



# PEOPLE'S PLACE

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## WELCOME SPRING!



(Pictured above is ZuZu, our cute People's Place mascot!)

With the arrival of spring, we're reminded that this season brings new beginnings, renewed energy, and fresh opportunities to support one another. We're excited to share a few updates happening this April.

Our Tuesday Farm Stand returns on April 14th, offering fresh, nutritious options to support healthy living for anyone in our community seeking food assistance. Our Your Choice Food Pantry continues to allow visits once per week, creating more flexible access to essential resources. We're also introducing a variety of new classes in our Wellness Empowerment Center—inviting you to connect, learn, and take meaningful steps toward your well-being.

As we celebrate National Pet Day on April 11th, we honor the joy and companionship pets bring into our lives. They offer unconditional love, ease stress, and remind us to slow down and appreciate the present moment. As we continue our journey toward food security and wellness, we recognize that comfort and support can come in many forms—sometimes with four legs, a wagging tail, or a gentle purr. Stella's Pet Pantry, located within our Your Choice Food Pantry, helps families care for their beloved pets. Funds raised from this month's fundraiser—*Full Bowls & Happy Tails*—will go directly toward keeping those shelves stocked for our furry friends.

Thank you for being part of a community rooted in compassion, connection, and care. Together, we continue to grow stronger.

With Gratitude,

*Christine*

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**FARMSTAND TUESDAY**



The 2026 Season begins on 4/14/26, rain or shine!

This seasonal program which runs on Tuesdays from mid April through the end of October, offering free fresh produce from local Hudson Valley Farms. It begins at approximately 8:30am and goes until 10:30am or until produce runs out, whichever comes first. No ID is required for this program. Please bring your own bags. Location is in our parking lot at 17 Saint James St.

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## FUNDRAISERS

The 2026 **Help Fight Hunger Dinner Raffle**  
and the winner is... **Deb Markes!!**

And a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this fundraiser possible, from those who purchased raffle tickets, to the following amazing restaurants who generously donated gift certificates:

Bowery Dugout, Brickmen Kitchen, Chleo, Darlings, Dietz Stadium Diner, La Canard Enchaine, P&Gs Restaurant, Reginato Restaurante, Roxie's Saloon, Savona's Trattoria, The Cornell Restaurant, Uptown Bar & Grill, Ship to Shore, Roxy's, Dallas Hot Weiners, Moon Burger,

Camp Kingston, Rosie's General, Enzo's, Lola's, Hapag Bistro, Deisings,  
Underground Coffee & Ales-New Paltz, Main Street- Saugerties, Mirador,  
La Florentina, Ciao Bella, Sorry Charlie and The Dutch



**Our April 2026 fundraiser is called:  
"FULL BOWLS & HAPPY TAILS"**

## RAFFLE FOR FULL BOWLS & HAPPY TAILS

All raffle ticket proceeds will go to support our Pet Pantry through pet food, treats and supplies



**Winner Receives a Custom Portrait of Your Pet, Hand-Painted on a Hudson Valley Stone Kindly Donated by Local Artist William Huntingdon**



**Full Bowls & Happy Tails  
RAFFLE TICKETS  
1 FOR \$5 OR  
3 FOR \$10**

**\$10 TICKETS =  
YOUR NAME ON A PAW PRINT  
DISPLAYED AT OUR LOCATION  
FINAL DRAWING WILL BE APRIL 30TH**

Since moving to the Hudson Valley just over a year ago, I've been looking for meaningful ways to give back to the community that has welcomed me so warmly. As an artist and photographer, I believe the best way to help is by using the skills I know best. My pet portraits painted on Hudson Valley stones have been met with such kindness and support, and it's truly humbling. It's my pleasure to donate a portrait to The People's Place in the hope it can help raise funds for an incredible cause, supporting local food banks and helping ensure that pets in our community are cared for as well.

Raffle tickets can be purchased now through April 30th at People's Place, during our normal business hours or on our website [peoplesplace.org](http://peoplesplace.org).

Any questions or concerns, please call  
845-338-4030 x110

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## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Robert Graves Elementary School!



Students at Robert Graves Elementary School collected 331 boxes of cereal as a Bag Hunger food drive! Before delivering them they created a giant cereal sphere and watched it topple. After all the fun, the cereal was generously donated to us to help stock our Food Pantry and support families in our community. Thank you to these two wonderful teachers Allyson Whittaker & Christine Spallino for bringing the donation by and for helping turn a creative lesson into kindness!

# Ulster County ITALIAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION



On March 12th People's Place partnered with the Ulster County Italian American Foundation to celebrate St. Joseph's Day with a free luncheon in our Community Cafe.

Our tables were filled with homemade Italian favorites and a wonderful assortment of traditional desserts were served.

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## WELLNESS EMPOWERMENT CENTER

775 Broadway Kingston, NY 12401 (2nd Floor)



### TOOLS FOR AGING GRACEFULLY w/ JOHN SCHOCK

Monday, April 13·1:30 – 3:00pm

775 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401, USA

[Register Here](#)

This workshop on mindfulness, balance and strength exercises will help you age gracefully and continue to thrive in the things you love!

When it comes to aging!

- What do you imagine?
- What is important to you?
  - What is inevitable?
  - What is modifiable?

Join us for a Healthy Snack, while we review these questions and explore ways to age gracefully through Exercise, Healthy Diet, Relaxation, and Cognitive Training

775 Broadway, Kingston, NY

Parking Lot in the Rear at 17 Saint James St.

Facial Masks Optional

[Register Here](#)



If you’ve recently retired and are looking for a meaningful way to spend your time, we’d love to welcome you as a volunteer at People’s Place! Volunteering is a fantastic way to stay active, make new friends, and give back to your community.

From helping in our food pantry, thrift store, or Wellness Empowerment Center to assisting with special programs and events, there’s a place for everyone at People’s Place. Whether you have a few hours a week or more, your time and talents can make a huge difference in the lives of those we serve.

Ready to make an impact? Sign up today and join our incredible team of volunteers!

Get Started: Visit our website at [peoplesplaceuc.org](http://peoplesplaceuc.org) to learn more and complete a volunteer application.

Questions? Feel free to reach out—we’d be happy to answer any questions you have!

Let’s make a positive difference together.

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Thanks so much for taking the time to read our newsletter—we really appreciate your support!

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