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Quarterly Issues/Programming Report April 1, 2022 – June 20, 2022

TRAFFIC/TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTION AND PORT AUTHORITY

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April 20, news segment, 6a, :20 - Metro-North Railroad reached a record pandemic-era ridership on Tuesday with 74-percent of the pre-pandemic average, or 194,549 riders. Metro-North rolled out fair offerings including a 10 percent discount for monthly passes, and a 20-trip ticket tailored for the hybrid work schedule. The 20-trip ticket saves riders 20 percent on regular peak one-way fares. "Record ridership means more and more people are realizing that commuter rail is the fastest and most efficient way to travel," said Metro-North President Catherine Rinaldi.

April 27, news segment, 8a,:25 - – New York Stewart International Airport at Newburgh has landed its second international flights with nonstop service to the Faroe Islands. Atlantic Airways will operate seasonal weekly service from August 22 through October 4 to Vagar, the sole airport on the Faroe Islands. Atlantic Airways plans to operate weekly outbound flights from Stewart on Wednesdays with return flights to Stewart on Tuesdays. The flights will take about six hours. "Offering nonstop service to the Faroe Islands is a historic first not just for New York Stewart, but for the nation," said Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton. Play Airlines operates daily flights to Reykjavik, Iceland from Stewart with connections to dozens of European cities. Allegiant Air operates service to Orlando-Sanford, Punta Gorda and St. Pete-Clearwater in Florida, as well as Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Frontier Airlines offers service to Orlando.

May 12, news segment, 7a, :20 - – Frontier Airlines, a low-cost carrier that began service from New York Stewart International Airport to three Florida cities in October 2021, will be ending its flights from the Newburgh area facility this summer. When the airline introduced its Hudson Valley travel, it flew three routes – Tampa, Orlando and Miami. It currently only flies to Orlando a couple of times a week.

May 25, news segment, 6a, :30 - State Senator Michelle Hinchey's (D, Saugerties) bill requiring comprehensive safety inspections of trains prior to their departure on state railways has passed in the Senate and moved on the Assembly for action. The measure is part of a package of

legislation to advance freight rail safety in New York. Currently, railroad companies rely solely on live video footage rather than on-site railroad safety inspectors to assess the condition of rail infrastructure and freight trains, leaving the state with no way of knowing how meticulously those feeds are monitored for potential safety issues, the lawmaker said.

Her bill requires that every railroad corporation operating freight trains in the state must also have a minimum, of two train inspectors conducting in-person safety examinations before and during a train's departure, including assessments of the tracks, wheels, brakes, and bearings.

June 29, news segment, 8a, :25- . So, you want to brag about what part of the state you call home? You can now order, for \$60., a new license plate with a photo of mountains and the Hudson River with "Mid-Hudson" printed along the bottom.

The State DMV will be offering custom plates for all 10 regions.

"Every region of our state has something unique and interesting about it, and we are happy to celebrate that uniqueness by making these new license plates available for New York drivers," said DMV Commissioner Mark Schroeder.

Covid-19

April 14, news segment, 9a, :30 - - State University of New York (SUNY) Chancellor John King, Jr. announced that a COVID-19 vaccine will no longer be mandated for students to attend SUNY's 64 campuses, effective for summer courses. The lifting of this mandate coincides with the official end of the national public health emergency by President Biden's administration on April 10, 2023.

COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters remain "strongly encouraged for students."

"The safety of SUNY's students is our first and foremost priority, and while COVID is no longer an emergency, we will not lose sight of the impact it continues to have on us," said King.

"Across SUNY we will continue to monitor cases and make adjustments as needed, but even more importantly, we will look to increase the overall health and wellness support we provide our students."

April 21, news segment, 8a, :30 - The City of Kingston's ARPA Nonprofit Services Grant Program, which is intended to mitigate the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency on Kingston's nonprofit organizations, has begun.

The city has allocated over \$1.2 million of its American Rescue Plan Act funding to support the Nonprofit Services Grant Program. Grants of up to \$25,000 each will assist in the recovery of Kingston-based nonprofit organizations and/or nonprofit organizations that serve City of Kingston residents. Grant awardees will be reimbursed for eligible expenses incurred between March 3, 2021, and September 27, 2024. Program activity examples might include food distribution to low-income residents, shelter for the homeless, medical assistance, mental health services, or other basic needs services.

