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#### **Wells Park Opening Day**

A newly renovated park has officially opened in the Village on Sunday May 15, 2016. Hundreds of people enjoyed the opening festivities which included a ribbon cutting and brief remarks by Parks & Recreation Director and Trustee Tom Boissonnault and Mayor Schoenig. Deputy Mayor Piccini, Trustee Bryde, and Trustee Meagher joined in thanking those who donated material, equipment and labor to make this park a vital cornerstone to a revitalized Village of Brewster.

The day included live music by Second Saturday Band, Sweet Central Express treats, a Girl Scout Troop fundraiser, FunZone Inflatables, and more. The over eleven acres of green space where Wells Park is located lay dormant under the tutelage of the Town of Southeast for several years but with these new renovations and a 25 year lease, the Village of Brewster and many happy residents hope that won't be the case anymore. The Village will operate the park and all programs will be open to residents of the Village and the Town.



Members of The Brewster Chamber of Commerce and The Village of Brewster Board of Trustees. L-R: Peter Hansen, Rose Aglieco, Bill Flash, Geoffrey Reinwald, Deputy Mayor Christine Piccini, Mayor James Schoenig, Erin Meagher, Thomas Boissonnault, and Mary Bryde.

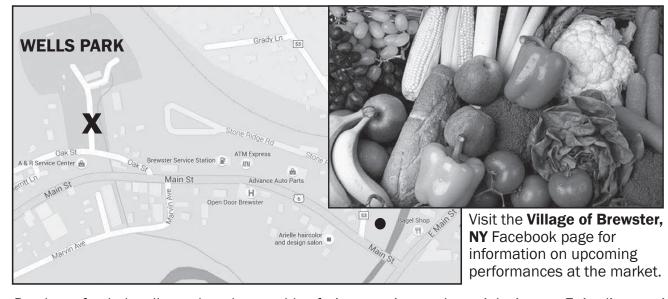
The new and improved Wells Park has a refreshed pavilion and restrooms, barbeque grills, picnic tables, benches, playgrounds, a huge open multi-purpose field with a stage at one end and tiered seating at the other, tennis courts, and three play areas. Renovations on the park started in the spring of 2015 through mostly donated material and labor. The entire process took about a year to complete and there will continue to be improvements as we go along.

The quality of life in the Village of Brewster got a huge boost! Our community residents clearly and overwhelmingly said they wanted their own park, and now it is a reality. Wells Park represents the revitalization of the Village of Brewster at its finest, showcasing a place of history, only with a fresh face-lift! This summer the park will be full of life with various activities such as fitness classes, concerts, and movie nights.

The mission of Wells Park is to provide a wide variety of innovative, diverse, and inclusive recreational and cultural opportunities, which enhance the quality of life for residents of the Village of Brewster and Southeast, and increase tourism in the community.

The donations saved the Village over \$200,000 in expenses. Local companies all chipped in to defray costs and make the park a jewel of the Village. ECO Site Development undertook all the coordination and grounds development. Unilock donated interlocking bricks for the tiered seating and the stage. Continued on page 4...

# The Brewster Farmers' Market is Back With a New Location



Purchase fresh, locally-produced vegetables, fruits, pastries, and specialty items. Enjoy live music every other Saturday! For additional information, contact Jenny Hinsman at 845-279-7927.

The Brewster Farmers Market has been relocated to our newly renovated Wells Park, located at 98 Oak Street in the Village of Brewster. This great new location permits for double the parking space, room for bands, and direct access from the biking trail. The market is family friendly and will be able to accommodate more people. The Farmers Market will open every Wednesday and Saturday starting June 11th from 9:00AM to 2:00PM and will close November 19th.

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### THE STATE OF THE VILLAGE

The Village is pleased to announce the award of a State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) grant organized by Senator Murphy in the amount of \$100,000. Mayor Schoenig and Deputy Mayor Piccini specifically sought these funds to help make repairs to our aging local streets infrastructure. To augment this new grant, a previous Senate award was reallocated through the efforts of Senator Murphy's office. These two state awards coupled with several years' accumulation of the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) money (combined total of over \$300,000) will allow us to do some much needed maintenance (rebuilding) of the Tonetta Brook culvert under Marvin Avenue to keep further erosion at bay and maintain the street viability.

And let's not forget the outstanding new Carmel Avenue bridge span these leaders negotiated. It is exactly what we wanted and needed to support our revitalization. Senator Murphy has been a terrific partner with our Village government. These projects and monies span several years of effort and Trustees Bryde and Boissonnault, along with Mayor Schoenig and Deputy Mayor Piccini are providing unparalleled leadership in making Brewster a better place. It takes time but showing results is a win for all of us. A much deserved thank you to our long-serving competent and capable team. The replacement of the Carmel Avenue Bridge is the latest in a string of positive improvements which include the Wells Park initiative, renovations to the Train Station and 50 Main Street, the installation of a carillon clock in a decorative triangle, completion of a Village-wide sewer system and a complete revamp of the Water supply and transmission system which included the repaving of most Village streets.

The Carmel Avenue Bridge which spans the MTA tracks next to the Firehouse is being replaced and realigned according to the vision specified in the recently adopted revised comprehensive plan. The existing bridge was built in the early 30s and has just about outlived its useful life. As part of the rebuilding effort NYS DOT looked at our revised Comprehensive Plan recommendations and adopted them into the bridge replacement realigning the bridge with Michael Neuner Drive. This realignment brings a long desired safer four-way intersection with a traffic signal. An early design view of the redevelopment intersection is depicted in the figure below.

The Comprehensive Plan also called for enhancing the gateway at Route 6 and North Main Street. The new bridge will include decorative stonework lining the sides and modern streetlights on both sides of the bridge. There will also be pedestrian sidewalks and bike lanes.

All the efforts at redesign of our streets and other amenities are making the Village a recreational hub with connectivity to the bike & hike trail access points at Drewville Road, North Main Street, Wells Park, Peaceable Hill Road and Route 22/Allview Avenue. Take the train, walk, hike, bike, and stop at our world class trout fishing stream at



Borden Bridge. We are embracing the recreation opportunities our residents so clearly articulated during the Comprehensive Plan public engagement sessions. You told us what you wanted and we are making it a reality with minimal impact on Village finances.

These improvements will encourage non-motorized mobility, provide recreation opportunities, and promote a healthy life-style which is part of our vision of the future. Connectivity with Wells Park, the Morningthorpe Bridge pedestrian crossing, the existing DEP land trail off Railroad Avenue and the planned inclusion of a passive recreation trail along the banks of the East Branch of the Croton River between Morningthorpe Bridge and Borden Bridge will attract new residents, visitors, and outdoor enthusiasts from miles around. The East Branch of the Croton River is a top Trout fishing destination in the northeast and adds yet another dimension to our recreational opportunities.

