

# Village of Kinderhook Bulletin

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## VILLAGE OFFICIALS

### **Mayor**

James C. Dunham 518-758-6171

### **Trustees**

Richard A. Phillips 518-758-9548

Dale Leiser 518-758-6177

Robert Baumeister 518-758-7545

David Flaherty 518-758-7733

## OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Mayor 518-758-9882

Village Clerk 518-758-9882

Supt., Public Works 518-758-9225

Village Justice 518-758-8778 x 303

Building Inspector/  
Code Enforce. Officer 518-758-8778 x 302

Secretary, Planning  
& Zoning Boards 518-758-8778 x 305

Secretary, Historic  
Preservation Com. 518-758-8778 x 304

Dog Control Officer 518-275-9983

Fire House 518-758-9220

New York State Police 518-758-7010

Economic Development 518-758-9882

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## Village Elections

Due to COVID-19, Village Elections were rescheduled from Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> to a yet to be determined date in June, 2020. Once we receive more information in regards to the rescheduled election, we will post on our website and via email blast including posting at the Post Office and on our bulletin board in front of the office at 6 Chatham Street.

The following candidates have filed for election to the offices listed below:

### **MAYOR-TWO YEARS TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)**

Dale R. Leiser

### **TRUSTEE-TWO YEARS TERM (VOTE FOR TWO)**

Michael Abrams

Robert Baumeister

James Mark Browne

Dorene M. Weir

### **JUSTICE-FOUR YEARS TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)**

David A. Dellehunt

## **Acknowledging the Service of James Dunham and Richard Phillips**

Two of Kinderhook's longest-serving public servants are retiring this spring. Thank you to both Jim Dunham and Richard Phillips, for their devotion to public service. The selflessness with which these two carried out their long-term dedication is rare in this age. We all would like to thank them for the time spent and their countless contributions to the Village of Kinderhook.

## COVID-19

Based on Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.10, all non-essential gatherings of any size for any reason are postponed or cancelled at this time. Therefore, meetings, events, etc. listed in this bulletin as scheduled in the next few weeks are postponed or cancelled. Please contact the sponsoring organization for information on when they may be rescheduled.

## Kinderhook on the Move

Kinderhook's Board of Trustees, along with the village's committees, commissions, boards, and offices, as well as active community and business groups and local nonprofits, have all been moving ahead and working cooperatively on a variety of projects intended to advance the village's goals of

- revitalization of the village's historic business district
- protection and enhancement of the village's historic assets
- increasing activities and events for families
- planning for improved and increased recreational amenities.

From completion of a recreational and sustainability survey of Kinderhook Creek, to working cooperatively with New York State on the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail, to jump-starting discussions of sustainable practices and energy sources, to launching design plans for accessible bathrooms and facility improvements in Van Buren Hall, to finalizing a lighting plan for the municipal parking lot, to exploring ways to protect and preserve the Persons of Color Cemetery, Kinderhook is truly on the move.

## Coming to Kinderhook this Spring and Summer

Look for exciting improvements around the village that will improve safety, provide increased recreational opportunities along the Kinderhook Creek, and advance Kinderhook's stewardship of the village's historic assets.

- Historic-style pole lights in the municipal parking lot on Hudson Street
- Implementation of design plans for sustainable habitat plantings at Mills Park
- Official opening of the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail
- Installation of fencing and plantings at the Persons of Color Cemetery

## New Businesses – CyberWA, Inc., and The Red

**Fox.** The village continues to attract diverse new businesses to the village's historic business district. CyberWA, Inc., located at 15 Chatham Street, is a cybersecurity service that helps to protect corporate executives, politicians, celebrities, and other high-profile individuals from cyber-attacks.

In June, following renovations at 3 Albany Avenue, husband and wife duo Jon and Amy Spoto, along with long-time friend and associate Zachary Woodworth, plan to open up a new food spot in the village. To be called The Red Fox, the restaurant's name honors Kinderhook's native son, President Martin Van Buren. Chefs John and Zack will be offering a selection of locally sourced food and beverages.

## Historic Kinderhook Village Walking &

**Bicycling Tour Brochure Returns.** The village's self-guided walking tour brochure, a highly successful promotional handout for many years, has now been redesigned and rebranded as a walking and bicycling brochure. For the first time, the brochure will be widely distributed to locations throughout the Capital Region and the Berkshires by a professional brochure-distribution company.

