

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newburgh was held on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the third floor Council Chambers at City Hall, 83 Broadway, Newburgh, NY.

Moment of Silence/ Momento de Silencio

Mayor Harvey asked for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance/ Juramento a la Alianza

Roll Call/ Lista de Asistencia

Present: Mayor Harvey, presiding; Councilman Grice, Councilwoman Mejia, Councilwoman Monteverde, Councilman Shakur, Councilman Sklarz, Councilwoman Sofokles- 7

COMMUNICATIONS

Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Meeting on February 24, 2020

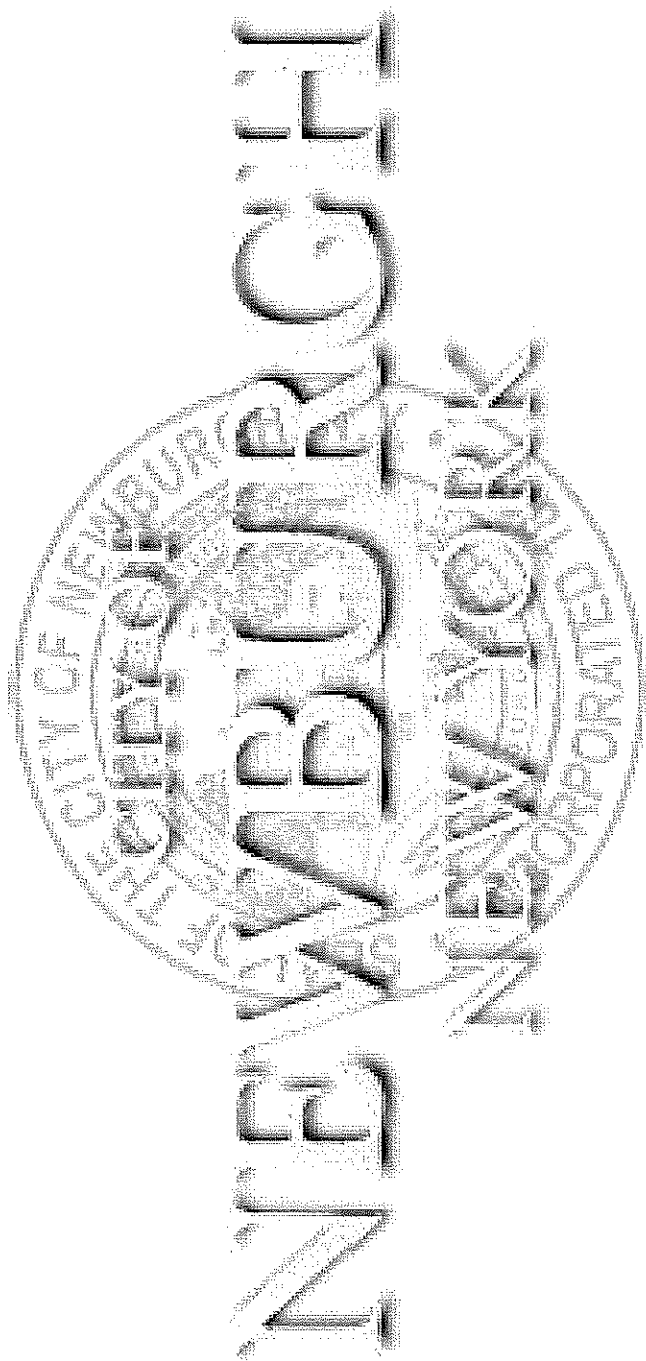
Councilwoman Sofokles moved and Councilman Sklarz seconded.

Ayes: Grice, Mejia, Monteverde, Shakur, Sklarz, Sofokles, Harvey - 7

Carried

City Manager Update/ Gerente de la ciudad pone al dia a la audiencia de los planes de cada departamento

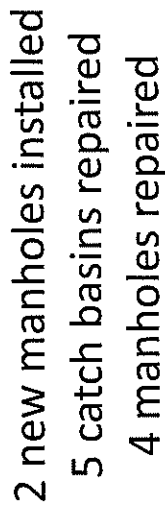
City Manager Joe Donat provided highlights in City departments.



City Manager's Update

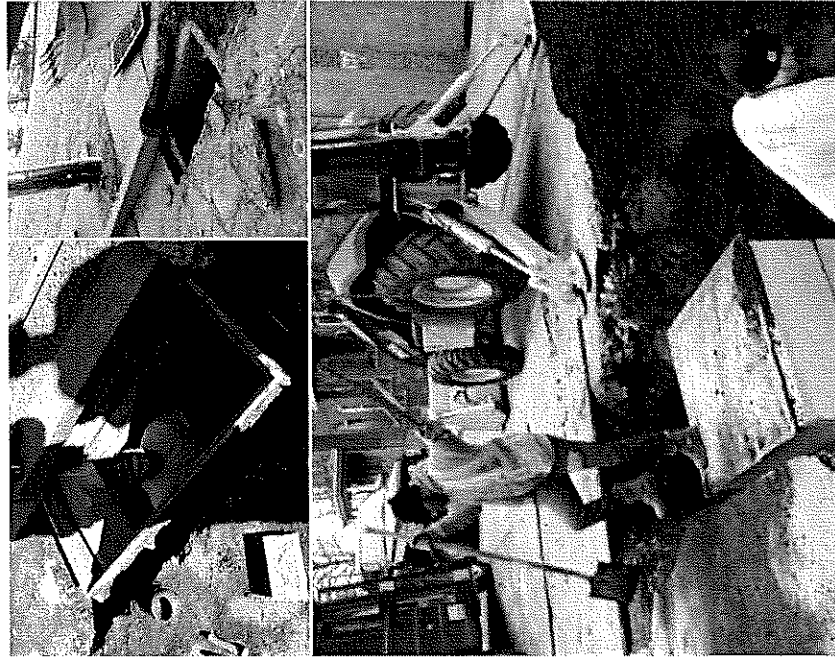
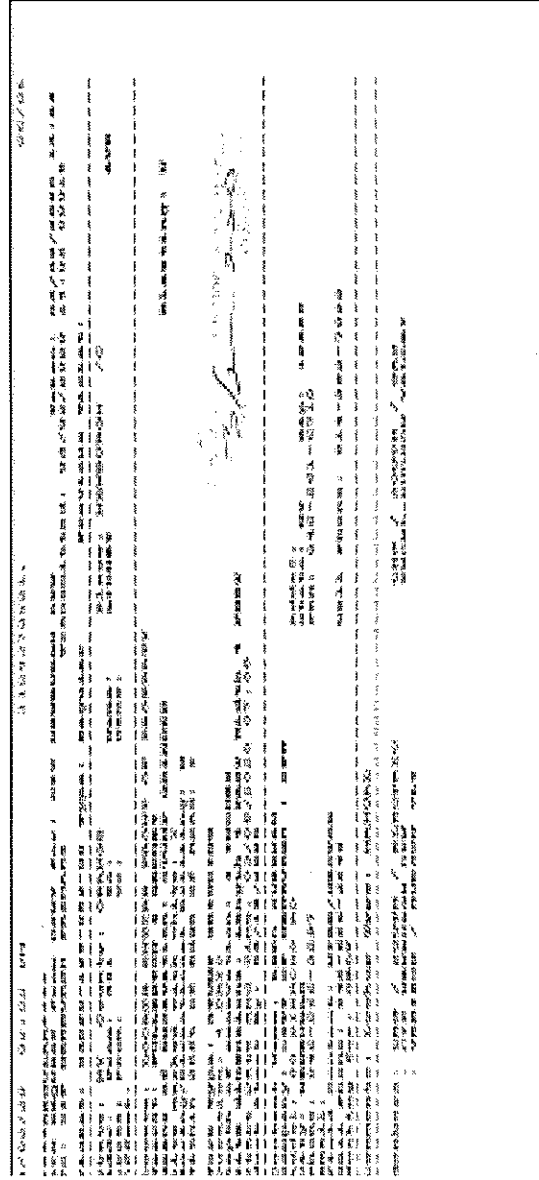
Newburgh City Council Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2020



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

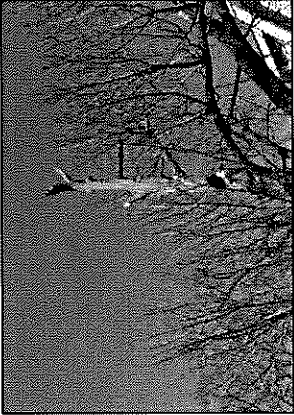
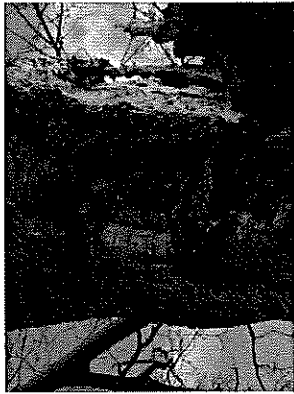
any digging begins with a call to 811 “Call Before You Dig” which connects people with utility companies that monitor underground infrastructure.





Tree Work

14 trees trimmed
 16 trees removed
 21 stumps removed



City of Newburgh
 Department of Public Works
 1000 State Street
 Newburgh, NY 12551

Tree Inventory Log

Client: *State of New York*
 Date: *10/1/10*
 Name: *State of New York*
 Address: *State of New York*
 Phone Number: *State of New York*

