

THE CHAMBER CHRONICLE

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT



On September 26, 2026, we celebrated our 16th Annual Town of Hyde Park Car Show — and it was one of our best yet. Under the leadership of **Stu Davis** and **Harvey Burns**, cars began arriving at 7:00 AM, and by 9:00 AM more than 90 vehicles were already on the field. As Chamber Board Member **Mike Evans** joked, “John, I thought registration started at 10!”

What began sixteen years ago with the vision of **George and Lynn Golden** has grown into one of Dutchess County’s premier car shows. Their idea continues to shape an event our community looks forward to every year. With 192 cars participating, judging was tough. Over 70 trophies were awarded, including our top honors:

Lynn Golden Memorial Award – *Chris Starbala*, 1966 Shelby GT

Chamber’s Choice Award – *Andrew Gallante*, 1955 Thunderbird

Best of Show – *Brandi Ryder*, 1971 Dodge Challenger

The day delivered everything we hoped for — great cars, great weather, and great company. A sincere thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers, especially **Colin Lasher**, **Peggy Lipparille**, **Andrea DeCarlo**, **Tom Dressel**, and our corporate sponsor **Dack Consulting**. Your support makes this event possible.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Our Chamber Breakfasts resume **September 10th at 7:30 AM at Coppola’s of Hyde Park**, with guest speaker **Sharon Myers** from the BOCES CTI program.

See you in September.



Monthly Breakfast Meeting



THE HYDE PARK
CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Location:

Time: 7:30-9:00 am

Speaker:

Sharon Meyers, BOCES CTI Program

Sponsor:

Hyde Park United Methodist Church

The Hyde Park Farmers Market Is Off to a Fantastic Start — and the Season Is Just Beginning!

June arrived with sunshine, smiling faces, and an incredible opening day for The Hyde Park Farmers Market. We’re thrilled to share that our 2026 season launched on Saturday, June 6 with outstanding community turnout, energetic vendors, and that unmistakable Hyde Park spirit. It’s clear — the market is back, and better than ever.

This year, shoppers can enjoy 20+ weekly vendors offering the very best of the Hudson Valley: fresh produce, meats, eggs, baked goods, prepared foods, artisan creations, handmade goods, and so much more. Every Saturday brings new flavors, new neighbors, and new reasons to shop local and support the small businesses that make our town special.

We’re also proud to introduce our brand-new POP Club (Power of Produce Club). June’s kickoff was a hit with local families, and we’re excited to see even more children join in the fun all season long. POP Club encourages healthy eating, financial literacy, and hands-on learning through activities and produce tokens kids can spend right at the market. To keep this wonderful program growing, we are actively seeking POP Club sponsors of all sizes. It’s a meaningful way for local businesses and organizations to support Hyde Park’s youth while gaining valuable community visibility.

For sponsorship details, vendor updates, and everything happening this season, please visit: thehydeparkfarmersmarket.com Here’s to a successful June — and an amazing market season ahead.

Summer Caprese Salad

Serves: 4 Prep Time: 10 min Cook Time: 0 min

Ingredients

- 3 large ripe tomatoes, sliced
- 8 oz fresh mozzarella, sliced
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves
- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1-2 tbsp balsamic glaze
- To taste salt & black pepper

Instructions

- Prep the tomatoes. Slice tomatoes into thick rounds and lightly season with salt to bring out their juices.
- Layer the salad. Arrange tomatoes and mozzarella on a platter, tucking basil leaves between slices.
- Dress it. Drizzle olive oil evenly over the salad, followed by a light ribbon of balsamic glaze.
- Finish. Crack fresh black pepper over the top and serve immediately while everything is cool and crisp.



