



**Know Before You Go**  
**Olmsted Network Annual Conference**  
**Landscapes of Renewal: Olmsted, Vaux and Downing**  
**September 13-15, 2024**

Thanks for registering for our upcoming conference! We look forward to exploring the Hudson River Valley with you in just a few short days. Please use this guide to prepare for and navigate the event.

Throughout the event, you can find our most up-to-date schedule— with speaker names and titles, bus information and addresses— at the top of [this page](#). You can also read on to find bus information and addresses.

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**Packing Tips**

**Weather**

Please check the weather before you leave. It is on track to be unusually warm during our stay, and some of our locations do not have air conditioning. Our walking tours will happen rain or shine, so please come prepared with comfortable shoes, sunscreen, an umbrella and anything else you may need. West Nile is spreading in NY, so you may want to pack and use a deep woods bug spray during our tours. A tote bag and reusable water bottle will be provided to conference attendees upon check-in.

**Attire**

Comfortable casual attire is fine for our trip to Stonegate Farm and Olana, our conference

meetings and the Pride of the Hudson dinner cruise. Dressy business attire is preferred at our 2024 Awards Dinner.

### **Tote Bags & Nametags**

If you are attending our exclusive trip to Stonegate Farm and Olana, you will receive your conference tote bag and nametag on Friday morning as we board the bus. If we know that you are staying at Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie or Vassar Alumnae House, you will receive your conference tote bag and nametag during check-in. Otherwise, these materials will be available at Calvary Presbyterian Church on Saturday and Vassar's Taylor Hall on Sunday.

Attendees are encouraged to wear their nametags throughout the weekend.

### **Food**

Your conference ticket includes coffee and pastries in the morning and a boxed lunch in the afternoon. We encourage attendees to bring additional snacks should they need them, and we hope out-of-town guests will take advantage of the hotels' free continental breakfasts. Reusable water bottles will be provided.

## **Getting to the Conference**

### **Complimentary Bus**

Complimentary bus transportation will be available for some events on a first-come-first-serve basis. Bus pick-up and drop-off times are listed below. Please note that we are on a tight schedule and do not have time to wait for stragglers, so it is important that you arrive at the bus stop ahead of the departure time.

Guests planning to attend the free movie showing at Vassar on Friday evening will need to find their own way to and from the event.

Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie | [2170 South Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601](#)

The bus will pick-up and drop-off hotel guests on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please plan to catch the bus (Leprechaun Bus) near the hotel's porte-cochère, and please be sure to bring everything you need for the day.

### **Pick-up & Drop-Off Times—**

Friday:

Pick up 10 am

Drop off: 8:30 pm

Saturday:

Pick up 7:30 am

Drop off: 6 pm for those not attending the dinner cruise

8:45 pm for those attending the dinner cruise

Sunday:

Pick up: 8 am

Drop off: 5 pm

Pick up: 6:45 pm for those attending our 2024 Awards Dinner

Drop off: 9 pm for those attending our 2024 Awards Dinner

Bus for Alumnae House | [161 College Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY](#)

The bus will pick-up and drop-off at Vassar Alumnae House on Saturday only. This bus is available for both Vassar Alumnae House guests and those wishing to park and ride the bus with us to Newburgh. The bus will pick up outside of the main doors at the bottom of the stairs.

On Sunday, hotel guests are encouraged to walk to Vassar's Taylor Hall.

### **Pick-up & Drop-Off Times—**

Saturday:

Pick up: 7:15 am

Drop Off: 6 pm for those not attending the dinner cruise

Drop Off: 8:45 pm for those attending the dinner cruise

### **Tips for getting to Poughkeepsie**

We highly recommend using [Google Maps](#), [Rome2Rio](#) or Apple Maps to plan out your trip ahead of time. These sites can help determine the fastest route and best transit options for your unique journey. Depending on where you live, traveling to our conference in Newburgh and Poughkeepsie may take several hours.

You may also need to download apps like Uber and Lyft, MTA or MTA TrainTime. We recommend downloading these apps ahead of your journey since you will sometimes need to verify your identity.

We hope these tips will also help:

### Flying Into NY

If you are flying into a New York City airport and want to take the train to Poughkeepsie, one

of these routes may work for you. Again, we ask that you use resources like Google Maps to plan your unique journey.