Tree ID: *1*

Tree Species: *Red Maple*

Tree Size: *10'*

Tree Condition: *Good*

Tree Location: *State of New York*

Tree Notes: *Tree is in good condition and is a good specimen of its species.*

Tree Photo: *State of New York*

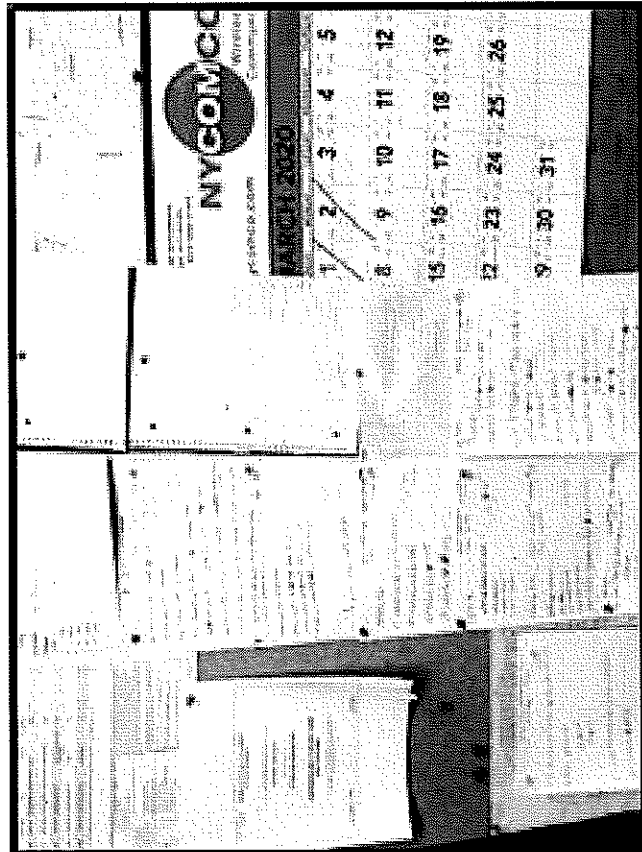
Tree Map: *State of New York*

Tree Inventory Log

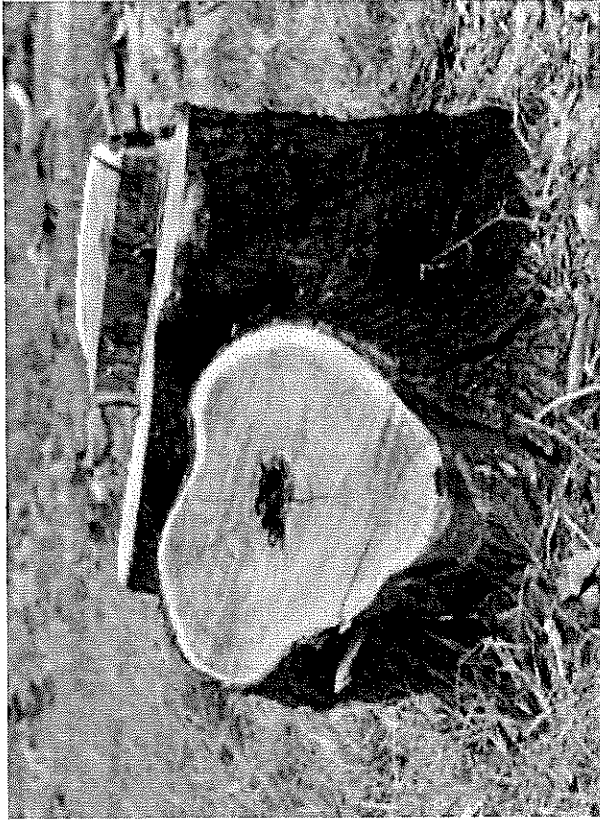
Tree Maintenance

Staff manage the trimm removal of trees proact also respond to these i as they come in

Tree inquiries are enter log book and the Cons Advisory Committee contacted. This group the situation and n recommendations to remove.

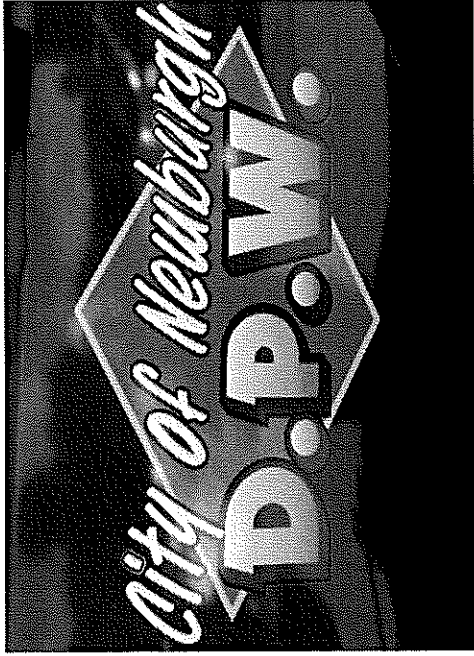


Public Works keeps a log of tree stumps that are to be removed.



Tree stump excavation not only removes the eyeso

- Stumps can be trip hazards for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Removal of stumps prevents root regrowth
- Decay can spread to other nearby trees, shrubs, even the wood in homes
- Stumps can invite unwanted species who use th to create nests
- A stump can become a home for dangerous fun



Building Maintenance



Staff will be working on the ground outside the door of the Police Station which has fallen into dis



Spring Clean Outs

Staff were at City Hall removing old materials from 4th floor offices.



Please help keep our City clean

Covered Cans & Clear Bags

- Cans must have covers that fit
- Use clear plastic bags for garbage
- Containers may hold up to 32 gallons and weigh up to 50 lbs
- Cans can be metal or plastic and should display your address

Setting Out & Returning Containers

- Set cans out only after 5pm the day before collection
- Containers and uncollected material should be returned to the rear of the property (or covered storage area) no later than the day of collection.

Can Limit

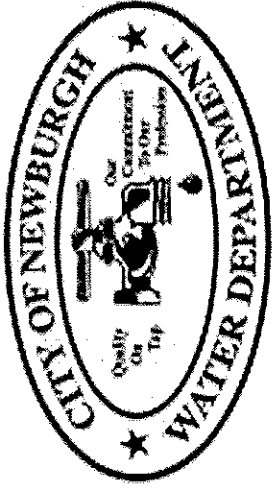
- 3 cans for a single family residence
- 5 cans for a 2- or 3-family residence
- 6 cans for commercial properties or residences with 4 or more apartments

No Building Materials

- The City does not collect lumber, brick, glass, cement blocks, construction debris, roofing material, etc.



Coming Soon!
Sanitation
Enforcement
Officer

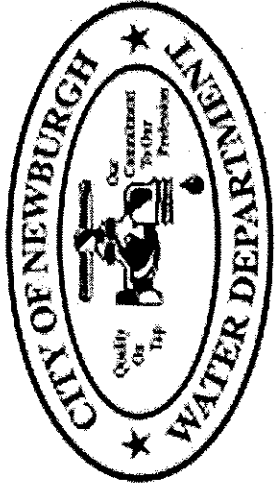


Fire Hydrant Replacement

A replacement hydrant was installed at the end of February at Brown and Van Ness Streets.

- Installation takes 4-5 hours
- Try to do about 30 each year
- 880 total hydrants
- Hydrants are painted yellow, but the bonnets (the tops) have a different color to indicate fire flow level which tells firefighters how many gallons/minute the hydrant provides.





Ponds & Reservoirs Team

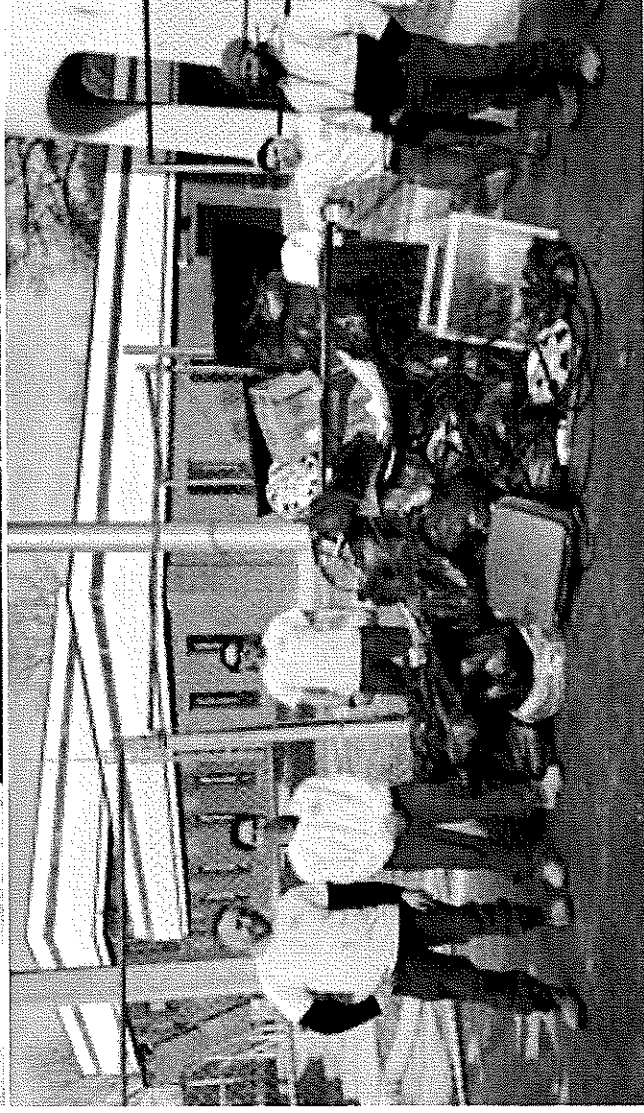
Water supply land signs were installed around the boundaries of Washington Lake and Brown's Pond. Staff also walked the boundaries and picked up trash. Over 3 lumpsters of trash were collected in 8 hours.

Drinking Water Week

May 3-9, 2020

Stay tuned for exciting announcements!

- Plant tour & open house
- Volunteer & staff reservoir cleanup
- 3rd grade art contest for local students





Drinking Water Rate Study



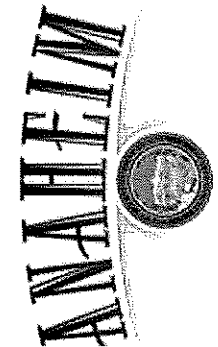
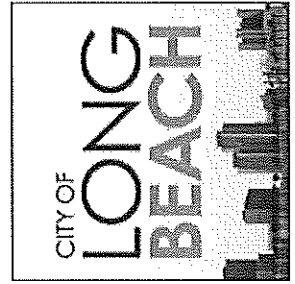
Raftelis is an industry-leading consultant in the utility and sector.

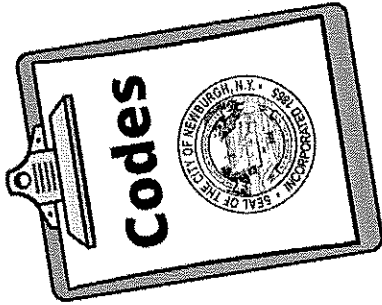
Their experts help set industry standards for utility and management, rate setting, finance, and operations.

The City will enter into contract with Raftelis for the preparation of a customized financial plan for the City's drinking water system.

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- Will empower us to monitor and project cash flows, revenues and revenue requirements
- Will permit revision of the utility rate review and rate structure for the purposes of annual budgeting, capital planning and rate setting





February

Permits	129
Inspections	316
Rental	
Inspections	86
Vacant Building	
Inspections	78

Property Developments



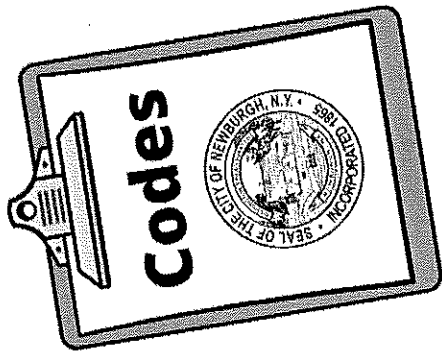
Morris Avenue

New construction subdivision will feature single family homes in a side-by-side duplex configuration

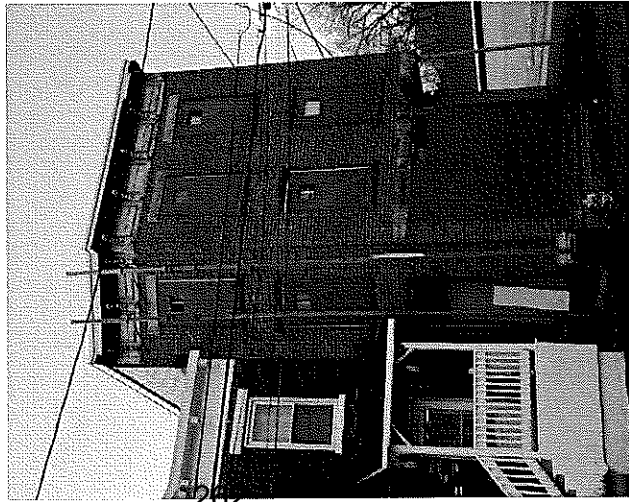


St. Luke's Hospital

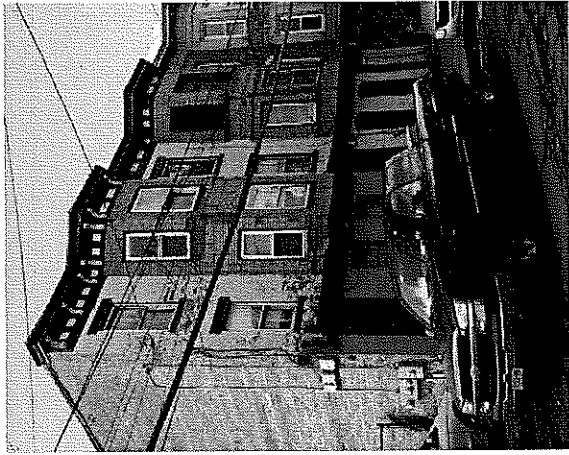
Emergency Department renovation and addition. Building Department is working with the hospital to ensure no disruption of services and supporting the hospital through the renovation inspection process.



