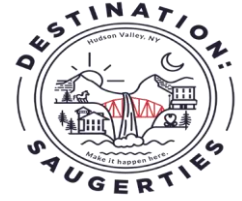




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Intent:

A concern that continues to surface amongst the public is the lack of communication between government and the members of the community in which that body of government operates. Open communication, or lack thereof, between elected officials and the citizens not only contributes to speculation and misinformation on issues, but also increases the divide and distrust between government and the people that the governing body serves. The time for correcting this issue is long overdue.

This newsletter offers a fact-based and bipartisan exchange of information in effort to assist the people of the community with staying up-to-date and informed on the issues concerning Saugerties. In addition to social media accounts, local bulletins, and the town website, this will be another resource for people to reference to better inform themselves on what has happened, what is happening, what will be happening, and information regarding upcoming events. The idea is that this resource outlines the most pressing issues relating to Saugerties. However, all other issues can and will be reported on based on the demand and feedback from the community.

Short Term Rentals:

(Original Material) On Saturday March 12th, from 9:00am-12:00pm, the Town Board hosted a workshop at Town Hall regarding short term rentals (STRs). Present at this meeting were all Town Board members, the Saugerties Town Clerk, the Town Planner, a representative from the Comprehensive Planning Committee, the town attorney, the Building Inspector, and a handful of people from the public. This meeting was also offered online, and several people from the community attended virtually as well.

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The purpose of this special meeting was to collectively determine the best way to move forward, whether that be tackling this issue using special use permits (SUPs) or by adopting a local law specific to STRs. After approximately three hours of open discussion, the Town Board opted to move forward with Town of Saugerties Short Term Rental Law Draft. This consensus was reached on the basis that board felt that this course of action was the best way to support both the members of the community that have concerns about the operations of STRs, as well as those who participate and operate STRs.

Once the review of the draft language is completed, the public can expect a public hearing regarding STRs and the proposed law. At this time, a public hearing date has not been confirmed, but that date will be shared once it has been confirmed. Please check the town website, Facebook, or refer to upcoming versions of this newsletter for that designated public hearing date.

(Update, 4/12/22) During the previous Town Board meeting on 4/6/2022, the Town Board passed a motion to set public hearing dates regarding Local Law, adding Chapter 194, Short Term Rentals, amending Chapter 245 of the zoning code, on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 4/20/22, 6:00pm
- Wednesday, 5/18/22, 6:00pm

Saugerties Dog Park:

During the Town Board meeting on 4/6/22, it was brought to the attention of the residents in attendance, both in person and virtually, that the Town of Saugerties has begun preliminary discussions regarding the creation of a dog park. At this time, there appears to be a private citizen (name is being kept confidential at this time) who is interested in providing the Town of Saugerties with a significant amount of funding for this project.

At this time, there also has been a potential location designated for this project. This location will be made available once it has been confirmed. However, the Town Board is confident that this location will meet the needs of the residents who will utilize the area, as well as provide privacy and the seclusion necessary to ensure the dog park will not be a nuisance of any kind.

Other details such as fees, cleanliness, assuring pet/owner safety, etc. will be provided once those discussions are held in further depth. Please stay tuned for further information and opportunities to discuss suggestions and/or concerns at upcoming Town Board meetings.

Upcoming Events & Information:

Town Board Meeting:

- Wednesday, April 20th
- Agenda (TBD)
- Public hearing (Zoning, “amendment to industrial and business uses” Local Law enacting zoning amendments to Chapter 245), 5:30pm
- Public hearing (STRs), 6:00pm
- Regularly schedule board meeting to follow at 7:00pm

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New York State Special Olympics Fundraising Event:

- Cornhole tournament
- Sunday, May 22nd, 12pm-5pm
- Will be held at Cantine Field
- Retail space for vendors
- Food trucks
- Live entertainment



Event Contact Information

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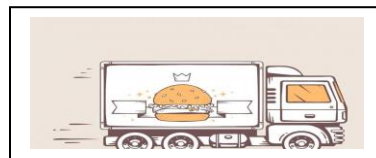
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Green and Clean:

- Saturday, April 9th and Sunday, April 10th
- Saturday, April 23rd and Sunday, April 24th
- Sign-up sheets and orange trash bags are available at the Town Clerk's office
- No cost to participate
- Please visit the town website for further information <https://townsaugerties.digitaltowpath.org>

Food Truck Festivals:

- Cantine Field
- July 3rd, July 21st, August 18th, September 15th



Tree Planting Ceremony, Cantine Field:

- Hosted by local Climate Smart Task Force
- Saturday, April 30th, 11:00am
- Cantine Field, between soccer fields and ice arena

Trout Fishing Derby and Pancake Breakfast:



Upstate Films/Orpheum Theater:

- Third Thursday of each month
- All proceeds from popcorn sales are donated to a local not-for-profit partner
- Please visit the town website for further information <https://townsaugerties.digitaltowpath.org>

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Saugerties Youth Recreation Program

- Beginning on Tuesday, July 5th
- Ending on Friday, August 12th
- Please visit the town website to view details <https://townsaugerties.digitaltowpath.org>

Town Planning Board (with public hearing):

- Held virtually on Tuesday, April 22nd, 7:30pm
- Anyone can tune in virtually
- The agenda for this meeting can be found here <https://townsaugerties.digitaltowpath.org:10234/content/Generic/View/49>
- If interested in attending, please contact Becky Bertorelli for WebEx information: bbertorelli@saugertiesny.gov

Job Openings:

- Part-time school crossing guards
- Motor Equipment Operator
- Part-time Seasonable Laborer

***Please visit the town website for further
job opening information and application
details***

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