



# News Release

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### **Steinhaus Announces New Beacon Shuttle**

**Beacon** - Dutchess County Executive William R. Steinhaus announced today that the Dutchess County Bus System (LOOP) will inaugurate new weekend service in Beacon on August 29, 2003. The new service, called the *Beacon Shuttle*, will operate hourly on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and will link the Beacon Train Station, *Dia:Beacon* and Main Street.

“I have been pleased to see groundbreaking progress in the City of Beacon and along their waterfront. In helping to locate the *Dia* Museum here, the county expected a flow of 60,000 visitors per year to the Hudson Valley to boost our economy. Since its opening in May, *Dia* has already welcomed 50,000 visitors! That practically meets their annual projection in just a handful of months,” exclaimed Steinhaus. “With the addition of the soon to be *River and Estuaries Center* to the waterfront, more jobs will be added to the area as well,” said Steinhaus.

Beacon Mayor Clara Lou Gould said, “We are pleased that Dutchess County has decided to establish this new weekend shuttle. The Second Saturday events have been growing since the beginning of the year, and the Shuttle will provide a good link between *Dia:Beacon* and the shops and restaurants in our business district.”

“Dutchess County has been working closely with Beacon officials and community leadership as that provided by the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce and Beacon Arts Community Association (BACA) to develop additional bus service to meet the needs of city residents and visitors,” Steinhaus said. “Last summer we provided service for five Saturdays in August and September, and this year we have cooperated with the Beacon Second Saturday events with a shuttle using the Dutchess County Trolley.”

The Beacon Shuttle will operate from 12:30 pm to 7:30 pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Service hours will be extended until 8:30 pm on the second Saturday of each month in support of

the on-going arts events. Passengers may purchase an All Day Pass for \$2.00 (\$1.00 for seniors, children, and those with disabilities).

Information about Dutchess County LOOP routes and schedules is available at [www.dutchessny.gov/loop.htm](http://www.dutchessny.gov/loop.htm)



***Ribbon Cutting of Beacon Shuttle***

*Beth Coleman, President/Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce, William Steinhaus, Dutchess County Executive, Clara Lou Gould, Mayor, City of Beacon, Ricardo Diaz, Beacon Arts Community Association (BACA)*

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