

# Valley Rock Inn grand opening event this weekend

**This effort is part of a larger Tuxedo Sloatsburg Corridor revitalization project**

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**SLOATSBURG** — As part of its extensive Tuxedo Sloatsburg Corridor revitalization project, the Tuxedo Hudson Company will unveil one of the cornerstones of the project this weekend, with the opening of the Valley Rock Inn.

Nestled between two state parks, the hotel complex includes the Blue Barn Farmstand and Market, The Garden Grill and the Bike Shop at Valley Rock Inn, which will all be open to explore Sept. 9 and 10. Attendees will also be able to tour the four restored historic houses, totalling 18 rooms, which will be available for rent starting this fall.

The multi-million dollar effort, spearheaded by entrepreneur Michael Bruno, is intended to reinvigorate the economy and community life along Route 17 through the Sloatsburg and Tuxedo. With many of the attractions planned aimed at weekend-trippers from New York City, Bruno hopes the three-acre Valley Rock Inn will become the new "gateway to the Hudson Valley."

"We've transformed this property into an urban oasis within this great park region," Bruno said.

What were only recently dilapidated sheds are now airy structures with chestnut-brown exposed beams, housing the farmstand full of organic, local produce, a coffee house and juice bar.

The Valley Rock Inn itself comprises of four renovated historic houses with wooden clapboard siding, new windows, gleaming oak floors and sleek modern bathrooms. Each has a comfortable sitting room and accommodates six to eight guests.

From the back porches, guests step out into a garden courtyard, which is laid out as an enfilade, or a suite of outdoor rooms with doorways in line with each other. Fragrant Dawn Roses climb the stone walls with white gravel underfoot and a tranquil fountain in the center.

The garden is complete with a canopy of mature hornbeam trees, red maples, Kousa dogwoods and many more fragrant and flowering shrubs.

**More to come**

"This is just the beginning," Bruno said. "Later this fall, our guest houses will be available for rent, followed by the opening of our restaurant and bar, as well as an art gallery."



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Eventually, the hotel complex will include a restaurant, art gallery, bakery, wine and spirit shop, bookstore, pool and spa.

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Last year, the Tuxedo Hudson Company was awarded a \$750,000 grant from New York State in 2016 to develop the area. To date, the company has spent about \$12 million in acquisitions and labor costs.

With the area just a one-hour train ride away from New York City, Bruno hopes

the The Valley Rock Inn will become as destination for outdoor enthusiasts to explore the miles of bike and hiking trails in Harriman State Park, as well as enjoy the abundance of food from the Hudson Valley.

The Valley Rock Inn is located at 78 Orange Turnpike, Sloatsburg, NY 10974 and will be open on Sept. 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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"As a Monroe resident for the last 18+ years and having a child in the M-W School District, it is important to me to have a place where he can study and have access to resources and programs not offered via the schools, and a safe place to study and meet with his friends. Libraries are the glue that holds towns and communities together"

#### Casey Auerbach, treasurer

A new Monroe resident, Auerbach is a CPA with 'Big 4' accounting experience, now working with JetBlue Airways as a corporate auditor.

"As a volunteer firefighter, community has always been a priority for me. The library fosters a strong sense of what makes a town great, and acts to serve the community at its best!"

Ann Marie Buckley, recording secretary  
A lifetime resident of Monroe, Buckley has more than 25 years of human resource professional experience. She is the owner of Alden Road Associates, an executive recruiting firm also offering job and life coach services. She is the president of the Mid-Hudson Valley chapter of the Society of Human Resource Management.

"As a child I would borrow stacks of books and devour them, especially over the summer months. I still prefer to hold a book, turning the paper pages, immersing myself in the stories."

Diane LeViseur, corresponding secretary  
LeViseur served as the president of the Library Friends for eight years. She works in the Monroe-Woodbury School District Transportation office.

"Special times with my father were at the Valley Cottage Library where I'd spend hours in the rows of book shelves, and later where I worked. The quiet peacefulness of a library is comforting to me; passing on the love of the library to my son is one of the greatest things I could give him."

#### Jack Adkins

Currently retired, Adkins worked as a researcher and scientist in the pharmaceutical and biomedical industries at institutions such as New York University Medical Center, the Sloan-Kettering Institute, a large pharmaceutical company, and a couple of biotechnology firms. An avid reader, he also plays guitar as an amateur musician.

"Books have been important to me since

I began to read. As Henry Ward Beecher said "A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life."

#### Donna Deming

Deming moved to Monroe from Manhattan in 2014. After a long career in financial services she changed careers and earned an MSW from NYU. Deming works as a social worker for Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties.

"Even with today's computers and smart phones and everyone thinking we have all the information we need at our fingertips, I've learned never to underestimate the powerful resourcefulness of a librarian. They may point you in directions you have not thought of and are an invaluable resource to the community."

#### Denise Harris

With a background in legal management, Harris is a NYC branch-office legal manager for a national law firm. Over the years she has been a contributing author to professional publications in the legal industry.

"Growing up, books in our home were sacred. I remember getting my first library card, my heart raced! Libraries are a safe haven, a cornerstone in the community, where you can just be while simultaneously traveling to a different space and time. There is no substitute for this experience."

#### Theresa Schommer

Schommer owns Treehouse Arts Piano Studio in Monroe. With a BA in music and an MA in arts administration, she worked as communications director for a non-profit music festival for 11 years and as an arts writer at the Times Herald-Record for 12 years before that.

"My dad is standing next me again whenever I'm in a library. Looking for books, a bigger world and new things to learn in a place full of hope, wonder and curiosity."

#### Elizabeth Walsh

Walsh lives in Monroe and works as a labor and delivery nurse.

"I'm pretty passionate about the issues that affect moms and children, and I feel like the library is a vital resource for them."

#### Barbara Zerner

A Harriman resident, Zerner has served in many capacities on the MFL Board for approximately 20 years.

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The Valley Rock Inn grand opening will be held this weekend, and will allow guests to explore the farmstand and market, grill, bike shop, garden courtyard, and the four restored historic houses, which make up the hotel.



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