

Dobbs Ferry Update and Events

October 3, 2016



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### *Mayor's Newsletter*

*Update on the Village, Things Going On, Events Coming Up*

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## Blue Hues on the Hudson    Dobbs Ferry Waterfront

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Dear Residents,

We hope everyone has been well and your fall season is off to a great start. Every season is awesome in Dobbs Ferry, but Fall is special; sidewalks are busy again with kids going back to school, the downtown businesses and restaurants are bustling with new energy, the air is crisper, and the colors of the Hudson River Valley provide the most amazing backdrop. We are all really lucky to live in such a special place.

*And for those who celebrate, we want to wish everyone a **Happy Rosh Hashanah ... L'shanah Tovah!***

Here is an update on things going on in-and-around town, projects in progress, projects in review, and some events and dates to mark on your calendars.

### **New Businesses and Services Open in Dobbs Ferry**

#### **AppleMed urgent care**

This past weekend saw the **Grand Opening** of **AppleMed urgent care** on Ashford Avenue in Dobbs Ferry. The facility, located on Ashford Avenue at Beacon Hill in Dobbs Ferry, is designed to provide walk-in urgent care given by high-quality medical staff when you need it most. Services are available for all ages.

A tour of the facilities was really impressive; including super clean offices, friendly receptionists and physicians, high quality examination rooms and state-of-the-art medical equipment (including X-ray). This new facility will be a huge benefit for the residents and families of Dobbs Ferry providing added medical services treatment when we might need it the most.

Applemed says when it comes to people's health they get '*right to the heart of the matter*' ... and we are so happy they have chosen to open *right in the heart of Dobbs Ferry*. We wish them all the best.

**AppleMed Urgent Care**

88 Ashford Avenue

**AppleMed**  
urgent care



Town Supervisor Paul Feiner, Mayor Connett, County Legislator MaryJane Shimsky, Dr. Ravikumar, Dobbs Ferry Chamber President Maggie Segrich, and AppleMed Physicians and Staff joining together for a great ribbon cutting event.

... and check out **NYHC COMICS**



Located downtown at **155 Main Street**, Debo and local childhood friends Lee and Dave have opened the doors to one of Dobbs Ferry's newest businesses **NYHC COMICS**. It is a cool shop. Debo and his buddies took a lot of inspiration from *Amazing Tales* - a unique store which some residents (especially those with younger kids at the time) remember some time ago on the corner of Elm and Main Street. It was an *amazing place*, and so is NYHC Comics!

If you are into comics, pop culture, or gaming ... check out **NYHC COMICS**.





Debo Da Pro and Mayor Connnett in front of NYHC COMICS 115 Main Street





It's been great to see so many new businesses opening in Dobbs Ferry the past few years; a vibrant energy is evident in the enthusiasm and efforts of the Dobbs Ferry Chamber of Commerce. Working on ideas and initiatives to encourage residents and visitors to shop, play and dine in the village. The Chamber is another positive reason why more people are coming to visit and invest in Dobbs Ferry. ***Do It in Dobbs!***

<http://www.dfchamber.com/>



Like speed dating, but about work. Bring a stack of business cards to network with local professionals and spread the word about your business—and meet new friends! Take a few minutes to get to know the other attendees and see if any opportunities pop up.

**Tuesday, Oct 4**

**Sam's Restaurant, 128 Main Street**

Members: \$20

Non-members: \$25

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## Upcoming Events and Programs

# Ferry festa



The annual **Ferry festa** event will be held this year on

**Saturday, October 15th.**

IT IS TIME TO START PLANNING FOR THE 2016 FERRY FESTA!

Dobbs Ferry's 15th annual Ferry Festa has been scheduled for Saturday October 15, 2016, 1pm-8pm. Music, food, games, events, and fun will be enjoyed by a crowd that has exceeded 15,000 in previous years. It's time for vendors to sign up!

Main Street and Cedar Street will be closed from 10am to 1pm for set up, from 1pm to 8pm for the block party, and then from 8pm to 11pm for clean up.

Vendors: If you have not sign-ed up yet, you can fill-out and send an application by going to [www.ferryfesta.com](http://www.ferryfesta.com)

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## Here are some notes on Recreation Programs

*The following programs are open for enrollment:*

**Karate for Kids** - Begins **October 15th** (Saturday's) for 6 weeks at **Ryu-Renshi-Dan Karate School** located at 96 Main Street in Dobbs Ferry \$85 per child \$65 for parents

The Recreation Department will be hosting a **trip to Mohegan Sun** on **Thursday, October 20th**. Buses will pick everyone up at the Embassy Center



located at 60 Palisades Street in Dobbs Ferry at 10am and will return approximately at 7pm \$30 per person

**A Defensive Driving** course will be held **Saturday, October 22nd**, from 10am to 4pm at the Dobbs Ferry Fire house basement located at 112 Main Street \$50 for adults \$35 for Senior Citizens/students with ID

**Paint and Paper** pick up along with signup for the **annual Halloween Picture Painting Contest** will be held at the **Gould Park Pool on Saturday, October 22nd**, from 10am to 12pm \$5 per individual, team or family



**The annual Trick or Treat Parade** will be held on **Halloween, Monday, October 31st** in Downtown Dobbs Ferry on Cedar and Main Street. From 4pm to 6pm.

