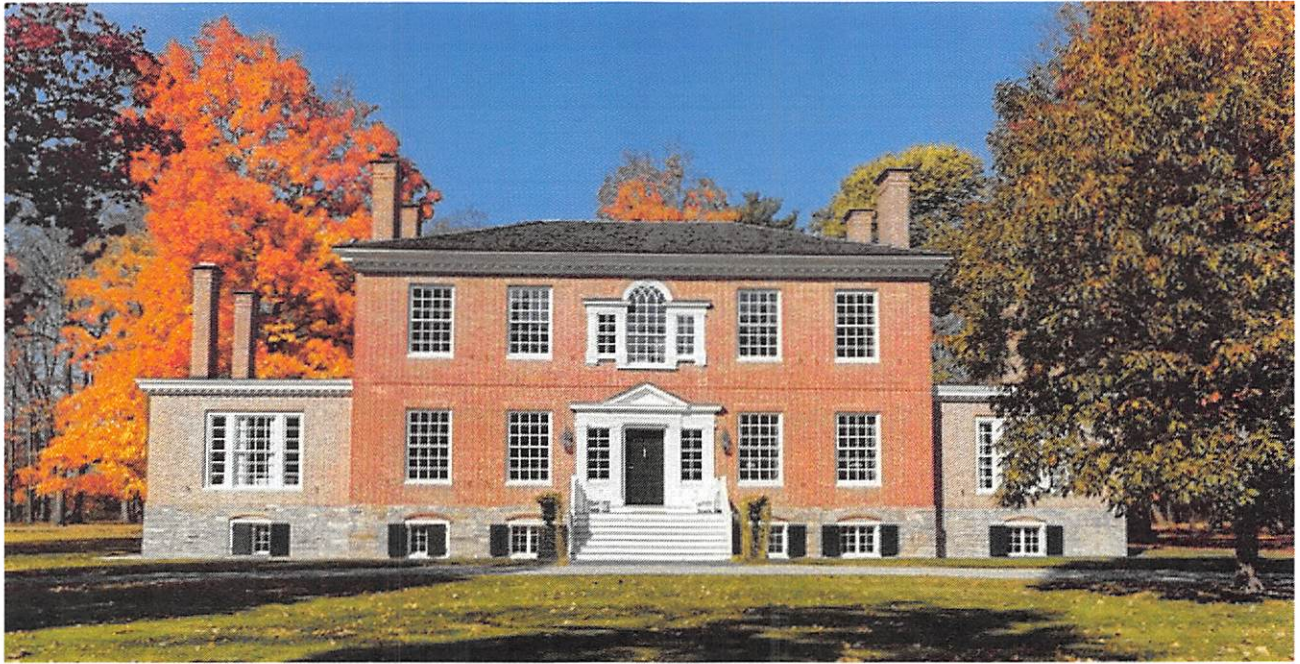


# The Kinderhook Times

Summer - Fall 2021



## Another First For The Kinderhook Times

### From the Mayor's Desk

Welcome to the second edition of "The Kinderhook Times" newsletter. As we explained in our first edition of this publication, our goal is to connect with everyone in our community as well as visitors with a resource of information for all that is happening in our village.

Our intention is for this newsletter to be filled with meaningful content and to do it while the information is current. With that said, "The Kinderhook Times" will now be published three times a year rather than twice a year. This will ensure that the information is up-to-date and will allow you to plan for village events for the next three months rather than six months.

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As previously stated, we want this newsletter to be valuable to you, so I encourage you to continue offering your feedback to [okvillagehall@villageofkinderhook.org](mailto:okvillagehall@villageofkinderhook.org). I look forward to your comments and hope you enjoy our second edition of "The Kinderhook Times" newsletter.

*Dale Leiser*

Dale Leiser, Mayor  
Village of Kinderhook



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## For Your Information . . .

### MONTHLY VILLAGE MEETINGS

Board of Trustees  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – 7:00 PM

**Climate Smart Community Task Force**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7:00 PM

**Historic Preservation Commission**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 7:00 PM

**Planning Board**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday – 7:00 PM

**Recreation Commission**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – 7:00 PM

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

All meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend.