Gun Violence/Crimes and Control/Police:

April 11, news segment, 7a, :25 – The Peekskill NAACP will be holding a community gun buyback program on Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at United Methodist Church of Peekskill at 1040 Main Street. No questions will be asked and no ID is required. As with other gun buyback programs, gift cards will be distributed for turned in weapons - \$250 for an assault rifle; \$200 for a handgun; \$100 for a shotgun; and \$25 for a non-working gun.

April 14, news segment, 9a, :30 - Westchester County District Attorney Thursday announced a crackdown on burglaries and robberies across the county that included alleged break-ins and thefts at homes and local businesses. Yonkers Police arrested Damien Anthony Arias on February 12 for allegedly stealing 43 pairs of sneakers valued at over \$1,100 from Burlington Coat Factory. On April 12, he was charged with 24 counts for allegedly stealing merchandise from Marshalls valued at over \$17,000 over 13 occasions in January and February. He also faces two bench warrants in Yonkers for other burglary charges.

April 21, news segment, 6a, :30 – Police officers in the Town of Hyde Park have joined the ranks of several other law enforcement agencies in the region to wear body worn cameras and Tasers on their uniforms. Chief Robert Lucchesi said the officers have received training on the Axon devices. The town received funding from two sources to provide the new equipment – the Dutchess County Legislature and the Bureau of Justice Administration. The chief said the body cams are “another tool to provide the best possible service to the Hyde Park community.” He said the cameras will “assist in police investigations by taking videos of injuries of a victim, video of the crime scene and statements made by witnesses and suspects.” The chief also said they will “continue to promote transparency, accountability, and professionalism in the interactions with the Hyde Park police officers and the community.”

April 24, news segment, 8a, :30 – Sixty-six guns were turned in at the community gun buyback event on Saturday in Peekskill. The guns were exchanged for gift cards with no questions asked at the United Methodist Church in the city.

The surrendered weapons included handguns, rifles, and shotguns.

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam Rocah said on Saturday “As of today, 66 more guns are off our streets and out of potentially the wrong hands. Gun buybacks are part of my broader gun safety goals intended to reduce gun-involved incidents, including gun suicides.” Mount Vernon Police arrested Nathaniel Gordon, 65, of Mount Vernon, in January for allegedly breaking into two local homes – one home twice on the same day – and stealing three laptops, cooking pots and a tool bag.

Education/School Sports/Youth Initiatives:

June 12, news segment, :25, :30 - A new president of Rockland Community College will begin his job on July 1. Dr. Lester Edgardo Sandres Rapalo will succeed Dr. Michael Baston who stepped down in 2022. “Dr. Rapalo is an ideal fit for Rockland Community College,” said Martin Wortendyle, chairman of the college Board of Trustees. “We believe he will chart an exciting course that will take RCC into the future. His strong academic background, extensive involvement in community outreach, and his leadership efforts with regard to developing

Hispanic-serving institution programs are the bedrock of what we were seeking in a new president.”

Employment:

April 26, news segment, 7a, :30 -- The March 2023 unemployment rate for the Hudson Valley was 2.9 percent. That compares to 3.3 percent in March 2022, the State Labor Department reported Tuesday. Counties in the region followed the same trend with unemployment in March lower than the same month one year earlier. Rockland County had the lowest rate in the Hudson Valley/Catskills – 2.6 percent. That was followed by Putnam County with 2.7 percent joblessness. Columbia, Dutchess and Westchester counties each registered 2.9 percent unemployment in March. Orange County had 3.0 percent unemployment in March while Ulster County registered 3.1 percent and Sullivan County had 3.2 percent.

May 10, news segment, 6a, :30 - Unemployment in the Hudson Valley’s cities, towns and villages continued to decline in March, according to the State Labor Department. Regionwide, joblessness stood at 2.9 percent with a handful of communities falling below that figure. Several communities saw unemployment at 2.5 percent. They included the towns of Rye, Yorktown and Clarkstown and villages of Spring Valley and Port Chester. The Town of Ramapo had the lowest level in the region at 2.2 percent. The City of Poughkeepsie had the highest rate of joblessness in March at 4.1 percent followed at 4.0 percent by the cities of Newburgh and Mount Vernon. The City of Middletown registered 3.6 percent unemployment.

