



## Sustainable Sleepy Hollow Monthly Meeting

February 2, 2026

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Meeting ID: 886 0983 4663, Passcode: 208060

Attendees:

On zoom:

Notetaker:

### Agenda:

1. Introductions & goal to finish by 8:30 pm
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  - a. Resolution in support of Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (see Tarrytown's resolution below) [S.1464/A.1749](#)
  - b. Horsemen Saturday February 7th (Kirsten) - Volunteers welcome!
  - c. Natural Resources Inventory Workshop - March 24th 1pm-4pm
  - d. Earth Month Festival - Saturday April 18 (Char)
    - i. SSH craft
    - ii. SSH tabling
    - iii. Other tabling invitees?
  - e. Ramapo U Environmental Studies Capstone Update (Char)
    - i. Email Char if you want to attend a Zoom to meet with the students Tuesday 2/9 at 7 pm
  - f. Call for volunteers - go/no go decision (Char)
    - i. Monthly Flash Cleanups
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3. Old Business (updates on the topics below, as necessary)
  - a. CAP updates (Sarah) - 2 minutes
    - i. Climate Hub storymap in process, one-pager available
    - ii. Done: Planning Board briefing
    - iii. Tree Commission/DPW/Parks (February 10, 1 pm) and LDC (TBD) briefings
  - b. Gas Powered Leaf Blower Ban Next Steps (Char/Kiko) - 2 minutes
    - i. Public Hearing Feb 10th
    - ii. Misinformation on NYS ban (see below)
  - c. Rivertowns Food Scraps Update (Kiko) - 2 minutes
  - d. Library of Things (Carol) - 2 minutes
  - e. 2026 Goals and Volunteer Requests
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Attendees: Sarah Smiley, CSC Co coordinator, Arline Segal, Kirsten McLaughlin CSC co-coordinator, Celia (Tarrytown resident), Carol Vinzant, Gina Carey, Susanne Jones, Kiko Bourne

On zoom: Char Wiegel, Ed Andrews & Margaret Rudrick, Mary Sheher new to Sleepy Hollow, Andrea Kott, Adanhyr Morocho, Rachael Sokolowski

Notetaker: Kirsten

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    - i. The goal is to reduce waste from packaging and shift the cost burden back to the companies that create the packages. It would reduce plastic packaging by 33% over 20 years, it would prohibit chemical recycling as counting as recycling, would limit a number of chemicals permissible to be used in packaging, and would enact a fee on producers
    - ii. Discussion as to if we should raise to the BOT for SH to take a position in favor of the state legislation
    - iii. This is the third legislative session for NY state
    - iv. Sarah watched someone from beyond plastics who was very persuasive particularly compelling around saving costs for municipalities to incur the burden of the cost of
    - v. Sarah will circulate the letter to the SHEAC members to vote
  - b. Horsemen Saturday February 7th (Kirsten) - Volunteers welcome!
    - i. We will be making crafts using upcycled corks and construction paper for the 100th day of school and Valentine's day. Reach out to Kirsten if you'd like to join - [Kirsten.HaseMcLaughlin@gmail.com](mailto:Kirsten.HaseMcLaughlin@gmail.com)
  - c. Natural Resources Inventory Workshop - March 24th 1pm-4pm

- i. One of the actions of the CSC for points is to create an inventory and this workshop would help teach us how to take the inventory
  - ii. If you do want to go you are not committed to doing the inventory. They will teach you how to use the county GIS maps
  - iii. Susanne advised that Mt. Pleasant did an inventory in 2023 for SH, but it isn't so granular that would help with specific planning. It is 200+ pages
  - iv. It took at least 1yr and worked with a NY state rep + a consultant who worked to finish it
  - v. You can find it on the Mt. Pleasant CAC website
  - vi. New Riverkeeper Climate Change map <https://data.riverkeeper.org/>
- d.
  - i. Carol offered interest and will check if she is available
- e. Earth Month Festival - Saturday April 18 - 10:00 - 12:30 (Char)
  - i. Second Annual and combined with Horseman Saturday at Barnhart Park. Rain plan is at the Senior Center
  - ii. SSH craft - volunteers to do a craft and table
    - 1. Rachel asked if we could do some pollinator planting at the park or around the fence
    - 2. Adanhyr & Kiko volunteered
    - 3. Pumpkin seeds harvested from the pumpkin smash could be utilized as giveaways
    - 4. Maybe seed bomb... Rachael has material for seed bomb
  - iii. SSH tabling
  - iv. Other tabling invitees?
  - v. Separately the tree commission are having a tree swap and tree giveaway
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  - i. Public Hearing Feb 10th -
    - 1. Margaret Rudyk will give the petition on behalf of her and Ed Andrews
    - 2. If you can join then please do and let your voice be heard!
      - a. We ask that you please limit your comments to 3 minutes. The more people the merrier!
      - b. You're welcome to reference the flyer
    - 3. If you cannot join in person then please email in

