

New video highlights Warrensburg's historic districts

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WARRENSBURG — The Town of Warrensburg has launched a new promotional video highlighting the community's rich architectural history, historic designation, and growing opportunities for reinvestment in its downtown and mill districts.

Produced by local videographer Justin LaRose of JPL Media Works LLC, the video is presented by Warrensburgh Beautification Inc. and the Warrensburgh-Thurman Historical Society, and it is available in both a four-minute and one-minute version. The project showcases Warrensburg's historic properties, renovation work now underway, and the financial incentives available to property owners, investors and nonprofits.

Founded in 1813 alongside Warren County, Warrensburg has long been known as the "Gateway to the Adirondacks." Once fueled by Schroon River hydropower, the town developed a mix of industrial buildings, commercial

blocks and homes constructed largely from locally sourced resources. Many of those structures still stand today, adapted for new uses while retaining historic character.

The new video focuses on Warrensburg's designation as home to some of the region's most significant historic districts. In 1975, the Warrensburgh Mills Historic District — stretching from the Woolen Mill Bridge to the Osborne Bridge — was listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places, making it one of the earliest nationally recognized historic districts in the country.

That recognition expanded in 2000 and 2001, when the Hamlet of Warrensburgh Historic District, which includes the original mill district, was added to both registers. With more than 400 historic resources, the district is the largest historic district in the Adirondack region.



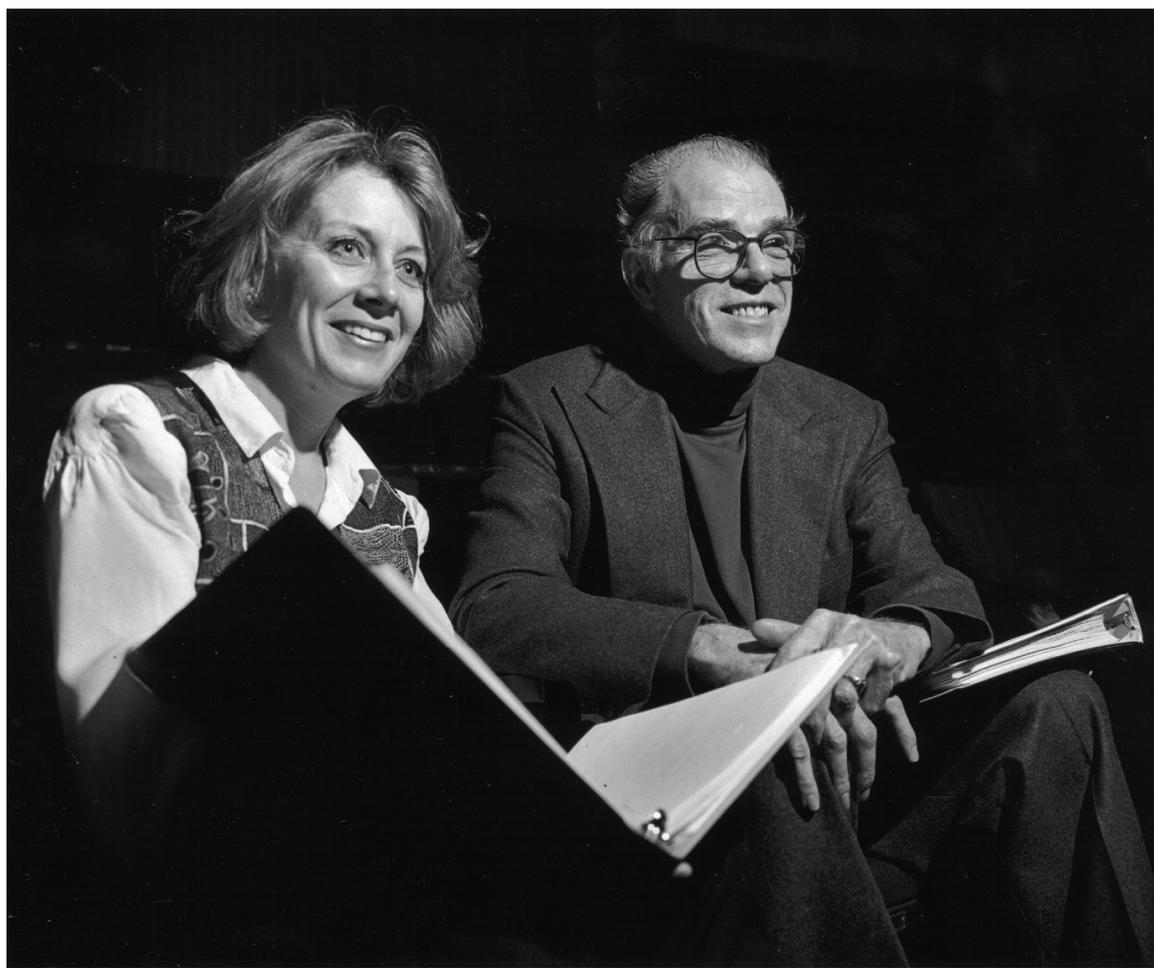
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The Warrensburg VFW Post 4821 mural, which mentions a harmony with the past, is one of the first things visitors see upon entering the town.

