

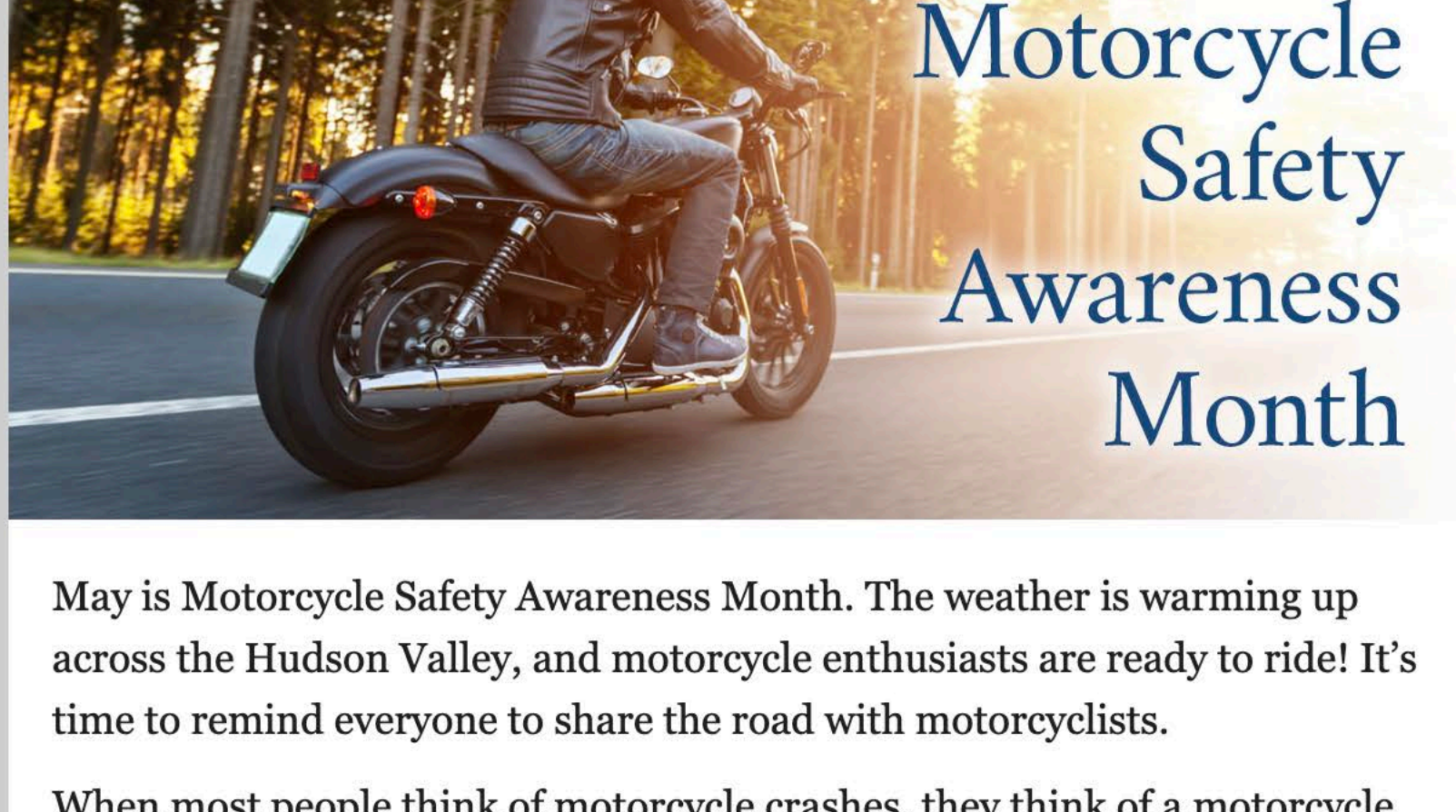
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## Brief Insights



A DIGITAL BULLETIN—MAY 2022



## May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The weather is warming up across the Hudson Valley, and motorcycle enthusiasts are ready to ride! It's time to remind everyone to share the road with motorcyclists.