**... and here are some other exciting Recreation Programs to check out:**

The Village of Dobbs Ferry  
Parks & Recreation Department  
presents

## Chess For Kids

For beginners or experienced players. Learn tactics, strategy and play games with your friends. All chess boards and pieces will be provided. Instructor: Silvio Rosato.

**Day:** Mondays (10 weeks)  
**Begins:** October 17  
**Times:** 2:40 PM - 4:00 PM  
**Grades:** 1st-5th  
**Location:** Springhurst (room # S-69)  
**Fee:** \$180.00



**Please return form to DF Recreation, not the school.**  
**Minimum of 6, Maximum of 16**

Dobbs Ferry Parks & Recreation Department  
112 Main St. Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522  
Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Program: Chess Fee: \$180.00 For office use only: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

As a participant in the above program, I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury and I agree to assume the full risks of any injuries, damages or loss which I or my child may sustain as a result of such participation. I further understand that the Village of Dobbs Ferry does not provide accidental medical coverage and it is my responsibility to provide appropriate coverage. I agree to waive and relinquish all claims and hold harmless the Village of Dobbs Ferry, Parks and Recreation Department, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information, please call 693-5505.**  
**This form gets returned to DF Recreation, not school.**

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Parks & Recreation Department  
presents

## Archery

Students will learn about safety with a bow as well as learning archery skills and techniques. Co-sponsored by the Sleepy Hollow Bowmen

**Day:** Thursdays (6 weeks)  
**Time:** 3 sessions:  
1) 6:15 pm-6:45 pm  
2) 6:45 pm-7:15 pm  
3) 7:15 pm-7:45 pm  
**Date:** Begins October 6th  
**Location:** Springhurst School  
**Ages:** 7 - 15 years old  
**Fee:** \$50 per child



**Maximum enrollment of 12 per session.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Program: Archery Fee: \$50.00 Session: 1 2 3 For office use only: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information, please call 693-0024.**

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## Art Adventure

Children will discover art from different periods of history and create their own artwork from what they see. The aim of Art Adventure is to show young children fine artist's work that inspires them while they create artwork in paint, clay and mixed media. Children will use authentic artist's materials to create hands-on projects that demonstrate style and technique in art.

**Days:** Tuesdays (8 weeks)  
**Dates:** Begins October 11th  
**Time:** 2:45 - 3:45 PM  
**Grades:** 1st - 2nd  
**Location:** Springhurst (room # TBA)  
**Fee:** \$185.00



Minimum registration of 10 children and a maximum of 12  
Instructed by: Nancy Delmerico This form gets returned to DF REC, not the school

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Dobbs Ferry Parks & Recreation Department  
Please make checks payable to the Village of Dobbs Ferry.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Program: Art Adventure Fee: \$185.00 For office use only: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information call the Recreation Department at 693-5505**  
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## Lego Builders

Amaze your friends and family with your ability to construct fun things like cars, ships and rockets. Discover where your imagination takes you.  
Instructor: Kathleen McCarthy-Udoff

**Days:** Thursdays (10 weeks)  
**Dates:** Begins October 6th  
**Times:** 2:40 - 3:40 PM  
**Grades:** 1 - 2  
**Location:** Springhurst (room # S-69)  
**Fee:** \$180.00



**Maximum of 10 children**

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
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Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Program: Lego Builders Fee: \$180.00 For office use only: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Update on Embassy Community Center

The Embassy Community Center remains closed due to structural issues of the

north wall which were uncovered 2 months ago in an engineering assessment of the facility. Since that time the Building Department and Administration have been working with the village's engineer and outside contractors to determine the most immediate and best plan to fix the wall; at the same time, the village will consider what investment(s) and actions make sense for the short, medium, and long-term recreational needs of the community as a whole. The ad hoc Facilities Committee and the Recreation Committee met jointly last week, along with the Village Administrator and the Building Department, to get an updated engineering report, as well discussions to lay the foundation for a community plan going forward; one which addresses the immediate need to fix the current facility, and at the same time addresses the long-term recreational needs of the community, overall. The committee has scheduled a meeting for mid-October at which point it is expected to have the full engineering assessment regarding the repair. We will keep everyone posted on the progress of this important issue.

We also want to take this time to point out the incredible work and effort of the Recreation Department and Staff who have been doing an amazing job to keep all the recreation programs up-and-running during this time, *without* the Embassy Community Center being available. It is hard to appreciate how much work and effort has gone into this task. As you can see from the above recreation program notes - while it has been stressful and hard and many hours of alternative planning - they have still been getting the job done.

We all are thankful to **Mike, Sandy, Abby and Pierrette** for all the hard work they are doing to keep things going during this time. '*Thank You !*'

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**New Kayak Storage Racks at Waterfront Park**



### ***Yea Jeremy and Debra!***

These Dobbs Ferry residents are so happy to have their very own slot at the new kayak storage rack which was installed by the village at the beautiful Waterfront Park. Storage slots are available to residents on a pro rata basis through the end of this season until November 30.