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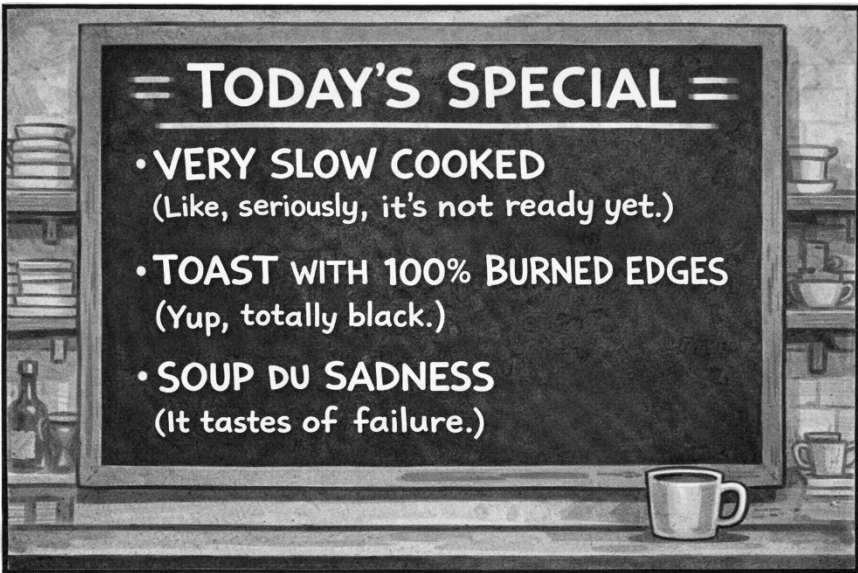


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BOARDROOM ODDITIES AND BLUNDERS

Business loves to parade around like it’s competing for “Most Monumental Institution in Human History”—spreadsheets stacked like architectural blueprints, charts climbing upward as if they’ve been bribed, and forecasts delivered with the gravity of a classified briefing. Then come the meetings, where every nod looks like it should be preserved in a museum. But peel back the immaculate slide decks and you’ll uncover a roaming menagerie of slip-ups, crossed wires, and cheerful chaos, proving yet again that the workplace isn’t just human... it’s a meticulously choreographed comedy wearing a suit.



The Strategic Rebrand That Went Too Far

The board voted to “modernize” the company name. After six hours, they landed on a single emoji. No one knows how to pronounce it, but morale is “mixed.”

The Chairperson Who Took It Literally

When elected chairperson, she brought her own throne. Meetings now begin with, “All rise for the quarterly review.”

The Wellness Initiative That Backfired

A consultant introduced “mindful hydration.” Everyone was told to sip water slowly and reflect. Productivity dropped 40%, but hydration soared.

The Brainstorm That Became a Storm

Someone suggested “thinking outside the box.” The intern took it literally, moved the whiteboard outside, and the wind erased the entire strategic plan.

The Budget Meeting That Found Religion

After discovering a \$12 discrepancy, the CFO declared, “We’ll find it or it’ll find us.” The team held a candlelight vigil over the spreadsheet.

The Conference Call That Refused to End

The meeting was scheduled for 30 minutes. At minute 28, someone said, “One quick thing.” At minute 42, IT joined to fix a microphone no one was using. At minute 57, Legal asked if the call was “still in progress.” At minute 73, the CFO accidentally left and re-joined, which reset the momentum. The board unanimously agreed the call should “wrap up soon,” a phrase repeated for another 19 minutes.

Community Spotlight: St James Episcopal Church (1844)

St. James Episcopal Church has been part of Hyde Park’s story for nearly two centuries, standing quietly along Route 9 as one of the town’s most enduring architectural treasures. Built in 1844, the church reflects the Gothic Revival style that swept through America in the mid-19th century — a movement that favored pointed arches, stone walls, and tall, narrow windows meant to lift the eye and spirit. Its peaceful churchyard, shaded by old maples and dotted with historic markers, adds to the sense that this is a place where time slows down.

The church’s early history is closely tied to Hyde Park’s growth. As estates, farms, and small businesses took root along the Hudson River, St. James became a gathering place for families who shaped the community’s civic and cultural life. Many of Hyde Park’s most notable residents worshipped here, including figures connected to the region’s political and industrial development. Church records from the 1800s and early 1900s trace baptisms, marriages, and community milestones that mirror the town’s evolution from a rural settlement to a thriving Hudson Valley hub.



Inside, the sanctuary retains much of its original character. The stained-glass windows — some dating back more than a century — cast warm color across the pews, and the woodwork reflects the craftsmanship of local artisans who helped build the church. Over the decades, St. James has weathered wars, economic shifts, and the changing rhythms of small-town life, yet it has remained a steady presence, offering worship, outreach, and fellowship to generations of Hyde Park families.