Accessible by train from NYC's Grand Central Station roughly in a little over one hour, our Village can and will attract positive economic activity with these amenities which provide a firm foundation for a vibrant community. Coupled with more opportunities for retail, services, and restaurants our Village is primed to become the Hub of the Harlem Valley once again.

Work has begun on several properties inside and outside the urban renewal area. These property owners recognize the value of revitalization and are doing what they can to improve incrementally. Old vacant home lots are being purchased with plans brought forward for brand new single family houses. Multifamily properties which have been in disrepair for decades have recently changed ownership and improvements are either complete or underway. For the first time in many years our property values are improving which is validation we are headed in the right direction.



At the same time some tired old housing and commercial buildings need a significant makeover. New mixed use buildings are envisioned that will allow for a Village Plaza, more restaurants with sidewalk dining, more parking, additional recreation areas and green space, retail shops and keeping the Old Town Hall Theater and Southeast Library as a cultural center for the Village and surrounding town. New sidewalks, streetlights, and relocation of the overhead wires are also in the works.

Some excellent news is we have spare capacity in our newly revamped water and sewer infrastructure so no new investments are anticipated. Sustained Village growth stands to lend itself to that long sought-after reduction in water and sewer rates.

Our Village is continuing to improve in small steps and giant leaps. The vision for the future is becoming a reality. We are looking forward to our next steps an future they will bring. -Peter Hansen

### **MAYOR'S CORNER**



Dear Village Residents, when sitting down to write this first article, I don't necessarily know where to begin... There is so much happening in the Village right now. I figured the best place to start is with those that keep this Village running 24/7.

The Highway Department does a tremendous job day in and day out. The biggest job is the way they keep the streets clear of snow and ice in the winter at all hours of the night. I cannot tell you how many times people have told me that while driving outside the Village with white knuckles on their steering wheel, how relieved they are when they come into the Village to blacktop. Not only does it bring a smile to my face, but it also makes me proud of the employees at the Highway Department. So to Danny, Dominic, Larry, Rob and Kyle, thank you for the great job you do, and please let them know the same when you see them.

The Village Police Department is an extraordinary group of seasoned and experienced officers. This fairly new department runs 24/7 and is comprised of many officers who served in the NYPD and Yonkers PD, and want to continue their law enforcement service. In 2015 alone our Village Police answered over 1,400 walk-in complaints and 911 calls that even extend outside the Village limits. Walk-ins vary from desk complaints, false alarms, missing dogs, lock outs, to much more. The fact that the PD can now respond to every inquiry in the Village and its outer limits is a true testament to the safety of all.

This group of officers have saved lives, prevented a home from burning, taken drunk drivers off the road and worked with NYS DOT to take dangerous trucks off the road. They have made the quality of life so much better. People tell me it's nice to be able to dial 911 and have someone there in minutes and I want to thank Chief Del Gardo and all our officers for a job well done. Thank you officers Fisher, Frattarola, Italiano, Mirko, Moore, O'Connor, Oddo, Pearce, Peiffer, Phillips, Prestamo, Quinones, Romano, Smith, Villani, Wenzel, Willisch, the Baumgardt brothers and K-9 Falco for keeping us all safe.

Last but not least, I want to thank everyone involved in the new economic activity and pride in ownership in the Village as we see more and more development in existing businesses and investments in new ones. In the next article I will introduce the Village Office and Court.

-Mayor James Schoenig

#### **Legislation Updates**



Over the course of the last year, the Board of Trustees has been involved in developing a plan to revitalize the Village

of Brewster. The initial step was completed in June 2015 when the Comprehensive Plan was adopted. The Comprehensive plan in detail is available on the Village website www.brewster village-ny.gov under Planning & Development, Envision Brewster, Urban Renewal.

In November, the Zoning Code was rewritten to comply with the Comprehensive Plan and was also officially adopted. A new law specific to Planning Board activities and site plans was written, reviewed and adopted; and, the existing sign ordinance was amended to reflect changes resulting from the Zoning Code revisions. You may access the Village Code through the Village website.

Additionally, the fee schedule for Village permits and services has been adjusted and approved to more accurately cover the cost incurred by the Village when personnel process those required permits and provide requested services. Forms, applications, and instructions are also available under the **Planning & Development** section of the Village website.

Another legislative initiative that has been passed resulted in changing overnight winter parking restrictions on side streets throughout the Village. The newly approved hours will ban street parking from 11PM until 6AM, November 30 through March 15. This allows early risers to move their cars out of driveways and onto the street an hour earlier than the previously allotted time frame.

- Deputy Mayor Christine Piccini

#### How Memories are Made; Brewster in the 50's



The Old Norm's

Those of us who grew up in the Brewster area in the 50's have wonderful fond memories of our childhood and high school years. Our classes were small enough that even today we say we went to school together regardless of whether we were freshmen or seniors. Not only did we know each other but we knew each other's parents and siblings as well. Life was simpler but meaningful. Of course, even in those years we began to see significant changes in the Brewster area and although it saddened some of us we knew

and understood that was life's course and most importantly holding on to our memories was all the more significant.

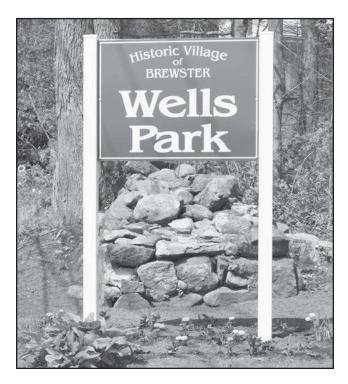
A few years ago my class had a 50 year Brewster high school reunion. The weekend began Friday morning with a tour of the Garden Street School. Some of us had not seen each other since high school but as we gathered together and within a few minutes it was as though we had all been together yesterday. We then toured the school beginning in the old gym and going down memory lane reminiscing about our teachers, the classrooms, where we sat in the classrooms, who we sat next to, remembering the girls and boys locker rooms, the lunchrooms – we relived it all. It was such fun and a great beginning to our weekend. We were then taken by school bus to tour the High School. What a treat yet rather overwhelming since there was obviously no comparison to our "little" Garden Street school of 50 years ago that accommodated students from kindergarten through senior year in high school.

