

# Weather Report



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## Five-Day Forecast for the Mid-Hudson Valley

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
66° 34°	60° 32°	59° 32°	66° 53°	72° 55°

### Forecast Today

Temperature high/low	66°/34°
RealFeel Temperature high/low	66°/34°
Chance of precipitation	5%
Relative humidity (4 p.m.)	32%
Heat index (4 p.m.)	66°
Wind (4 p.m.)	W at 20 mph
Barometric pressure (4 p.m.)	29.75"
Visibility (4 p.m.)	10 miles

### Environment

Air Quality Today:	32
Air Quality yesterday:	42 (Good)
0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-150, Unhealthy for sensitive groups; 151-200, Unhealthy; 201-300, Very unhealthy; 301-500, Hazardous	
Source: NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation	

### Almanac

**TODAY**

Sun and Moon rise set  
 Sun 5:39 a.m. 8:05 p.m.  
 Moon 7:31 a.m. 10:31 p.m.

Tides first second  
 High 2:41 a.m. 3:25 p.m.  
 Low 9:36 a.m. 9:30 p.m.

Temperature records  
 High: 88° (2004) Low: 30° (1983)

**YESTERDAY**  
 (Dutchess Airport through 4 p.m.)  
 Temperatures High/Low 69°/61°  
 Precipitation (in inches) 0.25"  
 24 hours through 4 p.m. yest. 1.05"  
 Month to date 7.51"  
 Year to date 7.51"

Rain Acidity (pH of last rainfall): 5.19

pH of previous rainfall April 20: 4.97

The pH is a measure of acidity or alkalinity. On a scale of 0 to 14, vinegar has a pH of 3; neutral is 7. Normal rain is a bit acidic at 5.

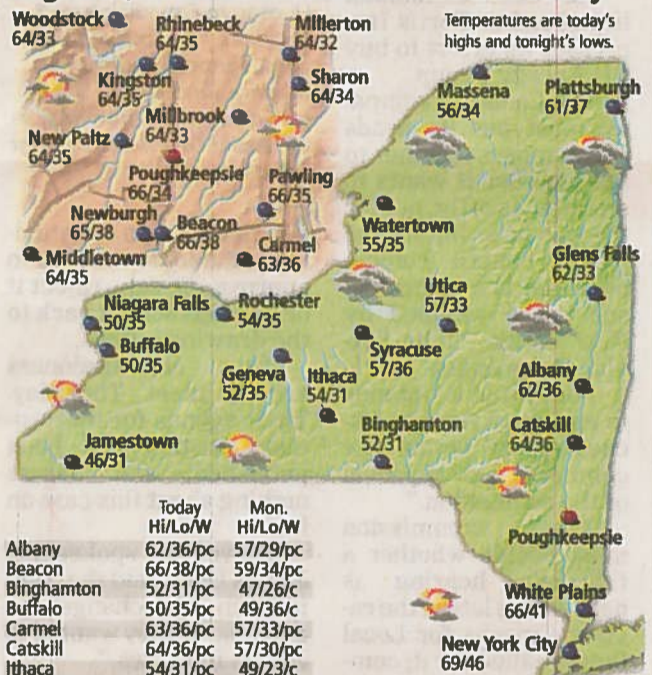
Source: Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies  
<http://www.caryinstitute.org/emp.html>

Pollen yesterday

Trees	Absent
Weeds	Absent
Grass	N.A.
Molds	N.A.

Main Offenders: Trees  
 Source: National Allergy Bureau  
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### Regional, State and National Forecast Today



Location	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albany	62/36/pc	57/29/pc
Beacon	66/38/pc	59/34/pc
Binghamton	52/31/pc	47/26/c
Buffalo	50/35/pc	49/36/c
Carmel	63/36/pc	57/33/pc
Catskill	64/36/pc	57/30/pc
Ithaca	54/31/pc	49/23/c
Kingston	64/35/pc	60/28/pc
Middletown	64/35/pc	57/30/pc
Millerton	64/32/pc	56/28/pc
New Paltz	64/35/pc	60/29/pc
New York City	69/46/pc	59/41/pc
Newburgh	65/38/pc	59/34/pc
Pawling	66/35/pc	59/31/pc
Poughkeepsie	66/34/pc	60/32/pc
Rhinebeck	64/35/pc	60/28/pc
Rochester	54/35/pc	51/32/c
Stewart Airport	64/37/pc	57/34/pc
Syracuse	57/36/c	53/28/c
Utica	57/33/c	52/23/c
White Plains	66/41/pc	59/36/pc
Woodstock	64/33/pc	58/27/pc

**In the Sky**

Look for the thin crescent moon just left of Jupiter tonight.

Phase	Date
First	May 18
Full	May 25
Last	May 31
New	June 8

Source: Longway Planetarium

# Book covers local political life

Staff report

The Poughkeepsie Journal's newest book is available for purchase — or pickup, for those who preordered — at the Journal's office.

"Democracy in Dutchess: 300 Years of County Political Life" is a pictorial look at how government has influenced life in the mid-Hudson Valley.

