law, fines may be levied

for violators. Hospitals and healthcare facilities will be exempt from the law

August 3, news segment, 6a, :25 - – The City of White Plains, with assistance from Westchester County Government, has created food scrap composting at its current compost site.

Residents can now drop off food scraps at the Gedney Yard and they will be composed on site along with leaves and other materials, said Mayor Tom Roach.

“The food scraps are merged with it and they actually help each other make this a better process,” he said Wednesday. Composting the food scraps at the city’s existing site eliminates the trucking of food waste to a remote site reducing the carbon footprint.

“With the assistance of Westchester County we have successfully developed an efficient and financially feasible composting program that ensures the environmental benefits are more fully achieved,” the mayor said.

August 10, news segment, 8a, :30 - – Governor Kathy Hochul has announced the allocation of emergency assistance funds to eligible homeowners impacted by the July flooding and recent storm damage in Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties.

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne is pleased that the state will be assisting homeowners.

“We still have people who are suffering some very significant hardships including very specifically our homeowners who have had tons of storm damage, and the state being able to step up and provide additional relief to these homeowners and individuals is extremely important,” he said. Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded based on a scope of work approved by the local program administrators. Applicants must be homeowners whose primary residence is in one of the designated counties and who have incomes at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income. Areas of eastern Orange County – West Point, Highland Falls, and Cornwall, also decimated by the flooding have already been promised state funding for eligible homeowners.

August 10, news segment, 8a, :30 - Seven state Assembly members from Westchester County have sent a letter to Governor Hochul calling on her to sign legislation that would prohibit radioactive wastewater discharges from the decommissioned Indian Point power plant into the Hudson River. The measure was spearheaded in the Assembly by Dana Levenberg and in the Senate by Pete Harckham. The Assembly bill passed 101 to 44 and the Senate version passed unanimously. The Assembly members signing on to the letter to the governor are Gary Pretlow of Mount Vernon, Amy Paulin of Scarsdale, Steve Otis of Rye, Nader Sayegh of Yonkers, Chris Burdick of Bedford, MaryJane Shimsky of Dobbs Ferry and Levenberg of Ossining. All seven are Democrats. The federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission says it is perfectly safe and a common practice for treated nuclear waste to be discharged into the nation’s waterways.

Community Information:

August 17, in studio guest, 9a, 2 minutes – director of Food Bank of the Hudson Valley was a guest that spoke on their new location in Montgomery NY and shared their services.

Housing:

August 8, news segment, 6a, :25 - – State and local officials cut the ribbon on the 143-apartment Avalon Harrison affordable housing project on Monday.

The facility, constructed by AvalonBay Communities, also includes 5,000 square feet of interior amenities for residents and 27,000 SF of street-level retail and commercial space.

The facility is called a transit-oriented development because it is constructed adjacent to the Harrison Metro-North station. Governor Kathy Hochul, who attended a ribbon cutting ceremony, said Westchester has much to offer, but is in the continued need for housing

Education/School Sports/Youth Initiatives:

August 14, news segment, 8a, :25 - Two organizations based in Rockland County have been awarded a total of over \$3.8 million in federal funding for Early Head Start programs.

The Salvation Army will receive more than \$1.6 million and the New Square Community Improvement Council Inc. will receive over \$2.2 million.

The funding was allocated through the US Department of Health and Human Services and will be used to provide comprehensive early childhood education and support services to low-income children and families. The funding was announced by Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand.

September 15, news segment, 7a, :25 -- Senator James Skoufis (D, Cornwall) has announced he has secured \$120,000 for Greenwood Lake's skatepark project. The funds will enable GWL Skatepark, the non-profit organization, to build a recreational facility within Greenwood Lake.

The new recreational facility was a vision of Dale Hirrel, a local teenager and avid skater who lost his life in an automobile accident in April 2016. The teen aspired to build a skatepark in his village to motivate and uplift local children in the community.

4th of July

July 4, news segment, 8a, :20 -- Several state landmarks will be illuminated red, white and blue on Tuesday, July 4 in celebration of Independence Day. Two in the Hudson Valley will be lit with the colors of the American flag – The Franklin D. Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge over the Hudson River, linking the City of Poughkeepsie in Dutchess with the Town of Lloyd in Ulster County, and the Governor Cuomo Tappan Zee Bridge linking Westchester and Rockland counties.

“Independence Day is a prominent reminder that the great State of New York remains committed to the founding principles our great country was built upon – equality, freedom and justice for all.”

PSA's

July 10-August 18, supported Stand Up To Cancer initiative with 18 promotional announcements.

August 8-21 supported the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley with 27 promotional announcements.

August 26-31 supported International Overdose Awareness Day with 18 promos.

August 18-Sept. 24 Supported Miles of Hope Take The Peace of Mind cancer screening campaign with 18 promotional announcement.

