



# MINUTA ARCHITECTURE

NEWSLETTER

*Architecture- for the way you live, work and play*

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A newsletter focusing on local architecture and the latest design and construction industry trends.

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## Nora Cronin Presentation Academy Needs Your Help

Newburgh, NY

Work continues on at the corner of Landers Street and Bay View Terrace in the City of Newburgh led by a group of determined Sisters of the Nativity. In 2005, Minuta Architecture was commissioned to assist the Sisters by developing plans for an extensive rehabilitation to facilitate the adaptive reuse of an old abandoned Second Empire Victorian residence (circa 1880) in



the City of Newburgh. As part of the code compliance efforts made to bring the building up to meet new building and energy code requirements, it was raised three feet off its original foundation. The project is an environmentally responsible use of the existing historic infrastructure available to us in the City, and serves as part of a greater movement to revitalize the City as a whole. The Sisters rely on and require additional donated services and resources

to complete this great community project; please contact us to find out more.



## Minuta Architecture is now an Energy Star Partner and USGBC member company!

As such, we can better serve our clients' needs by designing homes to meet the rigorous Energy Star guidelines for energy efficiency set by the U.S.



Environmental Protection Agency. These homes are at least 15% more energy efficient than homes built to building code standards, and include additional energy-saving features that typically make them 20-30% more efficient than

standard homes. Any homes, three stories or less, can earn the Energy Star label if they have been verified to meet EPA's guidelines, this even includes existing retrofitted homes. Energy Star qualified homes include a variety of 'tried-and-true' energy-efficient features that contribute to improved home quality and homeowner comfort, and lower energy demand and reduced air pollution. For more information, visit Energy Star at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) or contact us directly.



The United States Green Building Council is an organization at the forefront of working to redefine how we embark on our pursuits to develop our built environment sustainably in the future. Go to [usgbc.org](http://usgbc.org) to find out more.

## New Shop Rite Plaza Addition and First Sonic in NY

Ulster, NY

Kingston, located between the Mid Hudson and The Rhinecliff Bridge, is a community that has been seeing significant growth recently. The most recent addition on the busy thoroughfare



of 9W is the first ever Sonic drive-in in New York state. Construction began early this Spring on the drive-up service facility; Sonic is the first phase of the new development planned for the existing Shop Rite Plaza and was complete and open for business in April.

The second phase of the project, which is soon to be under way, includes renovations to the existing Shop Rite and three new retail buildings which total 55,000+/- square feet. The master plan was

developed and designed as a collaborative joint effort between Minuta Architecture and Tectonic Engineering. Improved site access was one of the focuses for the project and once complete will improve traffic flow to and from the

neighboring shopping plazas. This new traffic pattern will serve to relieve some of the current congestion on Route 9W. The retail spaces will create excellent opportunities for both large corporate and small local business.

If you are in the Kingston area swing by and try the one of a kind Sonic, and witness the development of the project first hand as it transforms.





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## Schoenberger & Evans add to Minuta Architecture's Green LEED AP Team

Joseph J. Minuta, lead architect and founder of Minuta Architecture PLLC, is proud to announce that two members of his team have recently earned the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Professional Accreditation.

practices and principles and the LEED Rating System and passed the required certification exam.



University with more than 20 years of both commercial and residential interior design experience. "On average, people spend about 90 percent of their time indoors," said Evans. "The standards of LEED for Commercial Interiors helps me assist in the creation of high performance, healthful, durable, affordable, and environmentally sound interiors" Evans explained.

"I'm very proud of Debra and Samantha's professional accomplishments," said Joseph Minuta. "Their demonstrated understanding of and commitment to environmentally-responsible design - of both buildings and interiors - is a great benefit to our firm, our clients, and the future health of our environment."



Samantha Schoenberger

LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the industry standard for green building. LEED Professional Accreditation recognizes building professionals who

Schoenberger is a graduate of SUNY Alfred's architectural engineering program and is currently completing her required five year architectural internship with Minuta Architecture. To earn LEED accreditation, Schoenberger passed the LEED certification exam which tests an individual's understanding of green building practices and principles, and familiarity with LEED requirements, resources, and processes. She has made sustainability and environmentally responsible building design a focus of her work.

Evans is a professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and graduate of Cornell

have exhibited the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully steward the LEED certification process. LEED Accredited Professionals (LEED APs) have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building



Debra Evans

**Q:** How can an architect help me with my project?

**A:** As your first step in planning any building project your architect can assist you in initial decision making that can result in a quality design while saving time and money. Hiring an architect also provides insight to planning the next steps that make your project a reality and produces a project of quality above and beyond those built to spec.

## About Our Company...

## Questions? Ask us

**Minuta Architecture, PLLC** was founded by Joseph J. Minuta, RA, AIA, NCARB, CACB who has accumulated over 20 years of professional experience in the building industry working professionally as a Registered Architect, construction observer, engineering technician, draftsman, carpenter and mason. He has been licensed to practice architecture in 49 US states and in Canada.

Architectural services provided by Minuta Architecture:

- \*Architectural Design
- \*Code Compliance
- \*Construction Administration
- \*Interior Design
- \*Site Planning
- \*Existing Facilities Surveys
- \*Cost Estimating
- \*LEED System Design
- \*Feasibility Studies
- \*Bidding & Negotiation
- \*Planning Board/ ZBA Representation
- \*Environmentally Responsible Design

## Mission

Our mission is to provide Architecture for the way you live, work and play through improving the quality of life of individuals, corporations, organizations and communities. Our vast array of projects enables us to adapt our trained design philosophies to your project. We take pride in providing services which are reminiscent of a more sensitive time when a Client's needs came first and the Architect was the client's guide and confidant. Clients are infused with true architectural experience in which they express themselves through their project. Project consultation enables you to plan your project at your own pace with a professional Registered Architect so that you may make informed decisions prior to starting a project. One point of contact means that your project won't get lost in our firm as it might in larger firms. Personal attention goes into every detail of your project and our incredible staff is always pleasant and willing to assist you through your design development.

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