Property Developments



Spring Street & South Lander
 property to watch! Work will start on on this mixed-use project to be part of Thornwillow Press.

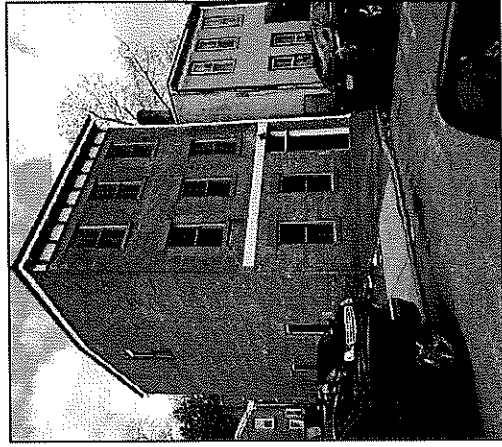


South William Street
 Located up the street from the Wireworks development that is underway.

No improvements have been made yet and we are hoping someone will turn this into a success story.



Lower Renwick
 15 renovated units are p for new tenants this S



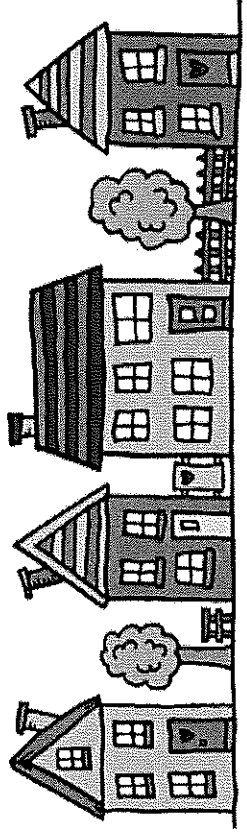
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Release of Restrictive Covenants

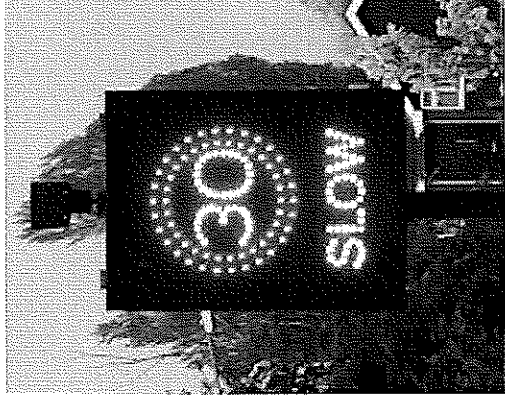
- 424 Carpenter Avenue, Unit 22
- Condo property
 - Bought from City in 2009 for \$62,500
 - 2020 tax bill was \$1,952.57 (non-homestead)

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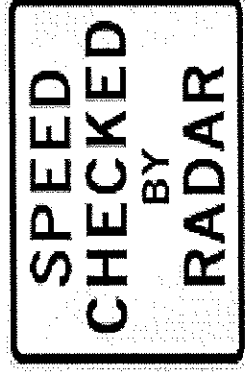
- 242 Robinson Avenue
- Bought from city in 2001 for \$18,500
 - 2020 tax bill was \$3,943.11 (homestead)

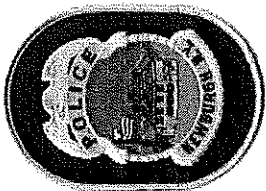


Speed Enforcement



- Flashing signs to catch attention
- Traffic counter to track volume/pattern
- Increased enforcement from the Police Department
- Signs at boundaries to indicate a City-wide speed





SNUG

- DCJS came to RECAP for a site visit in January.
- Resumes has been reviewed and interviews are scheduled for next week.
- Staff training is set for the 2nd week of April in Newburgh.



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TIMES HERALD-RE

State provides \$200K restart SNUG program Newburgh

By Lana Bellamy

Posted Apr 17, 2019 at 11:07 PM

Updated Apr 17, 2019 at 11:07 PM





Fire at Calvary Presbyterian Church

Early in the morning on Thursday March 5, FD contained a second alarm fire at Calvary Presbyterian Church on South Street.

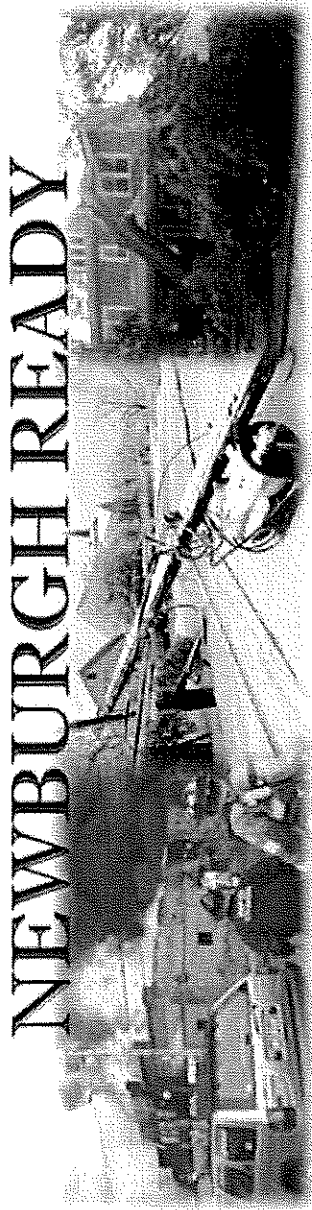
Police were the first on the scene and spotted the blaze while out on patrol. The Fire Department's swift response and great work by all resulted in the sanctuary being saved. About 60 firefighters from multiple departments were on the scene.

This historic site suffered destruction in the Fellowship Hall. Clean up is underway and worship and study activities have been moved to :

Best Temple Church of God in Christ
111 South Street

Find more info on activities and developments on the church's website at www.calvarypresbychurch.org





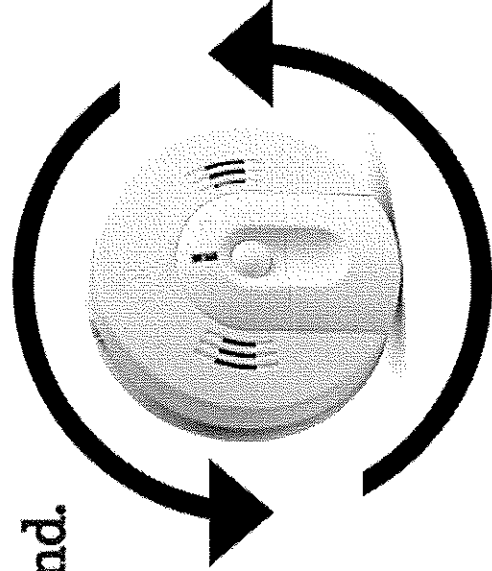
Daylight Savings

CO detectors should be on every floor in each dwelling unit. In multifamily homes they should be in the common hallway and stairwell.

Smoke detectors should be in the bedroom as well as on every floor in each dwelling unit. In multifamily buildings they should also be in the common hallway and/or stairwell.

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Alarm Batteries

Smoke and CO detectors keep our families safe all year round.



Sunday March 8

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

For more information

Hotline: 1-888-364-3065

www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus

Prevention

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue
- Clean and disinfect areas and objects used regularly
- Wash hands often with soap and water

Symptoms

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Pneumonia

Take Precautions

- Be especially mindful if you:
- Are experiencing symptoms
 - Have travelled to areas of concern
 - Have been in contact with someone who has travelled to areas of concern

Before seeking treatment in person, call your healthcare provider.

Data last updated 2:00pm March 5, 2020

Test Results	New York State (Outside of NYC)	New York City (NYC)	Total Persons Under Investigation
Positive Cases	19	3	122
Negative Results	52	24	
Pending Test Results	18	6	

Newburgh PFAS Exposure Assessment

The CDC/ATSDR exposure assessment will provide new information about PFAS exposure to Newburgh residents.

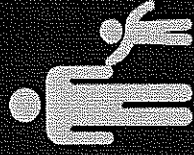
Community participation is very important.

If you receive a letter, phone call, or home visit inviting you to participate, please respond.

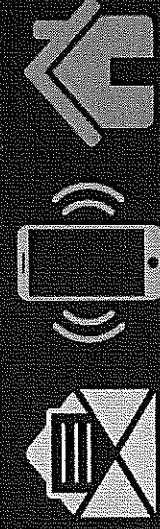
ORANGE COUNTY, City of Newburgh, NY

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PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are man made chemicals used in commercial and consumer products.

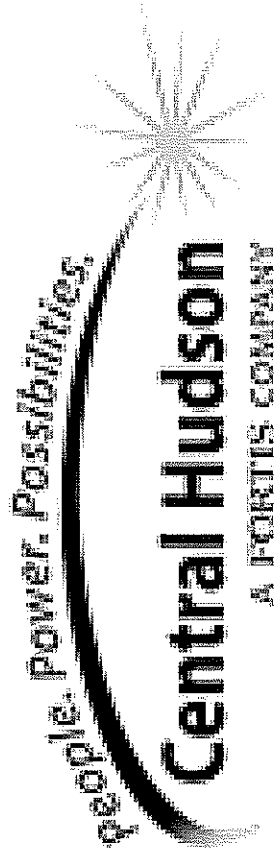
The results of this exposure assessment will help individual participants and the community better understand their exposure to PFAS. It will add new information to PFAS testing already done in this area.

