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#### DEAR GOSHEN RESIDENTS

As the air turns crisp and the leaves burst into color, we step into the beauty of fall, and we are reminded that this season is a time of transition, reflection, and community. Just as autumn marks fresh beginnings, it feels especially fitting to introduce the very first issue of Goshen Living Magazine—a publication created to celebrate the people, families, and stories that make Goshen such a remarkable place to call home.

This publication was born from a simple yet meaningful idea: to uplift and highlight the individuals, businesses, and families in the community who inspire us. Inside each issue, you'll discover stories that shine a light on neighbors who quietly make a difference, families with stories worth sharing and celebrating, local faces who deserve recognition, as well as the history of this beautiful town. You'll also find a Community Calendar highlighting upcoming events, Adoptable Pets of the Month from the Hudson Valley SPCA, and a Charity Spotlight featuring the impactful work of local nonprofits.

I am deeply grateful to the sponsors who made this inaugural issue possible. Their support not only brought this vision to life but also reaffirmed the strength of community partnerships. I encourage you to support the businesses you see in these pages, thank them personally, and let them know you saw them featured in Goshen Living Magazine!

At its heart, this magazine is for-and about-you. As we grow, I invite you to reach out and be part of its journey by nominating feature families, individuals, community stories, charities, or unsung heroes you believe deserve recognition in future issues. Your voices will shape the stories we tell, ensuring that this publication remains a true reflection of Goshen's spirit.

Thank you for welcoming us into your homes this fall. I am grateful for your support and look forward to celebrating this incredible community with youone story at a time.

With gratitude,

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SAT., OCT. 4 | SUN., OCT. 5 | SAT., OCT. 11 SUN., OCT. 12 | MON., OCT. 13

#### Good Vibes & Tractor Rides Fall Festival

@363 Sarah Wells Trail,

Goshen, NY 10924

Enjoy hayrides, pumpkin picking, inflatable rides, food, and animals at this family-friendly fall festival. Time: 12-6pm

Cost: Not listed.

Facebook & Instagram: Good Vibes & Tractor Rides

SAT., OCT. 4 | SAT., OCT. 11 | SAT., OCT. 18 SAT., OCT. 25

#### Kids No-Scare Boo Barn & Trails

@Thunderbird Farms, 13 Van Sickle Rd, Pine Island, NY (use Goshen for GPS)

Family-friendly Halloween fun without the scares. Runs every Saturday and Sunday in October (closed Sun., Oct. 5).

Time: Saturdays 12-5pm;

Cost: Not listed

Sundays 12-3pm (Oct. 12, 19, 26) Instagram: @thunderbird\_farms

MON., OCT. 13

#### **Pumpkinfest**

@Pine Island Park, Kay Road, Pine Island, NY (just off County Rt. 1) Outdoor fun and activities for the whole family! Enjoy bouncy houses, Touch-a-Tractor, pumpkin

painting, face painting, games, food trucks, giant seesaw, giant onion with climbing nets, slide, pirate ship, and much more. Bathroom facilities available. Time: 11am-3bm

Cost: \$10 per participating child Phone: 845-576-1101

THURS. OCT. 16 @ 7:30 PM

#### Village of Goshen Zoning **Board of Appeal Meeting**

@Goshen Village Hall www.villageofgoshen-ny.gov

THURS., OCT. 16

#### Then & Now: A Legacy In Motion - Goshen **Chamber 130th Annual Dinner**

@The Barn at Twiggy's, 2629 NY-302, Middletown, NY 10941

Join the Goshen Chamber of Commerce as it celebrates its 130th year with an evening of dining, dancing, and laughter. Guests will enjoy delicious food from Mike's Smokin' Bites. Angelita's Mexican Kitchen, Allan's Falafel, and desserts by Crumm Cake Cupcakes.

Time: 6-10pm Cost: \$125-\$200

Website: www.goshennychamber.com Facebook/Instagram: @GoshenNYChamber

EVENTS

SUN., OCT. 19

#### Trunk or Treat (3rd Annual)

@Orange County Fire Training Center. 9 Training Center Ln, New Hampton, NY Hosted by Orange County Emergency Services; presented by Orange County 911.

Time: 1-4pm

Cost: Not listed

Facebook: Orange County Emergency Services -

**SAT., OCT. 25** 

#### Social Island's Annual Trunk or Treat

@Social Island, 939 Pulaski Hwy, Goshen, NY 10924

Spooky-safe fun with trunk-or-treating; farm opens earlier with live music.

Time: Trunk or Treat 1-3pm (farm opens 11am; live music by Rubix 1-5pm)

Cost: Not listed

Instagram: @social.island.llc

**SAT., OCT. 25** 

#### Village of Montgomery Fall Fest & Touch a Truck

@Veterans Memorial Park, Montgomery, NY Enjoy live music, food trucks, games, and a handson "Touch-a-Truck" experience hosted by the Village of Montgomery Police PBA.