- a. Carol created a button in the newsletter that you can click to email the Board of Trustees
  - ii. Misinformation on NYS ban (see below)
    - 1. Congressman Mike Lawler sent out information that there is a proposal to ban gas powered leaf blowers
    - 2. To clarify the information, please note that the ban is for the sale of gas powered leaf blowers
    - 3. This does not impact snow blowers
- h. Rivertowns Food Scraps Update (Kiko) - 2 minutes
  - i. Asked for data from the village to run economic analysis on savings for taxpayers
- i. Library of Things (Carol) - 2 minutes
  - i. Will inventory seeds with Library
- j. 2026 Goals and Volunteer Requests
  - i. See “2026 Volunteer Opportunities (Priorities)” below

#### 11. Committee Liaison Updates

- a. No updates

#### 12. September meeting date decision

- a. First Monday is Labor Day. We think M, 9/14 is the better day.

#### 13. Additional Items?

- a. SPWC Legislators Roundtable - Adanhyr will attend. Hoping to bring more volunteers. Asked about questions/topics they should research in advance. Gina said that will be panel discussion with Q&A to follow.
- b. Susanne - Westchester Coalition for Clean Water meeting - 14 or more different sewage systems in different municipalities so goal is to consolidate. Dr. Dan Shackley presented on salt and the threat to the Croton Reservoir from increased salination and we are having to use reservoirs from Catskills as a result. Trying to address large amount of salt. Best practices: brine when you can. There is tech that allows creating a mixture of brine and salt to match road conditions but we don't have that tech in Sleepy Hollow. WQIP grant addresses water quality improvements so we might get grant down the road. Sand freezes up with freeze/thaw and loses road traction value. Plus doesn't get rid of snow so it doesn't serve same purpose.
- c. Congratulated Adanhyr on her volunteer award!
- d. Save Pocantico Lake meeting on Thursday to Mt. Pleasant Planning Board. We have filed a letter in the past and would likely do so again.
- e. The 250th commemoration for both villages will be sustainable and inclusive. More info to come.
- f. Earth Month collab between TEAC and SHEAC. Have all details worked out at end of February. Will kick off with Repair Cafe end of March.

#### 14. Adjourn: Target by 8:30 pm

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## **2026 Volunteer Opportunities (Priorities)**

Please sign up! Add your name to an initiative if you are interested. Feel free to email contacts in parentheses for more information.

