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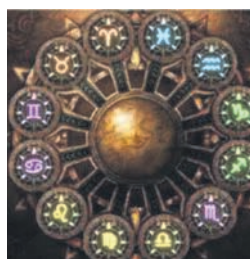
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Digital artistic rendering of Ballston Spa Living editor Ann Hauprich, right, and webmaster Mary Hauprich Reilly, left.

## TIME CAPSULE

### Sisters celebrate village spirit with Ballston Spa Living 2020 Community Yearbook

By Lauren Halligan  
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**BALLSTON SPA, N.Y.** » Two local sisters are celebrating the spirit of Ballston Spa in their latest book, which is meant to be a literary time capsule for generations to come.

The Ballston Spa Living 2020 Community Yearbook, to be released later this year, documents history in the making against the backdrop of the pandemic.

Editor Ann Hauprich and webmaster Mary Hauprich Reilly, both Ballston Spa natives, aim to showcase "The Spirit of Ballston Spa" as it emerges during these difficult times.

In creating this book,

Hauprich and Hauprich Reilly are seeking contributions from the community that show signs of the times such as rainbows of hope, remote learning innovations, social distancing etiquette, stories behind masked faces and work from home experiences.

The idea for this project originated in late 2019 when the sisters decided to prepare a community yearbook as they approached their respective 40th and 50th anniversaries of their graduations from Ballston Spa High School.

As 2020 progressed, they reimagined the yearbook's mission and decided to focus on COVID-related content that exemplifies the spirit of Ballston Spa.

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Ballston Spa Mayor Larry Woolbright is featured in the Ballston Spa Living 2020 Community Yearbook.

**"We wanted to make sure that we could somehow capture, or chronicle even, life as it was unfolding here against the backdrop of the pandemic, so that there would be a keepsake about this."**

— Ann Hauprich, editor

**Contributors:** Those who wish to contribute a story or photos to the book can email Hauprich at ANNHAUPRICH4@GMAIL.COM.

**NEW YORK**

### Health agency questioned over future PPE readiness

By Marina Villeneuve  
The Associated Press

**ALBANY, N.Y.** » New York's health agency is walking back a recent statement by the state's top health official, who had cast doubt on reports from nurses about dire shortages of protective gear at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in late March and early April.

State health commissioner Howard Zucker said this week that he spoke to hospital administrators, nurses and physicians amid the pandemic, and said he was told "they have the PPE," referring to personal protective equipment.

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DARREN MCGEE — OFFICE OF GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO/FILE  
Gov. Andrew Cuomo, speaks during press briefing in April. New York State Health Commissioner Howard Zucker looks on.

**NEW YORK**

### Bowling, NYC museums get green-light to open

By Marina Villeneuve  
The Associated Press

**ALBANY, N.Y.** » New York City museums and aquariums, as well as bowling alleys across the state, are getting the green light to open again, while the state will soon release guidance for indoor gyms to reopen one day.

Cuomo told reporters in a Friday conference call that low-risk, indoor cultural activities — including museums — can open in New York City starting Aug. 24.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art plans to open its doors Aug. 29, pending city and state approval, while the Museum of Jewish Heritage has announced it will reopen in September.

The governor said those cultural institutions will face restrictions: 25% occupancy, timed ticketing, pre-set staggered entry and controlled traffic flow.

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Yearbook

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"We wanted to make sure that we could somehow capture, or chronicle even, life as it was unfolding here against the backdrop of the pandemic, so that there would be a keepsake about this," Hauprich said.

"We felt that it was important to commemorate this," Hauprich continued. "We didn't want this to be forever lost."

Hauprich and her sister had previously worked on other books about the history of Ballston Spa.

"So we had a lot of the history, and the knowledge that even though our village is now going through a very hard time, that Ballston Spa has weathered many storms and had to overcome many challenges in the past," she said.

As the Ballston Spa community lives through this uniquely challenging phase in its timeline, Hauprich has been inspired by how people are coming through for one another in the Village of Friends.

"You really do feel like people care a lot, and people are so much friendlier," Hauprich said. "Everybody's helping."

The book's table of contents features sections devoted to front line workers, houses of worship, patriotic organizations, service clubs and human interest stories.

Stories documented so far include the tale of how a child's 10th birthday evolved into an uplifting celebration complete with a parade, a tribute to local health care professionals who responded to early PPE supply shortages by donating their time to craft face masks on their home sewing machines, and a poignant account of a disabled octogenarian who enjoyed her final weeks surrounded by loved ones after being brought home from a nursing care facility near the start of the COVID-19 crisis.

While each individual story may seem small, "Collectively it's beautiful," Hauprich said, "when you take all of the little pieces and pull them together."