Time: 11am-5pm Cost: Not listed

Facebook: Village of Montgomery Police PBA

MON., OCT. 27 @ 7:00 PM

#### Village of Goshen Village Board Meeting

@Goshen Village Hall www.villageofgoshen-ny.gov

TUES., OCT 28 @ 7:30 PM

#### Village of Goshen Planning Board Meeting

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#### Masker Orchards Apple Picking

@Warwick, NY

Pick-your-own apples through early November. Drive-up picking, pony rides, barn maze, wagon rides, live music, and weekend treats in the country store. Pet-friendly.

Time: Daily 9am-5pm (Oct-Nov) Cost: Bag purchase required (approx. \$39.95

Website: www.maskers.com

#### Apple Ridge Orchards

@Warwick, NY

Pick-your-own apples with dwarf trees for kids. Family fun includes hayrides, petting zoo, BBQ, bee observation hive, and fresh apple cider donuts.

Time: Saturdays & Sundays 9am-6pm

Cost: \$3 admission (ages 2+); \$39 per 1/2 bushel Website: www.appleridgeorchards.com

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Time: Daily 9am-5pm (Oct-Nov)

Cost: Not listed

Website: www.appledavesorchards.com

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@New Hampton, NY

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Website: www.soonsorchards.com

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The Quattrini Family of Goshen





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or more than half a century, Raymond and Maureen Quattrini have not only called Goshen, NY home — they have helped shape it. Their story is one of enduring love, hard work, and a deep-rooted commitment to preserving the character and vitality of the community they cherish.

Ray and Maureens journey together began as high school sweethearts in New Jersey. "We met at 14, started dating at 15, went steady at 16, and were married at 19," Maureen recalls with a smile. Their young marriage coincided with a tumultuous time in American history: the Vietnam War. Ray, knowing the draft was imminent, chose to enlist in the Navy, serving from 1967 to 1970.

Following his service, Ray returned to his lifelong trade: construction. By 1978, he had established his own company, Raymond J. Quattrini, Inc., a business that grew from residential projects to Developing commercial parks in Goshen — many of which he still owns, operates, and maintains today. "It's been a very exciting career," Ray says. "And now my son Jared has followed in my footsteps. — he's the builder now." I enjoy visiting his projects often and sharing in his pride of workmanship.

Maureen, meanwhile, poured her energy into raising their three children — Brian, Jared, and Tarin — while also becoming a powerful voice for causes close to her heart. A lifelong environmentalist and preservationist, Maureen has led Goshen Restoration Unlimited as president, championing efforts to maintain the historic fabric of downtown. She is also deeply involved in Goshen in Bloom, Friends of Maplewood, and other civic and cultural groups that protect the village's character and beauty.

Together, the Quattrinis have held leadership roles in organizations ranging from the Goshen Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club to the Great American Weekend, which they both chaired for multiple years. "At one point," Ray laughs, "I was serving on thirteen different boards at once." Their efforts have left an unmistakable mark on Goshen — from restored buildings that honor the town's past, to vibrant events that continue to bring neighbors together.

Their sense of pride extends to their family as well. Their children have built meaningful careers and lives, their oldest son Brian works in the entertainment industry and lives happily in Tuscany, with Tarin working in education and yoga instruction, and Jared establishing himself in the building trade. Their grandchildren — Riley, Samara, and Mckenna — carry forward the family's spirit of achievement and community.





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When asked why they chose Goshen, Ray is quick to answer: "We wanted to move from Bergen County and find a place with space and character." They purchased their 19th-century farmhouse - then abandoned and in disrepair - in the early 1970s. Over the decades, they restored the home into a warm, welcoming gathering place where their children married, and grandchildren were born. "You don't just pack up and leave a place like this," Maureen reflects. "This house, this land, holds our family history."

Today, the couple enjoys a quieter pace, though their days remain full. Ray tends his gardens, works in his woodshop, and enjoys the golf course he took up at 75. Maureen devotes time to reading, antiquing, and her many civic involvements. Both continue to serve as stewards of Goshen's heritage.

Travel, too, plays an important role in their lives. Italy, with its deep personal and cultural connections, has become a favorite destination. Most recently, the couple returned from Alaska, proving their sense of adventure remains as strong as ever.

What shines most brightly through their story is the way love and community are intertwined. Their partnership has been the foundation for a life of service — to their children, their neighbors, and the town they proudly call home.

As Goshen continues to evolve, the Quattrinis' legacy is visible not only in its preserved historic buildings and thriving civic institutions, but in the example they set. With grace, dedication, and a true neighborly spirit, they embody what it means to put down roots and nurture them for generations to come.