1. [Rivertown Intervillage Sustainability Network](#) representatives. Occasional meetings between village reps throughout the year to brainstorm [opportunities for collaboration](#). (Susanne: [dkgirl0804@gmail.com](mailto:dkgirl0804@gmail.com))
  - a. \_\_Gina Carey\_\_ (one or two volunteers to serve as ongoing liaison)
  - b. \_\_Kiko Bourne\_\_ (one or two volunteers to serve as ongoing liaison)
2. Representative to a newly formed organization started by Riverkeeper: [Westchester Coalition for Clean Water](#). Attend in-person meetings, share SSH input and report back to us. Objective is for the county to have more accountability to consolidate sewer water network. Updating infrastructure and better management. (Susanne: [dkgirl0804@gmail.com](mailto:dkgirl0804@gmail.com))
  - a. James Natarelli
3. **All hands on deck**: Attend Village of Sleepy Hollow Board of Trustee public hearings in support of [proposed ban on gas powered leaf blowers](#). Public hearings to start on February 10. Watch your email for more information. (Kiko Bourne: [kbourne@gmail.com](mailto:kbourne@gmail.com); Char Weigel: [caweigel@verizon.net](mailto:caweigel@verizon.net))
4. **January through May**: Volunteers to be a sounding board to Ramapo University Environmental Studies Capstone students on a feasibility study of daylighting a portion of André Brook. This potential strategy is an option included in the Climate Action Plan. The students would like to have a few residents to bounce ideas off of and ask questions about our village. Time commitment can stretch from answering a few emails to meeting with the students around the village during their field work. (Char: [caweigel@verizon.net](mailto:caweigel@verizon.net))
  - a. Elizabeth Tucker
  - b. Arline Segal
  - c. James Natarelli
5. **Saturday, January 31 (10 am) and Saturday February 28 (10 am)**: Vine cutting at Peabody (Susanne: [dkgirl0804@gmail.com](mailto:dkgirl0804@gmail.com))
  - a. Ed Andrews
6. **Saturday, February 7 (10am-12:45)** : Crafting with upcycled materials. The theme is 100 days and we are also making some valentines day crafts. Materials used include cork and recycled construction drawings. The event will be for all ages, parents too!
7. **Late January through April**: A volunteer to partner with Susanne to meet with TEAC and work on [master calendar for joint Earth Month](#) (individual activities will be still be managed by specific leads - see next item). Dates and descriptions set by beginning of March (Susanne: [dkgirl0804@gmail.com](mailto:dkgirl0804@gmail.com))
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
8. **Starting in late January through April**: Leads for individual Sleepy Hollow projects for Earth Month
  - a. **Compost Give-Back event** (behind the HS admin building)
    - i. Kiko - Tentative April 11th
    - ii. Stephanie

- b. **Village Free Day** (village garage sale where everything is free at your curb - on a google map) Date: Sunday, April 26
    - i. Carol
    - ii. Stephanie
  - c. **Repair Café** - Opportunity for residents to bring any item that is not working to be fixed rather than put into waste stream
    - i. Gina working with TEAC's co-chair Dean G. Date: Sunday, March 29
  - d. **Earth Month Festival/TUFSD Green Horsemen Family Saturday April 18th.**  
To include invitations to environmentally-minded organizations to table (we have a list from last year) as well as Jonas and Lindsay from [It's a Charming Life](#) on thrifting and living in a circular economy.
    - i. Char & Arline to plan with Diana Loja and TUFSD
    - ii. Rachael - will you again organize a day-of hands on activity?
    - iii. Any and all organizations invited to table.
  - e. **Bird walks and hikes** - Dates/Times to be Coordinated - April 19 ?
    - i. Elizabeth Tucker
    - ii. Carol Vinzant
    - iii. Stephanie
    - iv. Annie Bingaman
  - f. **Riverkeeper Sweep May 2, 10 am - Noon** (counted as Earth Month activity)
    - i. Char
    - ii. Annie Bingaman
    - iii. Tara Scheller
    - iv. Celia Pain
  - g. Other tbd
9. **April - November:** Volunteers to plant and maintain pollinator gardens and Statue Island. Meet more frequently in April/May and then biweekly through November. (Susanne: [dkgirl0804@gmail.com](mailto:dkgirl0804@gmail.com))
- a. Stephanie Smith-Marrone
  - b. Fay Serafica
  - c. Celia Pain
10. **May - October:** Volunteers for tabling at The TaSH market periodically through the summer and fall (Kirsten: [kirsten.hasemclaughlin@gmail.com](mailto:kirsten.hasemclaughlin@gmail.com))
- a. Stephanie
11. **May - August:** Columbia University Student Capstone Project on Decarbonization Opportunities. Serve as SSH/village liaison for students. (Kirsten: [kirsten.hasemclaughlin@gmail.com](mailto:kirsten.hasemclaughlin@gmail.com))
- a. Kirsten McLaughlin
12. **June 13 - October 10, 10-11 am, Second Saturday:** Volunteers to lead the one hour **RiverWalk flash cleanup along RiverWalk**. Char will manage signups and promotion but need one volunteer each month to greet volunteers in Horan's Landing, give out the gloves and bags, and take pictures of their collections. (Char: [caweigel@verizon.net](mailto:caweigel@verizon.net))
- a. Annie Bingaman - June 13 10-11 am
  - b. Celia Pain - July 11, 10-11 am
  - c. Susanne August 8, 10-11 am
  - d. Celia Pain - September 12, 10-11 am (Rosh Hashanah)
  - e. Annie Bingaman - October 10, 10-11 am

