

# City of Newburgh

## Press Release

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### “Mostly Newburgh” Is March Exhibit in City Hall

Reception set for Friday, March 10 for local artist Joel McKible

This month’s Art in City Hall exhibit is “Mostly Newburgh,” oil paintings by local artist Joel McKible. A reception for the artist will be held on Friday, March 10 from 2-4 p.m. in the lobby of City Hall, 83 Broadway. The public is invited to attend.

A long-time Newburgh businessman, McKible is a relative newcomer to the art world. In 1959 he founded Mid-Hudson Beauty Supply with his brother Fred, but it wasn’t until after he retired in 1997 at the age of 65 that he began to explore his artistic talents. McKible found himself sketching things around the house, first in pencil and then in pen and ink.

In early 2000 he began painting in oil at Bethlehem Art Gallery with Paul Gould. To his surprise and delight, he was awarded an honorable mention at the spring 2002 Arts Alliance Show in Cornwall.

More recently, in 2005 he won second place in Oils at the Newburgh Free Library show for his painting “A Block on the Heights,” and had his first solo show at the Marlboro Free Library.



Councilwoman Regina Angelo (l) helps Joel and Rachel McKible install “Mostly Newburgh.”

“We are delighted to have Mr. McKible contribute to our ongoing art shows,” said Councilwoman Regina Angelo, who coordinates the monthly exhibits. “He has captured many Newburgh scenes in an original and unique way.”

At one of McKible’s recent shows, Paul Gould commented that the artist finds “so many interesting subjects that others would pass by.”

“I only paint subjects I have personally seen,” McKible explained, “and I am never without my camera.” Even on a routine trip, he often stops the car and takes a photograph for a future painting. The light shining on Adirondack chairs in a friend’s yard inspired one work, “A Backyard in Cornwall,” and the view of the city from the Newburgh waterfront he translated into “Newburgh Rising.”

“I see a lot of beauty here,” McKible concluded. “My paintings are an artists’ vision of Newburgh.”



“A Day on the River” by Joel McKible