May 22, news segment, 7a, :35 - With 2.5 percent job growth in the 12-month period ending in April, Ulster County experienced the greatest number of new jobs in the Hudson Valley, the State Labor Department reports. The Orange-Rockland-Westchester Metro Area came in second with 2.0 percent job growth. Sullivan County experienced a 0.4 percent growth in jobs while the Dutchess-Putnam Metropolitan Division saw a 1.3 percent decline in jobs and Columbia County lost 0.6 percent of its jobs. Private sector jobs in the region over the 12 months rose by 11,900, or 1.5 percent, to 798,000. Gains were centered in leisure and hospitality at 6,600; private education and health services rose by 5,700; natural resources, mining and construction grew by 2,300 jobs; and other services rose by 800. Employment losses were focused in professional and business services, at 1,000; information, at 800; trade, transportation and utilities, at 800; manufacturing at 700; and financial services at 200.

June 22, news segment, 7a, :30 - Columbia County experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the region in May with 2.4 percent joblessness, the State Labor Department reported on Wednesday.

Rockland County, at the southern end of the Hudson Valley, had a 2.5 percent rate of unemployment. Across the Hudson River from Columbia County, Greene experienced 3.3 percent, the highest rate of unemployment. Putnam County had a May rate of joblessness of 2.6 percent, with Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester County each having 2.8 percent unemployment. Dutchess County scored 2.8 percent rate while Orange County had 2.9 percent unemployment.

Public Safety/Residential Impacts/Asylum Seekers:

May 8, news segment, 7a, :30 - In a weekend post on social media, Rockland County Executive Ed Day sent a stern message to New York City Mayor Eric Adams after Adams announced asylum seekers would be sent to Rockland County. "Extreme actions warrant extreme measures," wrote Day "This State of Emergency declaration is the first of its kind in an inter municipal scenario and the hotel and any City personnel will be looking at the potential of arrest and/or daily fines of nearly \$70,000 for violations of this edict." wrote Day. "I promised that Rockland would not yield so here we are. No wavering and no retreat." New York City also plans on sending individuals to be housed in a hotel in the Town of Newburgh in Orange County which was met with concern by County Executive Steve Neuhaus. Neuhaus has not issued a similar order for Orange County.

May 12, news segment, 6a, :35 - Less than a day after Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus received assurances from New York City officials that no buses carrying asylum seekers would be sent to the county "in the near future," two coach buses arrived at the Crossroads Hotel Newburgh in Orange Lake. The first bus arrived at around 10:30 a.m. Thursday, the second by around 1 p.m. Both were greeted by police and security guards and several well-wishers carrying welcoming signs. Neuhaus said some 50 people were dropped off at the Town of Newburgh hotel without prior notice to the county. "We don't know anything about these individuals that are here – where they are from, what is their status, are they going to get working papers? This is not the way to do things, not the way to treat people," he said. The immigrants were transported north from New York City after they had been brought there some time ago after entering the United States at the southern border. "The buck stops with the president," Neuhaus said. "He must come up with a plan."

May 12, news segment, 8a, :30 - – Rockland County Thursday was granted a temporary restraining order in State Supreme Court against City of New York and Mayor Eric Adams, prohibiting the city from proceeding with their plan to turn the Armoni Inn and Suites in Orangeburg into a shelter for 340 migrants. Rockland officials said due to the City of New York's lack of honesty and clear disregard for local and state laws and the state of emergency in Orange County, the Rockland County Sheriff's Office will remain posted outside of the hotel as a precaution.

May 18, news segment, 7a, :30 - Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus, Wednesday, signed executive order #2 extending the state of emergency in the county. The extended status comes as a result of the City of New York busing dozens of asylum seekers to hotels in the Town of Newburgh. They had been sent to the city from the southern border of Mexico and Texas when they entered the US seeking asylum. The Neuhaus order says that "all hotels, motels and/or any facilities allowing short term rentals do not contract and/or accept said migrants and/or asylum seekers for long-term housing within Orange County."

Rockland County, where migrants were also bused to Orangeburg, also sought and won a temporary restraining order preventing additional migrants from being placed in the county pending further court action.

