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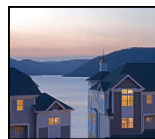
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The Peekskill Beat

Creativity & Commerce

Celebrating our
70th Anniversary
1940-2010

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter on Economic
Development Activity & the Artistic Community



White Plains Linen Invests \$7.6 Million in Peekskill

Economic Development & Art Events Calendar

13th Annual Peekskill Arts Council Open Studios

June 5 & June 6

12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

www.peekskillartsCouncil.org

REGISTER FOR A FREE PROGRAM ON HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE GOVERNMENT

How to do business with Hudson Valley Municipal Purchasing Group

Friday, June 11 9:00 a.m.

Place: Rockland Community
College, Suffern, NY
Call the Procurement Techni-
cal Assistance Center at
845-735-7040

Peekskill's 4th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival

Saturday, July 31

5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

www.downtownpeekskill.com

City's largest employer consolidates and expands on John Walsh Boulevard

White Plains Linen (WPL), Peekskill's largest employer with 400 employees, will soon be operating from a 90,000 sq. ft. facility. The project is slated to be Peekskill's largest economic development project in the past decade. WPL is a linen rental supply business providing table linens, garments, towels, and other textile goods that it owns to over 2,000 customers in the region.

WPL will construct a new 31,460 sq. ft. building that connects its existing 30,000 sq. ft. headquarters at 4 John Walsh Blvd. to a 28,000 sq. ft. building at 6 John Walsh Blvd. WPL acquired 6 John Walsh Blvd. in February for \$2.8 million.

Upon completion of the project, WPL will move Highland Light Steam Laundry, Inc. from its Highland Avenue complex to this new facility on John Walsh Blvd. Highland Light Steam Laundry is a commercial laundry servicing the laundering, delivery, and operational needs of WPL. WPL will also continue to operate a warehouse at 10 John Walsh Blvd. With this consolidation, WPL hopes to increase the efficiency of its operations and anticipates creating 25 new jobs over the next two years.

The Peekskill Industrial Development Agency assisted in the company's expansion by using its powers to provide the company with a variety of economic development incentives which will make the company's consolidation and expansion more cost effective.



'Monet's In Peekskill'
Photograph by L. Quinn

Artist of the Month

Multi-media artist and writer Leah Quinn has been an active member of the Peekskill Artist Community since moving to the Artist Live/Work District in 2004. Leah's art work has been exhibited in group shows for over 10 years in New York and is in public and private collections both nationally and internationally. Working in various mediums, a strong creative aesthetic has always been apparent with her love of community, nature and the Hudson River evident in her work. In 2000, Leah and her then husband started Unlimited Designs, Inc., a high-end interior design firm. Since then, she has started DesignsAnything.com which continues to grow and evolve with its available custom design and art services supporting businesses, artists, and art collectors. Leah is currently Vice President of the New Media Group at Westchester Community College and organizer of several art & music Meetup.com groups with over 150 members collectively. Leah's own art is available both online and in her studio which is open by appointment. For more information, please visit www.LeahQuinn.com or call 914.930.8128.

New Art Gallery to Open in Downtown Peekskill

Stephen Spiegel, Director of Innovative Arts, Peekskill's newest gallery, is proud to announce the opening of *Peekskill's Own* - a coordinated effort with the June 5-6 Open Studios events. The exhibit will feature four Peekskill artists who have been influenced by this beautiful section of the Hudson River and offers a glimpse of how Peekskill impacts on their creativity and their lives. *Peekskill's Own* will be on view through July 11, 2010.

Innovative Arts is the dual-vision of Judith Solomon and Stephen Spiegel. Located at STUDIO #1, 1 South Division Street, it is dedicated to supporting artistic creation through exhibitions, art classes, guest speakers and public programming. Innovative Arts is working with local emerging artists with a view to enriching the community through its diverse programming. Call Stephen at 914.930.1474 for more details.