For More Information

Visit www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas
email pfas@cdc.gov
or call 1-800-CDC-INFO



National Center
for Environmental Health
Agency for Toxic
and Disease



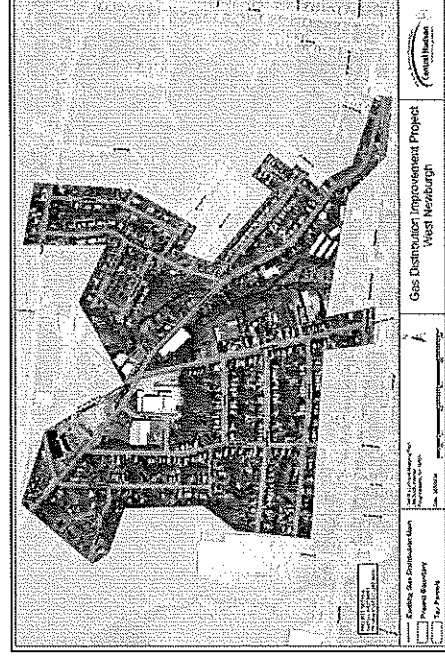
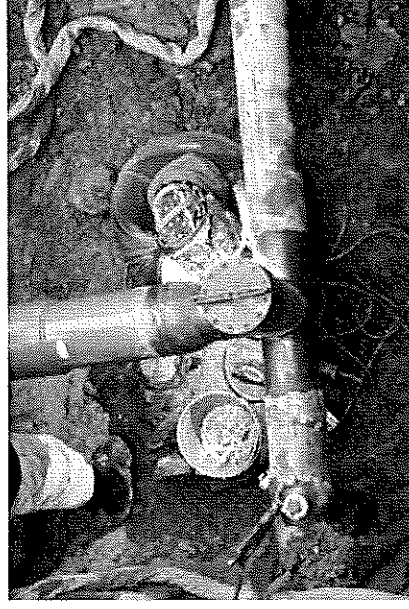
Natural Gas Main & Service Replacement Program

precision Pipeline Solutions will begin installing replacement main lines in the street and service lines that connect to homes and businesses.

- 14,000 feet in the City of Newburgh
- To begin in March and will take 8 months to complete

Construction trenching will occur along:

- Wisner Ave, Maple St, Poplar St, and see the complete list on the City website



OPEN HOUSE INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Monday, March 9, 2020
6pm-8pm
Activity Center
401 Washington Street, Newburgh

- Learn about the project
- Ask questions
- Will be distributing free natural gas CO detectors

The logo for the 2020 United States Census. It features the words "United States" in a smaller, sans-serif font above the word "Census" in a larger, bold, sans-serif font, with "2020" below it. The entire logo is white on a black background.

United States[®] Census 2020

Spring Timeline

March 12 - 20

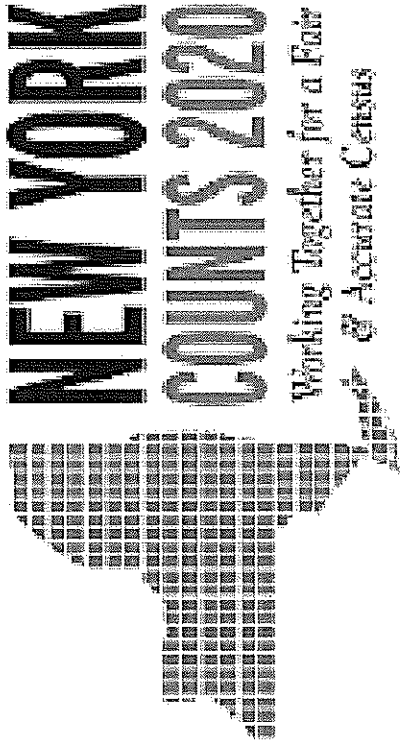
Households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with instructions on how to respond online, by phone, or by mail.

March 30 - April 1

The Census Bureau will count people who are experiencing homelessness over these 3 days. The process includes counting people in shelters, at soup kitchens, at mobile food vans, on the streets, and at non-sheltered, outdoor locations such as tent encampments.

April 1

Census Day is observed nationwide. By this date every home will receive an invitation to participate. You should choose one way to respond: online, phone, or mail. Indicate where you live as of April 1, 2020.

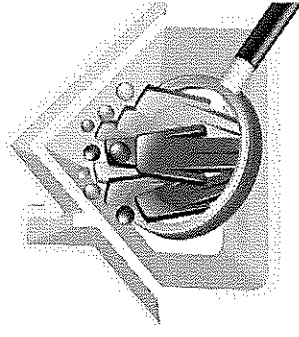


Newburgh Counts Committee

Next meeting:

Thursday, March 12, 2020
6:30pm
Heritage Center
123 Grand Street

Census Hubs



Census workers will be available at a series of temporary locations throughout the City this month. They will provide forms and can help people answer questions.

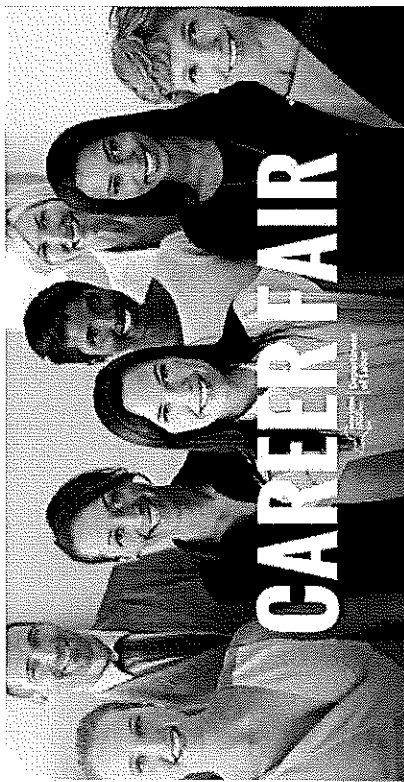
2Alices
117 Broadway

Activity Center
401 Washington Street

Lake Street Apartments
207 Lake Drive

More information is listed on the City website. Click the Census 2020 button to learn more.

Job Fairs



On March 31 at the Library the NYS Department of Labor will host a career fair featuring over 30 companies including Amazon, Hudson Valley Credit Union & the Census.

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Orange Works Healthcare Job Fair
 5 Washington Center, 4th Floor, Newburgh, NY 12550
 March 11, 2020 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

OVER 100 JOB OPENINGS!
NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
 Please visit employer's website for their job openings.
 For further information contact Susan Henner at 845-568-5114
 or susanhenner@orange-works.com

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 March 17, 2020 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

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Orange Works is holding 2 jobs fairs this month on March 11 and 17. The March 11 event has a healthcare focus.

LEGOLAND NEW YORK RESORT
OPENING 2020!

Join the **AWESOME LEGOLAND® New York** Resort opening team!
 Apply online at LEGOLAND.com/new-york

COME SEE US AT OUR NEXT EVENT!

LEGOLAND Job Fair
 Wednesday, March 18th
 SUNY Orange Newburgh Campus – Kaplan Hall
 1 Washington Center Newburgh, NY 12550
 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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LEGOLAND will host a job 1
 SUNY Orange on Wednes
 March 18. Registration is re
 and can be found on th
 LEGOLAND New York web

March is Women's History Month



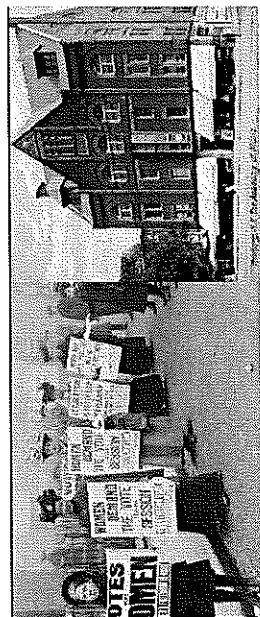
Madam C.J. Walker
the First Black Female Millionaire
Wed. Mar 18 6:30 PM
Newburgh Free Library



A Taste of POETRY

Mar., 19, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Newburgh Free Library



Suffragettes in Newburgh

Saturday March 21 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Newburgh Free Library

WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS
INVITES YOU TO

The General's Lady

Martha Washington Women of History Award Ceremony

Sunday
March 22, 2020
2:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate
Women's History Month.

Natalie Karl, Featured Speaker
Victoria Woodhull and Belva Lockwood—First
Women to Run for the Presidency

Natalie Karl will examine the life
and consequences of both
Victoria Woodhull and Belva
Lockwood's actions prior to and
after their run for the Presidency in
the 1800's.

Admission is free, donations welcome.

2020 Martha Washington Woman of History
Award Ceremony

Share the celebration as we present this
prestigious award to historian and
president Ruth Prawer. For over 50
years she has been an independent curator
and researcher regarding Dutch heritage
and material culture in the Hudson Valley.

For more information: (845) 562-1195

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Streets, Newburgh, NY 12550 • www.nwparks.com • (845) 562-1195 • **0**

Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site
8100 Main St. Ste. 100
Newburgh, NY 12550
Phone: (845) 562-1195
Fax: (845) 562-1196
www.nwparks.com

Coming Up



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS

Join us on Friday, March 20
as we come together as a community to celebrate

International Day of Happiness

**Safe Harbors Lobby at the Ritz
and The Historic Green Room**
107 Broadway, Newburgh

Interactive Circus Arts
Karaoke • Food • Music • Zumba • Hula Hoops
Crafts • Games • Photo Booth ... and much more!

#internationaldayofhappiness

This event is FREE and open to the public for all ages.

See our Facebook event page for more information.

This event is sponsored by





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Transforming lives and building community through housing and the arts.

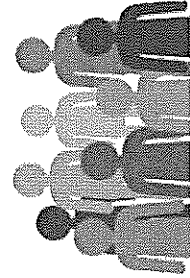


City of Newburgh City Council

Ward 1 & Ward 2 Community Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:00-8:30PM
Ritz Theater at Safe Harbors of the Hudson
111 Broadway, Newburgh

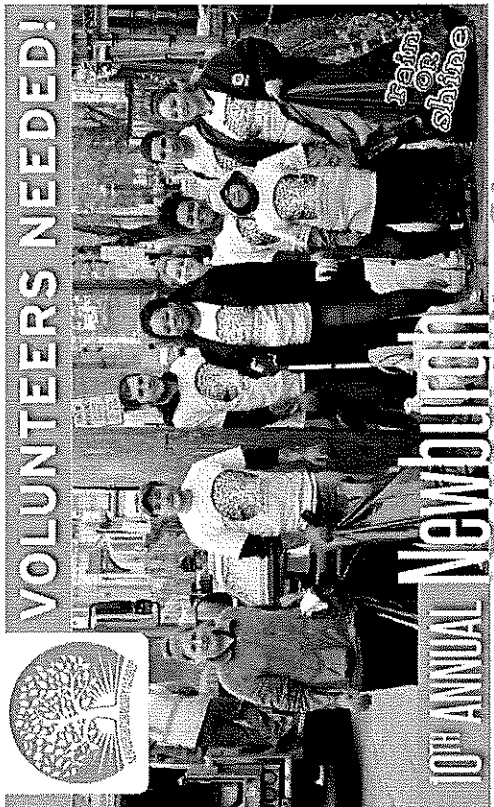
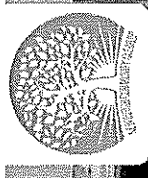
Join Councilwoman Karen Mejia (Ward 1) and Councilwoman Ramona Monteverde (Ward 2) for a community meeting. The public will have the opportunity to connect with members of City Council to ask questions, share concerns, and learn what representatives are doing to build a strong Newburgh.