Today, St. James continues that tradition with community programs, seasonal celebrations, and a welcoming spirit that honors its long history. More than a historic building, it stands as a reminder of Hyde Park’s roots — a place where faith, architecture, and local heritage meet, and where the continuity of community life is still felt every time its doors open.



BUSINESS UPDATES

Extreme Weather Guidance to Protect Outdoor Workers

Extreme weather increases the likelihood of work-related accidents, illnesses, injuries, and fatalities. Employers and workers—especially those who work outside—should focus on staying hydrated, staying cool, and monitoring for signs of heat-related illness. The New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) offers employers [guidance on keeping workers safe during extreme weather](#).

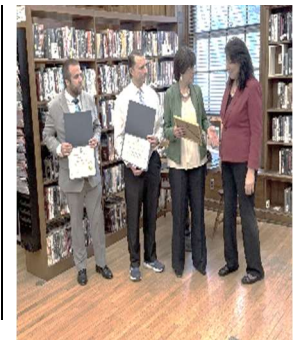
Best Practices for Protecting Workers from Extreme Heat

- Provide Plenty of Water
- Provide each worker with 32 ounces of cool drinking water per hour.
- Schedule Rest & Relief
- Provide shaded rest areas and schedule frequent rest breaks. The higher the heat index, the more frequent rest breaks should occur.

Choose the Right Clothing & Equipment

- Workers should wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes, wide-brim hats, and sunscreen.
- Provide Worker & Supervisor Training
- Educate workers so they know the signs of weather-related illnesses and how to work safely during extreme weather events.
- Provide time for workers to acclimate to extreme temperatures, write down illness prevention plans, and outline emergency response procedures.

Source NYSDOL



New Member Spotlight

Grounded Dispensary in Poughkeepsie has quickly become one of the Hudson Valley’s most relaxed and approachable cannabis destinations. Tucked at 3665 Albany Post Road, it offers a clean, modern retail experience that still feels unmistakably local — the kind of place that fits naturally into the rhythm of Dutchess County life.

Inside, the atmosphere is intentionally calm. No rush, no confusion, no big-city intensity. Instead, customers are met with a knowledgeable team that takes the time to walk people through flower, edibles, vapes, pre-rolls, and wellness-focused products. Their approach leans heavily on education, making Grounded a comfortable stop for both first-time shoppers and seasoned cannabis fans who want clarity rather than sales pressure. The shop’s location makes it an easy visit for residents across Hyde Park, Arlington, Fairview, and the wider Hudson Valley. Parking is simple, the layout is intuitive, and the staff keeps the

experience smooth from the moment you walk in to the moment you head out with your purchase. It’s retail without the friction — something not every dispensary manages to pull off. Grounded is also beginning to shape a community identity. Events like “Get Grounded Before the Holidays” show that the dispensary isn’t just selling products; it’s building a culture around calm, connection, and responsible enjoyment. That blend of wellness and local engagement gives the shop a personality beyond its menu.

In a region that values authenticity, Grounded stands out by being exactly what it claims to be: a friendly, reliable, thoughtfully curated adult-use cannabis shop. No flash, no gimmicks — just a grounded experience that feels right at home in the Hudson Valley.



Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce
16th Annual CAR SHOW
Sunday, July 26th, 2026
Rain Date August 2nd, 2026
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
At the old Hyde Park Motors (Across from Town Hall) Rt. 9 Hyde Park
CAR SHOW: REGISTRATION FOR SHOW CARS
\$20.00 - BEGINS AT 10:00 AM, TROPHIES AT 3 PM
DASH PLAQUES, TROPHIES, FOOD, 50/50 & DJ
Check www.HydeParkChamber.org for more information and cancellations.