A cornerstone of the 2020 initiative is a series of Q&As with "Pillars, Posts & Supporting Beams" of the community. Some of the subjects in this series include Ballston Spa Mayor Larry Woolbright, Village Clerk Teri O'Connor, Ballston Spa Business & Professional Association executive administrator Ellen Mottola and Ballston Spa Public Library director Andrea Simmons.

Simmons said she was honored to be part of the yearbook.

"As a village employee and in being in charge of the library, the pandemic affected me both personally and professionally. Ann was smart to interview several village employees, officials, and leaders so readers could gain a sense of the behind the scenes actions the village took to keep operations safe for staff and residents," she shared.

"Also, reading about people's personal narratives through a national health crisis makes them more relatable. Once the library receives this book it'll be an interesting read. In the future I can see people using it to do historical research into the actions the Village of Ballston Spa took to combat COVID-19."

The sisters' ultimate goal for this project is to create a literary time capsule, "a keepsake that has chronicled the indomitable spirit of Ballston Spa as the community made the transition from the so-called 'old normal' to the 'new normal,' how they have been very successful in working together - residents and members of the business and professional commu-



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Dentist Thomas Pray and staff members from his local practice smile under their masks. Front row: (left to right) Joy Soriano, Thomas Pray and Kellie Bean; Back row: Gabby Lewis, Alyssa McDowell, Asma Karimah, Taylor Joyce and Susie Joyce.



ANN HAUPRICH PHOTO

Stories of local community happenings like children's lemonade stands during the COVID-19 pandemic will be featured in the upcoming yearbook.

are already published.

As they continue to work on this labor of love, Hauprich and Hauprich Reilly hope a diversity of sources will respond to their invitation to share images and reflections for the yearbook

by the Sept. 30 deadline.

Those who wish to contribute a story or photos to the book can email Hauprich at [AnnHauprich4@gmail.com](mailto:AnnHauprich4@gmail.com).



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Ballston Spa librarian Andrea Simmons is featured in the Ballston Spa Living 2020 Community Yearbook.



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Ballston Spa Village Clerk Teri O'Connor is featured in the Ballston Spa Living 2020 Community Yearbook.



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Community leaders such as Ellen Mottola of the Ballston Spa Business & Professional Association are featured in the Ballston Spa Living 2020 Community Yearbook.

nity - acknowledging that life will most likely never be as it was prior to this pandemic. But perhaps reimagined it can be even stronger and better with neighbors helping neighbors and people truly caring about one another," Hauprich said.

"It's an honor to be able to chronicle this and I hope that it will be something that today's children can look back on and understand why so many things

changed at that time." Professionally printed copies of the book will be donated to multiple local libraries and resource centers.

As a holiday gift to the community, a digital copy of the title, which will include special sections honoring Spirit of Ballston Spa contributors and sponsors, will be available by Dec. 24

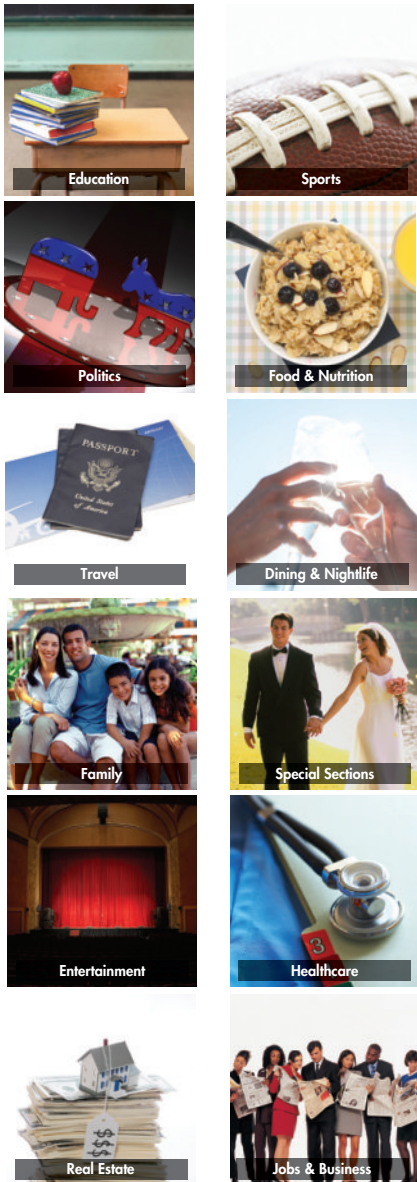
for viewing free of charge via [BallstonSpaLiving.com](http://BallstonSpaLiving.com).

Those wishing to purchase copies for private collections may arrange to do so when the book is released.

More information about this heritage preservation project is available online at its companion Ballston Spa Living website [www.BallstonSpaLiving.com](http://www.BallstonSpaLiving.com), where some of the book's features

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