

# City of Peekskill New York



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## City of Peekskill Launches Comprehensive Consumer Survey to Identify and Attract Businesses and Meet Consumer Needs

Anthony J. Ruggiero, MPA, AICP  
Director of Planning, City of Peekskill

The City of Peekskill is working to revitalize the business district in downtown Peekskill. Our goal is to renew the district and recruit new businesses to the area. As part of this effort, we'd like to know what types of stores, restaurants and entertainment we should recruit, and what other changes will make the downtown area more appealing.

[www.PeekskillSurvey.com](http://www.PeekskillSurvey.com)  
**TELL US  
WHAT YOU  
WANT.**  
[www.EncuestaPeekskill.com](http://www.EncuestaPeekskill.com)

If you live, work or shop in or near Peekskill, we want to hear from you! Please help us by taking a few

minutes to share your opinions. The survey is anonymous and you will NOT be asked to register or provide any personal contact information.

Printed survey forms will be mailed to 5,000 randomly-selected households in the Peekskill-Cortlandt/Northern Westchester and Southern Putnam area in coming weeks and will be available at participating high traffic locations in the community. It will also be available starting immediately online at [www.peekskillsurvey.com](http://www.peekskillsurvey.com) and a Spanish language version is also available. Si quieres tomar la encuesta en Español, por favor visita el sitio web [www.encuestapeekskill.com](http://www.encuestapeekskill.com). It should take you about 12 minutes to complete the survey. Thank you for your participation!

## Community Involvement – We Need You!

The City of Peekskill is seeking applicants to fill positions on various volunteer Boards and Commissions. Vacancies currently exist on the following boards:

- Board of Ethics
- Board of Tax Assessment Review
- Historic & Landmarks Preservation Board
- Historic Preservation Advisory Board
- Use of Force Review Board
- Youth Board
- Parks Advisory Board
- Conservation Advisory Council

If you are interested in serving on any of these boards, please send a letter of interest and resume to the City Clerk, Pamela Beach, 840 Main Street, Peekskill, N.Y. 10566 or via e-mail at [pbeach@cityofpeekskill.com](mailto:pbeach@cityofpeekskill.com), by August 31, 2011. Thank you for your interest.



## Summer Grill Safety

By Victor Pizzella, Building Inspector  
Department of City Services

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight and smell at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer barbecue memorable; for all the wrong reasons. Below are a few useful tips from the National Fire Protection Association.

### General Safety tips for using your grill:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors and never in an enclosed space such as your home or garage.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

### Charcoal Grills:

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before

disposing in a metal container.

### Propane Grills:

- Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles.
- If your grill has a gas leak, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill gas knobs. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If the leak does not stop, or if you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill, and call the fire department - 911. Do not move the grill.
- With safety in mind, please take a few minutes to inspect your grill, so you can enjoy your summer cookouts all season long.

## The ABC's of Amazing Backyard Composting

By Department of Public Works, City of Peekskill

Did you know that you can convert worthless food waste into dark, rich, fertile topsoil right in your backyard? And that it costs nothing and is pretty much effortless? All organic matter eventually decomposes. Composting speeds the process by providing an ideal environment for bacteria and other decomposing microorganisms. The final product, humus or compost, looks and feels like fertile garden soil. This dark, crumbly, earthy-smelling stuff works wonders on all kinds of soil and provides vital nutrients to help plants grow and look better.

Many materials can be added to a compost pile, including leaves, grass clippings, straw, woody brush, vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds, livestock manure, sawdust, and shredded paper. Do not use diseased plants, meat scraps that may attract animals, and dog or cat manure, which can carry disease. Composting can be as simple or as involved as you would like, and depends on how much yard waste you have, how fast you want results, and the effort you are willing to invest.