When most people think of motorcycle crashes, they think of a motorcycle colliding with other vehicles. These collisions are devastating and can often be avoided with extra caution by drivers and looking twice for a motorcycle.

However, sometimes hazards for motorcyclists come directly from the road itself. Road hazards present an elevated risk for motorcyclists. Often, those responsible for maintaining roadways do not consider motorcycle riders. Basch & Keegan wants to discuss the dangers that road hazards pose and whether a motorcyclist can recover compensation in these situations.

### Common Springtime Road Hazards Where There's Liability:

- **Potholes & Defects** – It doesn't take much for potholes to become dangerous. Water seeping into the cracks and freezing can widen potholes throughout the winter, finally exposing them when the spring comes. Other defects in the road that could lead to litigation are height differentials and deep cracks in the pavement that can create ruts where front wheels become wedged, causing the bike to flip.
- **Puddles & Drainage** – Rain pools in potholes and makes them look like puddles, causing riders to pass over them rather than avoid them. Also, poor drainage from a property can cause unexpected wet and slippery roads.
- **Sand or gravel** – Loose dirt and gravel particles can easily be blown onto the roadway, and don't pose much threat in small drifts. However, a pile of gravel that accidentally fell off a truck, or a mound of dirt that was left by a construction crew, can have much more impact on a biker traveling over 50 miles per hour.
- **Railroad crossings** – There is a risk of tires getting stuck in a railway track. Some crossings with wood or metal between the tracks can become dangerous due to years of neglect.

### Who is Responsible for a Road Hazard Accident?

State and local governments are typically responsible for maintaining the roadways. If a biker was injured after becoming stuck in a pothole, they may have a claim against the municipal body in charge of that stretch of road, especially if they were aware that the pothole existed and had not tried to fix it.

There are also times when construction companies are responsible for roadway maintenance. This could be the case when there is ongoing construction, and they need to re-route the roadway to accommodate their needs. If it can be shown that a construction company oversaw roadway maintenance at the time a pothole accident occurred, it may be possible to explore a personal injury lawsuit against the construction company directly.

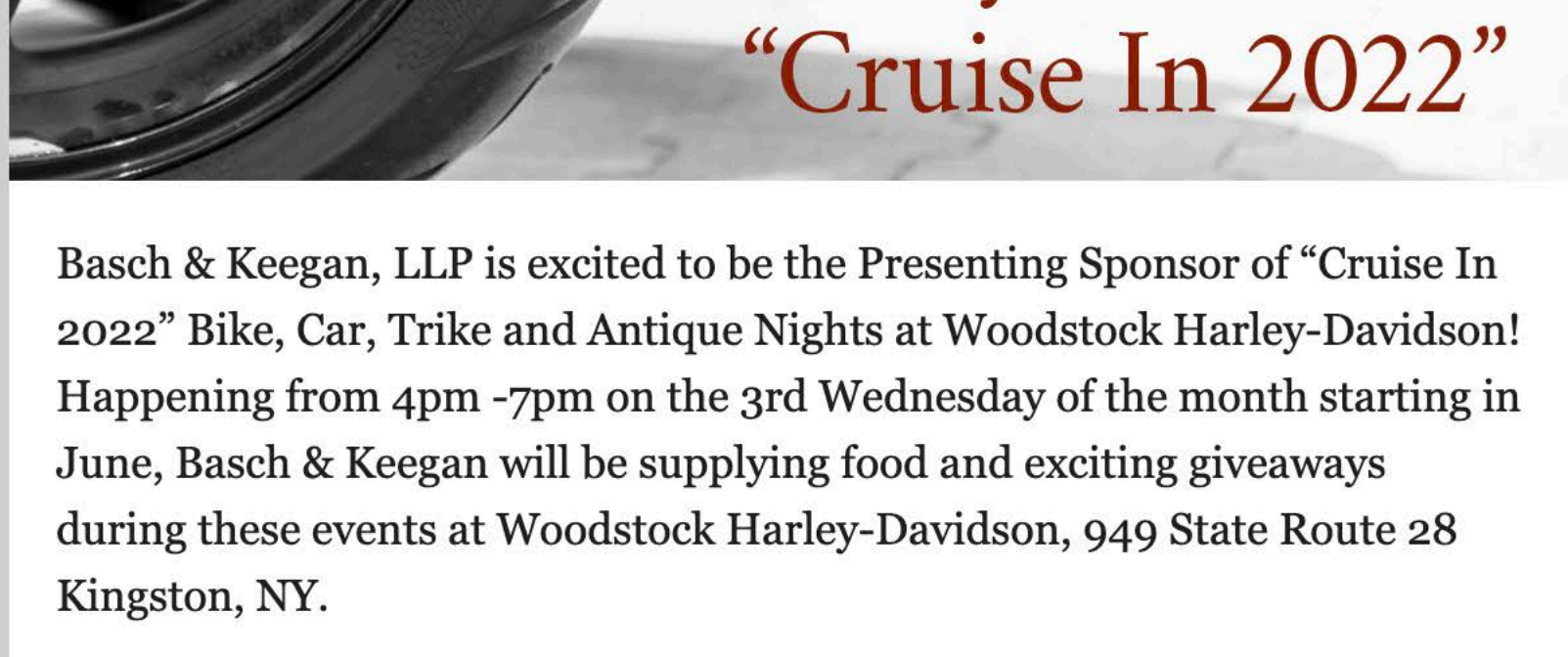
If the rider skidded on a patch of sand in a construction area, they may be able to sue the construction company if there were no warning signs posted in the area, or if the pile had been allowed to pose a danger for several days.

