



A Monthly E-Update for Members of Pattern for Progress

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4th ANNUAL SPRING HOUSING CONFERENCE SET FOR JUNE 14 IN POUGHKEEPSIE; TO EXPLORE IMPACT OF SEQRA ON HOUSING AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMY

Pattern is finalizing an exciting program for the annual housing conference, which will continue the work on the environmental review (SEQR) process begun at Pattern's fall conference, and relate this progress to the Hudson Valley's housing and economic development issues. *Thanks to those signing up for sponsorships so far: GOLD Jacobowitz & Gubits ... SILVER Community Preservation Corp., Ulster Savings Bank, Westchester Medical Center ... BRONZE Advance Testing, Kearney Realty & Development, Magnusson Architecture, Mohonk Preserve, Rhinebeck Savings Bank, Shawangunk Reserve. Thanks also to TD Charitable Foundation for their support of this event.* Click [here](#) for registration and sponsorship info.

ROCKLAND HOSTS APRIL SESSION OF HUDSON VALLEY BREAKFAST TABLE

A special "on the road" session of Pattern's monthly breakfast discussion group met in Rockland County this month. The animated conversation spanned several issues related to the question, "What has to change so our kids can afford to live where they grow up?", including the importance of water, affordable housing, tax relief, and transportation oriented development (TOD). Special thanks to Pattern Vice Chair **Howard Hellman**, president of All Bright Electric in West Nyack, for hosting this event. Next month the HVBT returns to Newburgh with a May 18 session. To reserve a chair at an upcoming Table, click [here](#).

FELLOWS EXPLORE HUDSON VALLEY HEALTHCARE ISSUES WITH REGIONAL PANEL

The April curriculum of Pattern's Regional Fellows program featured a panel discussion on healthcare issues in the Hudson Valley. Pattern thanks Vassar Brothers Medical Center President **Dr. Daniel Aronzon**, healthcare consultant **Art Weintraub**, Orange Regional Medical Center President **Scott Batulis**, and NorMet Hospital Association and Foundation Vice President **Angela Skretta** for participating on the panel. See more on the Fellows [here](#).

PATTERN ON THE ROAD:

- ... The Dutchess County Association of School Superintendents met with Pattern Staff April 8 to discuss initiatives for potential shared services among school districts and local municipal governments.
- ... When U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood came to Stewart Airport April 10 at the invitation of Rep. John Hall, Jonathan Drapkin participated in the roundtable that engaged about two dozen regional leaders in an issues discussion about the airport.
- ... Charlie Murphy participated in City of Newburgh meetings April 14-15 tackling the issue of vacant and abandoned buildings; the "best practices" and "community strategy" sessions were presented by Pace University Land Use Law Center and Center for Community Progress.

PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS AND FELLOWS IN THE NEWS ...

Pattern Board members **Dr. William Richards**, president of SUNY Orange, and **Father Kevin Mackin**, president of Mount Saint Mary College, have announced an innovative joint venture called the Newburgh Library Collaborative, that makes collections of four city libraries available to "students of all ages" ([more](#)) ... Past chair of Pattern's Board, **Carl Meyer**, was honored at CH Energy Group's 82nd Annual Meeting, where his accomplishments as immediate past president and COO of Central Hudson were recognized ([more](#))... A special congratulations to board member **Steven Poskanzer**, president of SUNY New Paltz, who will move to Minnesota as new president of Carleton College ([more](#))... *many thanks for your significant contributions to Pattern, Steve—you will be greatly missed!*