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WILLIAM KENNEDY

PULITZER WINNER TO SPEAK AT SUNY ADIRONDACK



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Author William Kennedy and director Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill at a production reading of the world premiere production of 'Grand View' in 1996.

At 98, the writer still highlights the Capital Region

QUEENSBURY — Pulitzer Prize-winning author William Kennedy, known for his work set in Upstate New York, will be the next featured speaker in SUNY Adirondack's Writers Project series later this month.

Kennedy, 98, will speak at 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 30, in the Visual Arts Gallery at SUNY Adirondack's Queensbury campus. The free event is open to the public and will also be livestreamed via Zoom.

During a recent Zoom interview from his home in Averill Park, Kennedy reflected on a lifetime spent telling stories — from serving in the Korean War and working as a reporter in Puerto Rico to covering the Cuban revolution and ultimately earning journalism's highest honors.

"It becomes a mania with you, when you truly become a writer,"

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William Kennedy and John F. Kennedy Jr. (no relation) at opening night of 'Grand View' at the Capital Repertory Theatre in Albany.

GREAT MEADOW

Former CO ordered to pay \$40K

The Queensbury woman pled guilty to workers' comp fraud

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ALBANY — A former corrections officer from Queensbury assigned to Great Meadow Correctional Facility has been sentenced to probation and ordered to pay restitution after pleading guilty to felony workers' compensation fraud.

Jennifer Bardin-Lapan, who was employed by the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, was sentenced in Washington County Court following an investigation by the New York State Office of the Inspector General. Prosecutors said Bardin-Lapan falsified claims related to an alleged on-the-job injury in order to collect nearly \$70,000 in public benefits.

As part of her sentence, she was ordered to serve three years of probation and pay a total of \$40,000 in restitution. Bardin-Lapan, who pleaded guilty in November 2025, paid \$24,000 at the time of sentencing, and she is required to pay an additional \$16,000 within 90 days. She also permanently waived any future workers' compensation benefits related to the fraudulent claim.

According to investigators, Bardin-Lapan reported in November 2022 that she had suffered injuries to her back, knee and groin during a use-of-force incident involving an incarcerated individual at Great Meadow. She subsequently received medical treatment from multiple providers and underwent independent medical examinations while collecting workers' compensation and contractual payments totaling \$69,874.48.

However, surveillance footage obtained during the Inspector General's investigation contradicted her claims. Investigators said the video showed no fall, no physical trauma, and no contact consistent with the injuries Bardin-Lapan described. Officials also noted that she provided inconsistent accounts over time regarding how the injuries allegedly occurred.

Based on the findings, Bardin-Lapan ultimately pleaded guilty to violating Workers' Compensation Law §114, a felony offense involving false statements or material misrepresentations made to obtain benefits.

New York State Inspector General Lucy Lang said the case highlights the importance of protecting programs intended to support genuinely injured workers.

"Lying to receive workers' compensation is a crime that undermines necessary protections intended for workers who are genuinely injured on the job," Lang said in a statement. "In addition to undermining public trust and diverting taxpayer dollars from those who truly need assistance, for this

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