There are numerous composting methods: hot-composting, cold-composting and composting with worms (vermi-composting). There are even special appliances that allow one to compost indoors! In order to determine the best composting method, please refer to the following Internet resources:

**How to Compost:** <http://www.howtocompost.org/>

**City Composting and Urban Agriculture Tips:**  
<http://www.cityfarmer.info/>

**Home Composting Fact Sheet from Cornell University:**  
<http://cwmri.css.cornell.edu/compostbrochure.pdf>

**Numerous Composting Resources:**  
<http://vegweb.com/composting/resources.shtml>

Portions of this information sheet were derived from the following website: **Backyard Composting Information from the USDA:**  
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/FEATURE/backyard/compost.html>

Composting helps the City of Peekskill in a number of ways. It improves air quality by reducing the number of garbage truck trips and the amount of waste burned at the incinerator plant. It improves soil fertility which helps the health of plants and the people that depend on them.

Finally, it can help your bottom line by reducing the amount of topsoil and fertilizer you need to buy to help your garden. In short, by planning your compost pile now you can be helping both the environment and your wallet next spring!

## City Cooling Centers in Peekskill

By Francis Brunelle  
Director of Human Services

What exactly is a heat wave? As per the National Weather Service standard, it is a period of three or more consecutive days when the maximum shade temperature reaches or exceeds 90°F (32°C).

A heat advisory is issued by the National Weather Service when the heat index (combination of air temperature and relative humidity) is expected to reach at least 100°F (38°C) or when nighttime

lows are expected to remain above 80°F.

A cooling center is a temporary air-conditioned public space set up by local authorities to deal with the health effects of a heat wave. Cooling Centers are meant to prevent hyperthermia, especially among the elderly without air conditioning at home.



By Christine Cummings, Public Affairs  
NYC Government Relations

The City of Peekskill and Con Edison would like to share energy-saving tips to help save you money while staying cool this summer. Con Edison Customers should report power interruptions or service problems, as well as view service restoration information online at [www.coned.com](http://www.coned.com), and on their cell phones and PDAs. They may also call the toll free hotline at 1-800-75-CONED promptly if they are experiencing any service difficulties.

Con Edison also reminds Customers that \$30 rebates are still available for all customers who invest in cost-cutting Energy Star-rated room air conditioners.

Watch and learn about the benefits of Energy Star air conditioners at <http://coned.com/video/becoolgetpaid/>.

Here are Additional Steps to Stay Cool Inside:

- Make sure all air conditioner filters are clean for peak efficiency.
- Set thermostats no lower than 78 degrees. Each degree lower increases cooling costs by 6 percent.
- Closing off the rooms not being used if you have a room



City Cooling Centers for the general public shall be opened and operated between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. at the Peekskill Senior Center, located at 4 Nelson Avenue.

## Con Edison's Tips To Be Cool About Heat

air-conditioner; and if you have central air, block those vents in unused or vacant rooms.

- Turn off lights and other appliances, using a timer to turn them on as necessary.
- Run appliances such as ovens, washing machines, dryers and dishwashers in the early morning or late at night when it's generally cooler. Another alternative is to use the microwave to cook or a barbecue outside, if possible.
- Accept Con Edison's offer of a free programmable thermostat if you have central air conditioning. Program the thermostat manually or from the Internet.
- Turning off your air conditioner when you're not there beats leaving it on all the time, and programming it instead to turn it on before your return is a wise way to save on summer electric bills.
- To learn more about Con Edison's free programmable thermostat, call 1-866-521-8600 or visit <http://www.coned.com/cool>.

Energy Saving tips are available on Facebook (Power of Green), Twitter (@ConEdLiz) and by downloading the company's Power of Green iPhone app. Please visit <http://www.coned.com/energyefficiency> to learn more about other savings for your home or business.

## Stream Cleanup and Planting Project Under Way

By Carol Capobianco, Chair,  
Conservation Advisory Council

The Conservation and Parks Advisory Council (CAC) is working to clean up and replant the stretch of MacGregory Brook at Riverfront Green, where it flows into the Hudson River.

On June 4 over a dozen volunteers removed trash and invasive plants from the site. They pulled garbage (including a bicycle and a VCR!) out of the brook, cut down strangling bittersweet vines, dug out multiflora rose, removed mugwort and garlic mustard, and tackled super-sized poison ivy. In the fall, the area will be planted with native shrubs and trees provided by the Environmental Leadership Learning Alliance based at Teatown Lake Reservation.

The CAC received support for the cleanup from many groups, including Groundwork Hudson Valley, Bronx River Parkway Reservation Conservancy's Vinecutter.com program, the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, AmeriCorps, and the City of Peekskill Departments of Parks, Planning,

and Public Works.