**Sister Cities.** Kinderhook is proud to congratulate Buren Burgemeester Jan de Boer on publication of his history of Cornelis Maessen (ancestor of Martin Van Buren) and Martin Van Buren. Published in Dutch in The Netherlands, Burgemeester de Boer is exploring avenues for completing an English translation. A copy of the book is available for viewing in Village Hall.

**Van Buren Hall.** The range of healthy lifestyle classes at Van Buren Hall includes yoga, Zumba, Zumba Gold, and ballroom, Latin, and swing dancing. On-going cultural events include lectures sponsored by Columbia County Historical Society and classical music performances by Concerts in the Village. The Van Buren Hall Committee with architect Gregory Merryweather:

Architect LLC of Brooklyn has completed a comprehensive renovation plan for the historic hall. This spring, the village plans to apply for a state grant for implementation of the renovation.

**Concerts in the Village** at Van Buren Hall. For information about upcoming concerts, go to [www.concertsinthevillage.org](http://www.concertsinthevillage.org).

**Kinderhook Farmers Market.** The farmers market is scheduled to open May 9, 2020. The market's organizers will be keeping village residents informed about any changes to the opening date relative to concerns about the coronavirus.

**Kinderhook Creek.** The village's commitment to providing improved and safe recreational opportunities, as well as sustainability planning, at the Kinderhook Creek is ongoing. The Kinderhook Creek Recreational Resource Inventory, prepared in cooperation with the Village of Valatie, is available for review at Village Hall. Kinderhook and Valatie have also received a grant from the NYS Department of State to complete a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP). When completed, the LWRP will enable the municipalities to apply for additional state grant funding for future projects.

## Albany-Hudson Electric Trail.

Trail construction continues in the Town of Stuyvesant, the Villages of Kinderhook and Valatie, the Town of Kinderhook, and the Town of Chatham.

- Construction work, including trail sections in the Towns of Greenport and Stockport, has restarted this spring. All work is slated to be completed by November 2020.
- The section in the Village of Kinderhook will be completed this summer.

According to Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET), a non-profit group formed to support the trail in Columbia County, the mission of the group is to

- Maintain the majority of the AHET Trail in Columbia County, including mowing the trail's grass shoulders, trimming vegetation, removing any downed limbs or trees, and keeping the trail corridor clean.
- Promote public awareness of the trail and its uses.
- Work with other organizations to link the AHET Trail with other recreational trails, parks, and historic and cultural landmarks.

CFET is seeking members and volunteers. Information is available at <https://cfetny.org>.

## **A Special Thank You to Dave Booth and Rob**

**Meehan** The village would like to say a special “Thank You” to Dave Booth and Rob Meehan for their hard work and dedication to restoring the donated antique fencing that will be installed at the Persons of Color Cemetery this spring. Dave and Rob’s efforts to complete this important project demonstrate that the members of Kinderhook’s Department of Public Works not only work year-round to maintain the village’s infrastructure, streets, properties, and parks but also have demonstrated a commitment to the responsible stewardship of the village’s historic properties.

The Village also would like to thank Tom Butcher and Eric Hustvedt from Homestead Tree Care for their generous donation of time and equipment to help decorate our village square for the holidays. We appreciate the generosity of these gentlemen and we had many compliments from towns and villages near and far regarding our beautiful holiday decorations.  
THANK YOU BOTH!!



## **Kinderhook’s Climate Smart Task Force – Stay Informed – Get Involved**

The Village Climate Smart Task Force is an advisory group of resident volunteers established by the Village Board of Trustees in 2016 to consider initiatives that may be suitable for Kinderhook under the Climate Smart Community (CSC) program sponsored by New York State. The program’s purpose is to provide local governments with guidance on how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save tax dollars and advance community goals for health and safety, economic development, energy independence and quality of life.

We have been and continue to focus on two main objectives.

1. To provide educational events and regular communications that offer practical ideas and information to community members on what each of us can do to preserve and improve our environment.
2. To work with the Village Board to foster environmentally sound policy and actions

Some examples of these efforts are:

- Collaboration with the Kinderhook Memorial Library, Hannaford, CLYNK and local

community groups and businesses, to hold annual Earth Day events in the Village.

