

**Southern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club  
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**20 May 2018**

**re: Invitation to join us on June 23 & 24, 2018 for our Annual Field Day**

**Amenia Town Board  
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**Dear Supervisor Victoria Perotti and Board Members:**

**As President of the Southern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club, I am writing to cordially invite you to meet with the Amateur Radio operators of Amenia, nearby Connecticut, Massachusetts and other areas that our club supports**

**at the home of AJ Hayes, 80 Depot Hill Road, on June 23 and 24, 2018 between 2 PM on Saturday and 12 Noon on Sunday; this is the National Field Day event for Amateur Radio personnel.**

**Throughout the country, ham radio operators will be setting up radio stations in unusual locations and making contact with others as a display of their emergency communications capabilities.**

**In the past year alone, ham radio operators have made headlines with their work in the wildfires, floods, storms, tornadoes and other crises. The hams provide emergency communications for many government and civic organizations in disasters.**

**In addition, they provide supplemental communications when normal systems are rendered inoperable or overloaded. Hams have been called, "The people behind the curtain that made the heroes look good."**

**Like most communities, Amenia doesn't expect a major emergency. But they happen, and losing communications quickly can turn an emergency into a real disaster.**

**We will be inviting the press to drop by, and will have brochures, information packets and other materials made available through the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio, explaining our work.**

**I hope that this plan meets with your approval and we look forward to your visiting this event.**

**Sincerely yours,  
Stan Hirson, W2VID  
President, Southern Berkshire ARC**

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