

# PHILIPSE MANOR

Keeping you up to date on neighborhood goings on.

## July 4th — Another Grand Parade & Picnic



This year's July 4th Parade and Picnic really brought us all back to our grand neighborhood tradition that unites Philipse Manor with Sleepy Hollow Manor to celebrate a very special holiday signaling that summer is in full swing.

This year, Village police led bicyclers, walkers (many of whom decorated their vehicles and themselves in red, white and blue) in a spirited parade from Bellwood Avenue to Peabody Field. PMIA President Ray Endreny broadcasted the Village proclamation from a fire truck as police sounded the sirens. The picnic included games — egg toss, three-legged races, craft tables— and grilled food and DJ music.

Thanks go to the many volunteers and PMIA and SHMA board members, who organized this day to make it such a success — weather included! After a cold, wet winter we were all ready for summer fun.



# River's Shoreline Inspires Art

After years of enjoying the Hudson River two longtime Philipse Manor neighbors began creating artwork from river deposits.



**Leslie Camilleri**, left, is inspired by the driftwood branches that wash up along the shoreline. He turns these pieces of swirling wood into animals, objects or mythical creatures. Flat sections pieces are used for painting faces and seascapes.

When asked how he decides how to assemble, and then decorate each driftwood piece, he says the shape comes first then he adds the

personality that seems to fit.

“I don’t know really, it just happens,” said Leslie, an elementary particle physicist who has lived in the Manor for 15 years.



**Ted Sohn**, left, gathers beach glass from the shoreline putting the pieces into clear glass containers of various sizes and shapes. The colors of the shards — green, white and brown — splendidly catch light from the sunshine and tiny LED bulbs.

The beach glass pieces are polished and rounded naturally by the water, he explains. It is the combination of movement by the water and abrasion

of the sand that smooths the glass and creates the translucent quality.

“The colors are really beautiful,” said Ted, a retired social worker/family therapist who has lived in the Manor for 41 years.



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## Burns Patterson: Devoted to the Hudson

It is no wonder that Burns Patterson chose to live in Philipse Manor. He moved here from Brooklyn with his wife in 2000 and says the neighborhood builds on his deep appreciation of the Hudson Valley's local history and our beautiful landscape.

"This neighborhood is marvelous," he said. "Raising our kids here we know how special it is with the wide streets, the proximity of the river and Kingsland Point Park, and access to the train." And he adds, "I am a nut for Halloween."

Burns has spent much of his working life discovering and promoting the Hudson Valley region as a great place to work, live and visit. Recently, he took on a new role as executive director of Historic Hudson River Towns, a consortium of municipalities along the Hudson River from Yonkers to Albany. The group began in 1995 by village mayors and town supervisors. In 2008 it expanded to include communities on both sides of the Hudson River and expanded its north-south reaches. The organization has tackled issues of common concern in downtown revitalization, waterfront renewal and tourism development, according to its website at <https://www.hudsonriver.com/>

"The history and the tourism in this area are hard to resist. The river towns have things in common that are very appealing. And each community has its own personality," he said.

Through the consortium he hopes to partner with groups and agencies. "By working together we can expand available resources and be efficient with our time and money," he added. On the agenda are creating audio tours and information packets; enhancing the HHRT website; assembling suggestions for walks, bikes and hikes; and more.

Burns was raised on Manhattan's Upper West Side. He has handled public relations work with the NY Philharmonic, Cablevision and Historic Hudson Valley in Pocantico. His new position with HHRT is part-time and Burns continues to run his own public relations firm which he began in 2016.

Thanks to *The River Journal* for first reporting this news. (photo submitted by Patterson)

## Upcoming Events

Oct. 2: Philipse Manor Garden Club Open House.

Oct. 8: Sleepy Hollow Street Fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beekman Avenue.

Oct. 14-16: Glass Pumpkin Patch at Kingsland Point Park [www.sleepyhollowny.gov/](http://www.sleepyhollowny.gov/)

Oct. 29: Halloween 10K Run at 9:30 a.m. [www.sleepyhollowny.gov/](http://www.sleepyhollowny.gov/)

Oct. 31: Halloween

Nov. 8: General Election Day. Go to <https://www.vote411.org/>

Nov. 11: Veteran's Day

Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 2: Village of Sleepy Hollow Tree Lighting, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cookies with Santa and carriage rides.

### PMIA REMINDERS!



*This year's annual **Ragamuffin Parade and Block Party** — our annual Halloween celebration — will be on Oct. 29. Details to come. But, start early and get those costumes ready. And don't forget to decorate your house — we love spooky creativity (and there are prizes).*

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