### DATES TO REMEMBER\*

Aug 21	Fire Truck Water Fun, Rothermel Park
Aug 21	National Senior Citizens Day
Sept 6	Labor Day - Village Offices Closed
Sept 25	Community Night, Rothermel Park
Oct 1	Water Bills Mailed Out
Oct 5-6	DPW flushing hydrants
Oct 9	Last day of Farmers' Market
Oct 9	OK Fall Festival 9am-1pm
Oct 9	Village Wide Yard Sale (KBPA)
Oct 11	Columbus Day-Village Offices Closed
Oct 12	Leaf pickup begins
Oct 30	Halloween Event, Recreation Comm Watch for details
Oct 30	Reading of "Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Headless Horseman <b>3:00 PM</b> in the Village Square
Nov 1	Water Bills Due
Nov 11	Veterans Day – Village Offices Closed
Nov 25-26	Thanksgiving – Village offices Closed
Nov 29	Leaf Pickup ends (weather permitting)

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#### **Office Hours:**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 7am-9am**

**Wednesday Evenings 4pm- 6pm  
or by telephone and by appointment.**

**Inspections are scheduled by appointment.**

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



## CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

The Village Climate Smart Community Task Force (CSCTF) was 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 Department of Environmental Protection. 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.

The CSCTF is an advisory group of resident volunteers and Village Trustees. Our broad focus has two main objectives:

1. Providing 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. Working with the Village Board to foster environmentally sound policy and actions

Some examples of these efforts are:

- The Village was designated as a NYSERDA Clean Energy Community (CEC) in 2019 after completing four action items. Completion of these items resulted in grants totaling more than \$50,000 to be used for energy efficiency and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction projects. In 2021, NYSERDA initiated a CEC Leadership round from which we hope to receive additional funding for sustainability projects in the Village. Currently, we are projecting the completion of action items that can earn the Village an additional \$15,000 in grants from NYSERDA. We have completed five items thus far and recently initiated another, a Community Solar Campaign. We are also working on achieving bronze certification in the Climate Smart Communities program by compiling data regarding the Village's ongoing sustainability efforts.
- In the first half of 2021 alone, the Village's electric vehicle charging station (EVCS) usage accounted for a reduction of more than 1.8 metric tons of GHG. Since its installation in 2019, usage of our EVCS has resulted in an estimated 3.4 metric ton reduction in GHG emissions.
- A continuing collaboration with the Kinderhook Memorial Library (KML) and local community groups and businesses to increase environmental awareness in our community. Working with the KML, Samascott's Market Center and Hannaford, we held a second Meatless Monday initiative in the Village in June 2021. There were 76 household sign ups with 156 participants in this year's six week event, a reduction of about 3.1 metric tons of GHG emissions. Hannaford and Samascott's donated gift cards and the Friends of the Library donated vegetarian cookbooks to be awarded to a number of participants. The CSCTF obtained and donated a garden composter to the Library as first step in establishing a composting educational program in the Village.
- We continue to 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.
- During the Village Board meetings and budget workshops, we continue to advocate for including energy saving and sustainability considerations in their decision making. We continue to work with the Board on converting Village street lighting to energy saving LED fixtures.
- Solar installations on two municipal buildings are expected to begin before year end. Additionally, the rest of the Village's municipal electrical needs is to be supplied by a community solar farm in early 2022.
- We continue to work with the Village Board to include the Village as a 100% green energy member in the Capital Region Community Choice Aggregation program in 2021, along with twelve other municipalities including the Towns of New Scotland, Bethlehem, Guilderland, Niskayuna Villages of Voorheesville and Altamont the Cities of Albany, Schenectady, Troy, Saratoga Springs, Watervliet and Glens Falls.

Thanks to the ongoing 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 on the second Tuesday of the month at 7PM. Those interested in the Climate Smart Community program can check the Village website's calendar for the dates, times and locations of future meetings.



**Know Your Neighbor**  
**Arnold March**

In this edition of the of “The Kinderhook Times”, we are pleased to highlight our neighbor Arnold March. Neighbors and friends call him Arnie. Arnie and his wife Claudia have lived in the Village of Kinderhook for over 28 years. Their sons Gary and Jason grew up here and attended ICCS. Chloe, their Lab-Mix rescue dog is as social as Arnie is and is often seen walking with Claudia or on a playdate with their neighbor’s dog.