Railroad companies are responsible for railroad crossings. If an injury was sustained due to a poorly maintained railroad crossing, the company who owns the tracks can be held responsible.

### Have You Been Injured in a Motorcycle Accident?

If you or somebody you care about has been injured on a motorcycle, call our experienced legal team. We'll go over what caused your crash and discuss the legal options. Your compensation can be used to help pay for your medical expenses, lost wages, emotional and physical injuries and more.

The important thing to remember is that roadside hazards are not just another risk of riding a bike—they are a preventable cause of motorcycle accidents. You can get compensation when they cause serious injuries. Basch & Keegan is here to help at 845-338-8884.



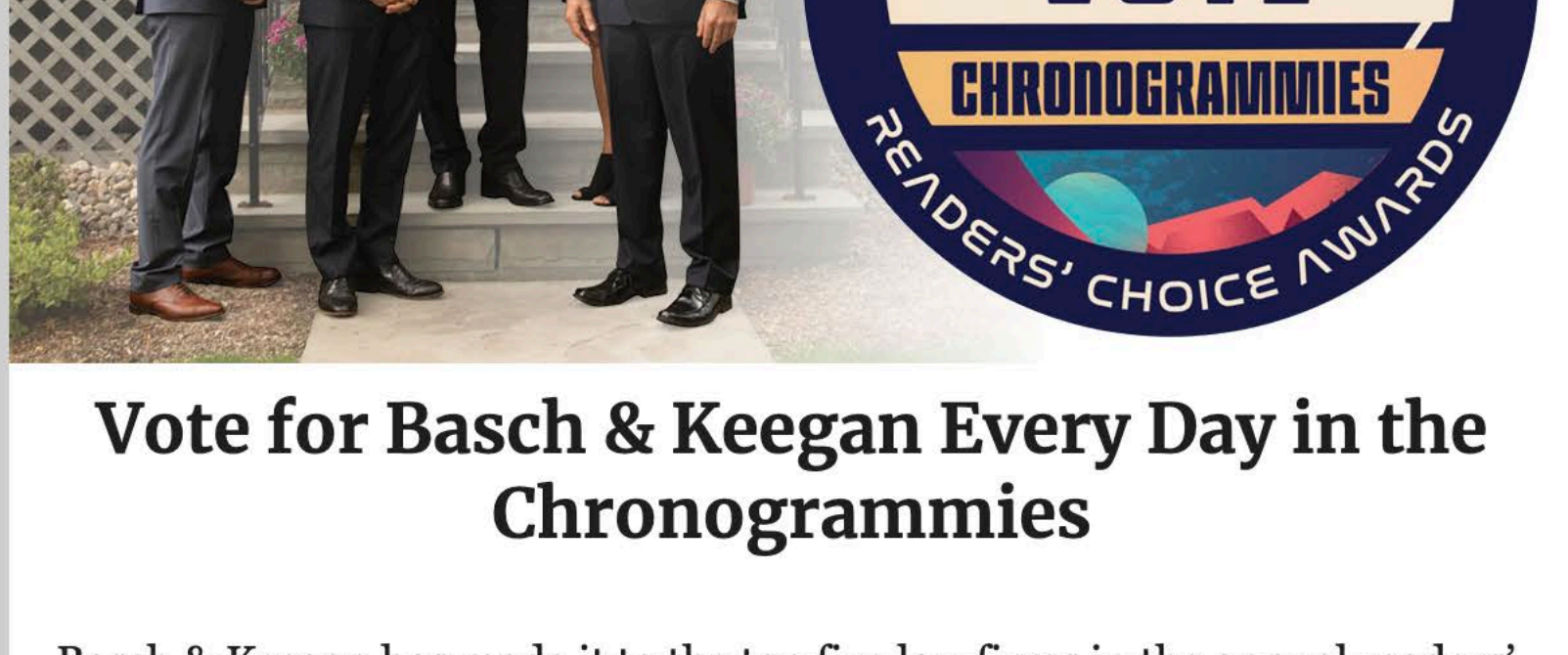
## Join Us at Woodstock Harley-Davidson "Cruise In 2022"

Basch & Keegan, LLP is excited to be the Presenting Sponsor of "Cruise In 2022" Bike, Car, Trike and Antique Nights at Woodstock Harley-Davidson! Happening from 4pm -7pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month starting in June, Basch & Keegan will be supplying food and exciting giveaways during these events at Woodstock Harley-Davidson, 949 State Route 28 Kingston, NY.

