

DECEMBER 2014 EVENTS



food & water watch



KingstonCitizens.org to host a public educational forum and discussion called: "Bottled Water: Bad for the People and the Environment" on Thursday, December 4th at the Kingston Public Library 55 Franklin Street, in Kingston NY from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Guest panelist will be: Alex Beauchamp, Northeast Regional Director of Food and Water Watch (Washington, DC).

Kingston, NY – In September, the citizens of Kingston became aware of a proposed diversion of up to 1.75 million gallons per day of their municipal water supply to the Town of Ulster. The proposal to sell this water would support the profit-making interests of Niagara Water Bottling Company, a California company that projects in return 100 or so jobs that pay below industry standards. They are also expected to seek the maximum tax exemptions, potentially shifting the burden to residents and local business as part of Start-Up NY and other public funding sources. Since that time, KingstonCitizens.org has led a concerted effort to understand the details of this proposal that has involved the Kingston community as well as residents in surrounding communities who would also be impacted.

KingstonCitizens.org is pleased to present a public educational forum titled "Bottled Water: Bad for the People and the Environment" on Thursday, December 4th 2014 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Kingston Public Library located at 55 Franklin Street in Kingston, NY. All are invited to attend. Guest panelist will be Alex Beauchamp, Northeast Regional Director of Food and Water Watch (Washington, DC). The evening will be moderated by KingstonCitizens.org's Policy and Planning Director Jennifer Schwartz Berky. This event will be filmed by Clark Richters of Kingston News. For more information, contact Rebecca Martin at: rebecca@kingstoncitizens.org

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Kingston, NY - KingstonCitizens.org with the support of the Woodstock Land Conservancy, Riverkeeper and Esopus Creek Conservancy is proud to sponsor free screenings of the film "Tapped" throughout the Mid-Hudson Valley region. The first of three showings in this ongoing film series will be held in December in Kingston, Woodstock and Saugerties.

Niagara Bottling Company, a national water bottling plant based in California, wants to establish a plant in the Town of Ulster. It seeks to purchase 1.75 million gallons of water per day from Cooper Lake, Kingston's municipal water source, and plans to utilize support from the Start-Up NY Program that gives 10 years of tax abatements to qualifying companies.

Tapped focuses on industry giants PepsiCo and Nestle. The film documents the filmmakers' visits to a town containing a Nestle factory as well as tests run on the bottles the company uses for its products. These test results showed "several potentially harmful chemicals, some known as carcinogens." The documentary also focuses on the fraction of bottles that is recycled, noting that "forty percent of bottled water is really just filtered tap water, and every day we throw away 30 million single-served bottles of water."

FILM SERIES SCREENING DATES AND LOCATIONS

WOODSTOCK
12-3 PM
@ Bearsville Theatre
291 Tinker Street,
Woodstock NY

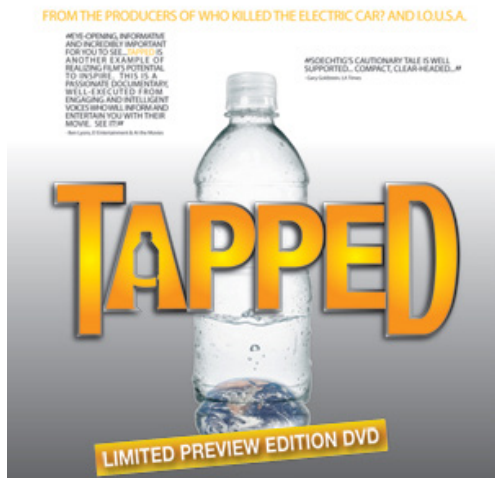
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SAUGERTIES
6:30-8:30 PM
@ The Inquiring
Mind Bookstore
65 Partition Street,
Saugerties NY

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KINGSTON
3-6 PM
@ BSP
323 Wall Street,
Kingston NY

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All events are free and open to all. NO TICKETS ARE NECESSARY. The public will be met by representatives of KingstonCitizens.org to answer any questions regarding the proposed Niagara Bottling Company project in Ulster County. KingstonCitizens.org extends a very special thank you to all venue sponsors: BSP (Kingston), The Bearsville Theater (Woodstock) and The Inquiring Mind Bookstore and Cafe (Saugerties). The screenings are being shown with support from the Woodstock Land Conservancy, Riverkeeper and the Esopus Creek Conservancy. If your school or organization would like to host a screening, please contact Rachel Marco-Havens for more information at rachel@kingstoncitizens.org