Friday evening a dinner was provided for us at the high school cafeteria sponsored by the Brewster Education Foundation and Brewster Central School District We were even presented with an honorary 50 year high school diploma. Of course, before calling it a night most of us stopped at Norm's for old time's sake. Saturday morning was graduation day for the Class of 2008 under a tent on the grounds at the high school and we the Class of 1958 sat in the honored guests section. We were introduced during the ceremony making us feel special and privileged to be there. We may have felt old but it was great to know that we were recognized as a part of the history of the school.

Our reunion continued Saturday evening with a wonderful time at Sciortino's Restaurant in Brewster, known to us as the old Hollywood Café and finally Sunday morning our weekend ended with a brunch at one of our classmate's home. It was a full weekend but one that we looked back on with such fond memories. We may have aged but our hearts and spirits for one weekend were back in 1958. It was the best of times and we all knew it. Similar memories are being made by our current students that will last a lifetime. Our Brewster community is more than the Village or the Town. Our Brewster community is the people who live and work here and we have some of the finest.

- Mary Bryde

### LIFE IN BREWSTER



Snow Cones, Sand Art, and Inflatable Play Areas (thanks to FunZone) Were Popular.

#### Wells Park Grand Opening Continued...

Lisi's Towing relocated buildings, Brewster Central School District donated a huge playground suite from the closed Garden Street School, NY-CONN Electric Corp. laid new electric lines to the stage area, the parking area was enlarged and handicapped parking along with Emergency Vehicle access was added closer to the main field. The Town of Southeast Highway Department also helped with the removal of some trees overhanging the tennis courts. The list of donors and volunteers is extensive. The community really came together to make this park a reality.

The Park will even host programs for adults. Cardio exercise classes and Yoga are already booked for the summer along with live concerts and movie nights. All events are intended to be family friendly. No pets (except for certified service animals) and no smoking is allowed.

All fields, the stage area, tiered seating area, and the pavilion in Wells Park are available for rental from May 15th through October 31st, weather and field conditions permitting. Permits, applications and fees must be submitted 10 business days prior to the requested date of use.

A more complete list of rules, regulations and rental information can be found on the Village of Brewster website, **www.brewstervillage-ny.gov**. Call the Village office for further details at: 845-279-3760 or visit the **Village of Brewster**, **NY** Facebook page or become a member of the **Friends of Wells Park** group page.

Judging by the great turnout and smiling faces, Wells Park is already a success and stands to become a living testament to the determination of the Village Government with the support of residents to turn this Village toward a brighter future as a shining beacon on the hill.

-Tom Boissonnault





Multi-Age Playground Area Was a Huge Hit with Kids and Parents



Sweet Central Express Gourmet Ice Cream

### **Work to Begin on the Old Town Hall Theater**

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition is pleased to announce that renovations for the Old Town Hall Theater at 67 Main Street, Brewster, will begin in 2016 as well as a fundraising campaign. Old Town Hall was built in 1896 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Currently, it houses the Cultural Arts Coalition's Studio Around the Corner on the ground floor and the Southeast Museum on the middle floor. Once open, the addition of the theater on the top floor will make this a cultural hub and tourist destination on Main Street, just 2 blocks from the Village of Brewster train station.

In 2015, the Cultural Arts Coalition completed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Southeast. TOSCAC will oversee planned renovations, paid for by the NYS DASNY Grant of \$250,000 and will raise the additional funds needed to open the Theater in this town-owned building. The town, in conjunction with TOSCAC, will solicit bids for work, which will include: window restoration, fire stairs and sprinkler system. The MOU also includes an understanding for a 10-year lease, with 3 optional renewals for a total of 30 years. This lease for the Theater and the Studio Around the Corner was approved by the town board and began on April 1st of 2016.



Once open, the acoustically excellent Old Town Hall Theater will have seats for up to 199 persons, and bring in local and regional musicians, theater and dance groups as well as independent films and lectures.

For more information on this, our current programs and to donate to the building campaign, visit **www.OTHTheater.org** or contact us at **TOSCAC2010@gmail.com**, phone: (845) 363-8330 TOSCAC is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, donations are tax deductible.

### WELLS PARK EVENTS

#### Kripalu Yoga Every Tuesday in June

Kripalu Yoga is a practice that revitalizes the body, calms the mind, and deepens self-awareness. It's a balanced sequence of yoga postures that stretch and strengthen the entire body while releasing tension, and toxins. Practice begins gently with an emphasis on being present in the moment and sustaining a flowing breath. Deep breathing is key to my practice; it encourages prana (life force) to flow evenly throughout the body. Taking the time to warm up with gentle movements lubricates the joints and muscles before we engage in the yoga postures. I conclude each session with time for deep relaxation: it is the dessert of yoga practice because it rejuvenates the mind and body.

Anyone can do Kripalu Yoga; it isn't limited to those with a flexible body, nor does it require the adoption of any religious beliefs. The overall experience is to nurture the body.

Classes are every Tuesday in the month of June from 10:00-11:00AM at the stage area. Classes are \$10 each upon arrival. Classes will continue into the rest of the summer depending on attendance. For additional information, please contact me, Michele Garrison at michele.l.garrison@gmail.com. Additional class schedules will be posted on the Village of Brewster, NY Facebook page. -Michele L. Garrison



To contact Wells Park for Space Rental, Mail, Call, or Email:

Wells Park Reservations and Information

Village Office, 50 Main Street

Village of Brewster, NY, 10509

845-279-3760

Tom Boissonnault

Parks Commissioner

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#### **Insanity Live! Group Exercise**

INSANITY LIVE group exercise classes pre-designed, athletic, drill-based, interval workouts. The workouts are inspired by drills that athletes use to improve their sports performance. While it's not necessary to be an athlete to take part in INSANITY LIVE workouts, nor is INSANITY LIVE intended to achieve such results for athletes, this was the inspiration for the program. In the same way that kickboxing fitness programs are inspired by martial arts, and ballet barre fitness programs are inspired by ballet, INSANITY LIVE allows everyday fitness enthusiasts to enjoy the nature and athleticism of drills training to achieve weight loss and overall fitness and wellness benefits.

Classes consist of a Warm Up, Plyometrics & Speed, Strength & Stability, Agility & Coordination, Abs & Core



and Cool Down sections. This class will be taught in a 50 minute format. The INSANITY® Certified Instructor-led workout is a live cardio-based, total-body conditioning program. Instructors are trained to help participants modify the movements making it suitable for a variety of fitness levels. INSANITY is the most explosive and most effective workout program ever put together.

