

PHILIPSE MANOR

Keeping you up to date on neighborhood goings on.

July 4th - Our Patriotic and Festive Parade



This year's July 4th Parade & Picnic was awash with spirit even though the holiday landed on a Tuesday and unpredictable weather was forecast. It was a grand day for our long-standing celebration organized by the Philipse Manor Improvement Association and the Sleepy Hollow Manor Association!

PMIA President Ray Endreny proclaimed the day as one to celebrate our nation and its people. "The Americans are coming," he said, while leaning out of a Sleepy Hollow fire truck heading toward Peabody field. "Representing the manors in the village of Sleepy Hollow on the shores of the majestic Hudson River....sound the drums, start the march."

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It was one of the largest turnouts many participants could recall. Bicycles and scooters were decorated. Adults and children wore patriotic colors and carried flags. Games and contests drew contestants of all ages.

Honoring Margo & Don Stever



The Historical Society serving Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown recently honored Philipse Manor residents Margo and Don Stever and The Hudson Valley Writers Center for their successful and ongoing efforts to preserve the former Hudson River Railroad Station on Riverside Drive. At the Historical Society’s annual Wine Tasting and Preservation Award event on September 8, participants toasted the Stevers for their continued support of local history and the literary heritage of our community.

Halloween Block Party and Parade on Tap!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 28 when we will be hosting our annual Ragamuffin Parade and Block Party (rain date for October 29)! While we will have more details to share, it’s not too early to get ready. Plan your costume for Halloween with history and fun in mind. And don’t forget about the annual House Decorating Contest. We’d love your help if you’d like to be volunteer in any capacity. Contact Events Chairperson Lauren Sullivan at PMIAEvents@gmail.com

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Todd Ruppel: From Runner to Fundraiser

In an effort to enjoy a passion for running with friends, Todd Ruppel and neighbor Kristin Idalski put an idea into action in 2010. They formed the Rivertown Runners (RTR) to host community races, encourage runners and raise money for local charities.



Still going strong, it is well-known for its weekend group runs and organizing the Sleepy Hollow Half Marathon and the Halloween 10K marathon.

RTR counts more than 150 members from PM and the river communities and has raised more than \$650,000 for charities including Kids' Club of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow, the RSHM Life Center, the YMCA and other community organizations. It helped support a new playground at Morse school and renovations at the Sleepy Hollow Lighthouse. RTR also receives support from local businesses including Prestige Consumer Healthcare, J.P. Doyle's and MVP Health Care. From its mission statement, "Funds are distributed to local

organizations and charities that promote and support health education, healthy lifestyles as well as provide for the needs of the community."

"Running with others makes the time go faster and be more fun," Ruppel said recently. "And with our RTR Outreach Fund we have helped many local organizations."

Ruppel continues as president, along with Manor neighbor Jim Huvane as treasurer.

In 1990 Ruppel and his wife, Roberta, moved from Hastings-On-Hudson to the Manor. He began actively running at 40 years old when a friend challenged him to run 3 miles in the Manor and he "got hooked." The Ruppels have two grown children, Matthew, an emergency room physician in Concord, N.H, and a daughter, Genevive, a nurse in Philadelphia.

But Todd, a former marathon runner (New York City and Boston), isn't running nowadays. A retired insurance executive he currently enjoys playing golf and being close to the Hudson River. Roberta, a former dance teacher, is a fitness/personal trainer.

A major RTR event is the Sleepy Hollow Halloween 10K on Sunday, October 28, which draws roughly 300 participants. Costumes are encouraged. For information, go to <http://www.rivertownrunners.org/>

Upcoming Events

- **September 23 (rain date Sept. 24):** Sleepy Hollow Cultural Festival Celebration, Noon to 7pm on Beekman Avenue with vendors, performers, live music.
- **September 29 - October 8:** (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays) "Persephone", a musical theatrical production at the Peabody Preserve Outdoor Classroom. Tickets at <https://anywheretheatrecompany.com/persephone/>
- **October 2 - 6:** Sleepy Hollow High School Spirit Week.
- **October 9:** Italian Heritage/Indigenous People's Day. TUFSD schools closed. Warner Library and Village offices closed.
- **October 12, 19 and 26:** Beginner Ukulele class (3 weekly sessions from 7 to 8pm). Registration required. <https://warnerlib.librarycalendar.com/event/beginner-ukulele-class-1>
- **October 21 - 22:** Friends of the Warner Library Book Sale, 10am to 5pm at the library.
- **October 28 (rain date Oct. 29):** PMIA Ragamuffin Parade and Block Party. Parade begins at 11am and Block Party on Hunter Ave at 11:30am. More details to follow.
- **October 31:** Halloween

Membership Update:

We have begun our new PMIA membership year and hope you are in! If you signed up for auto-renewal you are all set. If you need to send in a check, now's the time. We appreciate your support. If you are new to the neighborhood, check out our website: <https://www.philipsemanor.org/> to see all that PMIA offers including events, information and timely notices. Or go directly to our membership page: <https://www.philipsemanor.org/become-a-member>

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