

### FORECAST FOR HUDSON/CATSKILL

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Partly sunny and very cold	Overcast and cold	Frigid with 8-12" of snow	Cloudy, snow, 1-2"; cold	Cold with clouds and sun	Frigid with sun and clouds
<b>HIGH</b> 15	<b>LOW</b> 4	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

### ALMANAC

Statistics through 2 p.m. Friday

Temperature	Precipitation
Friday as of 2 p.m. High: 24 Low: 20	Trace

24 hrs. through 2 p.m. Fri.  
 HIGH: 24 LOW: 20  
 YEAR-TO-DATE: 1.08 NORMAL: 1.97

### SUN AND MOON

Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise: 7:16 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
Sunset: 4:59 p.m.	5:01 p.m.
Moonrise: 9:58 a.m.	10:22 a.m.
Moonset: 11:38 p.m.	none

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### CONDITIONS TODAY

AccuWeather.com UV Index® & AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature®

8 a.m. 9 a.m. 10 a.m. 11 a.m. Noon 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 3 p.m. 4 p.m. 5 p.m. 6 p.m.

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. 0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme. The patented AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors.

### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

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### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sun.
Albuquerque	43/20 sn	40/18 pc
Anchorage	21/13 s	21/15 pc
Atlanta	45/32 r	45/20 l
Atlanta City	23/17 c	18/9 sn
Baltimore	21/15 c	25/21 sn
Billings	25/2 c	14/13 c
Birmingham	46/43 r	55/16 r
Boise	35/20 s	40/25 s
Boston	16/8 s	22/17 sn
Charleston, SC	48/35 sh	61/45 r
Charleston, WV	20/18 sn	34/13 sn
Charlotte	38/23 c	30/26 l
Cheyenne	20/6 c	12/1 sn
Chicago	10/6 sn	15/3 sn
Cincinnati	14/12 sn	18/3 sn
Cleveland	11/8 c	20/12 sn
Columbus, OH	12/10 sn	20/6 sn
Dallas	29/12 s	22/5 sn
Denver	18/6 sn	22/4 f
Des Moines	5/2 sn	15/4 pc
Detroit	7/4 pc	13/9 sn
Hartford	15/4 pc	14/10 sn
Honolulu	82/66 c	80/68 sh
Houston	54/30 r	35/21 l
Indianapolis	12/10 sn	15/4 sn
Kansas City	7/3 sn	14/3 c
Knoxville	32/30 sn	42/17 r
Las Vegas	61/37 pc	56/38 s

Weather: S=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, sh=showers, f=flurries/dim showers, r=rain, sn=snow, l=light snow, ice.

# Solar

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strategic and smart about the way that we do it. We cannot sacrifice our pristine farmland and exchange a climate and energy crisis for a food crisis."

Another concern raised by opponents of the project is that Hecate Energy is in poor financial shape and will likely sell the construction project to another unknown corporation. In November, anti-Shepherd's Run group Sensible Solar for Rural New York alleged the company was in default on hundreds of millions of dollars in loans.

Concerns about Hecate's financial state are valid, Hincey said. "We as a state shouldn't be investing in companies that may not be financially solvent," Hincey said. "We're hearing conversation in there today about how they want to sell the rights to another company. This feels like we're just shifting money, and we should not be. Hecate has to prove that they are financially solvent if they talk about being able to return that farmland to agricultural production in 30 years."

Levine said the company is in good financial shape and fully committed to the project despite an expected merger with Spanish energy company Repsol falling to try to acquire the company. On Thursday, the company

announced it is going public on the NASDAQ exchange as part of a merger with EGH Acquisition, a special purpose acquisition company. The deal is valued at \$1.2 billion and will provide Hecate Energy with \$155 million in project capital, according to the company.

"Hecate has reallocated and is in a strong position going into 2026, and we're excited to complete this project to deliver clean, renewable energy," Levine said. In her remarks, Barrett highlighted her office's long history of working with local officials and residents against the project. As a result of that community engagement, Barrett's office, local officials and residents worked to come up with community recommendations to Hecate on the project, which were ignored by the company, Barrett said.

"After significant public input and several incomplete permit applications, [the state] made the decision in 2024 to reject Hecate's energy application," Barrett said. "The decision provided Hecate the opportunity, we thought, to reset the conversation and work together with the community to develop a project consistent with the scale and needs of the community. Instead, Hecate recapped with an almost identical proposal."