13. **July 18:** Volunteers to staff a zero-waste effort at the Mermaid Festival
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (as many as wish to volunteer)
14. **Starting in August:** Volunteers to help organize the Oyster Count-Up to be held in October (date tbd - last year it was Oct 5th) (Char: [caweigel@verizon.net](mailto:caweigel@verizon.net))
  - a. Celia Pain
15. **Ongoing:** Projects will begin to be initiated from the [Climate Action Plan](#). Working groups and/or volunteers will start after we have gathered information from the Village Administrator on grants and ongoing projects:
  - a. Sponge Village - specifically bioswale research/recommendation We have asked for an update from Village on Sponge City grant and sewer mapping grant as well as Westchester County on 2026 Pocantico Watershed study. [This](#) is the type of information that we want to guide us. CAP team and Tree Commission will give a starter briefing.
    - i. James Natarelli - [jnatarelli@gmail.com](mailto:jnatarelli@gmail.com)
    - ii. Fay Serafica
    - iii. Char Weigel
  - b. Sleepy Hollow Complete Streets - volunteer to track actions, get documentation from the village for CSC points, coordinate with Safe Streets for All (TUFSD and Liveable Tarrytowns) and [Route 9 Active Transportation](#) Project (Dan). Sarah and Susanne can give a starter briefing. [Interesting article](#) in 01.05.26 New York Times. With the village administrator & DPW we are organizing the approach under one spreadsheet having quarterly meetings to update the documentation. [See our website on intersections already completed](#)
    - i. Daniel Convissor \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Safe E-Bike Use campaign - volunteer to research how other bike share communities have dealt with the challenge of how to encourage use of helmets. And continue to emphasize Project Mover benefits. Start with a briefing from Char. Sleepy Hollow is keeping them over the winter while Tarrytown chose to remove them.
    - i. Dan Convissor - [danielc@biketarrytown.org](mailto:danielc@biketarrytown.org)
  - d. Solar panels over Senior Center lot - research barriers and options (start by getting a briefing from Sarah on background to date)
    - i. Celia Pain
  - e. Handout and FAQ for Planning Board on solar opportunities
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Review village code and make recommendations on opportunities to implement wind power
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_

**Tarrytown Resolution (adopted April 21, 2025) in Support of the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (PRRIA)**

RENEWED SUPPORT FOR THE NEW YORK ASSEMBLY AND SENATE TO PASS A  
STRONG PACKAGING REDUCTION AND RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE ACT (  
S.1464/A.1749)

On a motion made by Trustee Phillips-Staley seconded by Trustee Rinaldi and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 7-0

WHEREAS, packaging makes up approximately 40 percent of the waste in New York State, and

WHEREAS, managing packaging waste costs New York taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually, and

WHEREAS, some packaging is not recyclable and reusable and refillable packaging systems are not readily available, and

WHEREAS, plastic causes serious pollution including litter and it uses toxic chemicals, and

WHEREAS, companies that produce packaging should help bear the costs of packaging waste, not just taxpayers and

WHEREAS, enacting the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, as drafted in the New York Assembly A.1749 and the New York Senate S.1464, would reduce waste, increase recycling rates, create jobs, reduce toxicity in packaging, provide millions of dollars in savings for local governments and taxpayers, and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Tarrytown urges the New York State Legislature to approve and Governor Kathy Hochul to sign into law a strong and effective Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, in the form of bills Senate S-1464 and Assembly A-1749, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tarrytown Village Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, the New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assemblywoman Mary Jane Shimsky.