- **New York LaGuardia Airport (LGA)**
  - Train Option 1: 2.5- 3h
    - Bus from Terminal B to Woodside Av/61 St
    - Long Island Rail Road to Grand Central Terminal
    - Metro-North Railroad to Poughkeepsie
  - Train Option 2: 2.5-3h
    - Bus from Terminal B to Woodside Av/61 St
    - Long Island Rail Road to Penn Station
    - VIA to Poughkeepsie
  - Option 3:
    - Take a car from airport to Grand Central or Penn Station
    - Metro-North Railroad to Poughkeepsie
- **New York JFK Airport (JFK)**
  - Train Option 1: 2.5-3h
    - Terminal 4: JFK Airtrain to Jamaica Station
    - Long Island Rail Road to Penn Station
    - Amtrak or VIA to Poughkeepsie Amtrak Station
  - Train Option 2: 2.5-3h
    - Terminal 4: JFK Airtrain to Jamaica Station
    - Long Island Rail Road to Grand Central Terminal
    - Metro-North Railroad to Poughkeepsie
  - Option 3:
    - Take a car from airport to Gran Central or Penn Station
    - Metro-North Railroad to Poughkeepsie

You may also fly into Newark Airport (EWR) or Albany Airport (ALB). Stewart International Airport (SWF) is located near Newburgh, but it only services Orlando, Charleston, Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Myers, Myrtle Beach, Orlando, Punta Gorda, St. Pete-Clearwater/Tampa and Vero Beach.

Train \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel

Once you arrive at the Poughkeepsie Train Station, one of these routes may work for you. Again, we ask that you use resources like Google Maps to plan your unique journey.

- **Travel by Car:**
  - Taxis are available.

- Rideshares are also available via Uber and Lyft.
- **Travel by Bus to Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie:**
  - Take Bus Line B Southbound
  - Route 9 S & Red Lobster
  - Then 6 Minute Walk
- **Travel by Bus to Vassar Alumnae House:**
  - Take Bus Line Route L
  - Collegeview Ave & Fairmont Ave (Vassar College)
  - Then 5 Minute Walk

Additional bus routes are available. Learn more about Dutchess County Public Transit Options [here](#).

### **Parking Information**

Hotel parking is free for hotel guests at both Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie and Vassar Alumnae House. Please do not park at Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie unless you are a guest. Anyone can park at Vassar Alumnae House.

#### Friday, Sept. 13 | Stonegate & Olana

- The bus will be picking up and dropping off from Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie. Please note that Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie does not allow non-hotel guests to park in their lot.

#### Saturday, Sept. 14 in Newburgh |

- Conference attendees who are staying nearby in Poughkeepsie are welcome to park at the Vassar Alumnae House and ride the bus to and from Newburgh.
- Conference attendees who live in Newburgh or plan to drive to Newburgh should park near Calvary Presbyterian Church ([120 South St, Newburgh, NY](#)). There is plenty of street parking.
- Those who are only attending the dinner cruise should park at Hudson River Adventures ([4 Washington St, Newburgh, NY](#)).

#### Sunday, Sept. 15 in Poughkeepsie

- Conference attendees are welcome to park at the Vassar Alumnae House and walk over to the conference in Taylor Hall (124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY).
- Additional parking is available on campus [here](#).

## **All Addresses**

### Hotels

Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie, 2170 South Road, Poughkeepsie  
Vassar Alumnae House, 161 College Avenue, Poughkeepsie

### Friday, September 13

Stonegate Farm, 4 Stonegate Dr, Newburgh  
Olana, 5720 NY-9G, Hudson, NY 12534

### Saturday, September 14

Calvary Presbyterian Church, 120 South Street, Newburgh  
Downing Park, 181-141 Carpenter Ave, Newburgh, NY  
Newburgh Urban Farm, 207 Carpenter Avenue, Newburgh  
Pride of the Hudson, 4 Washington Street, Newburgh

### Sunday, September 15

Taylor Hall, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Avenue (Near Main Arch)  
Hudson River State Hospital, 63 Winslow Gate Road  
Springside, 185 Academy Street, Poughkeepsie