To RSVP & submit
comments or
questions, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/tkxs22t>

Saturday, April 25



10th Annual Newburgh Community Cleanup

**Saturday
April
25**

Be a part of what's GREAT in the City of Newburgh!

The community cleanup will kick off a city-wide effort to keep Newburgh clean and green all year!

Start/Finish at Safe Harbors of the Hudson

111 Broadway, Newburgh

Heavy duty gloves and garbage bags will be provided.

For event information, contact June Hanley at 845.784.1110 • jhanley@safe-harbors.org

For information about volunteering, contact Jeanne Traugot at 845.784.1107 • jtraugot@safe-harbors.org

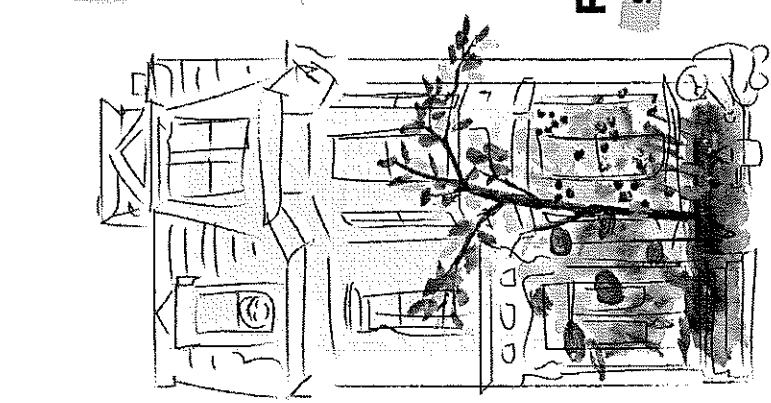
Please print and complete the schedule-walker form on our website, www.safe-harbors.org

8:30 a.m. Registration and Refreshments
9 a.m. Cleanup

Herb Gardening Workshop
Music by NECSD students



Transforming lives and building community through housing and the arts.



grow food.
grow change.



**Fifth Annual
URBAN
FARMING FAIR**
SAT. APRIL 25 • 12-4 PM

FREE ADMISSION

SAFE HARBORS GREEN • LIBERTY STREET

**A CELEBRATION OF FARM FUN • LOCAL FOODS • RAFFLES
KIDS ACTIVITIES • CHICKENS, BEES, GOATS, AND MORE!**

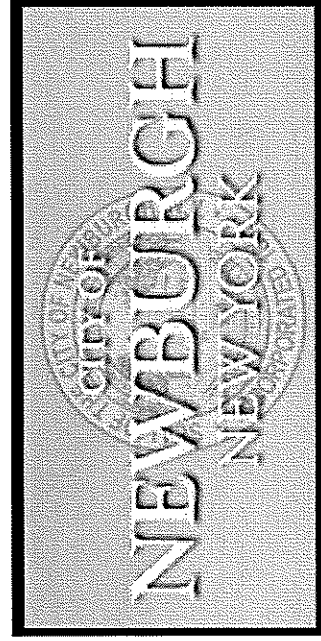
f Website: NewburghUrbanFarmAndFood.org

A collaboration of Downing Park Urban Farm • Our CORE, Inc. • Hudson Valley Seed • Newburgh Arroyo Unity Center
Culinary Presbyterian Church • Orange County Department of Health • Orange County Council Cooperative Extension
Orange County Land Trust • Newburgh Free Library • Habitat for Humanity • Downing Park Planning Committee
Farm Bureau • Luthros Unidos

VolunteerMatch.org



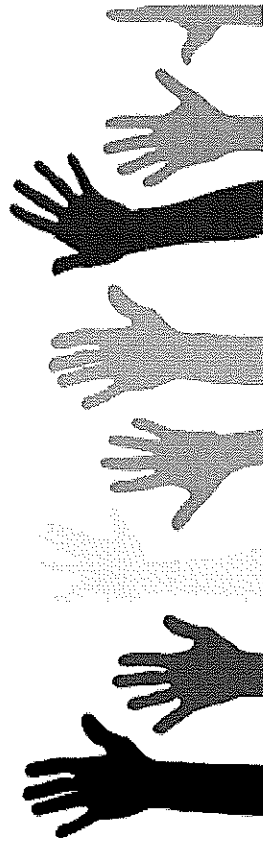
This online portal connects 15.6 million volunteers and 128,400 organizations. Our listings include committee positions and will feature special events.

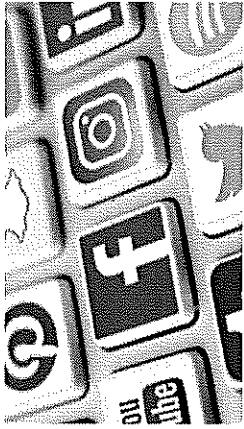


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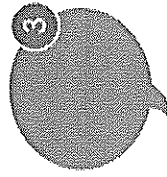
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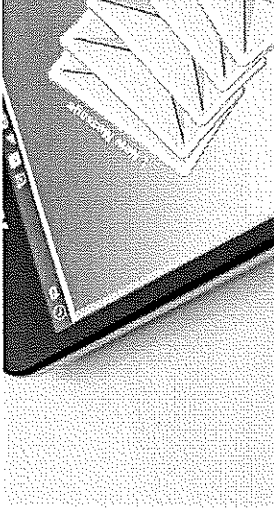
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- City-wide - Snow Emergency parking
- Neighborhood-specific - Boil water notice

PRESENTATIONS

There were no scheduled presentations.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA AND GENERAL MATTERS OF CITY BUSINESS

Nancy Lane stated that she was shocked and dismayed when she watched videos of a councilperson berating the police department. There is no excuse for speaking to anyone in this manner. Many of us have suffered traumatic events in our lives, but, this does not give us the right to display such behavior. Complaints can and should be made to the proper departments. Lane is afraid that this will give young people license to behave in a dangerous manner. The City Council must censure such behavior, particularly so that young people know it is unacceptable.

Ron Truncali, a Pastor representing the Christian Ministerial Fellowship, prayed publicly to raise up the city. He prayed that this city does not become a divided city, and that we should work together on one accord.

Veronica Artis, a tenant at the Mullins Apartments, stated that she reached out to the Comptroller's Office regarding the Housing Authority's receiving of \$250K in grants; but, she has not heard anything yet. The security systems did not catch the vandalism that occurred, even though the camera system was supposedly 'new'. She feels that the security system that was purchased is substandard. Also new rules for parking were created. The HA is forcing tenants to sign paperwork, and they are not being protected. The director is trying to make the outside of the housing units look pretty. She encouraged everyone to come and look how they are living on the inside. She is tired of being bullied, and change starts from the top.

Drew Kartiganer stated that the moment Councilman Shakur won his seat, he wanted him to succeed. When you succeed, then Newburgh succeeds. He stated that when Shakur went on that rant, he failed Newburgh. You need to be better than that, and that type of behavior can't be justified. You disrespected not only the police officer; but, you disrespected everyone in Newburgh too. We were embarrassed, and you made it harder for everyone in this city.

Karla Johnson thanked Councilman Shakur for being on the city council. He has worked and helped people all over this city. She has much respect for the Fire Department and the Police Department; yet she wanted to know what the protocol is for someone being harassed by the police. Not all police officers are mean; but, there are a few that are. She wants to feel safe in her community. In New York City, where she is from originally, she can call 3-1-1 and formally lodge a complaint.

Mayor Harvey reminded everyone to refrain from personal attacks and calling people out by their names. He also informed Ms. Johnson that a person can get in touch with the Police Community Relations Board, where one can write and express his or her concerns, and lodge complaints. A formal complaint can also be made directly with the police department. Another option would be for someone to speak to a councilperson to help him or her through the process.

John Schmidt commented that whether a person lives in the City of Newburgh or not is totally irrelevant. You should be asking a person whether he or she works in the city or if someone pays taxes or invests in this city. A better question to ask would be, 'What have you done lately for your city?' He does not see anything happening here, except that you are laying off staff and bringing down morale. He stated that Newburgh has the Number One crime rate in New York State. It is a disaster, because you have certain people that disrespect police officers. Schmidt stated that Winds of Change are on their way to Newburgh.

Mayor Harvey remarked that he asks everyone for their name and address so that the council body knows whether someone is a neighbor, investor, etc., and so that the council can understand the context of peoples' comments. As the Chairman of this council body, he is continuing this verbiage. It is not about whether someone lives here or not; it is so that the council can contextualize the comments being made.

Rafael Rivera commented that the video went viral. People from California called him when they saw it. Rivera mentioned that there was another video, in which the current Mayor was Acting Mayor at the time, and had to have the same individual removed from the room due to disruptive behavior. This is a pattern, and people look at Newburgh as being tarnished now. He encouraged the council to bring stability and substance. Don't let this chambers sink into the ocean. Make the tough choice, but, also make the right choice.

John Panzella remarked that he has taken a lot abuse from this city. What was done to him was done. Twenty years ago the City told him he could build a dock on the Hudson Rivera. He spent barrels of money to stay there. Now he has a buyer that wants to buy the

business, and now he is being told that he should have never been allowed to build that dock. On a second note, you have to have respect for the police. If they say to get on the ground, then you have to get on the ground and do what they say.

Michelle Basch stated that if we think we have problems then think again. Her granddaughter lives in Lake Como, Italy. The schools have been closed, her son can't go to work, and the hospitals are full. There are socioeconomic and cultural differences all over the world. Those countries that work together excel, and those who don't work together don't excel. In reference to Resolution #65-2020, if a censure were to happen, then it should be combined with a course in anger management and conflict resolution, because that is what the police already have to do.

Arnold Restivo commented that the real victim in all of this is the woman whose life was threatened by her husband in a domestic violence dispute. We had four officers on a traffic stop with a city official, in which there was somebody who really needed the department's assistance. It took the PD over six minutes to respond to her call. Restivo feels that a censure is a slap on the wrist, and we need to put together a recall. It is not right, because Newburgh is being projected in negative light. The Newburgh Police put their lives at risk every day.

Martha White stated that it was the grossly inappropriate actions that a council person willfully and repeatedly engaged in. Everyone likes to quote Biblical verses, but, everyone forgets the end of the story, in which an individual is supposed to "go and sin no more." This is the beautiful thing about forgiveness. She wants to see conduct befitting of an elected individual. She would like the council to think about how it plans to respond if this type of behavior continues. A consequence-free censure is way more generous than what this temper tantrum deserved.

Peter Frase stated that he supported Councilman Shakur when he ran, and he will continue to support him. He considers him a friend, and it is clear that he made a mistake in handling the situation. Frase was hoping that we could move forward and constructively and concentrate our energy on the more pressing issues in the Nation, such as the Coronavirus epidemic. He appreciates the perspective that Shakur brings, based on his own life experiences. Frase also understands the deep-seated mistrust and the tense relations between the community and the police department, which certainly were not created by Shakur. If we are going to address the division that exists in this city, then we will do it by confronting these issues directly and head-on. He implored the council to put this issue aside, and let's move on constructively to deal with the longstanding problems that have surfaced once again because of this issue.