If you would like to help out with the stream project, please contact Pat Reber of the CAC through the City Clerk's office.



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# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Along The Hudson Celebration

10 Communities, 10 Celebrations



By Bill Powers  
Public Relations, City of Peekskill

More than 250 supporters of the arts flocked to Peekskill Thursday night, June 2, 2011 from as far away as Kingston and Hudson, NY to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Along the Hudson kick-off reception, held in Peekskill for the first time ever. Under the 2011 theme "10 Communities, 10 Celebrations," representatives from all ten communities addressed the crowd, speaking about their respective plans for art exhibits, gallery openings, studio tours and special art-related events scheduled for the rest of the year.

The reception, hosted at the Paramount Center for the Arts, included wine and refreshments from 12 Grapes; an art show in the Paramount's Upper Gallery featuring nearly 40 representative paintings, photographs and mixed media art created by Hudson Valley artists; presentations from each of the ten communities about what makes their arts community special; and a closing performance by Peekskill singer Alexis Cole and pianist Scott Arcangel, lead vocalist and musical director, respectively, of the West Point Jazz Knights.

"Peekskill was honored to serve as the host city for this year's annual kick-off event for Art Along the Hudson at our historic Paramount Center for the Arts. This gave us the opportunity to showcase our amazing downtown offerings including food, entertainment, and the arts. Our long-established artist district is the gateway for people to explore the artist communities, events, and celebrations offered throughout the Hudson Valley and we are thrilled to be one of the ten communities proudly demonstrating our support for the arts," said Peekskill Mayor Mary F. Foster.

Mayor Foster, Linda Hubbard, Chair of



Art Along the Hudson, and Benjamin Krevolin, President of the Dutchess County Arts Council, welcomed visiting dignitaries, government officials, business leaders, principals from art organizations, artists and art enthusiasts.

"We were so delighted to hear that Peekskill wanted to host our 2011 kick-off event. The leadership that Peekskill Mayor Mary Foster shows for the artist community here in her hometown resonates through out the Hudson River Valley. Peekskill should be commended for blending the best of art, entertainment and business into a memorable downtown experience," said Linda Hubbard.

Mrs. Hubbard presented one of her Hudson Valley photographs to Chris Marra, City of Peekskill, for his incredible efforts on behalf of the arts in Peekskill and for spearheading this year's kickoff.

"Thank you Chris for organizing tonight's incredible event and for all the many hours you have devoted to the arts community," said Hubbard.

Benjamin Krevolin was awarded a

beautiful Hudson Beach Glass platter with Hubbard remarking, "Benjamin, thank you for supporting and guiding Art Along the Hudson for eight years. We appreciate your commitment to this effort from day one and throughout the years as we have grown from just 4 communities to 10+ Hudson Valley Studio Tours."

Art Along the Hudson celebrates the arts in ten artistically-focused communities on the Hudson River, including Peekskill, Garrison/Cold Spring, Newburgh, Beacon, Poughkeepsie, New Paltz, Rhinebeck/Red Hook, Kingston, Hudson, and Woodstock. Art Along the Hudson is also promoting three Hudson Valley Studio Tours this year, offering art lovers great opportunities to meet the many artists living and working in the Hudson Valley.

The reception was sponsored by Entergy Corporation, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, Crafts at Rhinebeck, Ulster County Savings Bank, and the Dutchess County Arts Council.

For more detail about each community's special events, look for the eye-catching *Art Along the Hudson* brochure at major tourist areas around the Hudson Valley, or visit the website, [www.artalongthehudson.com](http://www.artalongthehudson.com).

## Peekskill Going Green

By Jeremy Doxsee, AICP  
Planning Dept., City of Peekskill

The Northern Westchester Energy Action (NWEAC) recently celebrated its first year anniversary. NWEAC was formed through an inter-municipal agreement signed in Bedford a year ago, and is made up of representatives from the county's northern municipalities: Bedford, Cortlandt, Croton-On-Hudson, Lewisboro, Mount Kisco, New Castle, North Salem, Ossining; Peekskill, Pound Ridge, Somers, and Yorktown.

