

# THE CHAMBER CHRONICLE

News, Notes, and Business from Hyde Park



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT



It's a busy and exciting season for the Town of Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce, with celebrations, milestones, and major community events happening all across town.

Over the past few weeks, we proudly hosted ribbon cuttings for **The Roosevelt Inn**, **Fortuna Realty**, and **The Hyde Park Library**, welcoming these businesses and institutions into new chapters of growth and service. We also had the honor of recognizing our **2026 Business of the Year**, **Hyde Park Vintage Emporium**.

Congratulations to Anthony and Matt for their outstanding contributions to our community. During the Business of the Year dinner, we also celebrated two important **Milestone Awards**: **Staatsburg Library** and **Ulster Savings Bank**. Both organizations continue to serve Hyde Park with dedication and excellence.

At our May Contact Breakfast, we were proud to award the **Chamber Business Scholarship** to **Angelo Colacicco**, and the **Farmers Market Scholarship** to **Mary Wayne** – two outstanding young people representing the future of our community.

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for the **2026 Town of Hyde Park Farmers Market**, opening **June 6th**. Market Manager **Shannon Lasher** has lined up **20 vendors** along with a full season of special events and community activities. It's shaping up to be one of our best markets yet.

And coming soon is our biggest fundraiser of the year – the **Town of Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce Car Show** on **July 26th**, held across from Town Hall. Chairman **Stu Davis** is hard at work preparing for another fantastic event, and we're all hoping for perfect weather.

There's so much happening in Hyde Park, and we invite you to be part of it. **Follow us on Facebook and Instagram**, visit our website for updates, and consider joining the Chamber to take part in these exciting moments and opportunities. Hyde Park is on the move – and we're just getting started.

## Monthly Breakfast Meeting

\$25.00 members  
\$30.00 non-members

**THE HYDE PARK CHAMBER of COMMERCE**

**Thursday, June 9, 2026**  
Location: Coppola's Restaurant  
Speaker: Hyde Park Police  
Sponsor: DACK Consulting

Time: 7:30am - 9:00am

**The Hyde Park Farmers Market Returns June 6!** Spring is here, which means market season is almost back! We're excited to announce that The Hyde Park Farmers Market opens for the 2026 season on Saturday, June 6, and we can't wait to welcome the community back for another incredible year.

This season, shoppers can enjoy 20+ weekly vendors bringing the very best of the Hudson Valley – including fresh produce, meats, eggs, baked goods, prepared foods, artisan products, handmade goods, and so much more. Every Saturday is a chance to shop local, support small businesses, and connect with neighbors in a vibrant community atmosphere.

We're also proud to launch our brand-new **POP Club (Power of Produce Club)** this season – a fun children's program that encourages healthy eating, financial literacy, and connection to local agriculture through activities and produce tokens kids can spend at the market.

We are currently seeking **POP Club sponsors** of all sizes to help make this exciting program possible. It's a wonderful opportunity for local businesses and organizations to support area children while gaining community visibility. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, vendor updates, and everything coming this season, please visit: [thehydeparkfarmersmarket.com](http://thehydeparkfarmersmarket.com)

## Currie Chick Peas with Spinach

Serves: 4 Prep Time: 10 min Cook Time: 20 min

### Ingredients

- 1 can chickpeas, drained
- 1 onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp grated fresh ginger
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 1 cup coconut milk
- 2 cups fresh spinach, chopped
- 1-2 tsp olive oil, for sautéing

### Instructions

- Warm the olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add the diced onion and cook until soft and translucent.
- Stir in the garlic and ginger, cooking just until fragrant.
- Sprinkle in the curry powder and toast it for 30 seconds to deepen the flavor.
- Add the chickpeas and toss to coat them in the spices.
- Pour in the coconut milk, bring to a gentle simmer, and cook for about 15 minutes to thicken slightly.
- Fold in the spinach and cook until wilted. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

**THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!**

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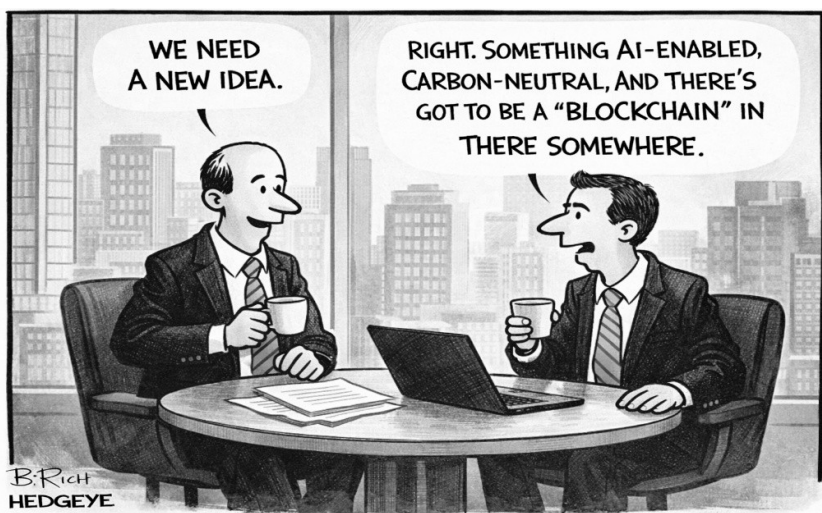


## BOARDROOM ODDITIES AND BLUNDERS

Business loves to parade around in its “very serious” costume—spreadsheets standing at attention, charts marching upward like they’re late for inspection, forecasts whispered as if someone might overhear the economy. And of course, the meetings where everyone nods gravely, pretending the fate of civilization hinges on Q3. Yet behind every pristine slide deck is a tiny traveling circus of blunders, reminding us that the workplace isn’t just human... it’s gloriously, hopelessly ridiculous.

### The Conference Call That Wouldn’t End

Someone said, “Before we wrap up...” They did not wrap up. Three new topics emerged. Two subcommittees were formed. The call ended when the host’s laptop died.



### The Agenda That Ate the Meeting

The board received a 14-page agenda. By page 3, everyone was exhausted. By page 7, no one remembered why they were there. By page 14, the meeting was adjourned due to “agenda fatigue.”

### The Budget Spreadsheet of Doom

The CFO shared a spreadsheet with 27 tabs. No one knew which tab to open. Someone clicked “Projections - FINAL - FINAL2 - USE THIS ONE.” It was blank.

### The Name Tag Crisis

At a networking event, the printer mislabeled every badge. The CEO became “Intern.” The intern became “CEO.” Everyone agreed the intern handled it better.

### The Beverage Miscommunication

The board requested “sparkling water.” Facilities delivered “sparkling cider.” Finance thought it was champagne. HR issued a memo titled “Clarifying Bubbles in the Workplace.”

### The Printer That Chose Violence

Right before the quarterly presentation, the printer jammed. Then it un-jammed. Then it printed 47 copies of page 2 and none of page 1. IT declared it “operating normally.”

## Community Spotlight: Staatsburg State Historic Site (Mills Mansion)

Set along the sweeping banks of the Hudson River, the Staatsburg State Historic Site — known to most of us as Mills Mansion — stands as one of the Hudson Valley’s most extraordinary windows into America’s Gilded Age. Its grand façade, manicured grounds, and commanding river views have made it a beloved landmark for residents and visitors alike, but its story is far richer than its postcard-perfect appearance.

Originally remodeled in 1895 for Ogden Mills and his wife, Ruth Livingston Mills, the mansion was designed by the famed architectural firm McKim, Mead & White, whose work helped define the era’s most iconic buildings. With 65 rooms, lavish interiors, and meticulous craftsmanship, the estate served as the Mills family’s autumn residence — a place where political leaders, social elites, and prominent families gathered for the season’s most elegant events.



Today, Staatsburg is far more than a historic home. It is a vibrant cultural site that brings history to life through guided tours, educational programs, seasonal celebrations, and community events. Visitors can explore the mansion’s opulent rooms, stroll the expansive grounds, or enjoy the panoramic views that have captivated generations. The estate’s dedicated staff and volunteers work tirelessly to preserve its beauty while sharing the stories of the people who lived and worked there — from the Mills family to the many servants who kept the household running.

Staatsburg also plays an important role in connecting our community to the broader history of the Hudson Valley. Its programs highlight everything from architecture and decorative arts to social history, women’s history, and the dramatic contrasts between wealth and working-class life during the Gilded Age. Whether you’re a history enthusiast, a nature lover, or simply someone who appreciates the elegance of a bygone era, Mills Mansion offers something special for everyone.