- In 2019, we introduced the use of reusable shopping bags at the Village Farmers’ Market. The bags were donated by our local Hannaford and a number of Village residents.
- Working with the Library and Hannaford, we are currently holding a six week Meatless Monday initiative in the Village.
- This spring we are planning composting workshops for children and adults in partnership with the Library and the Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- We regularly publish updates of our activities and achievements on the Village website and in the bi-annual Village bulletin. We also regularly post environmental information and tips on sustainability on local social media outlets like Nextdoor Kinderhook and IMBY.
- In addition to becoming a registered Climate Smart Community, we have also participated in the Clean Energy Community program completing the four action items needed for certification. So far, these actions have resulted in the Village being awarded over \$50,000 in awards and grants from New York State.
- During the Village budget workshops, we have advocated for including a sustainability approach to the process. We also contribute to plans on the use of funds received by the Village (electric vehicle charging station installation, solar installation on municipal buildings, and upgrade of Village Hall HVAC), and continue to look for additional grant opportunities available to the Village from NYSEDA and DEC.
- In the past year, we have presented, and the Board has passed Climate Action, and Carbon Fee and Dividend resolutions. They recently passed a Climate Emergency resolution proposed by our committee, becoming only the fourth governmental entity New York State to do so.
- Currently, we are working with the Board to include the Village as a member in the Capital Region Community Choice Aggregation program administered by MEGA along with thirteen of municipalities including the Towns of New Scotland, Bethlehem, Guilderland, Knox, Niskayuna Villages of Voorheesville and Altamont the Cities of Albany, Schenectady, Troy, Saratoga Springs, Watervliet and Glens Falls.

Thanks to the support of the Village Mayor and Trustees, the Task Force volunteers will continue to look into additional actions that will promote sustainability and lead to the Village being designated a **Certified Climate Smart Community**. With that certification, the Village will have additional opportunities for grants from New York State for future environmental projects.

The Task Force meets regularly at the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 7PM and welcomes new members and those interested in the CSC program or contact Chairman Bill Mancini or Mayor Jim Dunham. You can check the Village website's calendar for updates on times and dates of the meetings.

**Sign Up for the Village's Email List** – The village is seeking to encourage increased participation in local government and community affairs. Help us keep you informed. Currently 918 people are subscribed to the village's email list. Email notifications include garbage service updates and alerts, announcements of upcoming village events and meetings. Please subscribe to our mailing list at <http://villageofkinderhook.org>. Enter your email address on the home page underneath the menu selection bar. Multiple email addresses per household are welcome!!!

## Water Bills

Water bills are mailed out to all Village residents each year on April 1 and October 1. Water meters are read during the months of March & September. Please make sure there is clear access to your outside meter for our employees. Please note that our DPW has left several meter repair slips at various residences. If you have received such a slip, please call our DPW at 518-758-9225 to schedule an appointment to get your water meter repaired.

**REMINDER:** Residents and real estate agencies should remember that a meter reading must be done prior to the sale of any Village property. You need to contact the Village Office at least one week prior to the closing, so that arrangements can be made to read and prepare a final bill for the property's closing.



## Flushing Hydrants

The Village's fire hydrants will be flushed April 7th, 8th and 9th. This may disturb sediment and cause water to be discolored. This should clear up in a few hours. The Village has 109 fire hydrants that we flush and maintain twice a year. This enables us to make sure all hydrants are functional and in proper working order.



## Street Lighting

If you notice a street light problem, please report it to the Village Hall at 518-758-9882 or via email: [okvillagehall@villageofkinderhook.org](mailto:okvillagehall@villageofkinderhook.org). We will then notify National Grid electronically and request the problem get corrected. Please include the pole number, street name and nearby house number. Also, indicate what the problem is such as light out, light on during day, light dim, light noisy, light cycling on/off, animal nest, exposed wires-base, or other.



## Building Department

The Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer is available at the Village Hall every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:00am to 9:00am and Wednesday evenings from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

### DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

Building permits are documents that are obtained authorizing the start of construction or remodeling of a building in the Village of Kinderhook. The types of permits that may be required are as follows:

**Building Permit:** New construction, additions, alterations, repairs to either residential or non-residential buildings. This includes garages, decks, sheds, fences, siding, roofing, etc.

**Electrical Permit:** New installations, additions, extensions, alterations, changes, fire and accident repairs of any electrical wiring and electrical equipment associated with a structure or



project. Separate permits are required for wiring, fixtures, furnaces and construction poles. For convenience, the wiring, fixtures and furnaces may be combined on one permit if they are included on the original application.