August 8-Sept 30 supported Support Connect Walk for Ovarian Cancer with 18 promotional announcements.

September 9 Hosted the Yorktown Lions Summer Concert Series Canned Food Drive.

September 18-30, supported the Paws Crossed Animal Rescue with 15 promotional announcement.

September 18-30 supported the American Cancer Society Making Stride 2023 event with 9 promotional announcement.

September 11-30 supported the American Cancer Society with 18 promotional announcements.

September 24, Hosted the Go The Distance Walk for Maira Fareri Childrens Hospital.

9-11 (September 11th)

September 11, Mike&Kacey reflected on the attacks and took a moment of remembrance on time of impacts.

National Guard/Veteran Affairs:

August 3, news segment, 7a, :25 - Under federal law, only military reservists who were called to active duty for purposes other than training, or who died as a result of training are eligible to receive headstones or grave markers, but under legislation proposed by Congressman Michael Lawler, that would change. He has introduced the GRAVE Act – the Giving Reservices a Valiant Eternity act - which would make all reservists eligible.

“While all reservists are training and equipped to mobile alongside active-duty military, only certain reservists are eligible to receive a headstone or grave market once they pass on,” Lawler

said. "This is unfortunate and unfair. All reservists step up and serve and deserve to be commemorated for their service to our country."

Shine On with Kacey. This show runs Sunday morning 6:30a-7a

July 2 – New help for depression and ptsd using ketamine

July 9 Dr. Martin Wuttke on how the brain works.

July 16 – Owls are so unusual! Jennifer Ackerman's latest nature book.

July 23 – Maggie and Joy share their amazing stories of coincidences.

July 30 – Sharing each other's inspirational stories – with two listeners.

August 6 – Interpreting angelic signs – with two listeners.

August 13 – Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation founder Pari Farood.

August 20 – Inspirational speaker, Bernard Owens Jr.

August 27 – Maryam Miliani, Iranian therapist on ancestral trauma.

September 3 – Psychiatrist Jonathan DiPierro on resilience.

September 10 - Laura K Connell therapist, dysfunctional families.

September 17 – Attorney Jeffrey B. Simon on representing the little guy.

September 24 – Dr. Jennifer Wu on postpartum depression.

1 in 44 presented by the Anderson Center for Autism-

Air Date: 07/02/2023

Guest Name(s): Fahim Ferdoush (re-run)

Topic: This weekend's 1 in 36 broadcast is a re-run, our guest is Fahim Ferdoush. Fahim is a scholar in Anderson's international program. Fahim is from Bangladesh, he received his bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Dhaka. His passion for working with individuals with autism started during his internship for BRAC, where he worked with many different individuals with different disorders. Fahim joined Anderson Center International in June 2022, and has been gaining knowledge and training in the autism since field since then. Tune in to learn more about Fahim & ACI!

Air Date: 07/09/2023

Guest Name(s): Bill Burke & Angela Parisi (re-run)

Topic: This weekend's broadcast is a re-run, our guests are Bill Burke & Angela Parisi. Bill is the education chairman and a volunteer at the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum. Angela is the transition supervisor for the children's day program at the Center for Developmental Disabilities located in Woodbury, NY. She oversees the vocational programming, community integration, and linkages to adult services for students aging out. The Center provides comprehensive services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The museum and the Center have joined together to create the VIP program, a shared, informal vocational education enterprise. Their shared mission is to create a dynamic program focused on service for young adults to accomplish educational, vocational and self esteem outcomes central to all members of our community. Tune in to learn more!

Air Date: 07/16/2023

Guest Name(s): Susan Angeles (re-run)

Topic: This weekend's 1 in 36 broadcast is a re-run, our guest is Susan Angeles. Susan is an Anderson parent, trustee, founder of Anderson Family Partners, artist and more! Susan has been connected to Anderson Center for Autism for 20+ years, her son receives services in our adult program. Since 2020, Susan has become a full-time artist with her own website, she donates 5% of all proceeds from her art to us. Tune in to learn more about Susan, and view her artwork at: <https://www.susanangelesart.com>

Air Date: 07/23/2023

Guest Name(s): Timothy Gifford (re-run)

Topic: This weekend's 1 in 36 broadcast is a re-run, our guest is Timothy Gifford. Timothy is the CEO of Movia Robotics, a collaborative robotics company building systems and software to help children on the autism spectrum learn and grow using robotic technology. Timothy is an internationally renowned researcher and entrepreneur, and has worked with NASA, led the team that built the first virtual reality exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution, and is a sought-after consultant and presenter on Robot-Assisted Instruction, Autism, Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Reality, Collaborative Robotics, Human Perception, and Assistive Technology. He also works in the labs of the University of Connecticut, where MOVIA was born. Tune in to learn more or visit: <https://moviarobotics.com/>