## Gas Powered Leaf Blower Bill in NYS Assembly

As you prepare for the public hearing on the GPLB Ban, you may hear about the following January 29 email sent while we were cleaning out from the recent snowstorm (see below). United States Congressman Mike Lawler sent an email about a bill proposed in the New York State Assembly. The email describes a supposed proposed ban on gas powered snow blowers along with lawn mowers and leaf blowers. Please see the text of the bill (below) which does not mention snowblowers.

The proposed Sleepy Hollow ban is only for use of gas powered leaf blowers (not lawn mowers or snow blowers). Given that many bills are proposed in the NYS Assembly and do not become law, SSH still supports action now on a ban on GPLB by the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

The actual bill:

2114  
2025-2026 Regular Sessions

**IN ASSEMBLY**

January 15, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. R. CARROLL, LEVENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting the sale of gasoline powered leaf blowers and lawn mowers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a  
2 new section 19-0306-c to read as follows:  
3 § 19-0306-c. Sale of certain gas-powered lawn care devices prohibited.  
4 The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations which shall  
5 prohibit the sale of gasoline powered leaf blowers and lawn mowers in  
6 the state by January first, two thousand twenty-seven.  
7 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Congressman Lawler's email about this bill:

Congressman Mike Lawler From: repmikelawler@mail.house.gov Unsubscribe To: caweigel@verizon.net Thu, Jan 29 at 6:05 PM



Charlene,

A bill was just introduced in the New York State Assembly that could end the sale of tools that millions of New Yorkers rely on for everyday use or simply to do their jobs.

Bill 2144 would ban the sale of gas-powered snow blowers, lawn mowers, and leaf blowers by January 1, 2029, and require the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to develop enforcement regulations.

This type of hastily-drafted green initiative makes for great local headlines, but it forces homeowners and landscaping businesses to purchase more expensive electric equipment.

In rural parts of New York, electric alternatives remain impractical and drive up costs significantly for consumers.

But, I want to hear directly from you:

**Do you support banning the sale of gas-powered snow blowers and lawn mowers in New York State?**

**Take my survey below**

Do you support banning the sale of gas-powered snow blowers and lawn mowers in New York State?

Yes

No

Unsure

2026 Event Dates (just for the record): Earth Month/Green Horsemen Festival: Saturday, April 18, 2026 (rain plan inside Senior Center); Sleepy Hollow Free Day: April 25, 2026 - rain date April 26, 2026. Arbor Day Friday, April 24 (Tree Comm event); Riverkeeper Sweep, Saturday, May 2; Earth Month Repair Caf : April? May?; Pumpkin Smash at Peabody: December 5, 2026 - rain date December 6, 2026

2026 Meeting Chair Schedule:

Jan, Apr, Sep - Char  
Feb, Jun, Oct - Sarah  
May, Aug, Nov - Susanne  
Mar, Jul, Dec - Kirsten



### Gas Powered Leaf Blower (GPLB) Considerations

## Toxicity/Cancer Risks

Unlike four-stroke engines, the two-stroke engines in gas powered leaf blowers do not completely combust fuel, exposing operators & bystanders to harmful levels of toxic and carcinogenic fumes<sup>1</sup> including:

- carbon monoxide,<sup>1</sup>
- benzene,<sup>2</sup>
- toxic aromatic hydrocarbons,<sup>2</sup>
- formaldehyde,<sup>3</sup> and more.

## Did You Know...

- Since 2010, Sleepy Hollow Village Code has banned gas-powered leaf blowers (GPLBs) between Memorial Day Saturday & Sept. 30.
- A ban on GPLBs still allows you to use an electric leaf blower. So no need to give up a leaf blower if that solution works best for you.
- There are equivalently powerful electric & gas leaf blower options for commercial landscapers as measured by:
  - speed of leaf clearance (cubic feet per minute or cfm)
  - power of engine (miles per hour or mph).Argento & Sons (supplier for many local landscapers and municipalities) carries Greenworks Optimus 26N backpack (742 cfm, 169 mph) & Stihl BGA200 (571 cfm, 192 mph).
- Many neighboring municipalities have already banned GPLBs (see "Local Bans"). As such, many landscapers operating across multiple villages already have electric units.
- Residents and landscapers using electric leaf blowers usually have multiple batteries or use a heavy duty battery pack (see "\$ Considerations") to minimize downtime.
- Questions or comments? Reach Sustainable Sleepy Hollow at [sleepy.hollow.eac@gmail.com](mailto:sleepy.hollow.eac@gmail.com)