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# Growing Up in Goshen, NY

FINANCIAL LESSONS THROUGH THE YEARS

Goshen, NY, might seem like just another small American town, but its slower pace—fondly nicknamed "Slow Motion Goshen"—provided life lessons that shaped our values and financial habits. Reflecting on those decades, we see how growing up there laid the foundation for the principles we live by today.

#### THE 1970S: BUILDING THE BASICS

Life in 1970s Goshen was simple, and money lessons were practical. Shoveling snow and mowing lawns introduced us to earning and managing money. Our parents encouraged saving, and opening a passbook savings account at Goshen Savings Bank became a proud ritual. These habits reflected the base of a sound financial planning pyramid: risk management and emergency funds. Even as children, saving for "rainy days"—like fixing a BMX tire or going to the \$1.25 movie theater—prepared us for life's surprises. These early experiences planted the seeds of financial discipline and security.

#### THE 1980S: SETTING GOALS

The 1980s brought excitement, like the nationally publicized Brink's Trial, but also important lessons in responsibility. Jobs at Alan's Little Deli and painting those big Victorian houses on South Street taught us

to budget and set goals. Every paycheck was divided with purpose: saving, enjoying small luxuries like Saturday matinees, and planning for the future. This stage corresponds with the goal of focusing on consolidation, like pulling your multiple student loans together, like our parents did for our siblings attending OCCC. These lessons fostered a sense of independence and the realization that saving is about more than numbers—it's about creating possibilities.

#### THE 1990S: GROWING WEALTH

In the 1990s, as we began our careers, the transition to long-term financial planning began. Steady paychecks brought opportunities to participate in 403(b) plans, while some of us benefited from employer-matching contributions. Though monthly budgets were tight, we learned the value of investing in retirement early and consistently. These years reflected the accumulation phase, where compounding interest and employer-matching contributions become crucial for future financial security. Goshen's values of prudence and hard work guided us as we navigated this new phase.

#### THE 2000S: REFINING AND PROTECTING

By the 2000s, life turns with family responsibilities and you begin to think

beyond your own financial picture. Like Susan Armistead did when she started the \$5 challenge in Goshen. This era was about maximizing resources—rolling over old 401(k)s, making catch-up contributions, and thinking strategically about taxes and estate planning, as well as charitable giving. This stage corresponds to the top of the pyramid: retirement and legacy planning. Just as a solid foundation supports enduring structures, our early habits and strategies ensured a secure future for our families.

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#### Goshen Athletics October Calendar of Events & Games Schedule

#### **OCTOBER 3**

4:00 PM — Soccer: G/Modified @ C. J. Hooker Middle School

4:00 PM — Tennis: G/V @ Goshen High School

 $4:30 \ \mathrm{PM} - \mathrm{Swimming} \ \& \ \mathrm{Diving:} \ \mathrm{G/V}$ 

@ Goshen Aquatic Center

 $6:00 \ PM - Volleyball: G/V$ 

@ Goshen High School

6:30 PM - Soccer: B/V

@ Goshen High School

7:00 PM — Football: V (a) Wallkill High School (Robinson Turf Field)

OCTOBER 6

4:00 PM — Soccer: G/V

@ Somerville Athletic Field4:00 PM — Tennis; G/V

Beacon High School

6:00 PM — Volleyball: G/V Monroe-Woodbury High School

(Gym Main)

#### OCTOBER 7

4:00 PM — Soccer: B/Modified @ C. J. Hooker Middle School

4:00 PM — Soccer: B/V (a) Valley Central High School

4:30 PM — Football: Modified B (Changed) @ Beacon High School

4:30 PM — Swimming & Diving: G/V @ Washingtonville High School

#### OCTOBER 8

4:30 PM — Football: Modified B (Changed) @ Beacon High School 4:30 PM — Soccer: G/Modified

@ Rombout Middle School

6:00 PM — Volleyball: G/V @ Warwick Valley High School

6:30 PM — Soccer: G/V @ Goshen High School

#### OCTOBER 9

4:30 PM — Soccer: B/Modified a C. J. Hooker Middle School

4:30 PM — Swimming & Diving: G/V @ Minisink Valley High School

4:30 PM — Volleyball: G/Modified @ Port Jervis Middle School

6:30 PM — Soccer: B/V @ Goshen High School

#### OCTOBER 10

4:00 PM — Soccer: G/V @ Sanfordville Elementary School

4:00 PM — Tennis: G/V @ Goshen High School

6:00 PM — Volleyball: G/V

@ Goshen High School7:00 PM — Football: V (Changed)

@ Goshen High School
7:00 PM — Football: V

7:00 PM — Football: V @ Goshen High School

#### OCTOBER 14

4:00 PM — Football: Modified B @ C. J. Hooker Middle School

4:30 PM — Swimming & Diving: G/V @ Cornwall High School

6:30 PM — Soccer: G/V @ Goshen High School

#### OCTOBER 15

4:00 PM — Soccer: B/Modified

@ Willow Avenue Elementary School

4:00 PM — Soccer: B/V

(a) Washingtonville High School
(Upper Field)