**Plumbing Permit:** New installation, removal, alterations, repair or replacement of any plumbing, gas or drainage piping work. A separate permit is required for each building or structure.

**Sign Permit:** New installations, alterations, repair or replacement of free-standing or building-fastened signage.

**Razing Permit (Demolition):** A separate permit is required for each building or structure that is removed from the premises which includes: swimming pools (above ground or in ground), chimneys, fireplaces and/or wood stoves.

**Do you live or own a residence or business in the Historic Preservation District of the Village of Kinderhook?**

All construction activity and the issuance of any building permits in the protected Historic Preservation District require a review by the Building Inspector to determine if approval by the Historic Preservation Commission is warranted. This includes any and all construction that can be seen from the public way, signage, property features demolition of buildings, and any applicable sections in Chapter 75 of the Village of Kinderhook Code. Applications for activities that require review by the Historic Preservation Commission must be submitted 10 days before the HPC meeting. If review by the HPC is required, a Certificate of Appropriateness must be issued by the HPC before a building permit can be issued by the Building Inspector. If you are not sure if this applies, please contact the Building Inspector at 518-758-8778 ext. 302.

**Minor improvements typically not needing a permit include:**

Interior or exterior painting; Installing draperies or blinds; Installing carpeting or resilient floor covering; Building store fixtures (display cases); Building uncovered concrete patios; Changing lighting fixtures; and minor repairs.

The above examples are only some of the exempted projects, which are listed in various code books. Not all exempted projects have been included. Please contact the Building Department at 518-758-8778 ext. 302 for additional information. Some minor projects are allowed without obtaining building permits. However, depending upon the project, other permits (occupancy, special events, etc.) may be required. In either case, the construction of such projects should be in conformance with all applicable codes.

**Village Court Days and Hours** - Kinderhook Village Court holds its sessions on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00pm. The Court can be reached by calling 518-758-8778 ext. 303. The Justice Court Clerk is available at the Village Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please see the Village of Kinderhook's Event Calendar on our website for any changes to these dates and time.



**Palmer Engine and Hose Co.**

**Fire Company Seeks Volunteers-** If you are at least 18 years of age, live in or near to the Village of Kinderhook's fire district, and are interested in serving as a volunteer, please contact Fire Chief Matt Cohn at 518-755-9259, Rich Phillips at 518-758-9548 or any member of the Palmer Engine and Hose Company. In addition, the Palmer Engine and Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary is seeking members. Ladies interested should contact Auxiliary President Tonya Hunter at 518-758-7050.

**APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF VILLAGE PROPERTY**

Individuals or groups requesting use of Village property, (Van Buren Hall, Rothermel Park, Bandstand etc.) or placement of temporary signs in the area of the Village Square, can pick up an application at the Village Hall or on our website under Village Forms. **PLEASE PLAN AHEAD.** Completed applications must be submitted 1 week prior to the monthly Village Board meeting. The application gets reviewed at the meeting. The Village Board meets on the second Wednesday evening of each month at 7:30pm.



**Columbia County Historical Society**  
Please visit the link below for presently scheduled programs and events:

<https://www.cchsny.org/events.html>



Kinderhook Memorial Library

**Kinderhook Memorial Library**  
**PO Box 293 \*\* 18 Hudson Street**  
**Kinderhook, NY 12106 518-758-6192**  
**Email: info@kinderhooklibrary.org**  
**www.kinderhooklibrary.org**

**Library Hours**

Monday	Closed
Tues, Wed & Thu	10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

**(please note that all events are subject to change)**

**National Library Week:** April 19-25: Find Your Place @ the Library & Food for Fines! This week, the Kinderhook Memorial Library joins libraries in communities nationwide in celebrating National Library week. To show our appreciation for our patrons, join us for complimentary coffee, tea, and bagels on Friday, April 24 at 11am

**Mountain Gorillas & Golden Monkeys:** Sunday, April 5, 1pm. Friend of the Library Wendy Power Spielmann recently traveled to Uganda, Rwanda, and Qatar. Her talk will feature pictures of her close encounters with endangered mountain gorillas! She will also explain Rwanda's success in completely eliminating roadside trash throughout the beautiful countryside.

**Wild by Nature: Images Near and Far:** Sunday, April 5, 2pm. Join us for a photo exhibition opening in honor of Earth Day! Board President and photographer Gary Spielmann has compiled an exhibit of his nature photography, featuring a selection of animals and landscapes from 19 countries and 18 national parks and wildlife refuges. Subjects range from African lions to birds of prey; from polar bears to chameleons. The photos illustrate the beauty of landscape, while revealing the diverse habitats of plants and animals on mother earth.

