

ARBOR DAY GREETINGS from Town Supervisor, Sue Crane

TREES...imagine the Hudson Valley without them! Throughout our region, the varieties, colors, textures, histories and magnificence of trees continue to inspire poets of all ages. Our lives are enriched with lush foliage. Friends, returning from other parts of the world, recognize in renewed amazement these natural assets...local trees. We take for granted myriad spring greens, cooling summer shade, breathtaking mass autumn displays, appearing like fiery patchwork quilts and in winter, evergreen forests blessing us with stunning peace through contemplation and observance of nature's quiet.

On Saturday, April 30, the Town of Red Hook will commemorate ARBOR DAY, an American public holiday where citizens plant trees and declare reverence for nature's bounty.

Red Hook Town Tree Preservation Committee will be at Town Hall 10 am – 1 pm to celebrate our dedication to improving the community through tree planting, cultivation, education and inspiration with a host of activities for all ages and lunch for volunteers and visitors. The International Year of the Forest Proclamation will be celebrated by Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, Red Hook Village Mayor Ed Blundell and Committee Chair, Nancy Guski. RHCS students will be participating along with Red Hook farmers offering a "*Taste of Red Hook*," artists and musicians. For information: Committee Chair, Nancy Guski: 758-5121 or Committee member Rose Zengen: 876-1422.

Town volunteers will continue the spring tradition of roadside clean-up, gathering in interested groups to pickup segments of our highways and byways, all in the name of helping to beautify and make safe our environment. Clean up is scheduled in segments: 10 am at Bard's Fisher Center for Tivoli Bays Trail; 1 pm Town Hall for roadways assignments; 1:30- 4:30 highway cleanup; 5pm return to Town Hall for meal & live music. For information: Councilwoman, Micki Strawinski: 914-474-3064 or volunteer, Robert McKeon: 388-4582.

For Town of Red Hook ARBOR DAY activities call the Red Hook Town Clerk, Sue McCann at 758-4606.

Remember, the tree you plant today will shade Red Hook's future generations.