May 23, news segment, 8a, :30 - Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne declared a state of emergency and signed three executive orders, similar to those issued in Rockland, Orange, and Sullivan counties in response to New York City sending asylum seekers to house in Hudson Valley hotels. "The purpose of these executive orders is to give the county the ability to preserve residents' rights, protect their well-being, and enforce county established laws and codes, in the wake of what has clearly become a disorganized, muddy operation by New York City officials," said Byrne.

June 22, news segment, 7a, :30 - State Supreme Court Judge Sandra Sciortino on Wednesday granted Orange County a preliminary injunction, preventing New York City Mayor Eric Adams from sending additional homeless individuals to the county without complying with State Social Services law and a further order from the court.

This decision was the first of its kind brought by a county against New York City.

County Executive Steven Neuhaus said the issue must still be settled.

"This issue needs to be resolved at the state and federal levels. They must come up with a better plan," he said.

Judge Sciortino stated in her decision and order that: "The denial of a preliminary injunction will provide the city with unfettered ability to transport groups of individuals, without regard to legal and regulatory authority."

Health and Health Care Issues:

April 1, news segment, 6a, :25 - The long-awaited transition to the NYRx pharmacy fee-for-service model that enables Medicaid recipients to access more prescription medications with fewer restrictions has gone into effect on April 1st. Pharmacists and Medicaid recipients are relieved, after recent concerns about whether or not the transition would be implemented after it had been delayed for nearly two years. Under the previous 340B reimbursement model, the state contracted through pharmacy benefit managers to negotiate drug pricing. Many, including independent pharmacists from the region, were critical of this reimbursement model claiming it lacked proper transparency and oversight and allowed a select few companies to set prices.

May 3, news segment 7a, :30 - Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health is launching the new mobile health RV, funded with a \$250,000 grant secured by Assemblywoman Didi Barrett (D, Hudson). The unit will be available to serve residents throughout the county, particularly rural communities where resources may be more limited. The county department will work with local communities and organizations to provide a variety of public and mental health services based on local needs. "Critical mental and behavioral health providers have been in short supply in the rural eastern and northern communities of

Dutchess County,” said Barrett. “So, it was especially important to me, in funding tis mobile health unit, to ensure these much-needed services, as well as other essential public health offerings, would be more accessible to our local families, seniors, teens and children.”

Economy/Tourism/Parks

June 14, news segment, 8a, :15 - - Adam's Fairacre Farms has a long history of doing business in the Hudson Valley starting in 1958 when they opened their first store in Poughkeepsie. This coming Friday, June 16, they will open their fifth store, on Route 211 in the Town of Wallkill. Store co-owner Stephen Adams said this new location is a perfect fit for their business.

June 26, news segment, 6a, :25 - Steve Rinaldi, of Westport, Conn., watched the fly through of a F-15 as he waited to see to U.S. Navy Blue Angels flying the F/A-18 Super Hornets during their precision maneuvers. “That was great, fabulous, wonderful,” said Rinaldi, of the F-15 fly-through. Rinaldi was in a good mood, wearing a Navy T-shirt” The air show included a fly-through with an U.S. Air Force A-10 and other stunt aircraft. The low clouds this weekend kept aircraft near the ground and within easy sight range during the annual New York Air Show at the Orange County Airport in Montgomery.

May 25, news segment, 8a, :30 - - Economic development officials from across the Hudson Valley and Catskills joined others from around the state at the annual State Economic Development Conference in Cooperstown on Wednesday.

Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer made a surprise visit and talked about the debate in Washington over raising the debt limit. The Democratic lawmaker said the solution is a bipartisan one as he pointed out past Republican presidents.

“Ronald Reagan, George Bush, and Donald Trump said, of course, we have to pay our debt,” he said. “And it’s scary. We are going to work really hard, really hard, to get this done in a bipartisan way.” If it is not accomplished, Schumer said it could lead to a recession or “worse.”

June 23, news segment, 7a, :30 - - It’s Christmas in June for the City of Kingston.

US Senator Charles Schumer secured a \$21.7 million grant to boost transportation and transform the city’s waterfront. Mayor Steven Noble said this is by far the largest grant Kingston has ever received. “This will help with our new zoning code, be able to help develop a smart growth strategy and help to bring in new housing and new business along our waterfront in the right way,” he said.