Isabella Valenzano commented that she has worked for Orange County Government for three years. If she acted like the councilperson in that video acted, then she would be fired from her job. She watched the video in its entirety and she was appalled. It is a serious matter, and we are way down as a city. The people that represent our city should respect this city, so we all have to watch our actions. Sometimes we have to make tough decisions in business. The video showed our youth not a good point. We have to show our youth by leading by example. This issue should not just be a slap on the hand.

Harvey stated that the City council and the Mayor do not have the authority to remove or unseat an elected official. It is called a Recall Referendum, in which the point of authority is the New York State Legislature and the Governor. The very thing that people are upset about is happening right here in this room. It is about respect and civility for each other. This is in your Civics 101 history book. If you are a resident here, then you should know the City Charter. Do not tell us about a slap on the wrist. It is very disrespectful to this council body. We are doing the fullest extent of what we can do as a council.

Patty DeAngelis stated that all of the good that has been in Newburgh is overshadowed by that video. She stated that she intended to give the council respect by offering her name and town of residence, the same respect that the police were not given. *DeAngelis was removed from the meeting hall for calling the Mayor a 'disgrace' in the handling of the matter.*

Tom Roberts commented that he, his wife and fellow neighbors totally support our police and fire departments. This council has been made weak by one council person, one who has his own selfish agenda. We refuse to go back by moving forward despite someone who is trying to spew forth hatred. Roberts hopes that the council will do the right thing and censure this person by passing the resolution tonight. We will continue to have issues, but, the issues will grow smaller and smaller as we grow stronger and stronger by working together. We can't allow anyone to bring our city down. It upset Roberts that he saw a councilperson sitting at the table and laughing. He stated that this is not a joke.

Donovan James stated he is not taking either side, because without cops and firemen a lot of lives would be lost. Something should be done for the belligerence and ignorance exhibited; but, James felt that the issue was instigated and pushed, because now you have somebody that you can 'push'. You can get anything out of a person that is being pushed. There are two officers in the room that were implicated in a police matter, and yet they are still working and prospering. He encouraged Shakur to tone it down a bit and show his humility. You can't show them what they are looking for.

Rich Fracasse stated that he appreciates the Mayor for doing the tough work. This has caused a division in the community. We need unity. We are here wasting time while someone sits here and smirks and laughs and disrespects all of us. Fracasse knows a lot of these brave police officers and firemen, and they do some pretty amazing stuff. Is there a special investigation? How much is this costing the taxpayers? He pointed out that the Governor does have the video. This incident brought the city back twenty years, and it is terrible. What was said in the infamous 15-minute video by the police? Maybe he could justify how the person behaved if we knew what was said by the police. Let's stay together even though we are mad at one person.

Anne Sullivan thanked Councilman Shakur. She has watched him listen to this community and help them resolve issues behind the scenes that many do not even know about. She has watched him carry the burdens of this community with incredible compassion. Sullivan has watched him help tenants in dealing with slumlords, some of whom are in this room tonight, living in conditions that nobody should have to live in. She is surprised to see that there is a censure resolution on the agenda today, as she understood that everything had to be brought to the work session ahead of time. The police video was released illegally. What this tells her know is that if you are a White Man you are experiencing White Privilege, and she would hate to see this council acknowledge that. Yet, if you are an African American, who may not use the prettiest language, but doesn't break the law; then you are going to be censured.

Gabrielle Hill stated that she is happy and sad to be here. She encouraged the council to pass Resolution #63-2020, Fredrick Douglas Day Declaration 2020 honoring Douglas, who came to Newburgh 150 years ago to celebrate the ratification of the 15th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, giving Black Men the right to vote. She pointed out that there was a Colored school where the recreation center is now located. Also she mentioned the Colored Burial ground located at the former Broadway School, which was discovered in 2006. Now that the study at New Paltz is complete, when can we expect the bones to be returned home? Who is overseeing the process, and how can we celebrate the lives of our ancestors of those remains?

Richard White commented that the proposed censure of Mr. Shakur does not extend from a Black and White issue, it extends from an Anti-Police issue. He suggested that in the future, Shakur should recuse himself on any voting matters that have to do with the police department, whether it be budgetary or conduct-related, based on his distinct and active hatred of the police department. White stated that he has been smug and snickering this whole evening, and in his opinion, there will never be any respect given from this particular council person.

Corporation Counsel Michelle Kelson read Section C4.01 of the City Charter of Newburgh, which is the only provision that addresses the conduct and demeanor of council members. There is no procedure in the Charter to remove an elected official.

A woman by the name of Joanne commented. She volunteers at the Newburgh Armory Center, and it is an amazing facility. It is discouraging to see this type of behavior this evening, and she cautioned persons to be careful what they say and do, because children are listening. She is appalled by the behavior, and encouraged this full board to take a closer look at this meeting video later. Understand why people are so disheartened and angry. People are not seeing someone who has humility for their poor actions. Let's be fair and let's work together, be unified and committed for the good of everyone, and not just some of the people. She asked the council if the City Charter could be altered in any way.

Barbara Brown remarked that she had the opportunity to watch the video in its entirety. She was disappointed and bothered. She went to work that same week in Westchester County and she saw a portion of the video and her beloved city on the Channel 7 News. She believes that our elected officials have a responsibility to their constituents, but, they also should conduct themselves in a way that is exemplary. Respect should be shown to police officers, because they get up every day and leave their families. We have enough problems in this city. It is not about righting a wrong, rather it is about us coming together to solve a problem. We have to come together to bridge the gap. Standing here and hurling insults at the Mayor for the same thing that we are accusing someone else of doing is plain wrong.

Chloe Schuyler stated that she loves Newburgh. She is a 5th Generation 'Newburgher'. It is no secret that she greatly respects our Police and Fire Departments, as well as our Department of Public Works. She respects the council for volunteering their time to try to lead and better our city; but, it is not a good look for our city right now. She supports people and human beings, and she is saddened by all of the hateful comments on social media. Community is not just about where a person lives. She stated that she doesn't pay taxes in the City of Newburgh, but, she loves this city. She implored people to stop reposting hateful things on social media. Talk to your neighbors and have a conversation. If you are upset about something in the Police Department, take the time and talk to the police officers. We, collectively, are so much better than this, and we have to try to find a way to move forward in a positive way.

Booker T Curtis, Jr. commented. He stated that he is a Vietnam Veteran, and a retiree of the State of New York. He has seen good times and bad times. He is a product of the 1960s, so he really knows some bad times. This city really needs prayer. We have to start asking ourselves what is the best thing for Newburgh, and not so you can get your own

self-satisfaction. He ended his comments with a prayer. He stated that anger is not going to be the solution.

Pastor Patricia Thomas remarked. She stated that the word 'Respect' is used loosely these days. You don't come into another man's home and tell him how to run his home. When you come from out of town, you are supposed to have respect, not only for police officers and firefighters; but, for one another. Where were the people when this place was completely boarded up? Thomas pointed out that Shakur has helped diffuse different situations, and he has helped the youth. Don't just jump on him when he has done a lot of good for this community. There are some good police officers, and there are some bad ones. You call Spade a Spade, because this is really an issue about Black and White.

There were no other comments at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL REGARDING THE AGENDA AND GENERAL MATTERS OF CITY BUSINESS

Councilman Grice remarked that it is important that he knows who resides in the City of Newburgh, because those are the people who elected him, and they are the ones that he represents. Following the advice of the city's attorney he plans to remain silent on the issue. It is not that he was trying to be tone deaf to what people are saying. Next time, whenever a visiting official come to our city for a rally, it would be courteous for him or her to inform us first. There are so many other things we could be focusing our energy on. He encouraged people to come out to the next meeting, and possibly join some of our committees. Let's start promoting positive things. He reminded everyone to participate in Census 2020.

Councilwoman Mejia deferred her comments at this time.

Councilwoman Monteverde stated that this is a democracy. Everyone has the right to come out and voice their concerns and opinions. It is unfortunate that we have to go through this process; but, it is a lesson that she hopes all of us can learn from. She knows that not everyone is going to agree on certain issues. She hopes that we can move on from this, because it is taking the focus away from various important development that is coming down the pipe. She encouraged people to utilize the FYI App to report potholes

and other issues. There are a lot of people at the meeting for a certain concern; but, it would speak larger volume if more people came together to help mobilize neighborhoods.

Councilman Shakur stated that he tried to smile more tonight, because at the last meeting he was told that he looked too serious, and so he wanted to show a lighter mood. He has been doing a Forensics study on the City of Newburgh based upon race and gender. He stated that while 80% percent of the city is comprised of Blacks and Hispanics, 80% of the city is run by White People. He apologized about the incident and the interaction between him and the police officer; but, the matter is being investigated, so he is not going to comment on it until it is complete. Where are all of these people when our children are in the streets dying? Where is everyone when our community is suffering? Everyone wants to come here to condemn him; but, where is everyone when it comes time to help fix our city? He promised that that he would make a statement about it afterwards. Shakur stated that he takes this seriously every day. He stated that he made a mistake; but, there is more to the story. He encouraged people to be here next week and the week after that, because City Hall has never been filled with this amount of persons. This is more than just a job to him, this is about our city that he is trying to fix.

Councilman Sklarz stated that he is not sure how the police department handled the incident, nor does he know if proper procedures were followed. He hopes that the investigation will look into it. Somebody leaked that video and that should be reviewed too. He pointed out that the words and actions in that video do not represent the values of this council, nor does it represent the people of the City of Newburgh.

Councilwoman Sofokles commented that she is glad that people are expressing their opinions. One thing is certain though, you always have to respect the police and firemen at all costs, because they are the ones you rely on when you are in trouble.

Mayor Harvey remarked that it was a very unfortunate incident between a councilperson and a detective. It is sad that the situation has brought out an ugly side of this community, as well as communities outside of our city due to the video going viral. Our city is down right now, and it hurts all of us, especially him as the Mayor. He loves that we are tough though, and the City of Newburgh always bounces back. We might be down now; but, we will win the war against poverty, and we will continue to revitalize our city. Harvey continued that we need to be solution based, and we have to come together and put our hands together to unify the city regardless of our differences. He pointed out that the resolution to censure one of the members of the council was difficult for this council body. Some of us wanted to wait until investigation concluded; and some of us wanted to act immediately. Whatever tonight's vote turns out to be, Harvey hopes that we can start the healing process moving forward.

This portion of the meeting was closed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 56 - 2020 - Drinking Water Rate Study Proposal with RAFTELIS

Councilman Sklarz moved and Councilwoman Sofokles seconded.

Ayes: Grice, Mejia, Monteverde, Shakur, Sklarz, Sofokles, Harvey - 7

Adopted

Resolution No. 57 - 2020 - Proposal with QUEST for Asbestos Testing and Abatement at 123 Grand Street

Councilwoman Sofokles moved and Councilman Grice seconded.

Ayes: Grice, Mejia, Monteverde, Shakur, Sklarz, Sofokles, Harvey - 7

Adopted

Resolution No. 58 - 2020 - Release of Restrictive Covenants - 424 Carpenter Avenue, unit 22

Councilwoman Sofokles moved and Councilman Grice seconded.

