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HHLT Welcomes New Manager of Public Policy and Planning

We are pleased to announce that Karen Doyle will be joining the Hudson Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) staff later this month as our new Manager of Public Policy and Planning. She will spearhead HHLT's efforts on natural resource planning, open space prioritization and watershed protection, serving as the primary contact to municipal bodies throughout the Hudson Highlands.

Karen has worked as an attorney at non-profit and governmental law offices, and represented various municipalities in land-use, zoning, public health and environmental matters, including watershed protection issues.

5th Annual Winter Carnival Scheduled for February 10



HHLT, Philipstown Recreation Department and Friends of Philipstown Recreation invite residents and visitors to join us on Saturday, February 10, to celebrate the season during the 5th Annual Winter Carnival.

Kick off the Carnival weekend with a free family movie and pasta night on Friday, February 9, at the Philipstown Rec Center. Doors open at 6:00pm for a spaghetti

dinner and showing of *The Might Ducks* on their inflatable big screen. Reservations are required. Call 845/424-4618 for more info.

The Winter Carnival runs from 1:00-5:00pm on Saturday, February 10, at [Winter Hill](#) and the [Philipstown Rec Center](#) (both in Garrison). Planned activities at Winter Hill include sledding and indoor children's entertainment. **PAPPI'S Mediterranean** food truck will be parked onsite with hot food and beverages for sale. Join the community outdoor skate session at the Philipstown Recreation Center. There, families can buy food from **B&L Deli** and other hot refreshments.

Parking is available at both sites and a free shuttle bus will provide transportation between locations. Bring your own sled and skates. Activities will be adjusted to fit the day's weather conditions.

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HHLT Encourages Citizen Engagement in Local Land Use Decisions



In her recent [Letter to the Editor](#), published in the *Highlands Current* and *Putnam County News & Recorder*, HHLT Executive Director Michelle Smith spotlights the efforts of Philipstown residents who gathered the necessary skills and expertise in a short

time frame to oppose placement of cell towers within a designated Scenic Area of Statewide Significance. The focus of their dialog has been on ways to expand wireless technology in a manner that is not detrimental to the region's scenic beauty and cultural heritage.

"We applaud these efforts and agree this is the route to follow," Michelle states in

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her letter. "The Hudson Highlands is an area of unique, unparalleled scenic beauty that drives both our tourism industry and our attractiveness as a place to live." [Follow the link](#) for the complete letter.

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Philipstown Kicks Off Water Study, January 17

The Town of Philipstown will be holding a workshop to discuss the scope of a town-wide water study, including the Village of Cold Spring watershed, on Wednesday, January 17, at 7:30pm at Town Hall.

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Mark Your Calendars: HHLT's Sustainability Forum Set for April 15

Plans are coming together for HHLT's Sustainability Forum, scheduled for Sunday, April 15, at the Highlands Country Club in Garrison. This year we will focus on the effects that land-use decisions have on drinking water, and the steps that can be taken to protect this extremely valuable resource.

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Putnam Highlands Audubon Society Offers Two Events in January

Putnam Highlands Audubon Society (PHAS) continues their series of bird-watching excursions with a trip to the Shawangunk National Grasslands in Ulster County to view rare short-eared owls on Saturday, January 20 (leaving Cold Spring at 3:00pm).

PHAS is also sponsoring a presentation by Mal Cleary on Sunday, January 28, at 2:00pm at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring, entitled *Restoring Purple Martins to Cold Spring*.

Both programs are free. Visit www.putnamhighlandsaudubon.org for more information, and to register.

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