

## On The Upbeat

### Medicare Questions Answered

Are you currently enrolled in Medicare? Or will you soon be eligible for Medicare? Will you be turning 65 over the next year or two? Learn about how and when to enroll, when you can make changes, and the insurance options available to you. A special class for seniors, Medicare 101, will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 15 at the Mamakating Library, 128 Sullivan Street in Wurtsboro.

### Want To Be A Master Gardener?

Would you like to know the answers to questions that come along with planting and growing a magnificent flower bed, a bountiful vegetable garden, or flourishing fruit trees, and do you also have a desire to share this knowledge with others? Then you should consider becoming a Master Gardener and sharing your experience and expertise with the inquiring public. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's Master Gardener Program is currently accepting applications to become a Master Gardener for their 2017-2018 class, and will be hosting a Master Gardener Open House for prospective volunteers on Tuesday, June 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 232 Plaza Road in Kingston. Basic requirements are an interest and experience in horticulture, a willingness to give back to the community and the time to do so. For a detailed position description and application, visit [tinyurl.com/Become-an-MG](http://tinyurl.com/Become-an-MG) or call 340-3990 x335.

### We're Sponsoring Food Truck/Craft Beer Fest!

The Shawangunk Journal is proud to be the Media Sponsor for the region's 1st Annual Food Truck & Craft Beer Festival supporting the Hudson Valley Hero Project, a non-profit helping our local veteran and military community with scholarships, aid and financial assistance! This awesome family-friendly event takes place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. this Saturday, June 10 at the Stormville Airport, off I-84 in Dutchess County. There'll be tons of diverse foods to choose from — everything from Canadian to Mediterranean (and a People's Choice Award for the Best Food Truck). The Craft Beer and Cider portion of the fest will run 1-5 p.m., and those ticket holders, ages 21 and older, will receive a souvenir glass and may sample beers and ciders from local, regional and national breweries. All participants can enjoy plenty of live music by Rachael Hendricks, Ryan Clark and the Fat City Rockers, plus the Kids Zone, with bounce houses, games, balloon-animals, henna and face painting, an Artisan Market and scenic helicopter rides. Something for everyone, and for such a worthwhile cause! For more info visit [www.stormvilleairport-fleamarket.com](http://www.stormvilleairport-fleamarket.com) and look under "Food Truck" or call (845) 226-1660.

### Pine Bush Gets Statewide Recognition...

## Generator Talk I Further Town Battles

By Lisa Carroll

**WAWARSING** – A grant awarded to the town nearly years ago continues to generate contention amongst members, as multiple agenda items relating to the purchase and installation of an 80kW generator for the hall were tabled during the June 1 Wawarsing town board meeting.

Spring Glen resident Victor Markowitz noted how Woodbourne Correctional Facility used a 45kW generator and didn't appear to have any problems, then suggested that the town put aside ideas of outfitting town hall with an emergency generator and instead focus on continuing efforts to revitalize the antiquated pool on the Ellen school campus.

This particular grant, town supervisor Leonard Distel said, was initially awarded by state senator John Naciri's office in 2015 for the explicit purchase and installation of an electric car charging port, electrical upgrades to town hall, and an emergency generator. The town has yet to receive the actual funds but has spent over \$17,000, a majority for the electric car charging station at Lipp Park, plus another \$6,000 to have specs drawn up for the generator.

Board member Terry Houck noted that the expenditure of funds for those specs had not been approved by the board. There is \$32,512 remaining of the initial \$50,000 grant but the lowest of three bids to furnish, deliver, install and test the power generator came in at \$70,000.

"We knew \$50,000 wasn't going to cut the mustard," Distel said after the board balked at the idea of approving a budget modification to move \$30,000 from one line item to another to defray costs.

"I'm in favor of getting a generator, but not sure about this one," board member Dan Johnson commented.

It's an all or nothing proposition, replied Supervisor Distel, trying to explain to each individual board member.

## Big Changes Planned Wallkill Commons, A Bar

By Chris Rowley

**HAMLET OF WALLKILL** – The School of Practical Philosophy, which has occupied the great house at 846 Bacon Circle here since 1978, appeared before the Shawangunk planning board with a proposed master plan on June 1. The property currently includes the main house, used as a school for five to six weeks a year, and the enormous