## BUSINESS UPDATES

Compliments of Marybeth Giesler

### Trump Accounts Beginning in 2026

Starting in 2026, the OBBBA creates “Trump Accounts,” an IRA-type for eligible children. Accounts may be established by an authorized person (typically, a parent or guardian) through a Form 4547 election, with contributions permitted beginning July 4, 2026. Although the statute does not impose mandatory employer obligations, it does allow limited employer contributions on a tax-favored basis. For a more detailed discussion of “Trump Accounts,” see [New Tax-Advantaged Savings Accounts for Children: Trump Accounts Expected to Go Live in 2026](#).

### Mandatory Roth Catch-Up Contributions

The IRS confirmed that the SECURE 2.0 Act’s mandatory Roth catch-up contribution rule applies for plan years beginning in 2026. Participants with prior-year FICA wages above indexed thresholds must have catch-up contributions designated as Roth. Plan sponsors should coordinate with payroll vendors, recordkeepers, and ERISA counsel to ensure proper implementation and participant communications.

### Tax and Public Policy Changes Affecting the Workforce

Although they do not impose direct employer compliance obligations, several OBBBA provisions may generate employee questions in 2026, including changes to the SALT deduction cap and new Medicaid and SNAP work requirements. Employers should prepare neutral, informational responses and avoid collecting unnecessary personal data.

### Looking Ahead

For many employers, systems and processes must operate as designed in 2026. Employers that delay preparation risk payroll errors, reporting corrections, wage-hour exposure, and increased compliance costs.

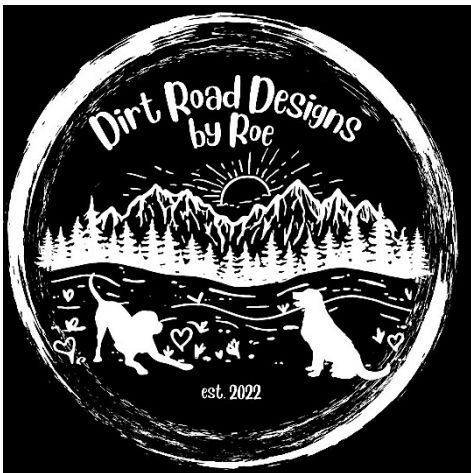
As OBBBA provisions continue to phase in through 2028, employers should continue monitoring guidance, engaging vendors early, and revisiting compliance frameworks to ensure readiness. For a broader overview of OBBBA’s employer impact, see [Federal OBBBA Roundup: What Employers Need to Know Now](#). Please contact a Jackson Lewis attorney with any questions.



## New Member Spotlight

Tucked into the heart of the Hudson Valley, Dirt Road Designs by Roe, LLC has quickly become one of the region’s most beloved small businesses – a creative studio where craftsmanship, outdoor spirit, and community pride meet. With more than 480 followers cheering them on and a growing reputation for quality, the brand has carved out a niche that feels both rugged and refined.

Founded by Marie “Roe,” the business is built on a simple but powerful idea: **gear should tell a story – your story.** Whether it’s a custom patch hat that captures a favorite trail, a laser-engraved keepsake, or a one-of-a-kind apparel design, every piece is made with intention and a personal touch. Proudly based in the Hudson Valley and a member of the **Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce**, Dirt Road Designs by Roe is more than a shop – it’s a neighbor. The business has earned a **100% recommendation rating** from reviewers, who consistently praise the quality, creativity, and friendly service. Customers describe the experience as personal, collaborative, and fun – the kind of small-business relationship that keeps people coming back year after year.



In a world of mass-produced merchandise, Dirt Road Designs offers something refreshingly different:

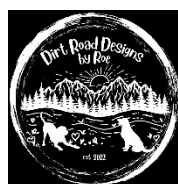
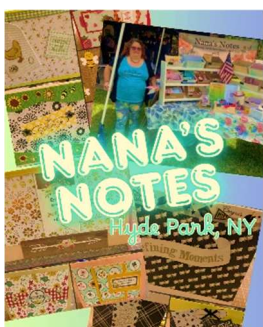
- **Authenticity** – Designs that reflect real passions: the outdoors, adventure, family, and local pride.
- **Customization** – Every piece can be tailored to the customer’s vision.
- **Craftsmanship** – High-quality materials and meticulous attention to detail.
- **Community Connection** – A business that supports and celebrates the Hudson Valley.