Arnie was born in Hudson, New York and attended Drury High School in North Adams, Massachusetts. He worked at Fort Orange Paper Company for 20 years, until the company closed. Arnie then worked for Mineral Technologies, in Canaan, Connecticut, until his retirement in 2013.

There are many aspects of our Village that Arnie likes, but those that top his list are great neighbors, his proximity to the Village, the walking trail, and the easiness of walking around the Village. He also likes the beauty of the orchards and agriculture area around us. He is very happy about the improvements that have been made to spark the revitalization of the Village.

In 1996, Arnie was awarded “Volunteer of the Year” for his contributions to the Northern Columbia County Little League. Among his hobbies are golf, walking, beach-life, working outdoors and helping neighbors.

As a sports enthusiast, Arnie enjoys golf, local auto racing, baseball, and College football. His favorite teams are the New York Yankees and Alabama, Crimson Tide Football. His favorite styles of music are Country and Rock, and his favorite artists are Cold Play, Luke Bryan, and Lady A.

All of the “Rocky” movies and Forest Gump are on top of Arnie’s movies list. His favorite actor is Tom Hanks, and his favorite actress is Jennifer Anniston.

We asked Arnie what his favorite vacation spot was, and he told us Emerald Isle, North Carolina. He said that he loves the slow pace of life there, sunrises, and sunsets, walking the beach and visiting the friends they have met there over the years.

**Thank you, Arnie for letting us get to know our neighbor**

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## **Did You Know?**

The photo of the house featured on the front page of this newsletter is known as the Burgoyne House. On the evening of October 22, 1777, General John Burgoyne was held in this house as both a prisoner of war and a guest, while being taken from the Battle of Saratoga to Boston. Burgoyne is best known for his role in the American Revolutionary War. He designed an invasion scheme and was appointed to command a force moving south from Canada to split away New England and end the rebellion. Burgoyne advanced from Canada but his slow movement allowed the Americans to concentrate their forces. Instead of coming to his aid according to the overall plan, the British Army in New York City moved south to capture Philadelphia. Burgoyne fought two small battles near Saratoga but was surrounded by American forces and, with no relief in sight, surrendered his entire army of 6,200 men on October 17, 1777. This landmark is now a private residence, and no tours are allowed.

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

“Good morning, Village Hall, this is Carol, how may I help you? If you have ever called the Village Hall, you probably know the voice that goes along with this greeting. In this edition of The Kinderhook Times, the employee spotlight shines on Carol van Denburgh, the Deputy Clerk for the Village of Kinderhook.

Carol and her husband Steve have been married for thirty-two years and have a son, Scott, who is twenty-two years old. Their extended family includes their dog Lloyd and their cat Macey. Both pets are rescues, Lloyd is from Mississippi and Macey is from a local vet.

Born in Hudson, New York, Carol graduated from Ichabod Crane Central High School in 1983. Over the years, Carol has received several awards including the E Gordon Van Buren service award for volunteering for the ICC Booster Club in 2017, and the WGAWB award for most improved golfer in 2020.

Carol stated that she likes the interaction with people that her job provides and the ever-changing dynamic of the work. On weekends, Carol enjoys playing golf with her girlfriends. She also enjoys listening to Classic Rock and her favorite band is Aerosmith. As a sports enthusiast, she lists the NY Giants and Boston Red Sox as her favorite teams. Other favorites of Carol’s are the movie, The Wizard of Oz, actor Robin Williams and actress Meryl Streep. It’s not surprising that Autumn is Carol’s favorite time of year, because both her birthday and wedding anniversary are celebrated in the Fall. When it comes to reading, Carol likes Golf Digest, and her favorite author is Lisa Scottoline. We asked Carol to tell us one place anywhere in the world she would like visit and why and she replied, Hawaii because she heard that the golf and beaches are fantastic, but she would also like to visit Scotland because it is the birthplace of golf. Did it surprise you that she chose someplace that was related to golf?

**Thanks Carol, for allowing us to shine the Employee Spotlight on you!**

## A Mural At Rothermel Park



Girl Scout Troop 1001 is adding some color to the back of our building at Rothermel Park, facing the Albany Hudson Electric Trail. Pictured from left to right are local artist Anne Schaefer and scouts Maddie Kelley and Jeanne Blau.