The Smart, Integrated Tools for Energy Development (or SITTED) Act, passed by Barrett in 2023, gave local communities to designate

where they would like to see renewable energy built, Barrett said she hopes to see her legislation play a role in the Shepherd's Run process.

Hecate has worked with officials at all levels and included a majority of the recommendations from the community group Barrett referenced, Levine said. He said the company's implementation of a conservation plan, removal of battery storage from the project and ensuring the project has no direct damage to state-designated wetlands are examples of the company's good faith engagement and said he "can't recall ever failing to respond to outreach from any stakeholder of the project" and will continue to remain available.

Hecate Energy failing to engage in good faith with Copake residents was a charge leveled by nearly every elected official who spoke at the hearing. Barrett called the company "sloppy and careless," and said they had made "little effort" to address town concerns or communicate with local officials, while Hincey said the company had attempted to "steamroll the town at every turn."

"That is not how we in New York operate, and it's not how people should be coming into this community and to any community, quite frankly," Hincey said. Copake Town Supervisor Richard Wolf echoed allegations of a lack of communication.

"The last time town officials

met with Hecate representatives was 21 months ago," Wolf said. "We hear now from the developer only indirectly, newspaper articles or letters and their comments are usually, as they say, false to the facts."

Hecate has failed to address many concerns, including the risk of fire, Wolf said. "Proximity of the solar plant to the Taconic Hills Schools and their concerns are usually, as they say, false to the facts."

He also pointed out that there would be very little access for firetrucks into the solar farm and that the all-volunteer Crayville Fire Company would be unlikely to muster sufficient manpower to fight a fire at the site.

The responsibility to create a fire plan for the schools lies with the district, but Hincey is happy to cooperate, Levine said.

"We understand that the Taconic Hills School district is required by law to have an evacuation plan, the extent they have questions how Shepherd's Run could affect their plan, we are happy to discuss it with them," Levine said. "Hecate has retained experts in fire prior to train local fire officials responsible for construction staff. Should a Taconic Hills School district representative wish to attend, they would be welcome."

A virtual hearing will be held Tuesday, and a decision about the permit is expected later this year.

# Storm

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Gant said temperatures will be well below freezing, with lows in the Capital Region in the single digits.

The saving grace, Gant said, is that the storm will not have high winds, but wind speeds could pick up after the snow stops.

### GREENE COUNTY

The villages of Catskill and Athens have both issued snow emergency warnings. The village of Catskill's warning is scheduled to be in effect from 8 p.m., Saturday, until it is cancelled. Residents must park their cars on the odd side of the street starting at 8 p.m. Saturday, then switch to the even side of the streets at 8 a.m., then repeat, according to Catskill's website.

Village of Catskill Police Chief Dan Wae said, even for a serious storm, the village does not do anything beyond put out public notices, adding that his officers are equipped with the tools to navigate the snow. "It's very rare that we have storms like this, of this magnitude," Wae said Friday. Wae said officers will be out on patrol and issuing tickets starting at 8 p.m., Saturday night, when residents are supposed to move their cars to the odd side of the street. "We always try to make contact to get the cars moved, and they go back around, and if the vehicles are still there, they end up towing them."

"We haven't towed anyone in quite a while," Wae said. "We try not to do that, so we make as many efforts as we can, we put out notices, put them in front of the station. We really don't want to tow anyone's car." At the last board meeting, it was decided

that we will start towing the vehicles now. Even though it's always been in our policy, we just try and do everything we can not to do that."

Athens has declared an emergency from 8 a.m. Saturday, until 8 p.m., Wednesday, which could be extended.

In Tannersville, Village Mayor Lee McGunagle said he is not worried and that the residents are used to snow like this.

"We have extra people called in to manage the job," McGunagle said on Friday. "I'm fearful for our residents' safety for our outages, but I'm not concerned about the quantity (of snow). We dealt with a 7-foot storm... We are very resilient in the mountaintops and we'll deal with it. The outages are the concern, but people have enough notice to be prepared with food and things like that. With my team, we are used to dealing with these types of events."

### COLUMBIA COUNTY

The Columbia County Highway Division has been preparing for the storm for days, Superintendent Anthony DeMarco said.

"We're making sure our trucks are ready to go. Making sure our stockpiles are ready to go," DeMarco said. "Our strategy is, once it starts, we'll be out there. The storm is going to be on the cold end, so salt doesn't necessarily work as well when you start getting down to the cold temperatures, so we'll be using mostly sand or sand-salt mix. Once we come in we'll be in throughout the storm."

