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‘HUDSON FERRY-GO-ROUND’ RETURNS
TO AREA SHORELINE IN JUNE, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

High-speed ferries to connect Hudson River towns holding special events

VALHALLA, N.Y. (May 23) – The "Hudson Ferry-Go-Round" returns to the Hudson Valley on Saturday, June 10, offering high-speed ferries linking Haverstraw, Peekskill and Ossining, all of which will be hosting exciting special events open to the public.

Ferries will run from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., with free shuttle busses carrying people to events in each town. A “whistle-blowing” ceremony in Ossining will kick things off. Now in its third season and expanded to three days because of popular demand, the Hudson Ferry-Go-Round will also take place Aug. 5 and Sept. 17.

“Ferry-Go-Round has proven to be a great way to reintroduce people to the beauty of the Hudson Valley and the vibrant towns along its shores,” said Martin Ginsburg, principal of Valhalla-based Ginsburg Development Companies LLC and Ferry-Go-Round’s creator. “Attendance rises every time we hold the Ferry-Go-Round, and last year we had 11,000 people riding the ferries over two days. That shows how much people love the Hudson River. We expect even more people to come out this year.”

Ferry-Go-Round All-Day Passes are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$5 for children ages 5 to 18; children ages 4 and under can ride for free. The public can board on a first-come, first-served basis, approximately every 40 to 60 minutes. For more information and directions to ferry docks and parking see www.ferrygoround.com.

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Haverstraw, Peekskill and Ossining all plan special events for June 10:

- **Haverstraw's** artists and antiques dealers will be out in force, with the Garnerville Arts & Industrial Center (<http://www.garnervillearts.com>) and River Stone Antique Center both sponsoring events on June 10. The Garnerville Arts & Industrial Center occupies a striking, Dickensian mill building and will be hosting its annual arts festival, with 50 painters, sculptors, photographers, metalsmiths, a jewelry maker and a luthier (guitar maker) participating. The annual GAGA Arts Festival, which has a \$5 admission fee, also features live outdoor performances of folk, blues and rock music and painting and printmaking workshops for children. The River Stone Antiques Center, a fast-growing collection of merchants in the heart of downtown Haverstraw, will have special expanded hours during Ferry-Go-Round. Admission is free. Food and entertainment will be available all day at Haverstraw's ferry dock, which acts as the pivot point for ferries linking both sides of the Hudson River.
- **Ossining** will hold its 26th Annual Village Fair – Ossining Rocks – on June 10, starting with a parade at 9:30 a.m. Ossining's downtown will be a festival of performers, vendors, snacks, ethnic cuisine and demonstrations for children. Ossining's beautiful waterfront park will also be the site of sailboat demonstrations and boat rentals.
- **Peekskill's** fast-growing community of artists is also going to open its studios to the public on June 10, with many artists' lofts to be open from noon until 5 p.m. Sponsors will also host a number of events in the downtown area, as well as entertainment and food at the ferry dock at Charles Point Park, including The Arm of the Sea Theater with performances at 1 p.m. and 3pm.

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The Ferry-Go-Round in August will have ferries connecting Haverstraw and Peekskill. September's event will be the year's biggest, with service to four communities. Haverstraw, Peekskill, Ossining and Ichabod's Landing in Sleepy Hollow will be that date's ports-of-call. Shuttle busses will run from Ichabod's Landing to downtown Tarrytown. Peekskill will host the Peekskill Project, One World Arts and Culture Fest and The Road Knight's Car Show on Sept. 17.

"The Hudson River waterfront is undergoing a renaissance and the Ferry-Go-Round is a wonderful way to experience the beauty of the river and see the lovely new homes and parks that are rising in former industrial wastelands," said Ginsburg. "People are making a whole new connection with the river."

Current GDC communities include Riverbend in Peekskill, N.Y., The Fairways at Wallkill (N.Y.), Harbors at Haverstraw (N.Y.), Hudson Pointe in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Ichabod's Landing in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., Marbury Corners in Pelham, N.Y., Liberty at Newtown (Conn.) and The Greens at Gillette Ridge in Bloomfield, Conn. To place your name on GDC's priority list for future communities, log on to www.gdc-homes.com, click on to "future communities" and then "name of development" or call 1-866-GDC-4-HOMES.

Ginsburg Development Companies (GDC), established in 1964 and based in Valhalla, N.Y., is one of the nation's premier full-service real estate design, development and management companies. Martin Ginsburg is the president and chief executive officer. GDC has owned, managed and converted more than 10,000 residential units during its 40-year corporate history. GDC's residential sales Web site is www.gdc-homes.com. Information about GDC's commercial ventures, corporate activities and charitable foundation is available at www.gdccllc.com.