Whether you’re looking for branded gear for your business, a meaningful personalized gift, or apparel that stands out from the crowd, Dirt Road Designs by Roe delivers with style and heart.

Explore more of their work at their Linktree: [linktr.ee/Dirtroaddesignsbyroe](https://linktr.ee/Dirtroaddesignsbyroe)



## NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS



## Chamber Board-Member Focus

### Kristin Anello

If you’ve attended a Hyde Park Chamber event in the past year, chances are you’ve already met **Kristin Anello**, the energetic and community-minded Branch Manager of **Rhinebeck Bank’s Hyde Park office**. Kristin brings a warm, approachable style to banking – the kind that makes customers feel like neighbors and neighbors feel like friends.

Kristin is often the first to step forward when the community needs a partner. Whether she’s congratulating local winners at the Dutchess County Fair or supporting neighborhood initiatives, she represents Rhinebeck Bank with genuine enthusiasm and a deep sense of local pride. Her presence at community events isn’t just professional – it’s personal. She believes in showing up, supporting local families, and celebrating the small moments that make Hyde Park special.

At the branch, Kristin is known for her steady leadership and her ability to make banking feel simple, human, and accessible.

Customers appreciate her clarity, her patience, and her knack for finding solutions that fit real-life needs. Her colleagues describe her as dedicated, upbeat, and always willing to go the extra mile.

Kristin has become a familiar face at Chamber gatherings, where her upbeat personality and genuine interest in local businesses make her a natural connector. She’s the kind of leader who remembers names, follows up on conversations, and makes people feel valued. Her commitment to Hyde Park goes beyond her role at the bank – she sees her work as part of strengthening the entire community. Whether she’s supporting a local fundraiser or cheering on a small business milestone, Kristin shows up with heart, professionalism, and a smile that makes everyone feel welcome. We’re proud to highlight Kristin as part of our Chamber community – a professional who not only represents a trusted local institution, but who also embodies the spirit of connection and service that makes Hyde Park thrive.





## Pathways — Creating Stability, Dignity, and a New Beginning

At Pathways, we believe that rebuilding a life begins with something simple yet profound: a safe, clean, and nurturing place to land. For individuals and families experiencing homelessness, having their most basic human needs met with kindness and without judgment creates the breathing room necessary to heal. When people are treated with dignity, they gain the space to reflect, to grow, and to imagine a future that feels possible again. A true pathway out of homelessness is built on compassion, adequate resources, and the courage to take the next step forward — and we are here to walk that path alongside them.

Our vision reaches far beyond immediate shelter and support. We are committed to developing programs that address the root causes of housing instability, including workforce development opportunities that help individuals build skills, secure employment, and move toward long-term independence. By connecting people with the tools and guidance they need, we aim to open doors to affordable, permanent housing and create a foundation strong enough to support lasting change.

We envision a future where Pathways not only meets the urgent needs of today, but also lays the groundwork for tomorrow — a future where individuals and families can achieve stability, regain autonomy, and no longer need to return to transitional housing. Our work is driven by the belief that every person deserves the chance to build a life defined not by crisis, but by possibility.



## Hyde Park Food Pantry – Serving Our Neighbors With Dignity and Care

The Hyde Park Food Pantry is an independent, volunteer-run organization committed to serving every member of our community with dignity. We believe that **food security is a right, not a privilege**, and we work every day to ensure that no neighbor goes without the essentials.

The Pantry provides residents of the **Hyde Park Central School District** with a **three-day supply of nutritious food for each household member**, available **twice per month** at no cost. Our goal is simple: to support individuals and families facing food insecurity and to make it easier for them to put wholesome meals on the table.

Our work is powered entirely by volunteers. If you're interested in helping, we welcome you to explore our volunteer opportunities, call, or email us. Whether you'd like to pack bags, assist during distribution, help behind the scenes, or simply learn more about what we do, there's a place for you here.

If you or someone you know is struggling with food insecurity, please share our services. Together, we can ensure that every household in our district has access to the food they need.

