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The Peekskill Beat

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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter on Economic
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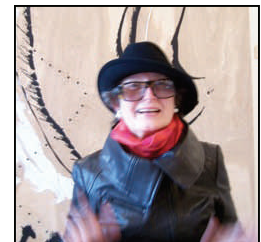
Commercial Development Continues in Peekskill

Walgreens Pharmacy Opens in February Main Street Commons To Begin Site Work

Two commercial real estate projects long planned for Peekskill are finally coming to reality. This past February 11, Walgreens Pharmacy opened its doors in downtown Peekskill. Located at 1201 Main Street, this 11,000 sq. ft. pharmacy is the first national chain to invest in downtown Peekskill in more than a decade. The pharmacy has more than 20 ft and pt employees. A grand opening celebration is slated for early spring.



The developers of Main Street Commons (above) located at 1719 Main Street (Route 6) will begin site work this spring on their 21,750 sq. ft. commercial center. The Puddingstone Group of North Haledon, NJ will redevelop this 2.1 acre site, which also includes upgrading the façade of the existing on site business Beverage World. Auto Zone will be the commercial center's anchor tenant taking 7,500 sq. ft. at the complex. For more [click here](#).



Artist of the Month

Judith Solomon, a Peekskill resident of two years, has lived a multi-tiered artist's life. Having first exhibited her work at age 13 at NYC's Lever House, she went on to be co-founder of Mill Valley Sculpture Works in CA, an art school specializing in wood and stone carving. Going on to be the co-founder of the SF Archives for the Performing Arts, she developed exhibitions focusing on the rich theatrical heritage of the SF Bay Area.

She returned to NYC, determined to develop a new portfolio and seek out site-specific commissions - she currently has works in private collections in California, District of Columbia, Texas and New York. Always fascinated by three-dimensional surfaces, her current portfolio mixes a variety of disparate elements - her works are tactile and welcome viewers to have a hands-on experience. For further information go to www.innovative-arts.com.

Economic Development & Art Events Calendar

Hudson Gateway Chamber of Commerce Experience

Saturday, March 19
11:00 am to 5:00pm

The Mansion on the Hill at
Colonial Terrace
Conference Center
119 Oregon Rd.
Cortlandt Manor, NY

www.hvgatewaychamber.com

Peekskill Arts Council

Open Studios
Saturday May 14 &
Sunday 15
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Peekskill Celebration

Memorial Day Carnival
Thursday May 26–
Monday May 30

Peekskill Celebration 2011

August 5 -7
Riverfront Green

www.peekskillcelebration.com

Festa Italiana Peekskill 2011

Friday, August 12
Saturday, August 13,
Sunday, August 14

www.peekskillfestival.com

The Banner Project—Youth Mural Arts

Local artist launches campaign through *KickStarter* website to raise \$20,000

ArtsWestchester has awarded the Youth Mural Arts program run by Peekskill Artist Kelli Bickman with an *ArtsAlive* grant to kick off the funding for the 'Contemporary Art Banner Project' with the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Arts as the project's fiscal sponsor. This project will bring together 8 artists and over 60 youth to create a large scale community art installation in Peekskill's arts district. March 20 is the deadline for contributions. Weekly workshops will begin in March with completion and installation in July of 2011. For further details on this project and to make a contribution go to <http://kck.st/ihd6KQ>