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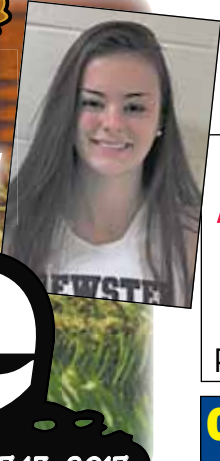
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Attacking Glens Falls 'zombie' houses

By David Cederstrom
Chronicle Staff Writer

Mayor-Elect Dan Hall says there are "well over 30 or 40, I'm sure" so-called "zombie" houses in Glens Falls, and the city, aided by a \$90,000 state grant, has a plan in the works for dealing with them.

The Chronicle approached Common Council members about the issue.

"All across the country there's a big problem" with zombie houses, said Mr. Hall, who is currently the Council president (or councilman-at-large). He takes over as mayor on Jan. 1. Zombie properties have been

As many as 40 empty, still under mortgage; City's plan to ID, fix & sell 'em off.



The house at 168 Ridge St. in Glens Falls, identified by Common Council president and Mayor-elect Dan Hall as one of more than 30 or 40 "zombie" houses in the city. David Cederstrom photo

abandoned by the owner because the mortgage is for more than the house is worth, but the mortgage holder has not foreclosed and taken title and is allowing the property to deteriorate.

Mr. Hall said the problem arose from large numbers of subprime loans that preceded the deep financial downturn.

Make mortgage holder pay

Mr. Hall said that last year New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman finally pushed a law through the state

legislature requiring mortgage holders to maintain zombie properties and list them on a state registry, and pay a \$500 per day fine if guidelines are not met.

The law allows municipalities or the state to inspect the property and force a mortgage holder to make repairs, or to do the work and then take the mortgage holder to court to get reimbursement, said Ed Bartholomew, community/economic development director for the city

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Is this why so few birds?

Dear Editor:

For at least a month there have been no birds whatever here at our little clearing in the forest in Stony Creek. The absence of any sound along with the perfectly still air and overcast sky for several days until today seemed to convey an oppressive feeling. Not even a single chickadee pecked at the little bird feeder we put up again on Thanksgiving.

The phoebes, robins and summer birds left, the 40-plus chickadees never once came to the feeder or to peck around the ground below, two blue jays

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Letters to The Chronicle

The end of GF's 2-screen movie theater?

By Cathy DeDe
Chronicle Managing Editor

With Heather O'Neill's announcement that it won't renew its lease at 190 Grille and Cinema on Glen Street, building owner JMZ Architects/Fowler Associates says it has two prospective tenants, but neither would keep operating it as a movie theater.

"The O'Neills made us aware well in advance and we are on

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