



A Letter from the Assessor

Dear Residents,

Recently, I have received a number of calls from residents about mailings from tax abatement companies. These companies send bulk mailings to communities all across New York State and will accept any case regardless of its location or merit.

Due to their lack of knowledge of our area, and the sheer volume of work they

handle, the quality of information used in the grievance process is minimal at best. This practice not only strains local resources but also costs our small town tax dollars to defend cases that have no merit. Please note that this is strictly a for-profit business focused on its profits, not your property value.

While you are welcome to use their services, we strongly encourage you to speak with your assessor instead. If your property is genuinely overvalued, your chances of a reduction are much greater, and you would not have to give half of the savings to a company.

The Tentative Roll will be published on May 1st. If you have any questions about your assessment, now is the time to contact the Assessor's Office. Grievance Day will be held on June 3rd, 2025 from 4:00PM - 8:00PM.

Sincerely,

Kim Smith

Assessor





Canaan Community Day – Call for Vendors

The Town of Canaan will hold its annual **Community Day on Saturday, June 14**, from 3 to 6 PM at the Stoddard Field Park. The rain date is Sunday, June 15.

The community event is a celebration of local artists, vendors, community groups and services available to local residents. Admission to the event is free to all. Donations to the Columbia County Veteran’s Food Pantry are welcome but not required.

Food will be available for purchase from The Notorious BITE Food Truck and Mr. Ding-a-Ling’s ice cream truck, along with hot dogs, cupcakes, watermelon, and other summer favorites. A highlight of the afternoon will be a “Circus Skills workshop by Bindlestiff’s Cirkus After School” that will feature juggling, stilt skills, and games. Live music, beach ball volleyball, sack races, and other activities will round out the afternoon as we catch up with old friends and make new ones.

For more information, contact Christine Wemple
at cwemple@canaannewyork.org or 518-781-4455.



HOSTED BY THE
**COLUMBIA COUNTY
HOUSING ADVISORY
BOARD**

**TENANT
LANDLORD
FORUM**

**APRIL 16TH
5 to 8pm**

HUDSON 7th STREET
FIREHOUSE



EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Columbia County

LANDLORDS:

Do you have
tenants struggling
to pay rent?

WE CAN HELP!

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!



EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY

GET THE LATEST NEWS ON

- ☑ Good Cause Eviction
- ☑ Tenants Rights
- ☑ LandLord Rights
- ☑ Local Court

**SCAN BELOW
FOR MORE INFO**



For More Information Please Call
518-828-0342



Columbia County Summer Youth Employment Program

Looking for full-time work this summer?

Columbia County is hiring for 12 SYEP positions!

Must be:

- Between 18-24
- A resident of Columbia County
- Enrolled in a college (2 or 4 year) or trade school
- Sponsored by one of the 23 Town Supervisors

Scan the QR code and email your supervisor to apply!

Deadline Friday, April 25th, 2025



Proposed Short-Term Rental Law Review Continues

April 14 Town Board Meeting
7 pm
Canaan Town Hall

Or Via Zoom



We'll knock when we arrive, but you don't need to be present for your upgrade unless your meter is inside or difficult to access. For your safety, all contractor vehicles are marked with our logos for easy identification, and all installers will have photo identification verifying they are an authorized contractor for NYSEG.

Learn more about smart meters at [nyseg.com/installation](https://www.nyseg.com/installation)





P.O. Box 5240
Binghamton, NY 13902-5240

We will be upgrading your meter(s) at:

Presorted
First-Class Mail
US Postage
PAID
Bellmawr, NJ
Permit No. 435

Get ready for a fast, easy installation.
In the coming weeks, our authorized contractors will be upgrading meters in your neighborhood to smart meters. The process will take just minutes. If you have electric service, your power may be briefly interrupted.

If you are a residential customer and would prefer to opt out of our new standard smart meter for a monthly fee, visit nyseg.com/installation for more information.

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Calling All Square Dancers!

Stephanie Guelpa is looking for people who are interested in learning how to square dance **and** experienced dancers who would like to join a local square dance group. Please contact Stephanie at 518-369-9897 or at sguelpa@gmail.com for more information.



*Columbia County Multi-Jurisdiction Mitigation Plan Update
Public Review & Comment*

The Columbia County Office of Emergency Management (CCOEM), Public Works, Planning, and other county departments and jurisdictions within Columbia County are working with Tighe & Bond Engineering to update the County Multi-Jurisdiction Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). They are now seeking public comment on the DRAFT plan.

The Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Migration Plan is a FEMA prescribed effort which enables the county to obtain federal grants for planning and mitigation projects. The purpose of the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan is to identify and profile the county's risk and vulnerability to potential natural hazards within the towns, villages, and the City of Hudson.

Specifically, this plan assesses the potential impacts of hurricanes, winter storms, extreme precipitation and flooding, earthquakes, drought/wildfire, and

dam/culvert failure, and, further identifies properties, resources, and critical facilities which may be impacted by these hazard events. The plan identifies mitigation strategies and actions aimed at reducing the loss of or damage to life, property, infrastructure, and natural, cultural, and economic resources. A corresponding implementation plan has been prepared to address the prioritization and administration of the identified strategies and actions.

Public Comment Period - The public comment period is from March 15, 2025 to April 15, 2025. Public comments may be submitted by email with the subject line: "2024 CCHMP Public Comments" to both: Deputy Director Henry Swartz - cceoc@columbiacountyny.com and Haley Rivers - hrivers@tighebond.com .

View The Plan DRAFT - To view the plan DRAFT and learn more please go to the Columbia County web page: <https://www.columbiacountyny.com>

For more information please contact, CCOEM Director David Harrison Jr or Deputy Director Henry Swartz at cceoc@columbiacountyny.com.



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