Unlike traditional, old-school workouts that feature short bursts of maximum intensity with longer periods of rest, INSANITY flips that formula

#### **INSANITY SCHEDULE:**

Mondays 6:00-7:00PM Stage Area Wednesdays 6:00-7:00PM Stage Area Fridays 6:00-7:00PM Stage Area upside-down. INSANITY uses MAX Interval Training, which replaces traditional moderate-intensity exercise with maximum-intensity exercise, and trades short intervals of intensity for short periods of rest. Adding high-intensity exercise forces the body to use fast-twitch muscle fibers not normally engaged in cardio exercise. These fast-twitch fibers continue burning fuel even during lower-intensity exercise. INSANITY's high-intensity activity forces the body to work for longer periods of time at a higher capacity than traditional workouts. As a result, people experience faster increases in cardiovascular fitness, and burn carbohydrates and fat more efficiently—as much as 1,000 calories per hour!

Classes will be \$10.00 for drop-ins. For pre-registered members, a punch card will be supplied for 10 classes at \$60.00. Punch cards are available for purchase by email or visit **www.fitnessclasseswithcesar.com**. Classes already begun as of May 16, 2016 and will continue through the summer.

The instructor for this class is Cesar Echegaray. Updates and cancellations will be posted on the **Brewster Friends of Wells Park** Facebook group and emailed to all pre-registered participants. Cesar can be reached at **info@fitnessclasseswithcesar.com**. Keep an eye out for Fall classes!

-Cesar Echegaray

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

For additional information on all upcoming events among other things, visit the **Village of Brewster**, **NY** Facebook page

#### Wine Tasting June 2nd

Brewster Rotary is holding a Vista on the Hill Wine Tasting on Thursday, June 2nd from 6:00 to 10:00PM at Temple Beth Elohim on 31 Mount Ebo Road North, Brewster NY.

Local Wineries, Breweries and Distilleries will be on-site for tastings. Local vendors, silent auctions, cigars, and a full dinner buffet will be available. \$60 per person at the door. Purchase a ticket in advance for \$50 by calling 845-278-3123. Sponsored by Tompkins Mahopac bank.

### **Exercises from The East June 3rd**

Traditional exercise is intended to revitalize a person's internal "life energy", which is also referred to as chi.

The exercises are used to encourage flexibility and strength, rejuvenating a person's muscles, ligaments, and joints. They will also improve circulation, reduce stress, cultivate and balance chi and enhance the immune system! When your chi flow is balanced, it affects your emotional, intellectual, spiritual and physical well-being!

Exercises are simple and gentle, there are no restrictions, anyone can do it!

From 2:30PM to 3:30PM at Studio Around The Corner, Suite 101, 67 Main Street, Brewster, NY Cost: \$5 Donation to the Old Town Hall Theater Fund is suggested. RSVP to Studio Around The Corner: 845-363-8330 toscac2010@gmail.com

### **Putnam County Secret Garden Tour June 4th**

A Partners with PARC Event.

A tour of the best and most beautiful private gardens in Putnam County, NY. This country driving tour will bring you to private homes and sites with formal gardens, perennial flowering landscapes, pastoral fields and vistas, and herb and flowering vegetable gardens throughout Putnam County. Event also includes admission to Boscobel's Gardens in Garrison and Stonecrop Gardens in Cold Spring. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Garden Tour tickets: \$30 in advance/\$40 day of tour. A benefit for children and adults with developmental disabilities. For tickets, log onto www.PartnerswithPARC.org. For information, call 845-278-7272, ext. 2287

#### Birds of Prey Day June 5th

Hosted by **Green Chimneys**. A spectacular day of live animals, wildlife experts, environmental education and magnificent birds of prey!

From 10:00AM - 4:30PM 400 Doansburg Road, Brewster, NY 10509 845.279.2995, info@greenchimneys.org

# Brewster Farmers Market - Wed's & Sat's Starting June 11th

Purchase fresh, locally-produced vegetables, fruits, pastries, and specialty items. Every Wednesday and Saturday **June 11-Nov. 19** from 9AM. – 2PM. Located at Wells Park; 98 Oak St, Brewster, NY 10509. For additional information, Contact: Jenny Hinsman 845-279-7927

### **Brewster Elks Annual Flea Market June 12th**

Date: June 12, 2016 Time: 10:00AM To 4:00PM Venue: Brewster Elks Lodge # 2101

Address: Rte22 And Milltown Rd, Brewster,

NY 10509

Homemade items, antiques, jewelry, etc.

Vendors wanted \$25/space non members, Elk members \$20/space-pay day of event. All items welcome. Food available for purchase. Free parking.

## Brewster Elks Annual Flag Day June 14th

By law, American flags can't just be thrown away. However, they also should not be flown if they are worn out. The answer: Flags should be "retired." The Brewster Elks Lodge No. 2101 continues its tradition with a 2015 Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Brewster Elks Lodge, Route 22 & Milltown Road. June 14th at 6PM. Visit **www.brewsterelks.org** for more information.

# **HV Regional Farmers Market- Sundays**

**Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association** in Brewster NY hosts an outdoor/indoor farmers market every Sunday from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. It is located at 15 Mt Ebo Rd S, Brewster, NY 10509.

Located inside the lobby of the HVCPA building and showcases vendors selling vegetables, fruit, meat, fish, jams, bread and baked goods (gluten free too), eggs, mushrooms, food artisans and specialty items from local growers and producers. For more information call 845 629 2824

# Seasonal Supper June 25th & July 9th

Join us for a Seasonal Supper at Ryder Farm! The evening will feature a communal farm-to-table meal on our outdoor lawn alongside a performance by a SPACE artist. 6-10PM. Must register to attend.

SPACE on Ryder Farm, 406 Starr Ridge Road, Brewster, NY, 10509. For more information visit **www.spaceonryderfarm.org** 

# Sharing SPACE June 26 & August 21

Join us on Ryder Farm for a lawn party featuring performances and live music from SPACE's resident artists, farm tours, crafts and an agricultural demonstration of Betsey Ryder and Ryder Farm Cottage Industries. There will be a BBQ too! 12-5PM. Must register to attend.

SPACE on Ryder Farm, 406 Starr Ridge Road, Brewster, NY, 10509. For more information visit **www.spaceonryderfarm.org** 

#### Fireworks Set to Go Off July 2nd



The Town of Southeast Fireworks (aka "Independence Day on Independent Way") proudly presents a family-friendly celebration of America's independence on Saturday, July 2nd, 2016 from 7:00PM to 11:00PM at the Highlands Shopping Center, by DeCicco's and Home Depot.