**Bunny Hop:** Friday, April 10, 11am. Hop, hop, hop on over for a special Springtime story time hour. We'll do a bunny craft and enjoy an EGG HUNT right after!

**Safe Sitter® Course:** Saturday, May 2, 8:30am-3pm. Columbia Memorial Hospital is back to offer their Safe Sitter® course for teens! This is a medically accurate child care course developed for students in grades 6-8. Safe Sitter® teaches the skills you need to safely care for children – infants through school age. Students should bring a bagged lunch for this six-hour course. Registration deadline is Friday, April 24; stop by the Library to sign up and fill out the necessary paperwork before this date.

**Family Sci-Fi Party:** Monday, May 4, 6pm. From the final frontier to a galaxy far, far away – look to the future at our sci-fi party! Dress like your favorite alien or astronaut and celebrate our favorite sci-fi franchises! We'll have themed snacks, games, a costume contest, and more for all ages.

**Saturday Night Group Babysit:** Saturday, May 9, 6pm. Back by popular demand, and just in time for Mother's Day! Sign up to have a group of Safe-Sitter Certified teens, along with Library staff, babysit in a fun, worry-free environment. We'll have an evening of crafts, stories, games, and more for children ages 1-7. Plan ahead and make a reservation at one of the many fantastic restaurants within walking distance and leave the child care to us! Space is limited and registration is required.

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Kick-Off Party!** Saturday, May 30, 10am. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a nationwide initiative to get caregivers to read to their kids every day before starting school (reading aloud counts!). Little ones from birth to age 5 are invited to join us for a celebration of early literacy. Registration will take place that day. We'll sing songs, make art, and knock off the first few books on your reading list! Light refreshments provided. Ages Birth to 5

**Poe Pictures: The Film Legacy of Edgar Allan Poe,** Saturday, May 30, 2pm. Join local author, actor, and screen writer Bruce Hallenbeck as he discusses his newly published book *Poe Pictures: The Film Legacy of Edgar Allan Poe*. He will introduce and discuss the book before a film screening of *The Fall of the House of Usher*. There will be time for discussion, Q&A, and book signing following the film.

## Recreation Commission



The Recreation

Commission has been busy sponsoring many activities for the village's families and children. These activities include the Easter Egg Hunt, Community Night, Movie Night, the Annual Halloween Party, and the very popular Summer Program.

**Help Wanted!** Summer is fast approaching and the Recreation Commission is on the search for enthusiastic and energetic individuals to fill the following positions:

- ☞ **Director – applications due by May 4, 2020**
- ☞ **Assistant Director – applications due by June 1, 2020**
- ☞ **Counselors – applications due by June 1, 2020**

The program runs for six weeks during the months of July and August from 9am-noon. It's the perfect job for high school or college students! Applications are available at the Village Hall and on the Village website under Village Forms/Application for Summer Employment. Applications and resumes may be dropped off at the Village Hall during business hours, dropped in the front drop box to the bottom right of our front door, or may be mailed to:

Village of Kinderhook  
Recreation Commission  
PO Box 325  
Kinderhook, NY 12106

All **Village of Kinderhook** children who will be entering Kindergarten through 9th grade in September 2020 may register for the Summer Program. Applications will be available at the Village Hall and on the Village website starting in June.



### **OK5k Race and Youth 1 Mile Run and Reading Ramble**

The 22nd Annual Kinderhook Bank OK5k has been cancelled this year due to concerns for the health and safety of the runners, volunteers and visitors.

**Please SAVE THE DATE for next year's race on June 12, 2021.**

## **Kinderhook Business Professional Association**

Monthly meetings occur @ 8AM on the first Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall.

The Kinderhook Business and Professional Association, Inc. (KBPA) was established in 1993 to foster business in the Kinderhook Village. Our Mission Statement is to Foster and Promote Trade, Commerce, and Business and to enhance the overall business climate within the Village of Kinderhook.

Every member business is either locally owned and / or employs local residents. The group works to promote business activity in the Village.

### *CONTACT*

For more information on the KBPA, please contact us at KBPA, PO Box 251, Kinderhook, NY 12106.

Email us at: [kinderhookbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:kinderhookbusiness@gmail.com).