DeMarco advises drivers to stay off the roads as much as possible. "It makes it a lot easier to keep these roads cleaned up and plowed when there's no traffic all over the place, but if you are out on the road and you encounter a plow, please don't pass them," DeMarco said. "Do not pass a plow for any reason. A lot of

people don't follow that rule, and many times they end up sliding off the road once they pass the plow."

In the wake of a series of storms this winter, the county's salt stockpile is dwindling, DeMarco said.

"It's already been quite a winter, so we've been having an issue keeping up with the salt that we need for these storms," DeMarco said.

The consistently snowy weather means highway departments statewide are using salt faster than the county can get it, but the county's policy of using sand as well as salt will help its stockpile last through the storm, DeMarco said.

With the extremely cold temperatures, "we will usually use a sand-salt mix, even if we weren't having a shortage," DeMarco said.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is stepping up its operations ahead of the storm, Sheriff Jackie Salvatore said.

"We have added two additional patrols on Monday and one on Sunday, in anticipation of being able to handle multiple calls," Salvatore said. "We will be prepared as best we can."

"They have to balance responses to calls and getting there and arriving safely, or else we are not helping the citizens of the county," Salvatore said. "During a snowstorm, you're forced to be a little bit reactive, but we are being as proactive as we can by adding the two patrols."

In Hudson, a 48-hour snow emergency begins at 8 a.m., Sunday, declared by Mayor Joseph Ferris on Friday evening.

At 8 a.m., all vehicles must be parked on the odd side of the street for 24 hours and must then be moved to the even side by 8 a.m. Monday, for another 24-hour period. This applies to streets that do not normally require alternate side parking.

# Gazette

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through emails and responses, including replies from political parties to Remsnyder, is not news; it has been front and center in covering the City of Schenectady for the past three years.

"I think the key is to be unbiased," Remsnyder said, recalling personal experience in the recent Schenectady City race between Mayor Gary McCarthy and challenger Matt Nelligan from their debate to the November election. "Miles Reed, our editor, said that he got compliments from both sides after the election for our coverage of the race, which is hard to do."

"It's hard for both sides to feel that you represented it well, because if it's not negative enough about the other side, they're going to complain about that. Or if it's too positive, they'll complain about that," Remsnyder shared. "The

fact that we got pretty good news from what turned out to be a kind of nasty race towards the end, I took as a good sign. That's something you want to take going forward."

As a Community Journalism Fund reporter, Remsnyder will focus on the local realm, while Gazette News Group staff handles the day-to-day litany of stories.

"When you have elections like the 21st or the 20th Congressional Districts, those are really hard for somebody who's a beat reporter to cover that," DeAugustine said. "Ted will be freed up to take a regional approach to these things, and he'll be able to cover those stories."

"We're also going to be hosting debates that Ted will be able to run the point on across those fairly large geographic areas in Upstate New York, the congressional districts, and he'll be able to become laser-focused on some of the other big elections and all the things that

might require deeper analysis or time to do."

DeAugustine said the Community Journalism Fund has raised more than \$1.1 million in funding and is anxious to announce another industry-specific reporter in the future.

"I'm super happy with Ted and Chad," DeAugustine said. "I think they're really solid, and they do a great job. People in the Capital Region and the Hudson Valley are going to get a lot out of their reporting. We have to deliver valuable information to people, or all of this doesn't matter."

"Our next reporter will more than likely focus on education. We will have someone who takes a regional view and conducts deep dives into the municipalities from an education perspective," DeAugustine said.

For information on the Community Journalism Fund or ways to contribute, contact community relations associate Aaliyah Outlaw at aoutlaw@scheneectadyfoundation.org or call 518-393-9500

Written public comments may be submitted to the Hudson City Clerk within 10 days of the first publication of this Notice.

### MASS GATHERING PERMIT NOTICE

#### OutHudson Pride Parade

Date application was submitted to City Clerk: January 20th, 2026  
 Description of Event: Annual LGTBQ Pride Parade  
 Lineup: 12pm-2pm; Parade: 2-3pm  
 Starts at 7th St. Park, down Warren St., to Promenade Hill Park  
 Date of the Event: Saturday, June 20th, 2026  
 Name of Applicant: OutHudson, Inc.

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