EVENT SPONSORS:

Hudson Valley Credit Union (845) 463-3011	DS Home Services (845) 240-1235	Anderson Center for Autism (845) 889-4034
Northside Auto Body (845) 452-5358	Chestnut Mobil Dack Consulting	Key Construction (845) 454-1192
Grounded (845) 240-1244	Hyde Park Vintage Emporium (845) 229-8200	Fred Timm CPA (845) 485-5677
Delarm's Auto Body (845) 229-7353	Sweet's Funeral Home (845) 229-2624	Jeff Timm State Farm (845) 684-4060
McDonald's Hyde Park (845) 229-7868	Dunkin Donuts (845) 229-4146	Rhinebeck Bank (845) 229-8188
Jim's Auto Body (845) 229-2732	S+S Vac & Sewing Center (845) 452-6122	Naples Pizzeria (845) 473-5744
Coppola's Bistro (845) 229-9113	Hyde Park Jewelers (845) 229-2021	Teixeira's Polaris (845) 229-8877
Sterling Pump (845) 229-2800	STAT Construction (845) 229-2900	Haviland Auto (845) 229-1316
Jimmy's Auto Care (845) 204-9158	Joseph's Steakhouse (845) 473-2333	Hudson View Auto (845) 454-5540
Jones Septic Service (845) 452-1123	Minuteman Press (845) 229-7676	Brewster Chiropractic (845) 229-8868
Artist Richard Wambach (845) 417-5377	Dutchess Scuba (845) 444-9015	Ron & Cathy Lane
Hyde Park Florist (845) 229-9522	Ruge's	

Music in the Parks

6/3- HPCSD Band	Vanderbilt
6/10- The Band Everything Else	Mills
6/17- Thunder Ridge	Vanderbilt
6/24- The Crew	Mills
7/1- That Guy Larry 5pm - 4 Guys in Disguise 7pm	Mills
7/8- Southern Dutchess Concert Band	Vanderbilt
7/15- Bosco & The Storm	Mills
7/22- Matt Jordan	Vanderbilt
7/29- Flirtin' With Disaster	Mills
8/5- Way Behind The Sun	Mills
8/12- West Point Military Band	Vanderbilt

June & July 7PM August 6:30PM
*For this season, our rain location will be Taconic Regional OFC-NY
Parks located at 9 Old Post Road, Staatsburg, except West Point Military
Band who will have a rain date of August 19th.
*For any cancellations or changes, please check the Hyde Park Recreation Facebook page.

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Th!nk DUTCHESS ALLIANCE FOR BUSINESS

Hyde Park FOOD PARTNER ENG

Roosevelt Lyceum Cinemas

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Chamber Board-Member Focus

Sharon Meyers

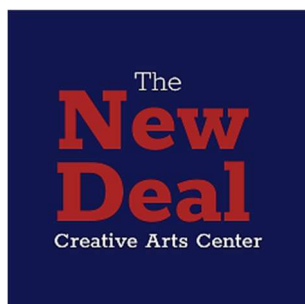
In every strong community, there are people who don’t chase attention but end up becoming part of the glue that holds everything together. Sharon Myers is one of those people — steady, kind, and quietly influential in the way she shows up for others.

She’s known for her warm presence and her ability to make people feel genuinely seen, whether she’s supporting local events, lending a hand to neighbors, or bringing a sense of calm into any room she walks into. Sharon listens first, helps quickly, and never makes a moment about herself — the kind of everyday leadership that strengthens small towns and chambers alike.

Her impact isn’t loud, but it’s unmistakable. Sharon embodies the best of local spirit: generosity without fanfare, encouragement without agenda, and a sincere commitment to the wellbeing of those around her. She’s a reminder that the heart of any community is built by people who care consistently and authentically.

Thank you, Sharon, for your commitment to Hyde Park and for helping strengthen our local business community.





The New Deal Creative Arts Center

Let creativity rule in Hyde Park

The New Deal Creative Arts Center has become one of Hyde Park's brightest cultural anchors — a place where creativity isn't just encouraged, it's celebrated. Founded in 2017, New Deal was built on a simple but powerful mission: to give community members of all ages a welcoming space to explore the fine, visual, literary, and performing arts. That mission has grown into year-round programming, workshops, theatre productions, and a thriving creative community.

Their impact hasn't gone unnoticed. In October 2024, New Deal was honored as **Arts Organization of the Year** at the Dutchess County Executive's Art Awards — a recognition that reflects both the quality of their work and the heart they bring to it.

Walk through their doors and you'll find a place buzzing with imagination: actors rehearsing for upcoming productions, students discovering new skills, and local artists finding a home for their craft. New Deal's inclusive spirit is what sets it apart — everyone is welcome, whether you're stepping onto a stage for the first time or returning to a lifelong passion.

