

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – October 2023

KINDERHOOK BUSINESS UPDATE

Vacant Commercial/Mixed Use: [3]

1 Chatham Street, 6 Broad Street, 59 Broad Street

Partially Occupied Commercial/Mixed Use: [1]

5 Hudson Street

Business Closure

El Toro Mexican Restaurant
3 Albany Avenue

Business Opening

Kinderhook Books
10 Broad Street
December 2023

PROMOTION

- Ongoing social-media re-posts for local businesses
- Met on site with IMK Designs to review designs for signage at Dunham Park and Hudson Street Landing at Creekside Park
- Design and revisions completed of historic map for back of EV charging station. Printing and installation scheduled for early November.
- Distributed rack cards and brochures at village and regional locations.
- Kinderhook printed promotional materials (4) featured and distributed by Columbia County Tourism at Travel Show in Springfield, Mass.
- Arranged for graphic design and placed an on-screen ad promoting the village during October at Crandell Theater/ Film Columbia 2023.

BUSINESS LIAISON

- Continued to provide updates on available commercial properties.
- Distributed welcome packets to new business and property owners.

GRANTS SUMMARY

- Completed Organizing binders for Kinderhook Creek Recreational Inventory, Kinderhook Creek Access Points, and NY Forward Village Projects
- Preliminary draft of awarded grants checklist completed. Revision in progress.

CURRENT (ONGOING):

Kinderhook Creek Kayak Launch Project

- Village receives extension on HRVG grant for two years.

- Village receives NYS DEC approval of CEO's application for creek-access improvements.
- Valatie submits application for DEC approval of launch access proposal.
- Installation of creek-access improvements in Kinderhook and Valatie scheduled for completion in spring 2024.
- DPW relocates pump-station fencing – creating a larger and more accessible park area.

Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP)

(Village of Kinderhook and Village of Valatie Collaborative Project

- Reviewed outreach materials for first public meeting.
- Attended Zoom planning meeting for first public meeting

NY Forward

- Solicited quote for sounds system for NY Forward public meeting.

GRANT RESEARCH/SUPPORT/APPLICATION

- Continued review of grant availability and grant eligibility.
- Board members approved applying for Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley Building Decarbonization Grant.
- Met with Q. Murphy and Pella representative in Van Buren Hall re: window replacement for Building Decarbonization Grant.

ECONOMIC-DEVELOPMENT RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

Albany-Hudson Electric Trail, Village Bike Rack

- Awaiting action on bike rack proposal in Village Square at Kinderhook Knitting Mill.

Long-term Parking and Traffic Issues

- Information on status of 25 Chatham Street soil testing and results out for review.

Village Website

MISCELLANEOUS

- Attended Columbia County Chamber of Commerce/Columbia County Tourism/Business Groups Roundtable that focused on role of tourism in Columbia County economy, transportation challenges for visitors and residents, and Columbia County budgets for tourism.
- Drafted letter requesting FAQs for website from village department, commissions, and committees.