NWEAC members collaborate on ways to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, save money for county residents and

businesses and increase energy efficiency in the communities.

The organization assists municipalities in the grant process by sharing grant writing services and pooling resources. These grants help municipalities fund their energy efficiency and emissions reductions projects and help get local energy initiatives off the ground.

In April, the organization received the Environmental Protection Agency's most prestigious honor, the Environmental Quality Award, for work by United States

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Environment and Public Works Committee.

Since forming, the group has acquired several state and federal grants for projects, including a planned energy-saving micro transmission grid in Peekskill and a regional greenhouse emissions study. Members expect to win additional grants in the coming months. We will keep you posted on our progress!



## Peekskill Appoints New City Assessor

By Bill Powers, Public Relations  
City of Peekskill

Denise Knauer is the new City of Peekskill Assessor, having recently been appointed to the City Hall Staff. Knauer has over 25 years of experience in real estate, valuation, mortgages, closings, market research, sales and public offering statements. Knauer left her position as Real Property Appraiser in the Town of Eastchester, NY to come to Peekskill. She is a State Certified Assessor.

In addition, Knauer is a New York State Certified Appraiser and has been appraising properties for the past 13 years. She has

spent six of those years as a Senior Review Appraiser for Agent Mortgage and JPMorgan Chase. She also has experience with a law firm specializing in tax certiorari and as an international tax consultant for major corporations with large property tax portfolios.

The City Assessor is the municipal official who estimates the value of real property within city boundaries. The value is

then converted into an assessment, which is one component used in the computation of real property tax bills.

The Assessor also maintains the assessment roll, a listing of every property's assessment within the city limits as well as appropriate exemptions like those related to the STAR program. The official roll is available for public inspection. The Assessor's Office can provide information regarding property assessments, deeds and lot sizes.

Ms. Knauer joined the City Hall team at one of the department's busiest times. The City of Peekskill's taxable status date was May 1, 2010, the tentative assessment roll was published June 1, and Grievance Day was the third Tuesday in June. The final assessment roll will be published August 15.

The City Assessor's Office maintains a presence on the city's website which allows residents access to online forms and contact information. For the first time, the tentative roll, and all subsequent rolls will be available on the City's website.

For more information,  
please visit: [www.cityofpeekskill.com/assessor](http://www.cityofpeekskill.com/assessor)



## Staycations: Peekskill Has Endless Possibilities

By Jannine Cullen, Recreation Leader  
Department of Recreation, City of Peekskill

As Recreation Professionals we pay close attention to the world in which we work because we know that looking "outside of the box" will serve as a compass for the path that we need to be on professionally. We know that various factors impact the services

that we provide and that economic trends by far have the greatest impact.

As our economic climate becomes more challenging it provides us with an opportunity to create



options for people in our community to accommodate their recreational needs. From this current economic climate a new buzzword was created in the tourism and recreation professions, "staycations" suddenly became a more affordable option than a traditional vacation.

This of course meant that Recreation Departments across the country had to pay attention to the fact that people were now more than ever looking locally for family entertainment. "Staycationers" were also looking for low or no cost activities to meet their needs.

Peekskill Recreation recognizes that this economy has been a "game changer" and we have tailored our programming to allow our community to craft their own "staycations" by utilizing our various services, facilities and programs.

If you live in Peekskill and you have a few days or even a week off and are looking to create an affordable almost no cost "staycation" you have access to endless possibilities.



Perhaps, you spend a day at our pool in Depew Park. Maybe you go for a hike on the extensive Blue Mountain hiking trail that you can



Butterfly at Blue Mountain Reservation

access via Depew Park or embark on the Annsville Trail for another beautiful option. You could then on another day spend a few hours playing tennis on one of our courts followed by a picnic dinner at the Riverfront as you enjoy one of our free summer concerts.

A day at the spray pool in conjunction with our free supervised playground program would appeal to the little ones in your family, or you could grill up some summer fare on one of our grills in our parks and then head to Peekskill Stadium and catch a game.

The possibilities really are endless and a day or a week of recreational activities can be created to fit your own needs and interests.

If you're looking for great options for your family to create a summer of fun and memories, pick up a brochure at the Recreation Office, access the brochure online or call and speak to one of our Recreational Professionals who will be happy to help you create a "staycation" to remember.