The windfall will be applied to six projects – Kingston Point Rail Trail Phase Two; East Strand and North Street Complete Streets; the Trolley Trail as phase three of the Kingston Point Rail Trail; Rotary Park and Kingston Point Park Pedestrian connections as well as raising of Delaware Avenue; North Street Complete Streets; and East Strand Flood protections.

PSA’s

April 1 – June 30, Job Notification Organizational Appeal, :30, 9x per week

April 1 – May 13, Northwell Hospital Health Walk, :30, 18x

April 20, in studio guest, 10 minute interview with Dr. Sal Boffa of the Premier Medical Group to Discuss the June 4 Car Show that promotes the awareness of Colon Cancer. He spend a good deal of the time discussing screening and the new advisement to start thinking about a screening at age 45.

April 17 – June 30, Broadcast Mentoring Group,:30, 9x week

April 22 – April 26 Camp Sunrise,:30 recorded PSA, 6x

June 18 – June 24, Putnum County Cultural Festival, :30, 9x

June 19 – June 24, Putnum Pride Celebration,:30, 9x

Indian Point

April 6, news segment, 6a, :25 - Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Rockland County Executive Ed day are fuming over Holtec's announcement that it will star released treated wastewater from the shutdown Indian Point nuclear power plant into the Hudson River next month.

"The announcement by Holtec to expedite this plan, in the midst of ongoing discussions with state officials, community stakeholders and local municipalities, is an outrageous one," said Latimer, in whose county Indian Point is located in Buchanan.

"The impacted communities have far too much at stake for any treated water dumping to occur on a timeline quicker than what was expected. It is a mistake for Holtec to act before full public vetting of all options and acting without convincing residents and local governments why the other options have been overridden for consideration,".

April 11, news segment, 7a, :20 - Holtec's plan to discharge low-level radioactive water from the defunct Indian Point power plant is safe and a practice that has been going on in virtually all nuclear plants in the U.S., a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission told Mid-Hudson News on Monday. Area public officials and environmental groups have been screaming bloody murder about Holtec's plan, but NRC spokesman Neil Sheehan said even when nuclear plants are operational, they discharge low levels of radioactivity to the waterway on which they are located, whether it is an ocean, bay, lake or river.

April 14, news segment, 8a, :25 -Holtec, the company that bought the defunct Indian Point nuclear power plant in Buchanan with the goal of dismantling it, has cancelled its plans to dump treated radioactive wastewater into the Hudson River next month. But that is not enough for county executives up and down the river. They want Holtec to come up with other alternatives to releasing the chemicals into the river. Orange Cunty Executive Steven Neuhaus also opposes the dumping of nuclear wastewater saying with striped bass starting to run up the river, he certainly would not eat fish from the Hudson.

Local Govt.

May 15, news segment, 7a, :25 - President Joe Biden is expected to nominate former Hudson Valley Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney as the U.S. representative to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Maloney will hold the rank of ambassador. A Democrat like the president, is a resident of Cold Spring. According to the U.S. Department of State, OECD is a forum where the governments of 37 democracies with market-based economies collaborate to develop policy standards to promote sustainable economic growth. Maloney represented the former 18th Congressional District in the Hudson Valley, which included the cities of Middletown, Newburgh, Beacon, and Poughkeepsie from 2013 to 2023.

Environment/Weather/Safety:

April 14, news segment, 8a, :15 - We've got an air quality health advisory for high ozone levels today. The health advisory will be in effect from 11am to 11pm for the City and parts of the Hudson Valley including Westchester, Rockland and Orange counties

April 24, news segment, 7a, :30 - The City of Middletown hosted its city-wide cleanup on Saturday with more than 500 people volunteering to spruce up the city in observance of Earth Day. The event is in its 15th year and this year a record number of residents, local groups, and service organizations gathered to support the effort. This was one of many Earth Day community cleanups around the region.

Rick McCormack, the City of Middletown Clerk was one of the organizers of the event.

☑️ "This is a great day, it's Earth Day across the country and we're here to go out in the City of Middletown to pick up litter. We are all very excited, and this day really has a positive impact on our city," said McCormack.

April 27, news segment, 6a, :30 - State Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard Ball came to Sullivan County on Wednesday to look at damage from last weekend's tornado. Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther is seeking state aid for those who suffered damage.

"I spoke to Governor Hochul and she connected me with Commissioner Ball and he came to assess the damage in our community and there was quite a lot of it," she said. "We really appreciate the governor as well as Mr. Ball and now we are waiting to see what they have to say, what they can do to help us in these communities."