As leading personal injury attorneys in the Hudson Valley, we understand the importance of having proper insurance coverage. We are offering free evaluations at Woodstock Harley-Davidson during these events! Protect yourself and your bike by bringing your insurance declaration page to these events to have the personal injury attorneys look it over. Basch & Keegan is here to help ensure your coverage is protecting you while you ride

We are announcing "Cruise In 2022" in May during Motorcycle Awareness Month. Motorcyclists have the same rights and privileges as other motorists, but too often car and truck drivers fail to share the road with motorcycles, and often those responsible for maintaining the roadways do not consider motorcycle riders. Basch & Keegan is committed to helping motorcyclists.

"Cruise In 2022" dates are June 15th, July 20th, August 17th, and September 21st.



## Vote for Basch & Keegan Every Day in the Chronogrammies

Basch & Keegan has made it to the top five law firms in the annual readers' choice awards, the Chronogrammies with Chronogram. You can vote daily until May 15th!

Our firm holds the title as "Best Law Firm in the Hudson Valley" from last year. We would be honored to win again this year.

Adding onto the honor, both Derek Spada and John DeGasparis have been nominated for "Best Lawyer in the Hudson Valley". Basch & Keegan is proud that two of our partners have moved onto the top five in this category. We believe this speaks volumes of our reputation in the community.