## \$ Considerations

Electric blower prices have dropped & run time has improved in recent years. A well-cited study<sup>8</sup> compared purchase & operating cost of a commercial-strength electric blower with extended battery pack (Stihl BGA 200 with Stihl AR3000 battery unit) to an equivalently powered GPLB (both for five hour daily run times). The electric option, including battery cost, yielded a positive return on investment (ROI) in under 1.5 years due to the lower cost of electricity vs. gas. That said, conversion to electric, including purchase of multiple batteries, does put financial pressure on landscapers in the short term.



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## Time to Adjust

GPLB bans often include a phase-in period to help residents & landscapers plan. Bans by nearby municipalities have already started landscaper migration to electric units. Sleepy Hollow has also begun electric conversion (DPW: 3 electric out of 6 total fleet; Parks: 2 electric out of 5 total fleet).

## Special Risk To Children

The Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) of Mount Sinai Hospital supports leaf blower bans because of heightened impact on children's respiratory health. PEHSU states that children are more vulnerable to respiratory danger from gas-powered (2 stroke partial combustion) leaf blowers because they breathe faster, rarely wear protective equipment, are closer to the ground, and have still-developing organs.<sup>10</sup>

## Health Damage from Noise

GPLB sound exceeds safe thresholds even 800 feet away from the source,<sup>5</sup> negatively impacting productivity, health, and quality of life.<sup>7</sup> Also, low-frequency sound is a common cause of annoyance<sup>5</sup> and other stress-induced adverse consequences.<sup>5</sup> GPLBs typically exceed 95 A-weighted decibels (dBA).<sup>7</sup> Prolonged exposure >85 dBA is found to cause hearing loss and permanent ringing in ears.<sup>4</sup> Electric leaf blowers are quieter and operate below harmful thresholds.<sup>6</sup>

## Emissions

30 minutes of yard work with a two-stroke GPLB produces about the same hydrocarbon emissions as a 3,900-mile drive from Texas to Alaska in a Ford Raptor.<sup>9</sup>

## Sources

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## Local Bans

Many municipalities that share landscaping companies with Sleepy Hollow have already instituted year-round GPLB bans: Irvington, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, Larchmont, White Plains, Bedford, Nyack, Mamaroneck & more.



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Grab & Go  
Breakfast

Face Painting/  
Bouncy  
Castle

Free  
Entry

Horsemen Family Saturday



Enviro-  
Crafts

*It's a  
Charming  
Life Visit!*

Community  
Partners

## Sleepy Hollow Earth Month Festival & Picnic

TUFSD's Green Horsemen Family Saturday & the Village of Sleepy Hollow are sponsoring the 2026 Earth Month Festival. Activities, food and sustainable living tips through vintage style with *It's a Charming Life* influencers Lindsay & Jonas.

Everyone is welcome!

Bring your picnic blanket!

Rain location: SH Senior Center



Saturday, April 18  
10 am - 12:30 pm

James F Galgano Senior Center  
55 Elm St , Sleepy Hollow

Desayuno  
para llevar

Caritas  
Pintadas

Entrada  
Gratuita

Horsemen Sábado en familia



Manualidades  
Ecológicas

¡Descubre una  
visita con  
encanto!

Colaboradores  
de la  
Comunidad

**Sleepy Hollow**  
"Celebra el Mes de la Tierra con un  
Festival y Picnic"

El Program "Sábado en Familia Horsemen" de las Escuelas Publicas de Tarrytowns & El Municipio de Sleepy Hollow están patrocinando el Festival del Mes de la Tierra 2026. Disfruta de actividades, comida y tips de vida sostenible con estilo vintage junto a los influencers Lindsay y Jonas.

¡Evento abierto para todos!

¡Trae tu manta de picnic!

En caso de lluvia: será en el Centro de Adultos Mayores de Sleepy Hollow



**Sábado, April 18**  
**10 am - 12:30 pm**  
**James F Galgano Senior Center**  
**55 Elm Street , Sleepy Hollow**