# STREET REPAIRS

Of interest to many residents in the Village of Kinderhook, is what is happening relative to Street Repairs. Why did Eichybush Road and Hudson Street recently get re-surfaced and not Albany Avenue and/or Williams Street? Here are some answers from inside your local government, as follows:

- The Village had adequate funding, bid documentation, and a contractor ready to proceed with the re-surfacing of Eichybush Road and Hudson Street. A decision was made June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Village Board Meeting to proceed with this work effort.
- It is understood that both Albany Avenue and Williams Street are in more need of upgrades and repairs, however, there are steps not yet completed that need to be addressed and resolved prior to proceeding with this work effort.
  - Engineering drawings previously produced need to be updated before requests for bids can be issued and contractors selected to perform the work efforts.
  - Albany Avenue and Williams Street upgrades and repairs will require substantially more funding than the resurfacing of Eichybush Road and Hudson Street because we need to concurrently replace the water main lines underneath both roadways as well as replace the sidewalks. As such, these Projects will require additional federal and state funding and a bond referendum or public hearing before this work can proceed. There is another grant opportunity opening this fall in which the village will apply for.
  - The Village has received \$57,406.48 via the federal Affordable Care Act (the second half of these funds is to be received next summer, 2022) and federal Infrastructure funding for roads and water system improvements has not yet been passed by Congress and the President. It is hoped that this will happen soon and that our portion can be determined by summers end. Thereafter, the Village can determine how much bonding to request.
  - In the meantime, due to the treacherous conditions on Albany Avenue with standing rainwater and potholes, we are considering the possibility of re-surfacing a portion of Albany Avenue this summer. This will help with the water runoff and provide temporary relief while we obtain the funding required to completely improve the roadway and replace the water main line.

Project status is reported at Village Board Meetings on the second Wednesday each month.





According to a 2016 study in *JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association*, approximately one in three people between the ages of 65 and 74 has hearing loss. Only 20% of adults who need hearing aids actually use them. Price is the most common roadblock: The devices can cost thousands of dollars each, and most seniors need two of them. But there are ways to get help with those costs.

While original Medicare (i.e., Parts A and B) does not cover hearing aids or the exams required to fit them, some Medicare Advantage plans do, so talk to your insurance provider. In some states, Medicaid will also pay for hearing aids.

Lions Clubs across the U.S. offer the [Affordable Hearing Aid Project](#), which helps seniors with limited incomes access hearing aids that they would otherwise be unable to afford. The program also arranges for the fitting and follow-up care. The Lions Clubs also takes donations of used hearing aids. Each club has its own income guidelines for determining who qualifies, so check around.

The [National Hearing Aid Project](#) supplies hearing aids to low-income U.S. residents who lack insurance coverage for the devices. Qualified individuals receive a hearing assessment, a fitting, and a follow-up. Those who receive hearing aids through the program are asked to share their story on a personal [fundraising page](#) in order to encourage others to donate to the program.

[Help America Hear](#) provides hearing aids to financially challenged Americans who have exhausted all other resources. Qualified recipients pay anywhere from \$125 to \$375 per hearing aid, depending on income level. The hearing assessment is not covered.

The [Miracle-Ear Foundation](#) is another possible source of hearing aids for seniors who have significantly limited financial resources. The program has a nonrefundable application fee of \$150; if you are accepted, there are no further costs.

Another option is to contact hearing aid manufacturers to ask about participating in a clinical trial. Trial participants generally get to keep the products they test.

**K.I.S.S PROGRAM**  
**KEEPING THE IDENTITIES OF SENIORS SAFE**

Even a partial account number, coupled with the name of your bank, or other information can be matched with any other info that's been gleaned to open accounts in your name. That's why it's important to shred mail or other documents containing potentially sensitive information.