Air Date: 07/30/2023

Guest Name(s): Dr. Barbara Tischler Hastie, Renee Falanga-Brenner, and Jaime Churchill

Topic: This weekend's 1 in 36 guests are Dr. Barbara Tischler Hastie, Renee Falanga-Brenner, and Jaime Churchill! Barbara is the Coordinator of School Development with Ulster BOCES. Renee is a Special Education Advocate with Resource Center for Accessible Living (RCAL), and Jaime is the Special Education Coordinator for Rondout Valley School District, and is also a board member for the Ulster County Agricultural Society (the group that runs the Ulster County Fair). They have collaborated to provide a sensory safe space at the Ulster County Fair this year. The designated room will offer families an opportunity to enjoy a sensory-friendly environment. The room will provide respite from bright lights, crowds, and the summer heat and will feature bubble tubes, mats, seating, touch and feel books about animals, a host of noise canceling headphones, and a charging station for augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices. Tune in to learn more...and don't miss the fair - August 1st - August 6th in New Paltz, NY. ulstercountyfair.com

Air Date: 08/06/2023

Guest Name(s): Dr. Barbara Tischler Hastie, Renee Falanga-Brenner, and Jaime Churchill (re-run)

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Air Date: 08/13/2023

Guest Name(s): Lotus Kay

Topic: This weekend's 1 in 36 guest is Lotus Kay. Lotus Kay is a local Hudson Valley singer, writer, lyricist, and more! She is an award-winning children's book author who has been published in a variety of media outlets. Her children's books More Beautiful Than Heaven, Billie the Octopus, A Thanksgiving for the Turkeys, Jenny the Chimpanzee, and Friends Lift You Up touch on themes such as caring for the Earth and wildlife and creating a more compassionate world. Lotus's activism has been recognized by organizations such as PETA, the Jane Goodall Institute, and Mission Blue, among others. Tune in to learn more or visit: www.lotuskay.com

Air Date: 08/20/2023

Guest Name(s): Lotus Kay (re-run)

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Date: 08/27/2023

Guest Name(s): Lisa Candra

Topic: This weekend's 1 in 36 guest is Lisa Candra. Lisa is the "Autism Mom Coach", she's a lawyer, and has her own podcast. Lisa has a son with autism, which has led to her passion of 1:1 coaching and supporting other mothers with autistic children. Through her coaching program, she teaches moms how to manage their minds, regulate their emotions and soothe their nervous systems using a cognitive behavioral and nervous system informed approach together with her real-life, in the trenches experiences as a full time single mom to a teen with ASD and other comorbid diagnoses. Tune in to learn more about Lisa, or visit: <https://theautismmomcoach.com/>

Air Date: 09/03/2023

Guest Name(s): Danielle Gary

Topic: This weekend's 1 in 36 guest is Danielle Gary. Danielle has spent 16 years working in public education as a teacher and eventually as a school counselor. Currently, she is an education specialist for the University of Rochester's School of Medicine and Dentistry, where

she supports teaching, learning, professional development, equity, and wellness initiatives within the OBGYN Department. Danielle is also a fierce advocate for exceptional students and their families, working toward creating more equitable and inclusive spaces within schools and communities. Recently, Danielle published her first memoir "Adventures in Camelot" - a collection of stories about the joys and challenges of raising a child with autism. Tune in to learn more about Danielle, or visit: <https://www.daniellegary.com/>

Air Date: 09/10/2023

Guest Name(s): Kerry Mauger

Topic: This weekend's 1 in 36 guest is Kerry Mauger. Kerry is the Director of Special Projects at The ARC. The ARC is an organization serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc's Wings for Autism®/Wings for All® (Wings) program gives families and aviation professionals the confidence to take to the skies with ease by providing an airport "rehearsal," as well as a presentation on the aircraft features and in-flight safety protocols. Chapters of The Arc, local partners, and airport/airline/TSA personnel work collaboratively to design and carry out each Wings event! Tune in to learn more or visit <https://thearc.org/our-initiatives/travel/>

Air Date: 09/17/2023

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Air Date: 09/24/2023

Guest Names(s): Tracy Schober

Topic: This weekend's 1 in 36 guest is Tracy Schober. Tracy is the Director of New Program Development at Anderson Center for Autism. She is also the driving force behind the Resources for Autism & IDD Information Sharing EXPO (RAISE). The second annual Resources for Autism & IDD Information Sharing EXPO will be held on Sunday, October 1st at SUNY Albany's Campus Center from 11AM to 2PM. This FREE event brings community members together to learn about resources that can benefit individuals with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities. New at this year's event we're offering free learning sessions for attendees and a private meet & greet for our exhibitors prior to the public event. Tune in to learn more about the event, or visit <https://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/raise/>