#### OCTOBER 16

4:00 PM — Soccer: G/Modified

a C. J. Hooker Middle School

4:00 PM — Soccer: G/V

(a) Minisink Valley High School

4:30 PM — Volleyball: G/Modified

© C. J. Hooker Middle School

 $5:00 \ PM - Swimming \& Diving: G/V$  @ Suffern High School

#### **OCTOBER 17**

4:00 PM — Soccer: B/V

(a) Newburgh Free Academy
(Academy Field)

6:00 PM — Volleyball: G/V @ Goshen High School

#### **OCTOBER 18**

7:00 PM — Football: V @ Goshen High School

#### OCTOBER 20

4:00 PM — Soccer: G/Modified @ Monroe-Woodbury Middle School (Field #15)

6:00 PM — Volleyball: G/V @ Pine Bush High School

6:30 PM — Soccer: B/V @ Goshen High School

#### OCTOBER 21

4:00 PM — Football: Modified B @ C. J. Hooker Middle School

4:00 PM — Soccer: B/Modified @ C. J. Hooker Middle School 6:30 PM — Soccer: G/V @ Goshen High School

#### OCTOBER 22

4:00 PM — Soccer: G/Modified @ C. J. Hooker Middle School

 $6:00 \ PM - Volleyball: G/V$  @ Cornwall High School

#### OCTOBER 23

4:00 PM — Soccer: B/Modified @ Monroe-Woodbury Middle School (Field #15)

4:30 PM — Volleyball: G/Modified (a) Minisink Valley Middle School

#### OCTOBER 24

6:00 PM — Football: V @ Beacon High School

#### **OCTOBER 28**

4:00 PM — Soccer: G/Modified

@ Willow Avenue Elementary School

4:30 PM — Football: Modified B @ F.D. Roosevelt High School

4:30 PM — Volleyball: G/Modified @ C. J. Hooker Middle School

#### OCTOBER 29

4:00 PM — Soccer: B/Modified @ Minisink Valley Middle School (Pit Field)

#### OCTOBER 30

4:30 PM — Volleyball: G/Modified @ Monhagen Middle School

#### OCTOBER 31

7:00 PM — Football: V @ —



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Diplomat Café's Maple Cookie Latte



When autumn calls for cozy flavors, Diplomat Café of Goshen answers with this signature Maple Cookie Latte. A blend of maple sweetness, spiced cookie butter, and creamy milk, it's comfort in a cup.

**Pairing Tip:** Enjoy with a shortbread or spiced cookie for the ultimate café moment.

#### INGREDIENTS

#### Latte Base

- ➤ 2 shots espresso (or ½ cup strong brewed coffee)
- ▶ 1½ Tbsp maple syrup
- ► 1 Tbsp cookie butter (or 1 speculoos cookie blended into a paste)
- ► 1 cup steamed milk (whole, oat, or your favorite)
- ► ¼ tsp ground cinnamon

#### Toppings

- ► Whipped cream
- ► Light sprinkle of cinnamon sugar
- Crushed cookie crumbles (optional, for garnish)

#### INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. Brew & Blend

Pull your espresso shots (or strong coffee). Stir in maple syrup and cookie butter until smooth and melted.

#### 2. Steam & Swirl

Steam milk with cinnamon. Pour gently over the espresso mixture.

#### 3. Top & Indulge

Crown with whipped cream, a dusting of cinnamon sugar, and cookie crumbles for the perfect café finish.

**Serving Suggestion:** Feature the latte in a warm ceramic mug on a rustic wooden table, surrounded by autumn leaves, a speculoos cookie on the side, and a drizzle of maple syrup nearby.

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# 2nd Annual Spooky

HALLOWEEN EVENT

Get ready, Goshen! Little Hudson Valley and Margot's Mercantile are back with their 2nd Annual Spooky Halloween Event, happening Sunday, October 25, 2025, from 10am-12pm at Café Yen, 170 West Main St.

Last year's event was such a blast that families asked for it to return, and it's back, bigger and better! Instead of cars, this trunk-or-treat style party will feature festive booths and activity stations. Kids can decorate pumpkins, get their faces painted, and dive into sensory bins made just for curious little hands.

The goal is simple: create a fun, inclusive space where kids of all ages (and especially those with sensory sensitivities) can dress up, explore, and celebrate Halloween without the overwhelm. Parents can relax, connect, and enjoy seeing their kids light up with joy.

Local businesses will be joining in with their own activities and treats, making this a true community celebration. Costumes are encouraged, smiles are guaranteed, and memories are waiting to be made.

For details or to join in on the fun, follow Little Hudson Valley on Facebook and Instagram..







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