Ayes: Grice, Mejia, Monteverde, Shakur, Sklarz, Sofokles, Harvey - 7

Adopted

Resolution No. 59 - 2020 - Release of Restrictive Covenants - 242 Robinson Avenue

Councilwoman Mejia moved and Councilwoman Sofokles seconded.

Ayes: Grice, Mejia, Monteverde, Shakur, Sklarz, Sofokles, Harvey - 7

Adopted

Resolution No. 60 - 2020 - Donation of a Bicycle Rack at 159 Broadway

Councilman Grice pointed out that when this matter came before the Transportation Advisory Committee, it was the Orange County Department of Planning that was very helpful. He would be remiss if he didn't publicly thank the County department.

Councilwoman Sofokles moved and Councilman Grice seconded.
Ayes: Grice, Mejia, Monteverde, Shakur, Sklarz, Sofokles, Harvey - 7
Adopted

Resolution No. 61 - 2020 - Endeavor Municipal Development, Inc. - renewal contracts

Councilwoman Sofokles moved and Councilwoman Mejia seconded.
Ayes: Grice, Mejia, Monteverde, Shakur, Sklarz, Sofokles, Harvey - 7
Adopted

Resolution No. 62 - 2020 - 2020 Stop DWI Grant

Councilman Sklarz moved and Councilwoman Mejia seconded.
Ayes: Grice, Mejia, Monteverde, Shakur, Sklarz, Sofokles, Harvey - 7
Adopted

Resolution No. 63 - 2020 - Frederick Douglass Day declaration - August 11, 2020

Councilwoman Sofokles moved and Councilman Grice seconded.
Ayes: Grice, Mejia, Monteverde, Shakur, Sklarz, Sofokles, Harvey - 7
Adopted

Resolution No. 64 - 2020 - Conservation Advisory Council - proposed appointments

Councilwoman Mejia reiterated that it is great that we have volunteers for the Conservation Advisory Committee. She knows that there are openings on other boards too. She mentioned that Corporation Counsel provided an update regarding the revamping of the Police Community Relations Advisory Board, regarding filling vacancies to ensure that there will be a quorum. There are other boards that need to be

filled also, and she encouraged all interested individuals to send in their nominations so that the council can try to fill these openings before the end of the quarter.

Mayor Harvey pointed out that the CAC is doing wonderful work, and there are great things happening in our city. We need people to step up and put their names in the hat.

Councilman Shakur pointed out that it is important that the boards reflect the diversity in our city too.

Councilwoman Sofokles moved and Councilwoman Mejia seconded.

Ayes: Grice, Mejia, Monteverde, Shakur, Sklarz, Sofokles, Harvey - 7

Adopted

Resolution No. 65 - 2020 - Censuring Omari Shakur, City Council Member At Large

Mayor Harvey stated that in his opinion, the council should have waited until the investigation commenced before this resolution came forward; however, there was a lot of debate on the issue and the resolution made its way to the agenda tonight.

Councilwoman Mejia commented that she supports the men and women who serve our city every day and night. She is proud to call Newburgh home. She also believes in due process, and this matter is under investigation. She reiterated what she said at the last council meeting, including the necessity to tone down the rhetoric and that we treat each other with compassion and dignity. Mejia supports her colleagues, and the beauty of this council body is that they all can disagree respectfully; and this is one of those times. She stated that she is waiting for the outcome of the investigation of the matter before she takes any action this evening.

Councilman Shakur remarked that we are in a bad place in the city right now. An incident between two people occurred, and he was hoping that his colleagues would refrain from taking any action until after the investigation was complete. He told his colleagues to do whatever they have to do to please whoever they have to please; but, what is happening in our city is the bigger picture. This one incident does not define Newburgh, and he doesn't believe that Newburgh got to this point over the incident alone. He stated that when other future incidents come up make sure you hold people accountable.

Councilwoman Monteverde commented about an article she read about dignity. We should be treating each other with dignity no matter what. The council represents the

people who elected them, and she is taking a stand on it, because that is the process. We have to take a stand on it now to show everybody that this type of behavior is not acceptable.

Councilman Grice stated that it is not about him pleasing anyone. At the same time he does question some of the things that the police and fire departments, or any other departments, for that matter, have done with regard to equitable services. We have to hold ourselves accountable, and he believes that there is a certain way that you should carry yourself. He stated that he loves Brother Shakur, and he hopes for the best for him.

Mayor Harvey pointed out that every person on this table has an enormous amount of talent, intellect and capability. Every person on this council was elected for a reason. We all have to be held accountable for our actions, particularly when we make bad choices. Speaking to Shakur, Harvey stated that he loves and appreciates what he brings to this council, uniquely and individually. Harvey stated that he also appreciates our firemen and our police officers, because as it was said before, they are the ones that put their lives on the line every day. We are in a rough place right now, but, we will be alright. Just give it some time, and we will move forward, continuing to do the great things that Newburgh is capable of doing.

Councilwoman Sofokles moved and Councilman Sklarz seconded.

Ayes: Grice, Monteverde, Sklarz, Sofokles, Harvey - 5

Nay: Shakur-1

Adopted

The City Manager concluded his report.

RESOLUTION NO.: 56 - 2020

OF

MARCH 9, 2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL
AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, INC.
FOR PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR A WATER RATE STUDY
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,980.00**

WHEREAS, recent water quality concerns have forced the City of Newburgh to reconsider Washington Lake as a continued source of raw water; and

WHEREAS, the City arranged to purchase raw water from the Catskill Aqueduct, which is part of the New York City water system and is overseen by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and the New York City Water Board and anticipates continuing to purchase water from the Catskill Aqueduct and using Browns Pond as a backup water source for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, due to the uncertainty regarding cost reimbursement for raw water from the Catskill Aqueduct, legal costs associated with disputes regarding contamination, and associated property tax increases, the City wishes to engage a qualified financial and rate consultant to evaluate the financial condition of the water system, forecast annual revenue needs, and provide water rate projections over a five-year planning horizon; and

WHEREAS, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. is qualified to provide such professional financial services and has prepared a proposal for developing a customized financial plan for the City's drinking water system from which the City will be able to monitor and project cash flows, revenues, revenue requirements, utility rate review and rate structure revision for the purposes of annual budgeting, capital planning and rate setting purposes; and

WHEREAS, funding for the drinking water rate study in the amount of \$42,980 will be derived from the 2020 Water Fund Operating Budget Line F.8330.0448; and

WHEREAS, this Council determines accepting the proposal and entering into a contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. for professional financial services in connection with the development of a drinking water rate study is in the best interests of the City of Newburgh;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York that the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized to accept a proposal and execute a contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. for professional financial services for a drinking water rate study in an amount not to exceed \$42,980.00.

RESOLUTION NO.: 57 - 2020

OF

MARCH 9, 2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH
QUALITY ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (QUES&T)
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000.00 FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION
ASBESTOS SURVEY, VARIANCE DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION AND
BID SPECIFICATION SERVICES FOR 123 GRAND STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Newburgh is undertaking improvements to the Grand Street Courthouse building located at 123 Grand Street; and

WHEREAS, the improvements to the building presumes the presence of asbestos containing material which must be addressed in compliance with law, rule and regulation; and

WHEREAS, Quality Environmental Solutions & Technologies, Inc. (QUES&T) is a qualified environmental remediation consultant and has submitted a proposal for ensuring compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations related to the preparation of a pre-construction asbestos survey, variance development and application, and specifications and bid documents for the work; and

WHEREAS, the cost for these services will not exceed \$6,000.00 and funding shall be derived from A.1620.0208.0001; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the annexed proposal and has determined that such work would be in the best interests of the City of Newburgh;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York, that the City Manager be and he hereby is authorized to execute a contract with Quality Environmental Solutions & Technologies, Inc. for pre-construction asbestos related services in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 in connection with improvements to 123 Grand Street.

RESOLUTION NO.: 58 -2020

OF

MARCH 9, 2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RELEASE OF
RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AND RIGHT OF RE-ENTRY FROM A DEED
ISSUED TO MARCEE CLARK TO THE PREMISES KNOWN AS
424 CARPENTER AVENUE, UNIT 22 (SECTION 56, BLOCK 1, LOT 1.-45)**

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2009, the City of Newburgh conveyed property located at 424 Carpenter Avenue, unit 22, being more accurately described on the official Tax Map of the City of Newburgh as Section 56, Block 1, Lot 1.-45, to Marcee Clark; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clark's attorney has requested a release of the restrictive covenants contained in said deed; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes it is in the best interest of the City of Newburgh to grant such request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York that the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized to execute the release, annexed hereto and made a part of this resolution, of restrictive covenants numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the aforementioned deed.

RELEASE OF COVENANTS AND
RIGHT OF RE-ENTRY

KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the City of Newburgh, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of New York, and having its principal office at City Hall, 83 Broadway, Newburgh, New York 12550, in consideration of TEN (\$10.00) DOLLARS lawful money of the United States and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby release and forever quitclaim the premises described as 424 Carpenter Avenue, unit 22, Section 56, Block 1, Lot 1.45 on the Official Tax Map of the City of Newburgh, from those restrictive covenants numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in a deed dated December 8, 2009, from THE CITY OF NEWBURGH to MARCEE CLARK, recorded in the Orange County Clerk's Office on December 15, 2009, in Liber 12939 of Deeds at Page 1938 and does further release said premises from the right of re-entry reserved in favor of the City of Newburgh as set forth in said deed.

Dated: _____, 2020

THE CITY OF NEWBURGH

By: _____
Joseph Donat, City Manager
Pursuant to Res. No.: ____-2020

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

On the ____ day of _____ in the year 2020, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared JOSEPH DONAT, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted; executed the instrument.

RESOLUTION NO.: 59 -2020

OF

MARCH 9, 2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RELEASE OF
RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AND RIGHT OF RE-ENTRY FROM A DEED
ISSUED TO CARLOS A. RIVERA AND DONNA M. RIVERA TO THE PREMISES
KNOWN AS 242 ROBINSON AVENUE (SECTION 7, BLOCK 2, LOT 6)**

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2001, the City of Newburgh conveyed property located at 242 Robinson Avenue, being more accurately described on the official Tax Map of the City of Newburgh as Section 7, Block 2, Lot 6, to Carlos A. Rivera and Donna M. Rivera; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Rivera's attorney has requested a release of the restrictive covenants contained in said deed; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes it is in the best interest of the City of Newburgh to grant such request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York that the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized to execute the release, annexed hereto and made a part of this resolution, of restrictive covenants numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the aforementioned deed.

RELEASE OF COVENANTS AND
RIGHT OF RE-ENTRY

KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the City of Newburgh, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of New York, and having its principal office at City Hall, 83 Broadway, Newburgh, New York 12550, in consideration of TEN (\$10.00) DOLLARS lawful money of the United States and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby release and forever quitclaim the premises described as 242 Robinson Avenue, Section 7, Block 2, Lot 6 on the Official Tax Map of the City of Newburgh, from those restrictive covenants numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in a deed dated March 28, 2001, from THE CITY OF NEWBURGH to CARLOS A. RIVERA and DONNA M. RIVERA, recorded in the Orange County Clerk's Office on May 7, 2001, in Liber 5516 of Deeds at Page 1 and does further release said premises from the right of re-entry reserved in favor of the City of Newburgh as set forth in said deed.