### **UPCOMING KBPA EVENTS**

**(please note that all dates are subject to change)**

**May 2 - Early Kinderhook Village Yard Sale**

**May 9 - October 10 - SATURDAYS**

Rain or Shine Kinderhook Farmers' Market on the Village Square 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Discover Columbia County's bounty right on your doorstep and meet your neighbors every Saturday morning! Local family farmers and food producers, ready-made, eat-at-the-market food, fine crafters, family and kid's events, live music, and fun!

**May 30th – The Kinderhook Craft Fair**

**June 25th and August 27th -Back by popular request!!!**

Food Truck Village in the Village Square - Columbia County's annual food truck event hosted by the KBPA and the Village of Kinderhook. Food trucks bring an exciting variety of ethnic foods and homemade ice cream to the Village Square from 5:00 - 9:00 pm. Food, fun, and live music! Come out and enjoy.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> - People's Parade**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> – Fall Yard Sale**

**October 10<sup>th</sup> – Fall Festival and last day of Kinderhook Farmers' Market**

**October 31 – Legend of Sleepy Hollow Reading**

**MONTHLY VILLAGE MEETINGS\***

**Board of Trustees Village Board Meeting**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – 7:30 p.m.

**Climate Smart Committee**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

**Historic Preservation Commission**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

**Planning Board**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

**Recreation Commission**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – 7:00 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday – 7:00 p.m.

**All meetings are open to the public  
and everyone is invited to attend.**

**Village of Kinderhook Court**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

**Court Clerk Hours**  
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Talk with your Mayor**  
Please call for an appointment  
518-758-9882

**Building Inspector  
Peter Bujanow**  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday evenings 5:00p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Village Office Hours  
6 Chatham Street**

**Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
&  
Wednesday evenings 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**\*See Village COVID-19 updates and the  
website for revisions due to COVID-19.**

Please contact the Village Hall at  
518-758-9882, or via email at  
[okvillagehall@villageofkindrhook.org](mailto:okvillagehall@villageofkindrhook.org) if you  
have questions concerning any of the  
information in this bulletin.

**◆ ◆ DATES TO REMEMBER ◆ ◆**  
(please note that all dates are subject to change)

**April 01** Water Bills mailed out  
**April 25** NCLL Opening Day Rothermel Park  
**April 30** Water bills due without 10% penalty

**May 02** Early Village wide yard sale  
**May 09** Village Wide Clean-Up Day  
**May 09** Farmers’ Market Opening Day  
**May 25** HOLIDAY-Village Hall closed  
**May 30** Kinderhook Craft Fair

**June 01** Village Tax Bills mailed out  
**June 25** Food Truck Village in the Village  
Square

**July 01** Village Tax Bills due without penalty  
**July 04** HOLIDAY-Village Hall closed  
**July 04** People’s Day Parade

**August** Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 p.m. The  
Ghent Band at the Village Bandstand  
**August 27** Food Truck Village in the Village  
Square

**Sept. 07** HOLIDAY-Village Hall closed  
**Sept. 12** Village wide yard sale

**Oct. 01** Water Bills mailed out  
**Oct. 10** Fall Festival  
**Oct. 12** HOLIDAY-Village Hall closed  
**Oct. 10** Farmers’ Market closing day  
**Oct. 31** Halloween Party/Sleepy Hollow  
Reading  
**Oct. 31** Water Bills due without penalty

**Nov. 11** Veterans Day Holiday Observed  
**Nov.26,27** Thanksgiving Holiday

**Dec. 05** Martin Van Buren Wreath Laying  
**Dec. 25** Christmas Holiday



## Garbage & Recycling Reminders

Please have your garbage with stickers and recyclables out by **7:00am** on Thursday mornings to ensure pickup. **Pick-up times do vary by street week to week, so please ensure your garbage is out by 7:00am. We cannot guarantee pick-up for items placed on the curb after this time.**

All bags of garbage must have stickers – red stickers (\$2.50) for 30 gallon bags and green stickers (\$1.50) for 15 gallon bags. Place your sticker on the **TOP** of the bag for easy visibility.