Meanwhile, Congressman Marcus Molinaro has asked FEMA to provide and the Sullivan County Legislature later today is expected to announce county aid to those impacted by the storm.

May 25, news segment, 6a, :30 - - The Environmental Protection Agency conducted an informational meeting Thursday regarding sampling in the lower Hudson River as part of the monitoring of the PCB cleanup process. The sampling is being conducted in a 200-mile Superfund site from Troy to New York City that was created following General Electric's PCB contamination. The EPA's Gary Kiawinski said the agency has designed three different programs for sediment sampling.

“We collect recently deposited sediment, we’re collecting sediment where we collect fish, and we are collecting high-resolution sediment, essentially to push a tube into the bottom of the river, pull it out, and you take each of the layers out of that tube, and analyze them,” he said. Sediment sampling will be done without the hindering any recreational or commercial activities on the lower Hudson River.

May, 25, news segment, 8a, :30 This weekend, Memorial Day weekend, marks the unofficial start of the summer season complete with vacations and recreational activities.

In Port Jervis on Wednesday, Orange County District Attorney David Hoovler and a host of law enforcement officials recommended practicing safety during the hot weather season.

He noted that 70 percent of emergency room visits in Orange County are preventable and he provided a number of do’s and don’ts National Park Service ranger Ingrid Peterec is responsible for the Upper Delaware River which runs from Hancock, through Sullivan County and into Orange County.

June 7, news segment 8a, :30 -- Dozens of activists rallied with state lawmakers in Albany on Tuesday calling on Governor Hochul to support legislation that would ban the discharge of nuclear waste into the Hudson River. The groups are specifically targeting Holtec’s plan to dump radioactive waste from the decommissioned Indian Point nuclear power plant in Buchanan.

Food and Water Watch Senior New York Organizer Santosh Nandabalan said Hochul must support legislation to block the discharge in the waning days of the Senate and Assembly session. “Nothing less than our health and the sanctity of the Hudson River are in her hands,” he said. “The Hudson River must not be used as a dumping ground for radioactive wastewater; it is unacceptable,” said Jeremy Cherson of Riverkeeper. The Save the Hudson bill is being sponsored by Senator Pete Harckham (D, Peekskill) and Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg (D, Ossining).

June 14, news segment, 6a, :30 - Mayor Mike Spano, Tuesday, joined the Yonkers Office of Sustainability, Yonkers Green City Advisory Board, and local community leaders to release the City of Yonkers’ first-ever Climate Action Plan at the Sawmill River Daylighting III.

The Yonkers Climate Action Plan’s goal is to secure the city’s path to zero emissions by 2050, which includes a 100 percent greenhouse gas reduction, 100 percent electric fleets, and a 50 percent reduction of the heat island effect. “By embracing sustainable practices and investing in a greener future, we are doing our part to strengthen our city’s resiliency against climate change,” said Spano. “This plan will help us to form equitable strategies to lower emissions, keep our city energy efficient, and lower climate risk for future generations of our residents.”

** During and throughout spring of 2023, there were several weather alerts concerning excessive storms, coastal flood warnings, high winds, and rain.

A special event took place over several days from June 6-9, 2023 when fires in Canada caused an Air Quality Alert. Air Quality alerts continued for several additional days in June including the

last two days of the month. K104 responded with several extensive statements from the National Weather Service, The NY State Department of Health and the Governor of NY State Kathy Hochul. We provided listeners with a toll free hotline established by the NYS Department of Health.

K104 reported on all power outages and services concerning ConEd, Optimum and Verizon FIOS with regard to their electrical, phone, internet and TV services which were impacted. K104 never lost power or internet and continued to broadcast 24/7 during any weather crisis. There were power issues throughout the broadcast area and WXPB aired health tips and information relation to the electric power grid. We provided additional and intensive traffic and weather reports during this period. K104 provided on air programming relating to the use of electric power and tips on how to deal with power outages, and conservation

Community Information:

May 1, news segment 6a, :30 - The Village of Monroe Board of Trustees failed to approve the annual budget at a Friday evening meeting amid a dispute over the mayor's salary.

The proposed budget included a controversial 134 percent salary increase for the mayor, bringing the annual salary for the position from \$32,000 per year to \$75,000 per year.