Dated: _____, 2020

THE CITY OF NEWBURGH

By: _____
Joseph Donat, City Manager
Pursuant to Res. No.: ____-2020

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

On the ____ day of _____ in the year 2020, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared JOSEPH DONAT, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted; executed the instrument.

RESOLUTION NO.: 60 - 2020

OF

MARCH 9, 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT
A DONATION OF A BICYCLE RACK FROM REGGIE YOUNG FOR
INSTALLATION AND USE IN FRONT OF 159 BROADWAY

WHEREAS, Reggie Young is a small business owner in the City of Newburgh and advocate of making the City accessible via all modes of transportation, including walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young offered to donate a bicycle rack for public use in front of his business, which is located at 159 Broadway; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young has agreed to install the bicycle rack in a location determined by City staff, with input from the Transportation Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, this Council deems it to be in the best interests of the City of Newburgh to accept such donation, which will include the installation of the bicycle rack;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York that the City Manager of the City of Newburgh be and he is hereby authorized to accept the bicycle rack donated by Reggie Young, with the appreciation and thanks of the City of Newburgh.

RESOLUTION NO.: 61 - 2020

OF

MARCH 9, 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THREE RENEWAL AGREEMENTS WITH
ENDEAVOR MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT, INC.
FOR GRANT CONSULTING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$24,000.00 PER AGREEMENT FOR A 12 MONTH PERIOD

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 72-2019 of March 25, 2019, the City of Newburgh authorized the Interim City Manager to enter into 3 agreements with Endeavor Municipal Development, Inc. for professional grant consulting services in a total amount not to exceed \$24,000.00 per agreement for a 12 month period; and

WHEREAS, Endeavor Municipal Development, Inc. has submitted 3 renewal agreements, one each for general grant services, water service grant services, and wastewater/sewer grant services with similar scopes of work to include, but not be limited to, develop funding sources for current projects; explore funding options and eligibility for future projects; research, preparation, submission and appropriate follow up for all targeted governmental and non-governmental funding applications and the development and implementation of a project management system; and to work with appropriate City staff; and

WHEREAS, funding for said professional grant consulting services is appropriated in the City's 2020 budget; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that entering into the renewal agreements with Endeavor Municipal Development, Inc. for professional grant consulting services is in the best interests of the City of Newburgh and its further development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York that the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized to enter into 3 renewal agreements with Endeavor Municipal Development, Inc. for professional grant consulting services in a total amount not to exceed \$24,000.00 per agreement for a 12 month period.

RESOLUTION NO.: 62 - 2020

OF

MARCH 9, 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE POLICE CHIEF, AS MANAGER'S DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE CONFIRMING CITY OF NEWBURGH PARTICIPATION IN THE STOP-DWI PROGRAM FOR THE ENFORCEMENT PERIOD OF MARCH 13, 2020 TO JANUARY 1, 2021 AND TO ACCEPT AN AWARD NOT TO EXCEED \$3,668.00 COVERING 70 PERSON-HOURS FOR THE FIRST ENFORCEMENT PERIOD OF 2020 (MARCH 13, 2020 - MAY 26, 2020)

WHEREAS, the County of Orange (hereinafter "County") has provided the City of Newburgh (hereinafter "City") with an Inter-Municipal Agreement for a full year of participation to provide for the funding of the STOP-DWI Program within the City of Newburgh and an award notification for the enforcement period of March 13, 2020 and ending January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newburgh agrees to participate in three (3) STOP DWI Program enforcement campaign periods as follows: First Enforcement Period - March 13, 2020 through May 26, 2020, which includes St. Patrick's Day and the Memorial Day holiday weekend; Second Enforcement Period - July 3, 2020 through September 8, 2020, which includes the Independence Day and Labor Day holiday weekend enforcement campaigns; and the Third Enforcement Period - November 6, 2020 through January 1, 2021, which includes Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holiday enforcement campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the County shall reimburse the City of Newburgh for increased patrol and court time in connection with enhanced enforcement of laws prohibiting driving while intoxicated; and

WHEREAS, based on the data submittals submitted for the prior year the City of Newburgh is eligible for an award not to exceed \$3,668.00 covering 70 person-hours for the First Enforcement Period of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County will notify the City in writing of its eligibility for awards, if any, for the second and third enforcement periods of 2020 by a separate written award letter prior to the commencement of each such enforcement period; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that entering into such agreement would be in the best interests of the City of Newburgh;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York that the City Manager or the Police Chief, as Manager's designee, be and he is hereby authorized to execute an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the County of Orange confirming the City's participation in the STOP-DWI Program for the period March 13, 2020 through January 1, 2021 in order to fund the additional cost of stepped-up police patrols and related court appearances and providing the City of Newburgh with an award not to exceed \$3,668.00 covering 70 person-hours for the First Enforcement Period of 2020 (March 13, 2020 through May 26, 2020); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Newburgh, New York that the City Manager or the Police Chief as Manager's designee be and he is hereby authorized to accept subsequent awards for the Second Enforcement Period (July 3, 2020 through September 8, 2020) and Third Enforcement Period (November 6, 2020 through January 1, 2021) covered by the 2020 STOP-DWI Agreement; and to execute all necessary documents to receive and comply with the terms of such Agreement and to carry out the program funded thereby.

RESOLUTION NO. 63 - 2020

OF

MARCH 9, 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWBURGH
DECLARING AUGUST 11, 2020 AS
FREDERICK DOUGLASS DAY OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
IN THE CITY OF NEWBURGH

WHEREAS, Mr. Frederick Douglass, one of this Country's premier abolitionist and opponents of injustice, visited our beloved City of Newburgh, NY on August 11, 1870; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Douglass graced the residents with his presence to share in the celebration and discuss the ratification of the 15th Amendment which granted black men in America the right to vote and this occasion included a jubilee march of 4,000 residents and concluded with a speech by Mr. Douglass himself; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 150 year commemoration of his visit to the City of Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newburgh has determined that August 11, 2020 and each August 11th every year thereafter be recognized as Frederick Douglass Day of Civic Engagement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Newburgh that August 11, 2020 be declared as "Frederick Douglass Day" in the City of Newburgh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Newburgh that August 11th of each year henceforth be celebrated as "Frederick Douglass Day" in the City of Newburgh.

RESOLUTION NO.: 64-2020

OF

MARCH 9, 2020

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARC LALLANILLA, ANDREW MURPHY,
AND ROBERT SANCHEZ TO THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR TWO YEAR TERMS**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newburgh adopted Local Law No. 1-2013 of August 19, 2013 which added new Chapter 159 of the City Code of Ordinances entitled "Conservation Advisory Council"; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 159 provides for a seven-member Conservation Advisory Council, the members of which are appointed for terms of two years; and

WHEREAS, the two-year terms of 3 members expired on November 30, 2019 and those members have declined re-appointment; and

WHEREAS, Marc Lallanilla, Andrew Murphy and Robert Sanchez have submitted letters of interest to serve as Members of the Conservation Advisory Council to fill terms which expire on November 30, 2021; the same being in the best interests of the City of Newburgh;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York that Marc Lallanilla, Andrew Murphy and Robert Sanchez are hereby appointed to the Conservation Advisory Council for a two (2) year terms commencing immediately and ending on November 30, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 65 - 2020

OF

MARCH 9, 2020

A RESOLUTION CENSURING OMARI SHAKUR, CITY COUNCIL
MEMBER AT LARGE, FOR HIS WORDS AND ACTIONS
OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020

WHEREAS, Omari Shakur, City Council Member At Large, was stopped by City Of Newburgh police and given a summons for a traffic infraction on Carpenter Avenue on February 18, 2020, at approximately 12:05 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, during this traffic stop Mr. Shakur engaged in a wholly inappropriate interaction with members of the City of Newburgh police; and

WHEREAS, during this traffic stop Mr. Shakur used vulgar and abusive language and obscene gestures, directed at members of the City of Newburgh police;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York that Mr. Shakur is censured for his actions and behavior on the above date and time. Be it further resolved Mr. Shakur's actions and behavior does not represent the values of the City Council and the City of Newburgh.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Sofokles mentioned that the organization Riverkeeper is going to be sponsoring a City Cleanup on May 2, 2020.

There was no other new business to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Shakur mentioned the fire at the Church located at 120 South Street. Someone approached him about being able to utilize the Activities Center for a fundraiser that was already scheduled for March 21, 2020.

Councilman Grice stated that he would support anything that that Church is involved in because they have been very active in our community.

Councilwoman Monteverde cautioned her colleagues to make sure that they are following protocols, because it is a Church fundraiser.

There was no other old business to discuss.

FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilman Grice wished Councilman Sklarz a Happy Birthday. Sklarz is his Ward Representative, and he has helped him in so many ways.

Councilwoman Mejia stated that she has teamed up with Councilwoman Monteverde to have a Ward 1 and Ward 2 joint meeting later this month. There is a registration process, in which residents of those wards can communicate their questions and concerns prior to the meeting. Mejia pointed out that if any County officials plan to have any future unity rally in the city, it is extremely important that this council body be contacted prior to the event, so that people don't make the assumption that she does not support our police department. Make sure those invitations are submitted, in advance, especially when it

involves such a sensitive topic. Mejia reminded everyone about Census 2020. Last, she mentioned that randomly selected residents in the city should have received letters about the PFOS study. It is important for community participation, otherwise we can't move completely forward on it.

Councilwoman Monteverde stated that she has a full-time job that is extremely demanding. This is a part time thing, so some planning is necessary if you would like her to attend an event. She announced that the Annual Citywide Community Cleanup is scheduled for April 25, 2020. Also there will be a town hall meeting, which is scheduled for March 26, 2020 at 7 P.M., in the lobby of the Ritz Theater, located at 111 Broadway. We want to hear the public's ideas and concerns.

Councilman Shakur thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Hopefully everyone will come out to the next one and the one after that. Don't just come out for the fun, because we have a lot of work to do.

Councilman Sklarz thanked everyone for coming out tonight, and he confirmed that today is his Birthday.

Councilwoman Sofokles thanked Ann Sullivan for informing her more about the Census. Sofokles stated that she could not attend the rally because she is in the middle of tax season, and she was extremely busy. Everyone already knows that she fully supports the police department. She pointed out that if anybody needs computer access to complete the Census, you can come and use the computer at her office to complete it online.

Mayor Harvey stated that was one of the most difficult meetings that he has had to do on his time on the city council. Just when you think you have had the biggest controversial issue present, another one happens. He plans to speak with the City Manager and Corporation Counsel about some of the disturbing issues he has heard regarding the Mullins Apartments. Harvey stated that he vividly remembers when the African-American bones were discovered during construction at the Courthouse, and then being subsequently sent to the New Paltz repository around 2006 or 2007. We have to follow up with putting together that committee again. He is seeking volunteers to recreate the committee to figure out a way to lay those bones to rest in a respectful manner, and in a way that will honor the former African-American slaves in a memorial ceremony. Last, Harvey remarked that it was good to hear about SNUG, which will be launching in the city in April.

This portion of the meeting was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATRINA COTTEN
DEPUTY CITY CLERK**