"The Town of Southeast fireworks has become a regional event over the last few years but for the residents of Southeast it has helped us to celebrate our nations birthday together as a community with our neighbors. It's a wonderful evening of family fun. It would not be possible without the generosity of businesses, residents and volunteers who donate time, money and or services," said Southeast Councilman, Edwin Alvarez.

Mr. Alvarez is also a member of the Fireworks Committee, which consists of volunteers who work all year long to raise the funds that pay for the annual event. The Committee consists of volunteers from: Brewster Chamber of Commerce, Brewster Elks, Putnam Italian American Club, Brewster Rotary, Elected officials, and the community-at-large. It was formed in order to bring fireworks back to the community after the town had to cancel the annual event at Scolpino Park due to budget cuts and a bad economy.

2016 marks the 4th year that the not-forprofit 501 (c) (3) Town of Southeast Fireworks is running the celebration. What began as a town event now draws people from all over Putnam County and beyond to witness the bursting, shattering, and shimmering sky over the Town of Southeast.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

"So many people can also appreciate the fireworks from their yard," adds Committee member, Bill Flash. When the Fireworks Committee took over, they decided to move the event from the lower elevation of Scolpino Park to the much more visible Center. Highlands Shopping The are set off from fireworks Sunset Ridge, a town-owned parcel of land on Independence Way. "If you can see the shopping center, you can see the fireworks," adds Flash.

The Town of Southeast Fireworks is made possible by donations, sponsorships, and fundraisers like the recently-held, and very successful "Dinner and a Show featuring Echoes of Sinatra".

It's FREE and promises to be bigger and better this year, with an expanded 30 minute show of colorful bursts, booms, and crackling in the summer sky. Live music and entertainment will be provided by local favorite, Tony T Entertainment featuring The City Express Band (www.TonyTEntertainment.com).

You can take a free trolley from the Southeast Train Station to the viewing area, courtesy of Putnam County Tourism. Or, if you want to park near DeCicco's, get there early to get a good parking spot. But be patient when leaving.

Have fun! But remember, NO open containers or open flames. A rain date has been set for the following Saturday, July 9th.

### **Summer Concerts at Around The Corner**

**Russian Trio and Friends, Saturday, June 27, 7:30PM**: Back by popular demand, this virtuoso ensemble will once again delight and amaze the audience with their arrangements of classical favorites and Russian and Ukrainian folk music. Led by Tamara Volskaya (domra/mandolin) with Anatoliy Trofimov (bayan); and Leonid Bruk (balalaika-contrabass) they will be joined by an additional ensemble of mandolin/domra players.

Music and Immigration, Sunday, July 10, 5PM: Exploring the musical heritage of the waves of immigrants to the Putnam County area, including music from Spain, South America, Italy and Ireland. Amy Campanaro, Director of the Southeast Museum, will provide a lecture and items from the Museum's collection will be on display in the Studio Around the Corner. Robert Zubrycki, violinist and Jennifer Tao, pianist, will perform with members of the American Symphony Orchestra and other ensembles. This concert will also be part of the centenary celebration of Enrique Granados, 1897-1916 and will feature his Quintet for Piano and Strings.

Music and Nature, Saturday, July 23, 7:30PM: Concerts Around the Corner will venture out into nature for this outdoor concert at Space at Ryder Farm. Audience seating will be on the lawn, under the stars for this evening of music for strings and winds. Featuring Diane Lesser, oboe, performing the Marcello Oboe Concerto and musical selections by Schubert, Haydn, Britten and Villa Lobos that reflect the

romantic ideals of the natural world. Robert Zubrycki, violinist, Adria Benjamin, viola and members of the Amici New York Orchestra. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved to the Barn at Ryder Farm or into the Studio Around the Corner.

All performances, except July 23rd, are at the Studio Around the Corner at Old Town Hall, 67 Main Street, Suite 101, Brewster, NY 10509. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$5 students. For more information and reservations, call 845-363-8330 or email toscac2010@gmail.com. Visit us on the web at www.oththeater.org

### Partners with PARC's 19th Annual Golf Outing July 18th

Full day of golf including 18 holes, cart, lunch, on-course beverage service, cocktail party, dinner, silent auction, raffles, and much more. Location: Centennial Golf Club, Carmel, NY. \$250 per person or \$900 per foursome. 11AM-12:45PM registration, lunch, practice driving range and putting green open. 1PM shotgun start (scramble format). Don't play golf? Join Partners with PARC for the post-golf dinner and silent auction at 6PM. \$75 per person for post-golf dinner. Sponsorship opportunities and hole sponsorships available. A benefit for children and adults with developmental disabilities. For information and reservations, call 845-278-7272, ext. 2287 or log onto www.PartnerswithPARC.org

#### Brewster Ice Arena Summer Camp Programs

The Brewster Ice Arena is offering various summer programs for all ages; as young as 3 years old. The camps run for 10 weeks from June through September.

#### **Classes Offered Include:**

Junior Skating Camp, Figure Skating Camp, Hockey BIA Development Camp, Hockey Turcotte Stick Handling, Eric Nates Hockey Camp, Proambitions Hockey Camp, Sentinel Goalie Camp, and Canada-Russia BIA Pre-Season Clinic.

For additional information and to register for a Camp, visit **www.brewstericearena.com** or Call 845-279-2229. Brewster Ice Arena is located at 63 Fields Lane, Brewster, New York 110509.

# The Village Film Festival Sept. 1-4th

The Village of Brewster
Film Festival will be held
Labor Day Weekend from
Thursday, September 1st Sunday, through
September 4th. Check
the website at
www.vobfilmfestival.com

for details.



# Musical Theatre Summer Programs for Children & Teens



Spotlight Arts is proud to announce four weeks of Theatre Camps and Musical Theatre Intensive Workshops for children and teens. Musical Theatre Intensive Workshops are fast-paced 5-day programs that are designed to give students an intensive experience as a lead or supporting role in a staged musical production. The first week will be Fame Jr. on August 1-5 and the second week will be Mulan Jr. on August 15 - 19. The sessions run 9am - 3pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at the Studio Around the Corner 67 Main Street in Brewster, NY. The staged production will be at a local theater on the Thursday of the program week and consists of acting, singing and dancing with a script and score, costumes, props, lighting & sound. The workshops are open to students ages 10 - 18.

Theatre camps are 5-day programs designed to provide a week of lighthearted theatre and fun for ages 6 -14. While revolving around the theme of the week, students work on their acting, singing and dance skills while preparing a cabaret performance including duets, solos & full company numbers. cabaret performance takes place Thursday at 3pm. The first week will be Enchanted Tales on July 18-22 and the second week will be Broadway Bound on August 8-12. Camps are 9am - 3pm at the Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main Street in Brewster, NY. "Friday Fun Day," completes each week of the program with a fun-filled day of improv and comedy specials, dance, crafts and other theatre-related activities.