Sloop Boats at Riverfront Green Park on the Hudson River

# Community Event Calendar

## CHILDREN'S SPECIALS

### Monday Nights

Location: Riverfront Green Park - Hudson Avenue & Route 9

Rain site: Ford Administration Building

Day/Time: Mondays 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

- **7/18** 'Drumming About You' (interactive drumming show, every child will get a drum to use during the show)
- **7/25** Magical Margo (magic)
- **8/1** Domino the Great (magic and more)
- **8/8** Gigi and the Lend Me a Hand Band

## MUSIC IN THE PARK

### Wednesday Nights

Location: Riverfront Green Park – Hudson Avenue & Route 9

Rain site: Peekskill Middle School, 212 Ringgold Street

Day/Time: Wednesdays 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

- **7/13** – Andy Polay Quintet - Jazz
- **7/20** – Backwoods Jupiter – Playing the music of Bob Dylan & celebrating the spirit of Dylan's legendary Rolling Thunder Review
- **7/27** – Scott Seltzer, Steve Kirkman, Eric Puente & Matt Turk: An Evening of Folk, Rock, Blues and Americana.
- **8/1** – Ray Blue – Jazz

## PEEKSKILL FESTIVALS

**July 30<sup>th</sup> Peekskill Jazz & Blues Festival - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**August 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Peekskill Celebration - 15<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**August 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Festa Italiana Peekskill - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual**

**August 27<sup>th</sup> Reggae Caribbean Splash - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual**

**September 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show - 29<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**by The Road Knights Auto Club, Inc. of Peekskill, NY**

**at Riverfront Green Park from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

**Spectator admission is \$4.00, Senior Citizens are \$3.00 and children under 10 are free. [www.roadknights.info](http://www.roadknights.info)**

**September 24<sup>th</sup> Hudson Valley Irish Festival – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual**  
**Riverfront Green**

**September 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Rotary Club of Peekskill to Host Annual**  
**Horse Show & Country Fair – 41<sup>st</sup> Annual.**  
**Blue Mountain Reservation**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Peekskill Celebration Carnival – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual**

## Summer Calendar of Events

### Planning Commission, Zoning Board, and Historic Landmark Meetings

Thursday, July 21	7:30pm	Zoning Board
Thursday, July 28	7:30pm	Historic Landmark Preservation Board
Tuesday, Aug. 9	7:30pm	Planning Commission
Thursday, Aug. 18	7:30pm	Zoning Board
Thursday, Aug. 18	7:30pm	Historic Landmark Preservation Board
Tuesday, Sep. 13	7:30pm	Planning Commission
Thursday, Sep. 15	7:30pm	Zoning Board
Thursday, Sep. 22	7:30pm	Historic Landmark Preservation Board

### Council Meeting Schedule

Monday, Aug. 1	6:30pm	Committee of the Whole
Monday, Aug. 8	7:30pm	Common Council Meeting
Tuesday, Sep. 6	6:30pm	Committee of the Whole
Monday, Sep. 12	7:30pm	Common Council Meeting
Monday, Sep. 19	6:30pm	Committee of the Whole
Monday, Sep. 26	7:30pm	Common Council Meeting

City Hall Closed  
Monday, September 5 in Observance of Labor Day

### Every Weekend Saturday & Sunday

#### Peekskill Farmer's Market 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Every Saturday now thru November 19<sup>th</sup> on  
Bank Street

#### Peekskill Attic Treasures Flea Market

Every Sunday now thru November 20th on Bank Street  
Downtown Business Improvement District  
[www.downtownpeekskill.com](http://www.downtownpeekskill.com)