Or if you wish to reserve your slot for next season please call Mike at the Recreation Department at 693-5505

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## **Update on Rivertowns Square *Off-site Improvement Work***

A significant amount of work has been completed for roadway and pedestrian improvement upgrades on Beacon Hill Drive and Ogden Avenue which were a condition of approval for the mixed-use redevelopment project Rivertowns Square. This work includes:

- Completion of a pedestrian sidewalk system which runs unabated along the full length of Beacon Hill Drive, extending from the corner of Ashford Avenue all the way to Ogden Avenue. This new sidewalk path was constructed with the highest quality workmanship; it will be a huge benefit to the residents all along and in the area of Beacon Hill, providing safe and clear walking passage for kids and pedestrians.
- Completion of a safe cross-walk across Beacon Hill Drive at the upper



Springhurst School steps, including the installation of two flashing cross lights, one on each side of the road. A raised crosswalk and speed humps have been installed leading into the area so as to slow down traffic. The contractor worked hard to get this portion of the work completed before school commenced; in conjunction with the village's *Slow Down Rivertowns* initiative, these enhancements will be another step in making Dobbs Ferry's streets safer for all residents and travelers.

- Raised crosswalks and speed humps have been installed on Ogden Avenue. Sidewalks are also being installed along Ogden Avenue which will lead down to the Rivertowns Square development.

Some work which had been done initially - including striping along Ogden Avenue and work on the island area at Beacon Hill Drive and Ashford Avenue - are being reviewed closely by the village to make sure the agreed enhancement is completed to the satisfaction of the Village Administration, Departments, and Traffic Safety Experts; and according to the conditions of approval. The Village Administrator and Board will be *staying on top of these issues* to assure that all off-site enhancement work is completed properly. The village keep everyone posted as this process moves forward.

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## **Update on some Important Items before the Board of Trustees**

**75 Main Street - *Proposed Renovation and Redevelopment***



The BOT is currently reviewing a newer version of proposal for the renovation and redevelopment of the historic *Oceana Building* at **75 Main Street**. The newer version proposal is significantly smaller in size and scale compared to the original plan, which had been previously approved by the Planning Board. At the most recent meeting (last Tuesday) the BOT agreed to keep open the **Public Hearing** on the review of the new, smaller proposal; this will be held on **Tuesday, October 18 at 7:30 PM at Village Hall**. The board welcomes and encourages comment from the public, including residents who have yet to communicate an opinion, or input, either against, in favor, not sure, or those wishing to hear or learn more.

### **Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt Town Tax Rolls**

A **Public Hearing** to discuss and **consider the Village of Dobbs Ferry adopting the property tax roll of the Town of Greenburgh** has been scheduled for **Tuesday October 18 at 7:30 PM at Village Hall**. Historically, Dobbs Ferry has always maintained its own village tax assessment role. For Dobbs Ferry tax payers, this means the newly reassessed town role is applicable to school, county, and town tax, but not for village property tax assessment. Going forward and with the town-wide reassessment completed, the BOT now must consider the merits of adopting the town roll as opposed to maintaining a separate role on its own. The **Town Tax Assessor** will be in attendance at the Public Hearing to answer questions of the board and resident tax payers regarding the impact of adopting the town's role. Residents are encouraged to attend this Public Hearing ... which will be an important issue and ultimate decision of the BOT.

## Update on Fight to BAN THE BARGES



We've sent a lot of information on the campaign to Ban the Barges from anchoring in the Hudson River; *this is really important and we want to keep this in front of everyone.*

Dobbs Ferry is strongly opposed to the Coast Guard Anchorage Extension Proposal which would allow large barges to anchor off the shores of the Hudson River, including Dobbs Ferry.

Here is the latest update:

*The Coast Guard has confirmed that the public comment period on the advance notice of proposed rule making regarding Hudson River anchorages has been extended 90 days, to December 6, 2016.*

*If you haven't done already*, here is the portal comment link you can access to submit your comments:

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

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](mailto:craig.d.lapiejko@uscg.mil).

Here are some recent articles of interest for more information and facts:

**Proposed new Hudson River anchorage grounds: Critical issues and what you can do**

<http://www.riverkeeper.org/patrol/proposed-new-hudson-river-anchorage-grounds/>

**6 things you should know about the proposed Hudson River anchorages**

<http://www.riverkeeper.org/patrol/6-things-know-proposed-hudson-river-anchorages/>

**Fact-check: Industry's false claims about Hudson River anchorages**

<http://www.riverkeeper.org/patrol/fact-check-industrys-false-claims-hudson-river-anchorages/>



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.

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Well that's about it for now.

We will be in touch soon with another update. In the meantime, please enjoy the beautiful fall outside, and please be safe ... and please take it *slow*.

Sincerely,

Mayor Hartley Connett

October 3, 2015

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Dobbs Ferry Church Tower   Cedar Street

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