The Wallkill River Watershed Alliance is a volunteer group with a mission to restore the ecological health of the Wallkill River and its watershed. The Alliance conducts observational monitoring of the river through monthly “boat brigades” and its Science Working Group is aimed at figuring out the sources of pollution in the river. Recently, the Alliance has received a $1,000 donation to purchase equipment for more in-depth water quality monitoring.

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The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Recipes: Behind the Scenes with 18 Extraordinary Sustainable Farmers Who Are Changing the Way We Eat. One of the profiles is a Rensselaer dairy farm and Barron, John Langan, Phoebe North, Nicole Quinn, Gabriel Squailia and Nicole Kornher Stace will be on hand to read from their tales of horror and dark fantasy.

Another event, scheduled for Monday, November 2, will also be moved to the library and will be postponed to 7 p.m. Forrest Pritchard will present his book, Growing Tomorrow: A Farm to Table Journey in Photos and Recipes: Behind the Scenes at 18 Extraordinary Sustainable Farmers Who Are Changing the Way We Eat. One of the profiles is a Rensselaer dairy farm and Barron, John Langan, Phoebe North, Nicole Quinn, Gabriel Squailia and Nicole Kornher Stace will be on hand to read from their tales of horror and dark fantasy.

The Village of New Paltz will begin its fall leaf pick-up starting Monday, November 2. Leaf piles must be free of brush and debris in order to minimize damage to the machine. Please put the leaf piles on the shoulder of the road, as close to the blacktop as possible. This is to ensure the machine can reach. Please do not put out brush, which is picked up in the spring.

Long, lengthy piles are okay if there is no room to put in one large pile; the remainder of the piles that are out of reach of the machine should be raked back out by the town resident, and the highway department will return to pick up those piles.

The highway department does not schedule individual pick-ups. Please have your piles out on November 2 to ensure pick-up before the winter storms.

The Village of New Paltz will begin its annual leaf pickup throughout the village on November 2 for a two-week period beginning on the north side from November 2-6 and then the south side from November 9-13.

If bagging leaves, only biodegradable bags will be accepted. Bagged or loose leaves only should be placed at curbside. Biodegradable bags can be purchased at the Village of New Paltz at 25 Platekille Avenue, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the price of $2 per five-pack.

The Night of 100 Pumpkins: Pumpkin Prizing Contest

The Jewish Congregation of New Paltz’s “Thursday Night Live” series will feature Mark Sherman, Ph.D., on November 5, talking about “American Boys and Young Men Need Our Attention and Help.” A longtime columnist for the New Paltz Times, Sherman is also a professor emeritus of psychology at SUNY New Paltz. He will present evidence showing that while girls and young women have done better and better in school and beyond over the last 20-30 years, boys and young men have not kept pace. And he will suggest ways that parents and grandparents of boys—as well as any other concerned person—can help them do better without in any way impeding the progress of their sisters.

Sherman writes a blog for PsychologyToday.com, and in a recent post, he wrote, “Our sons and grandsons comprise half our children. And they will be interacting everywhere with our daughters and granddaughters. To be so excited at the ascent of the latter that we more or less forget the stagnation or descent of the former spells nothing but trouble for our future. If you have a son or grandson who is struggling, it’s truly time to see this as part of a national problem, not just his, yours and your family’s.”

He has read, researched and written on this topic for more than 20 years, and is a member of the national commission seeking the establishment of a White House Council on Boys and Men (to parallel the one that already exists for Women and Girls). He, himself, is the father of three grown sons and four young grandsons.

Sherman’s presentation will be at the Jewish Community Center, 30 North Chestnut Street, New Paltz on Thursday, November 5 at 7 p.m. It’s free for members and $5 for non-members.

For further details, go to www.jewishcongregationsnewpaltz.org or call (845) 255-9887.