## City and Community Web Links

- City of Peekskill - [www.cityofpeekskill.com](http://www.cityofpeekskill.com)
- Peekskill Fire Department - [www.cityofpeekskill.com/fire](http://www.cityofpeekskill.com/fire)
- Peekskill Youth Bureau - [www.cityofpeekskill.com/youthbureau](http://www.cityofpeekskill.com/youthbureau)
- Peekskill Department of Parks and Recreation - [www.cityofpeekskill.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.cityofpeekskill.com/parksandrecreation)
- Field Library - [www.peekskill.org](http://www.peekskill.org)
- Peekskill Board of Education - [www.peekskillcsd.org/home](http://www.peekskillcsd.org/home)
- Peekskill Business Improvement District (BID)- [www.downtownpeekskill.com](http://www.downtownpeekskill.com)
- Peekskill Celebration - [www.peekskillcelebration.com](http://www.peekskillcelebration.com)
- Peekskill Arts Council - [www.peekskillartscouncil.org](http://www.peekskillartscouncil.org)
- Peekskill Museum - [www.peekskillmuseum.org](http://www.peekskillmuseum.org)
- Lincoln Society in Peekskill - [www.lincolnsociety.com](http://www.lincolnsociety.com)
- Lincoln Depot Museum - <http://blog.lincolndepotmuseum.org/>
- Peekskill Community Garden - [www.rootsofpeekskill.wordpress.com](http://www.rootsofpeekskill.wordpress.com)
- Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce - [www.hvgatewaychamber.com](http://www.hvgatewaychamber.com)



# PEEKSKILL CELEBRATION

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## Friday, August 5

\*FREE Shuttle bus service from Downtown. Shuttle begins at 5pm and runs until 10:00 pm.

**RIVERFRONT GREEN PARK 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Main Stage Kick-Off Concert – Sponsored by the Plumbers, Steamfitters and HVACR Service Union Local 21**

**Arts & Crafts Show** -Everything is handmade. Wide variety of booths from Jewelry to Furniture and more.

**Exhibitor Booths – Sponsored by the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce.** Chiropractors, Home Improvement Experts, Investment Planners, Real Estate Professionals, etc.

**Food Booths** – Please visit our fine food booths while at the festival.

**Peekskill Yacht Club Boat Parade** – immediately following the concert the Peekskill Yacht Club will conduct a boat parade on the Hudson in front of the Riverfront. Come see all the boats decorated and illuminated as they pass by.

## Saturday, August 6

\*FREE Shuttle bus service from Downtown and Charles Point Park. Shuttle begins at 12noon and runs until 11pm.

**DOWNTOWN PEEKSKILL 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Jan Peek 10K Race & 2 mile Fun Walk**

**Race Time: 7:45 am SHARP.** Application available online and in participating stores.

**Jan Peek 10K Awards Ceremony**

Follows the race at the Division Street Gazebo. Proceeds to benefit Peekskill Celebration and the annual Columbus Day Youth Races in Peekskill.

**Underground Railroad Tours** – Tours leave The Fern Tree at 2 S. Division St. at 10:00 am & 12:00 pm. Includes guided tour of the historic sites that were part of Peekskill's underground railroad. Come meet Harriet Tubman and hear her story as told by Carolyn Evans. Reservations are required. Call 914- 382-9226 to reserve your seat today. Ticket price is \$5.00 donation to Sisters in Support.

**PEEKSKILL HIGH SCHOOL 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Elton Brand Youth Basketball Clinic** – Clinics begin at 11:00 am. **Sponsored by the Elton Brand Foundation.** Youth ages 7 - 15 are invited to participate in a 30-minute clinic. Applications are available on line at [www.peekskillcelebration.com](http://www.peekskillcelebration.com) and at the Celebration Office, Parks & Recreation, CAMP Inc., and various storefronts in Peekskill. Clinics are conducted by Peekskill High School Coach Lou Panzanaro with members and alumni of the

Peekskill Red Devils. **Pre Registration is requested. Space is limited.** Shuttle bus available from Downtown Peekskill.

**RIVERFRONT GREEN PARK 9:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Arts & Crafts Show** - Opens at 11:00 am. Visit our Craft Area. Everything is handmade and there will be a wide variety of booths from Jewelry to Furniture and more. The items are affordable and the vendors are delightful people to meet and visit with.

**Bucketful of History** – Peekskill Resident and educator Jim Taylor will bring members of the living history program, "A Bucketful of History" to the Riverfront. The group is comprised of skilled craftsmen dedicated to preserving and demonstrating trades and crafts of colonial America.

**Classic Car & Motorcycle Show** – Featuring the classic and custom bikes. Show opens at 12 noon. Sponsored by Mavis Discount Tire.