**The Town Hall in Kinderhook will once again be participating in the KISS Program, providing shredding bins for our Seniors. Please see below for dates in 2021:**

**August 30<sup>th</sup> to September 10<sup>th</sup> ■ November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**The Kinderhook Town Hall is located at 3211 Church Street, Valatie, NY and is open Monday-Thursday from 9am-3pm.**



## Kinderhook Memorial Library

18 Hudson Street, Kinderhook, New York 12106  
518.758.6192

Email: [info@kinderhooklibrary.org](mailto:info@kinderhooklibrary.org)

[www.kinderhooklibrary.org](http://www.kinderhooklibrary.org)

For more information about programs and other events at the library, or to register for a library card, visit our website at [www.kinderhooklibrary.org](http://www.kinderhooklibrary.org).

### Hours

#### Closed Monday

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am– 8pm  
Friday - 10am - 5pm  
Saturday – 10am - 4pm  
Sunday - 12pm – 4pm

#### Friends of the Library Garden Tour

Saturday, August 14, 10am-2pm. \$35 for advance registration, \$40 day of the tour. Join the Friends of the Library for their first-ever garden tour on Saturday, August 14 from 10am-2pm, rain or shine. Several gardens in Kinderhook Village will be featured and advance reservations (\$35) can be made online through our website and Facebook page, and also at the Library, or on the day of the tour (\$40).

#### Techspert Assistance

Wednesday, August 18, 3pm - appointments at 3pm, 3:45pm, and 4:30pm

Friday, September 10, 12pm - appointments at 12pm, 12:45pm, and 1:30pm

Heather Lloyd, aka Lloyd the Geek, is offering one-on-one assistance to help with all your technology questions. These sessions are now back in-person at the Library! Call to make an appointment.

#### Teddy Bear Picnic

Library Lawn. Thursday, August 19, 10:30am. Our Teddy Bear Picnic will return in person this summer! Join us bring your favorite stuffed friend (bear or otherwise) to join along in the fun! They will spend the night with us in an action-packed sleepover and you can pick them up the next day!

#### End of Summer Party

Library Lawn. Tuesday, August 24, 5:30pm -7:30pm. We want to celebrate the end of summer with a party of messy, crafty, creative stations just for you! Drop by anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 on August 24 to celebrate with us! Stations will include a water beads pool, giant bubbles, balloon dart art, and more!

#### Kinderhook Birding Walk

Saturday, September 11, 8am (Rain Date: Sunday, September 12, 8am). Library Board member and bird enthusiast Marian Sole will lead a birding walk around the Village. The walk will take about 2 hours, so wear comfortable shoes and bring binoculars. Register on our website, or by calling the Library. Tour leaves from the Library at 8am.

#### Write Here in Kinderhook: Local Author Book Signing

Saturday, September 11, 10am (Rain Date: Saturday, September 25). Within a few blocks of the Library you can find a trove of literary talent. In mid-September, we'll welcome a number of local authors to our library lawn for a book signing, including: Jon Varese, Thomas Grattan, Warren Applegate, Hollis Seamon, Michael Arndt, and Maria Ausherman.

#### Life in Miniature: DIY Terrariums for Teens

Library Patio. Sunday, September 12, 1pm. Join us as we learn about the various parts of an effective ecosystem while building our own self-sustaining terrariums! We'll provide all the materials for teens to craft their own unique environments. For ages 12+. Space is limited, and registration is required.





# RECREATION COMMISSION

Thanks to our fantastic DPW Team, there is now a message board located at the entrance of the playground at Rothermel Park. This is just another way to communicate with our residents about upcoming events for the entire family. Be sure to check it out the next time you are visiting Rothermel Park.

On July 30, 2021, the Village of Kinderhook filed a grant application with the office of New York State Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, for matching funds to update the playground equipment in Rothermel Park. Our application was submitted with letters of support from Congressman Antonio Delgado, State Senator Daphne Jordan, Assemblyman Jake Ashby and the KBPA President William Laraway. The plan is to use the grant to update our playground and make it inclusive and accessible for all. The award of the grant will be announced in December 2021, so we will keep you advised.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Saturday

August 21 <sup>st</sup>	9am – 10am	Water Fun at Rothermel Park with multiple FIRE TRUCKS
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	5pm – 8pm	Community Night at Rothermel Park, Nosh Food Truck, free popcorn cotton candy, ice cream, music, games, activities and much more!
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	To Be Determined	Halloween Event. Be on the lookout for this year’s scary details.



