

City of Newburgh

Press Release

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Hop the Newburgh Beacon Ferry this weekend For fun on both shores!

Saturday, July 25, is becoming an event-filled day in the cities of Newburgh and Beacon!

At 10:30 a.m., swimmers will leave Newburgh's waterfront to swim to Beacon for the annual River Pool Newburgh to Beacon Swim across the Hudson. For more information, log on to www.riverpool.org/swim.html. (Rain date: Sunday, July 26.)

Last Saturday's River Art Walk also will be on the Newburgh waterfront featuring artists, artisans, crafts people, vendors, and authors.

At 12 noon and continuing to 6 p.m., the Fishkill Watershed Committee, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County, and the Beacon Sloop Club will be holding the first Annual Fishkill Creek Festival at Beacon Riverfront Park to increase public awareness of the need to protect our water. The festival will have food, music, a magic show, environmental exhibits, and children's activities. Pete Seeger will be a special guest. The Sloop Woody Guthrie will be offering free sails in the afternoon.

At 1 p.m., Beacon Institute of Rivers and Estuaries on Main Street will be sponsoring a talk by Historian Jim Heron at 1 pm and will have an art exhibit *Up River: Man-Made Sites of Interest on the Hudson from the Battery to Troy*.

The Newburgh Beacon ferry will run between 1- 8 pm, courtesy of Metro North and NYS DOT. The ferry will depart from MTA-Metro North's Newburgh and Beacon ferry docks, and will cost only \$1 each way (the fare has been kept affordable for families, despite other service fare increases).

At 11 a.m. at Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site, join Rep. Maurice Hinchey and Rep. Nita Lowey in welcoming The Honorable Pierre Vimont, Ambassador of France to the United States. The Ambassador will participate in a number of public events to celebrate the passage earlier this year of federal legislation that formally designated the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail. The "W3R" Trail traces and commemorates the 600-mile route from Newport, Rhode Island to Yorktown, Virginia taken in 1781 and 1782 by the armies of General George Washington and General Jean-Baptiste de Rochambeau of France.

The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail, which includes portions of the Hudson River Valley, recognizes the important military contributions by France to the American victory in the War of Independence and also

helps to highlight the critical role played by the Hudson River Valley during the American Revolution.

At 4 p.m., The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra, in collaboration with the City of Newburgh, presents "Summer Pops at Downing," a fun event for the whole family. This year, Music Director Woomyung Choe shares the baton with Marcus Parris, Music Director and Principal Conductor of the "Opera Company of the Highlands." The renowned "Kiddie Conductors," the super stars of "Summer Pops at Downing," are the children in the audience. Every child present is invited to take a turn at conducting the orchestra in a lively march following a brief lesson by Woomyung Choe. Student-musicians, extended the opportunity to perform with a live orchestra, will also be joining GNSO. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy lighthearted music in the idyllic park setting. Buy a raffle ticket to win one of the many baskets brimming with goodies. In case of rain, the concert will take place at Aquinas Hall, Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh. Call (845) 913-7157 or go to www.newburghsymphony.org for more information.