The 144-page book

covers the region's history from 1713, when the first organized government structure was formed in Dutchess, to the present. The book is the fifth in a series on history in the mid-Hudson Valley.

The book offers photos and images of memorabilia submitted by readers and historians, plus photos from the Journal's decades of archives. Included are rare documents as well as photos

depicting political life, public service, governmental agencies and activities, historic buildings and political leaders; photos and memorabilia commemorating law enforcement and fire department activities, parades, celebrations, political buttons, stickers and banners.

The Journal worked with Dutchess County Tourism, Dutchess County Historian William Ta-

tum and more than 20 local historians and historical groups to produce the publication. You can pick up or buy the book from 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays at the Journal office, 85 Civic Center Plaza in the City of Poughkeepsie, across from City Hall and the post office. Visit the Journal's first-floor reception desk. To order "Democracy in Dutchess," visit [dutchess.pictorialbook.com](http://dutchess.pictorialbook.com) or call 845-437-4730.

## Cleanup

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Park, Kaal Rock Park, King Street Park and College Hill Park.

"At least at this moment in time, they're clean," said Rich. "Our goal was to clean the parks; they sometimes get in rough shape. And we achieved our goal."

Shapley said about 75 cleanups were held Saturday in conjunction with hundreds of local clubs and organizations.

Volunteers with the Poughkeepsie Journal's Greater Good Committee joined Riverkeeper's efforts focusing on Kaal Rock Park, which was free of litter by late morning. The committee promotes community involvement and volunteerism among employees and readers.

Susan Fox Rogers, 52, a Tivoli resident and creative writing professor at Bard College, organized a 15-person cleanup of Tivoli North Bay via canoe and kayak, while Bard students separately cleaned the South Bay using canoes, she said.

"We were all in the



City of Poughkeepsie Mayor John Tkazyik, fourth from left, is joined by cleanup volunteers Saturday at Waryas Park in the city. DARRYL BAUTISTA/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

water," she said. "You're in and out of your canoe all the time, grabbing bottles and tires and whatever else floated in."

Rogers said it's satisfying to do something that has a measurable impact.

"The river belongs to all of us and everyone has to pitch in," she said. "It's one of the most magnificent parts of this country."

Other Dutchess cleanup events were organized for the Wappinger Creek, the Beacon waterfront, at

Mills Norrie State Park in Staatsburg and in Ulster County in Esopus and Kingston, Shapley said.

Past storms left a good deal of trash along the shorelines, when the high tides receded, he said.

"We enjoy our waterfronts because they're beautiful and a nice place to be," he said. "Trash mars that so we want to remove it. It's also emblematic of the issues the river faces: We know from the testing we do, for instance, that the river

isn't always safe to swim (in) because there's still sewage discharged into it at some places and times."

The Riverkeeper Sweep is part of a national series of river cleanup events organized by Waterkeeper Alliance, a group Riverkeeper helped to found, that fosters the protection of rivers worldwide, he said.

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## Fortis

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meeting is June 13. Fortis has said it hopes the deal can get the commission's OK and close by the end of June.

The \$1.5 billion deal is strongly advocated by Poughkeepsie-based CH Energy, parent of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp., which has campaigned locally to rally some chatter in favor of their plan.

It's not up to the public.

But the public's consistently negative views given during four public statement hearings in February and April were cited in the negative advice given to the commission by its administrative law judges who are overseeing the case.

The debate continues. Thursday, at the annual breakfast of the Dutchess County Economic Development Corp., the group's president, Cathy Maloney, urged guests to support the deal.

Among other features, it includes \$4.5 million for regional economic devel-

opment initiatives.

Though the commission's record closed after May 1, comments continue to come in.

Mary D. Madden said in her post that she was concerned at first, but studied the deal further and now offers "complete support."

"Under a purchase agreement, it isn't often that a company will remain a standalone company with local decision-making authority and managed by the same leadership team who are known, trusted and are part of our community,"

she said.

A post from Janet C. Mills said: "This is not a hotel, store or airline business, which clients have the right to choose to patronize. This affects people's daily well being with no alternative choice. Ownership, oversight and control of a national resource needs to be by Americans with American interests, beyond the financial bottom line, in mind."

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### HAPPENINGS

**Mother's Day Buffet Breakfast** — New Paltz Elks, 290 Route 32, New Paltz. 8-11 a.m. May 12. Mothers are free with a paid child. \$6, \$5 seniors and children 5 and under. 845-255-1633.

**Free Mother's Day tours** — Mount Gulian Historic Site, 145 Sterling St., Fishkill. 1:30 p.m. May 12. Tours at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Free for mothers. Fee for others is \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children 6-18 and children under 5 are free. 845-831-8172.

**Tulip Festival and Mother's Day celebration** — Honor's

## Daily Planner

TODAY	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SUNDAY							

### MAY

**workshop** — Cornwall Public Library, 395 Hudson St., Cornwall. 7 p.m. May 14. Tom Doyle will lead a four-session workshop on landscape photography

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays. Lab for those seeking how-to information on computers. Limited to

at [varichards@optonline.net](mailto:varichards@optonline.net) or 845-226-4458.

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