Two trustees voted in favor of the budget, which included the salary increase, and two voted against it, creating a tie that required Mayor Neil Dwyer to vote. Dwyer chose not to cast his vote for or against the budget and recused himself. The mayor's recusal resulted in the budget failing, and consequently, the tentative budget will be adopted for the upcoming fiscal year.

June 14, news segment, 8a, :30 - Republican Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is holding an end-of-the-month fundraiser in Rockland County to raise money for his bid to be the Republican presidential candidate next year. He is expecting to raise big money with the \$6,600-a-ticket price tag. The event is slated to take place at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Suffern.

June 30, news segment, 6a, :25 - Westchester County Executive George Latimer delivered his annual state of the county address to the Board of Legislators Wednesday evening enumerating a list of accomplishments achieved since he took office 5 ½ years ago.

The Democratic former county legislator and state senator said Westchester finds itself in a strong place despite national and international issues. "So, you may ask, what is the state of our county. Is it fierce? Is it united? Or is it thriving? It's all of those things because the state of our county is one of unyielding strength, unwavering resolve, and most crucially, boundless potential," he said. Latimer pointed to four years of lower property taxes, support for asylum seekers who are looking for a better life, additional affordable housing, a decline in the crime rate, Narcan training coming for all county employees, an accelerator for business startups, improvements to parks, and additional charging stations for electric vehicles.

April 21, news segment, 6a, :30 - -- One hundred years ago construction began on the Bear Mountain Bridge before it opened to traffic in the autumn 1924.

To celebrate the beginning of construction, a time capsule was dedicated at the New York Bridge Authority 's office at the bridge on Thursday, for the future - so those then will have an idea how we are living now.

New York State Bridge Authority Executive Director Minosoca Alcantara said the bridge had many firsts. "It was the first bridge that was built and it won many awards because it was the first bridge in the Hudson Valley with suspension cables, the long suspension cables in the world," she said. The time capsule included letters written by fourth graders in Peekskill, elected officials and bridge authority workers, and it will be opened in 2124 after being placed in a climate-controlled building near the bridge.

June 23, news segment, 7a, :30 - The OceanGate submarine that imploded while diving to the Titanic wreckage on Sunday, June 18, was piloted by Dutchess County resident Paul-Henri Nargeolet, 77, known as "Mr. Titanic." The experienced diver was piloting a submarine owned by OceanGate Expeditions and carrying Nargeolet and four other passengers, including OceanGate CEO Stockton Rush. He was part of the first expedition in 1987 that reached the Titanic wreckage. In January of 2022, "Mr. Titanic" relocated to Dutchess County from the Town of Kent in neighboring Connecticut after he purchased a home on 2.75 acres on Route 292 in the Pawling hamlet of Holmes. He purchased the property for \$1.5 million. The three other passengers have been identified as British billionaire Hamish Harding, Pakistani investor Shazada Darwood, and Darwood's 19-year-old son Suleman.

GREEN Movement:

April 1, news segment, 8a, :20 - The Newburgh Unity Armory was packed with hundreds of people on Saturday – veterans of all services, families, friends and area residents who turned out to honor the men and women who fought in the Vietnam War.

The pinning ceremony was to mark the 50th anniversary in the war in Southeast Asia.

The event was billed as a pinning ceremony to thank those who served and to remember those who did not return.

April 14, news segment, :15 - New York is spending millions of dollars on installing electric vehicle charging stations across the state. Seventy municipalities across the state will get their share of more than eight-million dollars. More than one-million-dollars in funds will go to a dozen localities in the Hudson Valley.

Housing:

June 1, news segment, 7a, :20 - Westchester County Executive George Latimer has signed into law a bill creating the Office of Housing Counsel that will provide legal counsel to individuals in housing matters involving eviction. The office will be located within the Department of Social Services headed by Commissioner Leonard Townes. "With creation of this Office of Housing

Counsel families will no longer have to stand alone. They will be supported, they will be encouraged, and they will have somewhere to go when they are facing those challenges and struggles,” he said. “There is a need out there and we have to pay attention to that need in Westchester County.” Legal Services of the Hudson Valley CEO Rachel Chazin Halperin, Esq. called the legislation “monumental” and said that “providing counsel to tenants effectively prevents homelessness.”

