

Update on Campaign Against the Hudson River
Extension Anchorage
A few other things going on



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Mayor's Newsletter

Update on '**Ban The Barges**' Campaign
... and a few other things in the village

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This picture above is what we ***should*** see from the shores of the Hudson River.

*Ships, Barges and Boats **moving** up-and-down river.*

We **don't** want to see barges ***anchored***.

! BAN THE BARGES !

Dear Residents,

Since the most recent *Newsletter Update* on August 16th, we wanted to provide a quick update on developments in the fight against the Coast Guard's proposed plan to create new anchorage grounds for barge vessels in the Hudson River from Yonkers, NY, to Dobbs Ferry, NY (and as far as Kingston).

The Village of Dobbs Ferry Strongly Opposes The Coast Guard's Proposed Anchorage Extension Plan



On Monday August 22nd, **Dobbs Ferry** - with many other municipalities and interested parties - participated in a meeting and news conference (held in Yonkers City Hall) to announce the launching of an advocacy campaign to '*Ban the Barges*'. The campaign will include, among other actions, **the circulation of a petition** (link attached below), **the start of a social media campaign called #BanTheBarges** and **hiring of legal counsel to explore all options to fight the proposal** that would let commercial ships drop anchor off the Hudson Shores.

Please go to this Website and [Sign The Petition](#) to **Ban The Barges**:

https://www.change.org/p/craig-d-lapiejko-uscg-mil-ban-the-barges-protect-our-hudson?recruiter=307997405&utm_source=petitions_share&utm_medium=copylink&recurrut_context=copylink_long

The Hudson River Waterfront Communities have raised serious concerns about the economic, environmental and public safety impacts of this proposal:

Like Dobbs Ferry, many of the river towns in Westchester County have or are in the midst of a long-term effort to revitalize its waterfront; restore and enhance its parks; and replace closed industrial facilities with new mixed-use residential, commercial and recreational developments.

Hudson River Waterfront Communities are also deeply concerned with the water, noise and light pollution which would result from the routine operation of these barges, as well as the potential for catastrophic environmental impacts of crude leaks into the Hudson.

The Hudson River Waterfront Communities cite the gross inadvisability of this proposal following decades of tireless effort and the dedication of extraordinary resources to restore the environmental vitality of the Hudson River estuary.

Public health and safety are also of great concern as the proposed anchorages would turn the Hudson River into a parking lot for potentially volatile substances and could potentially become targets for acts of terror.

The Hudson River Waterfront Communities have significant questions as to the role and jurisdiction of local municipalities, in terms of both emergency services response, and managing basic enforcement concerns. The shores of the Hudson River should be a place where our residents and visitors can gather to live, work and play. As such, the Hudson River

Waterfront Communities will undoubtedly be opposing this proposal and is asking residents, business leaders, community organizers and others to act on our behalf in preserving our beautiful waterfront.

Please join the fight to Ban the Barges and Protect Our Hudson.

As sent previously in the August 16 Newsletter - in addition to signing the petition mentioned above - here also is a link where you can communicate your concerns and opposition.

<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=USCG-2016-0132-0001>

Public comments will be accepted up to September 7, 2016

For Further Information Contact:

If you are having problems or questions on the comment process or documents, call or email Mr. Craig Lapiejko, Waterways Management Branch at Coast Guard First District, telephone 617-223-8351, email craig.d.lapiejko@uscg.mil.

We live along one of the most beautiful, historic and majestic river ways on the entire planet. The Coast Guard's proposed *Extension Anchorage Plan* should be of concern to each of us; not just because of the negative impacts to Dobbs Ferry, but more importantly what it means for the future of the entire Hudson River Community. As citizens we should do everything we can to express our concerns and opposition to the plan ... the Village of Dobbs Ferry will do everything it can as well.

We will keep everyone posted as to any new information and/or developments on this important issue.

... and a few other things going on in the village

Grand Opening of a New Business in Dobbs

Ferry



It was great to see so many people come down for the GRAND OPENING of **Campbell Meats** - a new business on Cedar Street in Dobbs Ferry.

We wish the new owners - Matt and Kristie - the **Best of Luck** and we thank them for investing in Dobbs Ferry.

Here are some pictures from the event:



Owner Matt Campbell, wife Kristie and their newborn Son with the Mayor
... A 'clean cut' of the sausage link !



Abby, Trustee Vic Golio (with daughter Grace), **Matt and Kristie Campbell** (with newborn son), the Mayor, **Maggie Segrich** (with daughter) - President, Dobbs Ferry Chamber of Commerce, and Dobbs Ferry Police Officer **Justin Kampke**

**Please Support ALL the Business Merchants
in Dobbs Ferry.**

New Kayak Racks at the Waterfront Park

The Village of Dobbs Ferry has recently installed 27 slips available at the new kayak rack at Waterfront Park.



Boat slips for the remainder of the 2016 season will be \$150.00 per slip and will be **available to Dobbs Ferry residents only at this time.**

The racks are for kayaks or canoes only. Only one vessel per slip.

Residents interested in obtaining a slip for the remainder of the season may register now from 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM at the Gould Park office on Ashford Avenue. Registration will continue on weekdays from 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM at Gould Park until all slips are sold. Slips are available on a first come-first serve basis. Each resident will be given a small decal with a registration number for your vessel at the time of registration. The decal must be visible while on the rack. All residents interested will be asked to complete an application form and an information sheet providing details and a description of your vessel. A photo of your vessel will also be required. All vessels are required to be locked. Slip holders must purchase locks separately. A complete set of rules and regulations will be provided to all registrants.

Payment method: \$150.00 checks made out to "Village of Dobbs Ferry" or \$150.00 cash. No credit cards will be accepted at the Gould Park office.

Kayak rack usage hours: 5:00 AM -11:00 PM until October 31st. Vessels stored without authorization or stored past November 30th will be removed at the owner's expense.

If you have any questions, please call the recreation department at 693-5505.

In September the regular meetings of the board of trustees returns to its normal 2nd and 4th Tuesday schedule (13th and 27th in Sept.).

We hope everyone had a great summer. While it is sad to see the summer days winding down, we can start to get excited for the next new season coming up in Dobbs Ferry - ***the Beauty of Fall !***

Be safe everyone ... and we will keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Mayor Hartley Connett

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