To register call 845.444.ARTS, email **spotlightartsinc@gmail.com** or visit **www.spotlightartsinc.com**.

# Annual Golf Classic August 2nd

Join us, along with friends and special celebrity sports guests for a day of spectacular golf at the Sunningdale Country Club in Scarsdale. All proceeds will benefit The Friends of Green Chimneys.

August 2nd from 9:30AM to 8:00PM Sunningdale Country Club · Scarsdale, NY For more information, contact Meg Slavin 845.279.2995 x108 or mslavin@greenchimneys.org

### WELLS PARK FREE MOVIES & CONCERTS

# Tony T Entertainment Featuring The City Express Band - June 25TH at 7PM



Top experienced talent that can make your event spectacular!

Tony Traina, commonly referred to as Tony T. is associated with various bands, including the The City Express band. The band comes together on June 25th to play music from the 1940'S up to present day; including everything in between, such as Contemporary, New Top 40 Dance, Funk, R&B, Motown, Standards, Classic Rock, Jazz, Groove, Swing, and Disco.

As experienced and reliable Broadway Musicians who have been entertaining clients for over 25 years, all members belong to the Local 802 Musicians Union out of NYC. Tony T. has played drums for legendary vocalists like Paula Abdul, he has played on broadway shows such as The Jersey Boys, and on one of America's favorite TV shows; Dancing With The Stars. To hear samples of their music or to contact the band, visit their website at **www.cityexpressentertainment.com**.

# Cantando Así Brings a Dazzling Variety of Latin Selections To Wells Park- July 30TH at 7PM



Cantando Así will perform vals, bolero, cumbia, pasodoble, danza puertorriqueña, and flamenco. Vocals by acclaimed tenor Ángel Feliciano, flamenco guitar and compositions by Josué Pérez with classical guitar and flamenco dance by Lisa Spraragen. Mark July 30th for a romantic evening with an international flair "al aire libre." CANTANDO ASÍ was united by their passion for the music of Rafael Hernandez, Puerto Rico's pre-eminent composer, forming this trio in January of 2013. Lisa and Josué had attended an operatic group recital in Greenwich Village in which Ángel was a featured tenor. They sensed an unusual spark and polish in his performance and had a hunch that he might be interested in trying some pieces with guitar.

This led to an intensive rehearsal period from which a distinct Borinquen repertoire emerged, ranging from bolero and danza puertorriqueña to Schubert. "Cantando Así" (singing like this) is a phrase from the songs of Rafael Hernandez. For this trio, it also means that the music comes directly from the heart.

Cantando Así made its debut at Merkin Hall, NYC with Euterpe's Primavera Musical in April 2013, and went on to perform at the National Opera Center, Radio Wado, Vista on the Hill, Ridgefield Park's music series, and several Hispanic Heritage Month concerts. In 2014 they released Cantando Así a CD featuring 7 vocal tracks, plus original instrumental compositions by Josué Pérez.

-Lisa Spraragen

## Movie Night June 18TH

Our first movie night will be held on June 18th at the Wells Park stage area and tiered seating. Go to our Facebook page the **Village of Brewster, NY** under the **Movie Night Event** and comment on what kids' movie you would like to see at the park. More information on this event, including times and additional dates will also be posted in the events section of our Facebook page.



Tiered seating for concerts and movies.

# Anthony Gach and Harmonic Aggression September 24TH, 7PM

Fresh off their debut CD release party at The End, the nine piece groove Bitter machine known as Anthony Gach & Harmonic Aggression, have taken their craft from rehearsals in the back rooms of office buildings to the stages at some of the hippest and still existing music clubs in NYC. A collection of musicians with experience in education and composition, weddings, bar cover bands and church services, they've made an agreement to do something different than anything they've ever done; playing original songs that people can dance to.



While they have cleverly picked a set of covers, their original compositions blends funk, rock, blues, reggae, latin jazz and R&B. A 3 piece horn section over a rhythm section of drums, bass, piano, guitar and percussion allow excellent compliments to the front line of male and female vocals, or can be equally powerful when individually stranding out in their solos and jam sections.

Of course, you can find them on Facebook and a list of all their upcoming shows, but be sure to Google them as well to link up to all their YouTube videos, and to find their EP on iTunes, Spotify and elsewhere.

-Anthony Cataldo

### **GOOD TO KNOW**

#### **Simple Steps to Save Water**



How much money you save depends on the cost of water where you live, but it makes sense that using less water lowers your utility bills. More importantly, using less water preserves this limited resource for generations to come. Water use is directly related to sewer use. Using more water will increase both bills.

The average single-family suburban home uses at least 30 percent of its water for outdoor purposes such as irrigation and as much as 70 percent in dry climates. Some experts estimate that more than 50 percent of landscape water is wasted due to evaporation, wind, or overwatering.

- Water your lawn or garden during the cool morning hours, as opposed to midday, to reduce evaporation.
- Look for sprinklers that produce droplets, not mist, or use soaker hoses or trickle irrigation for trees and shrubs.
- Set sprinklers to water lawns and gardens only. Check that you're not watering the street or sidewalk.
- Try not to overwater your landscaping. Learn plants' water needs and water different types appropriately.
- Don't overfertilize. You will increase the lawn's need for water.
- Raise your lawn mower blade to at least 3 inches. Taller grass promotes deeper roots, shades the root system, and holds soil moisture better than a closely cropped lawn.
- Plant climate-appropriate species. Try plants that are native to where you live, which don't require as much water, and group plants together by water requirements.
- Use mulch around trees and plants to help reduce evaporation and control water-stealing weeds.

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Washer
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For additional information on how to save water, save money, replace water fixtures, and additional facts, visit the Water Sense website at:

https://www3.epa.gov/watersense/

Earth may be known as the "water planet" but even though about 70 percent of its surface is covered by water, less than 1 percent is available for human use. Water supplies are finite, and we can all help protect this critical and precious resource.

Saving water around the home is simple and smart. The average household spends as much as \$500 per year on its water and sewer bill but could save about \$170 per year by retrofitting with water-efficient fixtures and incorporating water-saving practices. Also, since these water savings will reduce demands on water heaters, households will also save energy. Achieving these savings can be as easy as twisting on a WaterSense labeled aerator, which can cost as little as a few dollars. If every household in the United States installed WaterSense labeled bathroom sink faucets or faucet accessories, we could save more than \$350 million in water utility bills and more than 60 billion gallons of water annually—enough to meet public water demand in Miami for more than 150 days! In addition, U.S. homes could avoid about \$600 million in energy costs for heating water.