### Columbia County Historical Society

While our historic properties, galleries and research library remain temporarily closed, please join us for these events and activities in support of Columbia County history & heritage:

### EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

**First Columbians 2021: Tickets On Sale Now.** Please join us for a belated 200-year birthday party for the James Vanderpoel House! Our annual CCHS fundraiser will be held Saturday, August 21 on the James Vanderpoel ‘House of History’ lawn. Purchase tickets at: [www.cchsny.org/first-columbians-2021](http://www.cchsny.org/first-columbians-2021)

**New Drive Through History Road Trips!** Explore our free, self-guided itineraries of Columbia County’s history and heritage, with new itineraries:

- “Lights, Camera, Road Trip!” *Famous filming spots and more movie lore.*
- “Dutch & Mohican Heritage” *Important locations in the County’s early history.*
- “Hidden Hamlets” *Fascinating stories of smaller communities around the County.*

Download or view interactive itineraries at [www.cchsny.org/drive-through-history](http://www.cchsny.org/drive-through-history)

**Columbia County History & Heritage magazine: Dutch Culture in the Hudson Valley.** Available now in our online gift shop, with free local pickup. Visit [cchsny.org](http://cchsny.org) and click Shop.



# Acceleration Leads To Exhilaration In Kinderhook!

Businesses are picking up the pace, as Kinderhook celebrates the opening of three New Businesses and Re-Openings, with construction and renovations for other Village businesses nearing the finish line.

- Gallery Northeast, featuring regional contemporary Impressionist painters, is now open at 12 Broad Street. Exhibitions will change every four to six weeks.  

<b>Hours:</b>	<b>Wednesday &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>11am-4pm</b>
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>11am - 5pm</b>
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10am - 5pm</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1pm - 4pm</b>
- Julia Jayne Pilates at 28 Hudson Street is now open for private and small classes by appointment online.
- Siena Private Wealth, offering personalized financial services, is now open at 5 Chatham Street.
- Construction is ongoing at Spumoni Gardens on Broad Street.
- Samascott Orchards is expecting to have their cider and bottling line to be up and running in September. It will be visible from the Albany Hudson Electric Trail, however, due to food safety regulations, visitors are not allowed inside during production.
- Construction and renovation are proceeding at 2, 4, and 8 Hudson Street for five new retail spaces, including OK Pantry, Morning Bird, The Aviary, Kinderhook Bottle Shop, and Damsel Garden
- Construction is progressing on the Three Sisters Tavern and the Old Dutch Inn. The hotel portion of this project is hoping to open this fall, and the restaurant venue is likely to be open this winter.
- The School Jack Shainman Gallery has reopened to the public with its newest exhibition, "Feedback," and extended open hours every **Saturday - 11am-6pm**.

**Concerts in the Village.** To open its eleventh season, CITV offers its 43<sup>rd</sup> concert featuring Beethoven's 7<sup>th</sup> Symphony and other works, 3:00pm, September 26<sup>th</sup>, Kinderhook Reformed Church. Seven concerts follow in the church and in Van Buren Hall, including Bach and Handel on October 24<sup>th</sup>, and the Fauré Requiem on November 7<sup>th</sup>. For more detailed information please go to: [concertsinthevillage.org](http://concertsinthevillage.org)

### Kinderhook Farmers' Market + KBPA - Summer of Fun

Aug. 14 - Classical Kids - Beautiful Brass - Ages 3 to 5 - 10:30am - Ages 5+ 11:30am

Aug. 28 - Pop-Up Magician Doug Bartels - 10am-12:30pm

Sept. 11 - Classical Kids - Family Reunion (All Instruments) Ages 3 to 5 - 10:30am - Ages 5+ 11:30am

### Kinderhook Business & Professional Association (KBPA) Events

October 9 - Fall Festival: Pumpkin Painting & Ghost Making + Fall Village-Wide Yard Sales

October 16 - Old Kinderhook Fair - Crafts + Music + Food

October 30 - Reading of "*The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*," also *The Headless Horseman* in the Village Square at **3:00 PM**