**Community Organization Exhibits** – Groups have included: SPCA of Westchester, Caring for the Homeless in Peekskill, Hollowbrook Water Watch, and the Peekskill Library.

**Dragons on the Hudson** – Dragon Boat Races - **Races begin at 9:00 am with a Parade of Teams just before the Awards Ceremony at Main Stage at approximately 4:00 pm.** Come cheer on your favorite team as businesses from far and near take to the water for a fun and competitive day on the water in these unusual and historic vessels. Races will take place a short distance from the Riverfront shoreline and are very visible from the park.

**Dragons on the Hudson Cancer Awareness Race - Race at 12 noon. Sponsored by Hudson Valley Hospital Center.** Teams made up of cancer survivors, family, friends and support staff will compete in the 3rd Celebration Cancer Awareness Race. The Race is conducted to raise awareness that there is life and a quality of life after the diagnosis, but there is still a long way to go to eradicate this disease. Please visit the booths set up by many of our teams for more information on how to get involved or to make a donation. Join us in celebrating the spirit of these dynamic individuals as they take their fight to the water. A Rose Ceremony will follow the race at the finish line.

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## Saturday, August 6 (Cont.)

### FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA 9:00 pm

**Sponsored by Entergy Nuclear Northeast.**

**Music simulcasts on 100.7FM WHUD**

Fireworks show designed by: **Garden State Fireworks**

Don't miss this year's world-class fireworks show. Come early and enjoy all the outstanding activities during the day and then grab a spot to view our **FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA**.

The Fireworks are designed to be seen from many different vantage points so pick your favorite spot at the Riverfront Green, Charles Point Park, or on the River, and settle in for a great show.

**Food Booths** - Please visit our fine food booths while at the festival.

### "Green Zone" – Sponsored by Wheelabrator Westchester.

Check out our green zone vendors and learn how you too can become more green in your home and business.

### KIDS CRAFT TENT – Sponsored by Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Arts (HVCCA)

### MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Music and Entertainment all day with FIREWORKS starting at 9:00 pm **Sponsored by the Plumbers, Steamfitters and HVACR Service Union Local 21.** The Hudson Valley is home to some of world's best entertainers. Come watch and listen as they take center stage throughout the day and into the night.

**Peekskill's Be First Boxing Club Exhibition at the Commander Dock at 1pm.** Youngsters 9 years old and up will put on a boxing exhibition, under the direction of Mr. Keith Mullings.

**Sponsor Display Booths – opens at 11am.** Visit displays from Con Edison, Entergy Nuclear, Coldwell Banker, Yorktown Media Group, Regal Cinemas, WHUD, and many more.

**Public Safety Displays** – Including the Peekskill DARE, Peekskill Fire Department, New York State Police and US Military Academy.

**Yorktown Grange Fair Exhibit** – Come and see what all the excitement is all about with this tasting of exhibits that will be at the Fair in September.

**Please NOTE:**  
**NO Dogs and NO Bicycles permitted**  
**into the Riverfront Green during the festival**

## Sunday, August 7

### DOWNTOWN PEEKSKILL 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

#### **Old Timers Stickball Tournament - Back by popular demand!**

Games begin at 10:00 am. Come out and enjoy a fun and exciting game of Stickball in downtown Peekskill. A summer favorite for several years. You don't have to be an expert or even have any experience, just a desire to have fun and experience the summer the way it used to be. Fee is \$10.00 per person and all participants receive an official Celebration Stickball t-shirt. Contact Roger Hamilton (Brush Graphics) at 914-788-0577 for more details or to register. Individuals will be placed on a team so please register in advance.



**Jazz & Blues Festival**  
Saturday July 30th

Time: 3:00 pm - 10:00 pm



**Festa Italiana**  
Fri-Sun Aug 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

A traditional Italian Street Festival  
Celebrating  
The Feast of the Assumption  
Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm to 11:00 pm  
  
Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>  
12 Noon to 11:00 pm  
  
Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>  
12 Noon to 9:00 pm  
Brown Street, Downtown Peekskill.



**Reggae Caribbean Splash**  
Saturday August 27th

Time: 6:00 – 10:30 pm



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