- Repair dripping faucets and showerheads. A drip rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year.
- A full bathtub can require up to 70 gallons while taking a 5-minute shower uses only 10 to 25 gallons.
- Turining off the tap while brushing your teeth can save up to 8 gallons per day.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes or lower the water settings for smaller loads.
- Replace your old washing machine with an ENERGY STAR® labeled model, which uses up to 50 percent less water and electricity.
- A running toilet will cost you big bucks! Make sure the toilet seals properly after you flush.

### Property Owners: Do You Need a Permit?

Do you have any work scheduled on your property or house?

Please be advised that you need to check The Village Code to see if you need permits and if so, which ones. You may also call the Village for guidance at (845) 279-3760.

The Village Code section of the Village website is a great resource and is available through http://www.brewstervillage-ny.gov/ under the heading: Planning & Development. The website also has application forms and instructions on many common projects in that same section under: Forms. Starting work without a permit may result in significant penalties and permit costs. Violators may also be liable for additional penalties as proscribed by law.

Call the Village Office before starting any work. It is in your own best interest. If you prefer, you may review the Village Code and Fee Schedule online or at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509, Monday through Friday.

#### Before a permit can be issued:

- If using a contractor they must be licensed by Putnam County.
- Certificates of Insurance must be provided with the Village of Brewster named as additional insured.
- An Owner's Consent form (notarized) must be submitted with the permit application. Notary is usually available in Village Hall during business hours.
- All work must comply with NYS Code and the Village of Brewster Code.
- Remember to schedule a Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance inspection upon completion of the work – and while the Permit is still current. Expired permits require repayment of the permit fee before a CO/C can be issued.

### TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULES

#### **Bus Schedule**

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DELAYS: Tune in to WHUD 100.7 FM

**HOLIDAYS:** Bus System does not operate on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

FARES: \$2.50 One-Way. Seniors & Disabled with Office for Aging I.D. card, (disabled) card, Medicare card, and/or a Half-Fare issued by the Putnam County Planning Department are acceptable proof for half-fare (\$1.25). Children under 13 (\$1.25) no I.D. required. Students (\$1.25) with a Student I.D. card.

Infants ride free. Transfers (.75¢) or (.25¢) for seniors/disabled. Exact change required.

For Additional Information, Visit: http://www.putnamcountyny.com/ planningdept/putnam-transitschedules/ or Call 878-RIDE (7433)

#### **Train Schedule**

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### **Parking**

### **COMMUTER PARKING SPACES AVAILABLE**

**SAFE SECURE VILLAGE POLICE ON-DUTY 24/7** 

**PARKING PERMIT:** 

-Village Resident-\$110.00 per Quarter

-Non-resident-**\$185.00** per quarter **Quarter starts:** June 1st, September 1st, December 1st

Permit entitles parker to any available space in the assigned lot 24 hours a day, 7 days week throughout permit validity.

Inquire at: 50 MAIN ST **Applications are available online at:** WWW.BREWSTERVILLAGE-NY.GOV >INFORMATION >PARKING OR CALL 845.279.3760

#### **WEEKEND & HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

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For More Information, Visit: http://www.mta.info/

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### VILLAGE MUNICIPALITY DETAILS

#### **2016 Village of Brewster Meeting Schedule**

All official public notices appear at least 5 days maintains an email distribution list for in advance of the scheduled meeting in the Official Newspapers: The Putnam County Press. aka Putnam County Times, aka Brewster Times.

Zoning Board of Appeals meeting dates are called as needed and published at least 5 days in advance in the official Village Newspaper.

Notices also appear on our website: www.brewstervillage-ny.gov and on the Village Hall Bulletin Board The Village Clerk important notices and press releases. If you would like your email added please send a request to phansen@brewstervillage-ny.gov

> From Memorial Day to Labor Day **Summer Hours are in Effect:** 8 to 4 M-TH. 8-1:30 FR. 50 Main Street (Village Hall), Brewster, NY 10509

Office: 845.279.3760 Fax: 845.278.7653 Court: 845.279.4020

Month	Day	Meeting Type
June	1	Regular Board Meeting
June	15	Regular Board Meeting
June	21	Planning Board Meeting
July	6	Regular Board Meeting
July	19	Planning Board Meeting
July	20	Regular Board Meeting
August	3	Regular Board Meeting
August	16	Planning Board Meeting
August	17	Regular Board Meeting

### **Guide to Curbside Recycling**

#### **PAPER & CARDBOARD**

Recycle: Newspapers, glossy inserts, phone books, magazines, junk mail, brown paper bags, and corrugated and grey cardboard boxes.

How: Remove plastic linings, windows and excessive tape. Place mixed paper in a brown bag or loose in the recycling bin. Flatten and place boxes inside each other.

Don't Recycle: Waxed cardboard (i.e. milk cartons), plastic and Styrofoam packing materials, cardboard with any trace of food, paperbacks or hardcover books. Consider donating books to a library.

#### PLASTICS 1 - 6\*

Recycle: All plastics coded with any number between 1 through 6, commonly used for food, beverages, detergents, household cleaners and shampoo. Include coded pails and buckets, as well as coded flower pots and trays rinsed free of soil or other products.

How: All plastics must be rinsed clean and free of food waste and other products. Plastic caps on jars and bottles are acceptable. Place plastics loose in the bin with glass and metal containers.

Don't Recycle: Plastic bags (i.e. grocery, dry cleaning, packing material), vinyl, any unmarked or non-coded plastics (including large rigid plastics as in toys, pools, and furniture, as well as clothing hangers, tableware, utensils), building materials (i.e. piping, sinks and other fixtures), and empty plastic containers which held potentially hazardous material, regardless of the recycling code (i.e. motor oil, pesticides and solvents).

#### **GLASS CONTAINERS\***

Recycle: Glass jars and bottles of any size and color.

How: Rinse containers. Place metal caps and rinsed jars and bottles loose in the bin with plastic and metal containers. Labels do not need to be removed.

Don't Recycle: Glass that is not used for packaging food or beverages (i.e. light bulbs, drinking glasses, crystal, window and mirror glass, ceramic ware and kitchen cookware). Also, empty glass containers which held potentially hazardous materials (i.e. pesticides and solvents) should be discarded as garbage.

#### **METAL CONTAINERS\***



Recycle: Food and beverage cans, clean aluminum foil and trays, and empty aerosol cans.

How: Rinse containers and place them loose in the recycling bin with glass and plastic containers. Labels do not need to be removed.