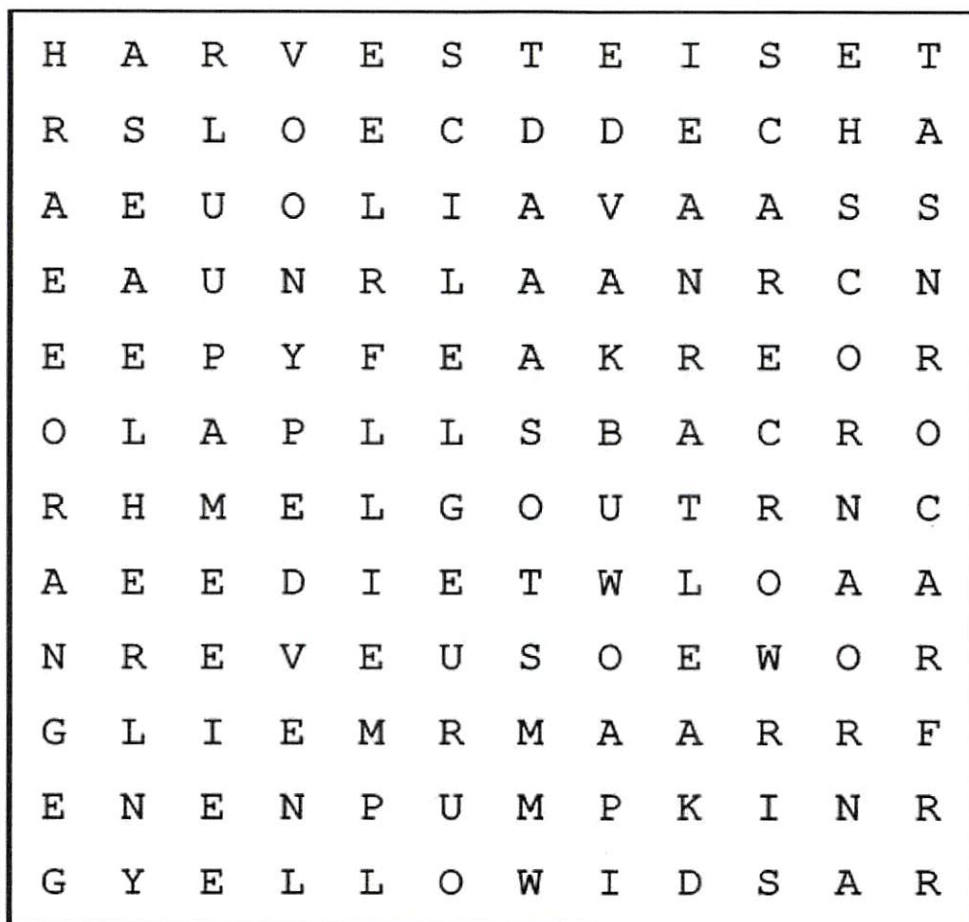
**"Whenever you see a successful business, someone once made a courageous decision."**  
*Peter F. Drucker - Austrian-American management consultant, author, and educator*

# Kids Autumn Fun Page



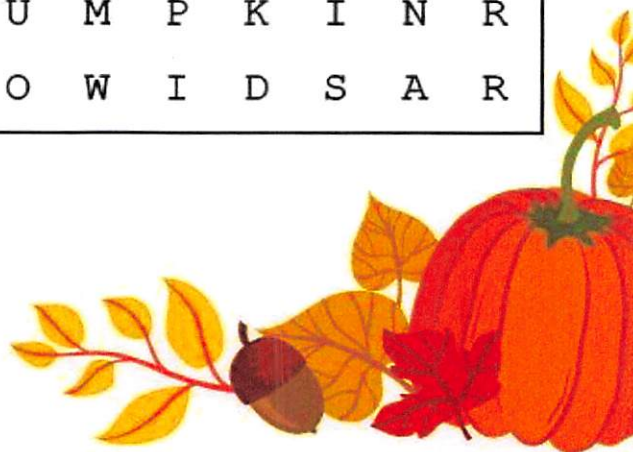
# FUN FALL WORD SEARCH

Find each of the fall words hidden below.



## WORDS TO FIND:

pumpkin	harvest
yellow	apples
scarecrow	hayride
autumn	red
leaves	Thanksgiving
sunflower	football
acorns	orange
corn	



"Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits." - Samuel Butler