Please consider voting for Basch & Keegan and one of our partners! You can vote everyday until May 15th here:

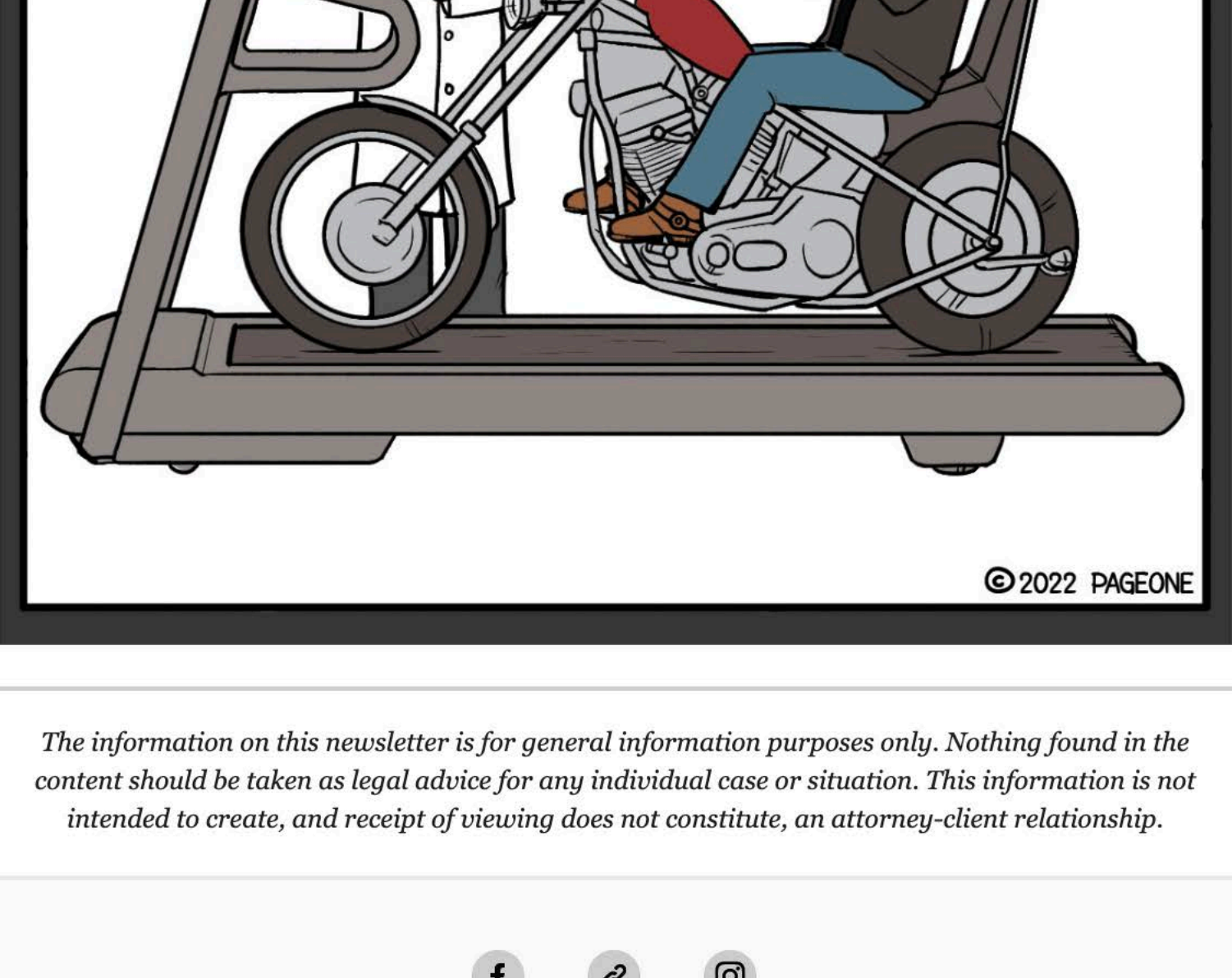
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### Upcoming Sponsored Events in May

- 5/7: Opening Day of Farmers Market
- 5/7: Kingston Clean Sweep with Friends of Historic Kingston
- 5/7: Rebels Softball Golf Tournament
- 5/7: Sewing in Kingston: Stitching the Past to Present – Reher Center Exhibit Opening

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