Don't Recycle: Empty paint cans or metal containers which held potentially hazardous materials such as pesticides, glues or solvents. Aluminum siding, scrap metal, wire, pipes, tubing, motors, sheet metal, appliances and auto parts are recycled under separate municipal programs. Call your municipality for details.

\*Remember: Containers (glass, metal, and plastics) can be mixed in your recycling bin.

Put out Thursday night for Friday pick up.



### **Trash Pick-up**

**TRASH** 

**HOLIDAY** 

TRASH/RECYCLE

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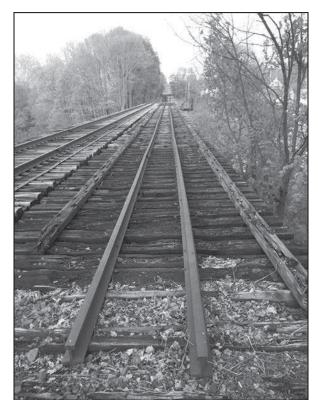
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### WORK & PLAY IN BREWSTER

#### **Rail Trails**



Back in the late 1800's, the construction of the Harlem and the Putnam Rail Lines put Brewster on the map as the "Hub of the Harlem Valley". In more recent years, with the construction of 184 and 1684, Brewster has not only maintained, but has expanded its status as a hub for transportation and commerce. Looking to the future, with the re-purposing of old rail lines into rail trails, Brewster is once again rising as a new hub for recreation and tourism.

Within the Village of Brewster, biking and walking enthusiasts will have access to the new rail trails from several points: North Main Street, Wells Park, Peaceable Hill Road and Allview Avenue. The new and proposed trails will allow for travel south to New York City, west into Dutchess County and the Walkway Over the Hudson, to Beacon and Cold Spring, east to the Danbury Rail Museum, Connecting south from Danbury down to Norwalk. These trails will offer links between the Hudson, Harlem and New Haven lines of Metro-North.

You couldn't ask for a better boost to tourism in Putnam County. Riders from the city can hop on the train to Brewster and begin a leisurely or a challenging journey. We have the opportunity to enhance the trail without spoiling the natural environment by installing sponsored bike racks and benches.

The newly renovated Wells Park and the Brewster Farmer's Market will connect shoppers and families with the recreation of the rail trail. Parents

can be assured that their children can ride their bikes safely, off the local roads and without fear of traffic.

The Village is proud to be at the forefront of this economic development. Along the trail, new business opportunities abound. Restaurants will seize the opportunity to establish a new clientele of tourists and biking enthusiasts, bike shops will benefit from the increase in riders, B&Bs will take advantage of the rail trails by offering bike rentals and tours. Brewster will be transformed into a place where Millennials will want to live and work.

The Village and all of Putnam County is excited about this revitalization. People of all ages are welcome in Brewster and encouraged to visit the Village, take advantage of the recreation activities, visit the museum to learn about the history and the evolution of the rail trails, visit the Farmer's Market and patronize the many businesses that make our Village a great place to live and work.

- Kevin Callahan

# **Fireman's Inspection Parade and Festivities**

Every year the Brewster Volunteer Fire Department hosts an annual Fireman's Inspection Parade. The Officers and members of the various departments from around the area are inviting all to attend the parade on July 27th from 7PM to 8:30PM.

The parade will begin with a number of vehicles ranging from 50 to 100 lining up at East Main Street with Marvin Avenue and Merritt Street. It will continue down Main Street to North Main, ending at the Wells Street intersection at 8:30PM. For additional information, visit the **Village of Brewster, NY** Facebook page.



Photo provided by Frank Becerra

Executive Editors: Paloma W. Domenico and Peter Hansen. To submit a Not-For-Profit press release for Vol.2 Sept-Nov 2016, please do so by July 15, 2016 via:

email paloma@thefactorsofm.com

## Founders Day September 18

There's a new energy in the Village of Brewster - It's Where You Want to Be!!

The Coalition for a Better Brewster is pleased to announce that the 25th annual Brewster Founder's Day Street Fair will be held Sunday September 18th from 10AM to 4PM! The Village of Brewster's Main Street transforms itself into a festival of food and fun. We'll have returning favorites as well as many, new vendors on hand offering tasty food and tantalizing products for sale. A great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping early! You'll find plenty of free parking so don't miss out.

We'll have rides, amusements, entertainment and music for all ages to enjoy. There's face painting, balloon art, a dunk tank, and so much more. Take your picture at our Selfie Station - it'll be the shindig of the year! Check us out on Facebook at **Brewster Founders Day Street Fair** for updates as we confirm each vendor.

To become a vendor or for more information, contact the Coalition for a Better Brewster via email: **info@brewsterfoundersday.com** or call: 845.279.1400. **-Laurie Manning** 

For a PDF of this issue, please visit: www.brewstervillage-ny.gov For additional information on upcoming events, visit Village of Brewster, NY Facebook Page.

# The Brewster Chamber of Commerce is here for YOU!

Our clover leaf logo with "All roads lead to Brewster"-representing Routes 84, 22, 6 and 684 - encompasses a large

part of our business community. Our membership of close to 200 businesses participates in monthly meetings and a variety of events to network with business owners, employees and the public.

The "BCOC" will soon be celebrating our 60th year. Since our inception, our mission has been to support and connect our local businesses to the community. We were proponents of "Shopping Local" long before the catchphrase was cool. Today we are stronger than ever. We've grown in size and diversity of our membership. We actively network throughout the year to broaden our reach into the community.

Regular membership meetings, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month are at rotating Chamber member restaurants or venues. Early risers, who like to network and learn before settling into their business day, may attend our Breakfast B4 Business events. After Business Mixers is another way for members and future members to get together conveniently after their work President Geoffrey Reinwald stated. "Member business referrals are made quite often during meetings." He added, "People enjoy doing business locally with people they know, and the Chamber is a great way to access those resources.

Our 2nd annual Membership and Resource Guide will be published later this year. Just like last year, it will be delivered to all residential and business mailboxes in our area. The directory also serves as a resource tool for newcomers to the area, and works in tandem with our website **www.brewsterchamber.com** and our social media presence.

Upcoming events for Spring and Summer include: June and July Dinner meetings, After Biz Mixers and a special Chamber Family event in August at the Hudson Valley Renegades Ball Park. Please check our website for details about all of these events as well as our members' events throughout the year. We invite our area businesses; new or established, to consider Chamber membership for all the benefits we can offer. Membership applications may be completed on line or by stopping by the Chamber office. We are here for our businesses and here for our community.

- Rose Aglieco