Education/School Sports/Youth Initiatives:

April 14, news segment, 8a, :25 - – And audit by the State Comptroller’s Office found that Chappaqua Central School District officials did not properly monitor and account for the fixed assets that were tested. Officials maintained incomplete and inaccurate records and did not perform a physical inventory count since 2018.

District officials agreed with the recommendations and have initiated, or they planned to initiate corrective action.

April 21, news segment, 6a, :20 - – Dr. Darrell Wheeler, who joined SUNY New Paltz last July as the college’s ninth president, was formally inaugurated on Thursday as he pledged his support to the students and the community.

Since joining the college last July, Wheeler has focused on outreach to stakeholders across the community while also weighing in on issues like declining enrollment and philanthropy.

Health and Health Care Issues:

April 1, news segment, 6a, :25 - The long-awaited transition to the NYRx pharmacy fee-for-service model that enables Medicaid recipients to access more prescription medications with fewer restrictions has gone into effect on April 1st.

Pharmacists and Medicaid recipients are relieved, after recent concerns about whether or not the transition would be implemented after it had been delayed for nearly two years.

Under the previous 340B reimbursement model, the state contracted through pharmacy benefit managers to negotiate drug pricing. Many, including independent pharmacists from the region, were critical of this reimbursement model claiming it lacked proper transparency and oversight and allowed a select few companies to set prices.

PSA’s

April 1 – June 30, Job Notification Organizational Appeal,:30, 9x per week

April 1 – May 13, Northwell Hospital Health Walk, :30, 18x

April 20, in studio guest, 10 minute interview with Dr. Sal Boffa of the Premier Medical Group to Discuss the June 4 Car Show that promotes the awareness of Colon Cancer. He spend a good deal of the time discussing screening and the new advisement to start thinking about a screening at age 45.

April 17 – June 30, Broadcast Mentoring Group,:30, 9x week

April 22 – April 26 Camp Sunrise,:30 recorded PSA, 6x

June 18 – June 24, Putnum County Cultural Festival, :30, 9x

June 19 – June 24, Putnum Pride Celebration,:30, 9x

Indian Point

April 6, news segment, 6a, :25 - Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Rockland County Executive Ed day are fuming over Holtec's announcement that it will star released treated wastewater from the shutdown Indian Point nuclear power plant into the Hudson River next month.

"The announcement by Holtec to expedite this plan, in the midst of ongoing discussions with state officials, community stakeholders and local municipalities, is an outrageous one," said Latimer, in whose county Indian Point is located in Buchanan.

"The impacted communities have far too much at stake for any treated water dumping to occur on a timeline quicker than what was expected. It is a mistake for Holtec to act before full public vetting of all options and acting without convincing residents and local governments why the other options have been overridden for consideration,".

April 11, news segment, 7a, :20 - Holtec's plan to discharge low-level radioactive water from the defunct Indian Point power plant is safe and a practice that has been going on in virtually all nuclear plants in the U.S., a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission told Mid-Hudson News on Monday.

Area public officials and environmental groups have been screaming bloody murder about Holtec's plan, but NRC spokesman Neil Sheehan said even when nuclear plants are operational, they discharge low levels of radioactivity to the waterway on which they are located, whether it is an ocean, bay, lake or river.

National Guard/Veteran Affairs:

April 1, news segment, 8a, :20 - The Newburgh Unity Armory was packed with hundreds of people on Saturday – veterans of all services, families, friends and area residents who turned out to honor the men and women who fought in the Vietnam War.

The pinning ceremony was to mark the 50th anniversary in the war in Southeast Asia.

The event was billed as a pinning ceremony to thank those who served and to remember those who did not return

WSPK PSA INITIATIVES:

K104's Find Work Network – This is an effort to find employment for Hudson Valley residents.

It is support with a main rotator on stations web site and 21 promos per week.

K104's Small Business Booster - On air promo 5x/day with social media to support this local business initiative.

WSPK Podcasts:

www.k104online.com host a podcast page that serves as a landing spot for 3 self help/inspirational programs.

Shine On with Kacey is a Health and Happiness show with deep dives into self help topics. Here are some of the programs that covered health related topics:

Kacey's Wellness Minute is a condensed recap of Shine One

Happy Hour with Jonna and Karyl – a one hour show on personal empowerment.