**When placing your recyclable containers at the curb, please be sure to place them as indicated by the arrows on top of the container to allow for automated pick-up. Also, do not place containers up against other items such as a mailbox or place any items on top of the container. Oil & antifreeze containers may not be recycled. Plastic bags such as grocery bags, trash bags, and potato chip bags cannot be recycled as these materials break the sort lines at the recycling center. Pizza boxes should not go into the recycling bin.**

If you have questions, please contact the Village Hall at 518-758-9882 or County Waste & Recycling Service at 518-877-7007. Garbage stickers may be purchased at the Village Office during business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and on Wednesday evenings from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. Garbage stickers are also available at Stewart's in Kinderhook (61 Chatham St.).

### **Site for Kinderhook Yard Waste**

The Town of Kinderhook's compost site, located on Knickerbocker Farm Road, will be open on Saturdays beginning May 2, 2020 through November 28, 2020 from 8am-2pm, weather permitting. The site is located off of Route 9 just past Knickerbocker Lake on your right-hand side going north on Route 9. Punch cards can be purchased for \$10.00 each at the Town of Kinderhook Hall, 3211 Church Street, Valatie (518-784-2233). Each card has 10 punches and each load of waste is equal to one punch. The Town Hall is open Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-3:00pm, closed Fridays.



## VILLAGE-WIDE SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Again this year, County Waste and Recycling Service will pick up items at your home on **Saturday, May 09, 2020.**

**Please see the list below** for the items that are not accepted. Items to be picked up may be placed out by the street where you put your regular garbage and they will be removed.

Please do not put items out more than 48 hours before the Saturday pick-up. **Collection will begin at 7am so please make sure your items are out prior so that you will not be missed!** Regular household garbage and recycling will be picked up as normal in the village on Thursday, May 7th and Thursday, May 14th.

**The following items are not to be put out for pick-up and will not be picked up by County Waste & Recycling Service:**

PAINT & TAR CANS  
5 GALLON PAILS  
NOTHING CONTAINING LIQUIDS  
SOLVENTS, THINNERS  
INSECTICIDES, PESTICIDES  
COMPRESSED GAS CYLINDERS  
HOUSEHOLD & POOL CHEMICALS  
LAWNMOWERS, MOTORBIKES, ETC.  
CONSTRUCTION-DEMOLITION DEBRIS  
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## **Our Walkable, Bikeable Village**

We are fortunate to have a very walkable, bikeable village. Almost every time that you drive our streets, you see residents and nonresidents walking, jogging and biking on our sidewalks and streets. Many nonresidents drive into the village just to walk. The village is the site of the weekly Kinderhook Runners Club runs on Saturday and Sunday mornings as well as Wednesday evenings and the annual OK5k. It is and has been the site of other walking, running and biking events. We would like to remind motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians of a few rules of the road and safety tips to assure the safety of all users of our streets.

### **Motorists:**

- Follow the speed limits.
- Be alert at all times for walkers, joggers & bicyclists.
- Be prepared to share the road with bicyclists, such as where there are parked cars near the center of the village and on narrow streets.
- When passing walkers, joggers and bicyclists, give them as much space as possible, especially when there is no other vehicle approaching.
- At non-signalized intersections, yield for pedestrians in the crosswalks.
- Obey the signage as you approach the AHET crossings.
- With the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail scheduled for opening in the village this summer, be especially alert of the AHET crossings at Route 9, Albany Avenue, Eichyush Road and Gaffney Lane. Also be aware that the 300' section of Sunset Avenue, between Albany Avenue and the AHET, will have pedestrians and bicycles in the roadway.

### **Bicyclists:**

- Wear bike helmets. Bicyclists under the age of 14 are required by law to wear an approved safety helmet.
- Always ride in the same direction as traffic. Never ride in the street or on a shoulder against traffic.
- Ride single file when being overtaken by vehicles.
- Have reflectors, lights and reflective gear if riding at night.
- Youngsters riding on sidewalks should be courteous and yield right-of-way to walkers. When approaching a walker from the rear, announce your presence. Bikes should have bells to use for this purpose.
- Obey the signage on the AHET especially at the street crossings.

### **Pedestrians:**

- Use the sidewalks whenever they are available.
- If walking or jogging in the street, always walk or jog against traffic.
- Walkers and joggers should stay as far left as possible when oncoming vehicles are approaching.
- When walking at night, wear bright, reflective clothing and carry night walking flashlights,
- Obey the signage on the AHET especially at the street crossings.

For recreation, better health and to save a little gas, we encourage residents and nonresidents to enjoy our beautiful village by walking, jogging or biking on our sidewalks and streets, and soon, the AHET.

**Let's try to assure that we drive,  
ride and walk safely!!!**