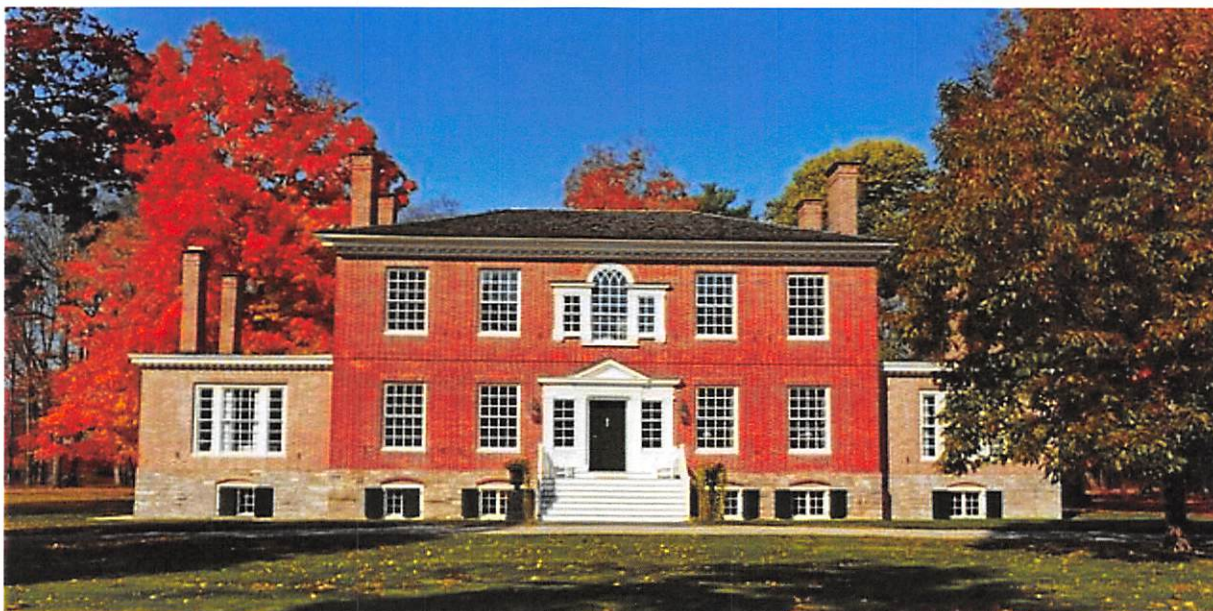


# The Kinderhook Times

Summer - Fall 2022



## Congratulations Kinderhook!

After more than 4,000 votes were received in the Times Union Hudson Valley's Best contest, two of the categories were won by Village of Kinderhook contestants.

**Samascott Orchards** won first place for the **Best Orchard** category. This orchard has been in operation for more than 100 years. They offer pick your own sweet and sour cherries, blueberries, raspberries, kale, onions, and a whole lot more.

The **Kinderhook Farmers Market** was named **Best Farmers Market** in the Hudson Valley region. This weekly Saturday event features local produce, naturally

raised meats, free-range eggs, baked goods, flowers, honey, maple syrup, jams, crafts and much more. Also, there are special family activities and live music. Thank you to the Kinderhook Business and Professional Association, Renee Shur who works tirelessly to make our Farmers Market so successful and the sponsors, whose support makes this event possible.

Congratulations also goes out to **Bill Mancini**, Chairman of the Village Kinderhook Climate Smart Task Force, and the **Village of Kinderhook** for having been accepted into the "Partners for Climate Action Local Champion's Program" that begins in August. This program works to connect ecological leaders like Bill with other communities throughout the Hudson Valley to address the climate crisis and related issues.

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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\*

August 18 Music in the Park – Rothermel Park  
Live music from Lazy Bird from 6-8pm  
August 24 Ghent Band – Village Green at 7pm  
Aug 29-Sept 9 KISS Program  
September 17 Village-Wide Yard Sale  
September 17 Community Night 4:30-7:30pm  
Live music from Acoustic Rye  
October 1 Water Bills Mailed  
October 8 Final Day of the Kinderhook Farmers'  
Market & Fall Festival  
October 11 Begin Leaf Pickup  
Oct 12-13 Hydrant Flushing  
October 29 Reading of The Legend of Sleepy  
Hollow  
October 29 Halloween Party  
October 31 Water Bills Due  
Nov 28-Dec 9 KISS Program  
December 2 End Leaf Pickup  
December 9 Candlelight Night

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**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 7am-10am  
or by appointment.**

**Inspections are scheduled by appointment.**

## *From The Mayor's Desk*

It's hard to believe that we are entering the last full month of summer! I hope everyone has been enjoying the good weather and the many events taking place around the village. The village trustees, staff, and volunteers have been working diligently on several initiatives to better serve the community and meet the vision for the Village of Kinderhook's future as outlined in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update. Specifically, "Our village will be a desirable and sought-after place to live, raise a family, to do business, and to visit."

We have outlined four village priorities that we will focus on over the next year:

1. Delivering our essential services exceptionally well
2. Reviewing and updating our Village Code Book
3. Long-term financial planning
4. Completing the Albany Avenue and William Street projects

As we move forward with our priorities, we encourage all residents to provide us with their feedback and ideas by attending board and committee meetings, workshops, and participating in various surveys. Your input and participation are important to how we move forward!

If you would like more detailed information on our village priorities and projects, please go to the village website at [www.villageofkinderhook.org](http://www.villageofkinderhook.org) and click on "From the Mayor's Desk." Thank you for the opportunity to serve the village!

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

*Mike Abrams*

Mike Abrams, Mayor  
Village of Kinderhook



## **Did You Know?**

The Village of Kinderhook (population 1,275) was first settled about 1670 and first called a village in 1697. It is part of the larger Town of Kinderhook, chartered in 1686-1687. The location, set on a plateau above the Kinderhook Creek, was named "Kinderhoek" (Dutch for children's corner) by Henry Hudson in 1609, when he spotted native Mahican children playing at the bend of the river later named for him.

Most of the Dutch colonial settlers engaged in agriculture, and the village was located at a prominent colonial crossroads—the intersection of the Great New England Path between Albany and Boston and the King's Highway between Albany and New York City. The politically sophisticated community was a hotbed of both patriot and loyalist activity before and during the Revolutionary War. With several taverns, an important stagecoach stop, and one of New York's earliest post offices, Kinderhook remained a market center for the surrounding farms and a transportation hub through the early 20th century.

## Kinderhook Business and Professional Association

The KBPA is extending an invitation for you to become a member. Membership is open to Kinderhook businesses, organizations, and residents. Being a member provides an opportunity to become personally involved in strengthening Kinderhook's business community and shaping the future of our village. The KBPA sponsors a variety of annual events that have become cherished community traditions and visitor attractions plus new and innovative events, such as this summer's Film Night Under the Sky at The School I Jack Shainman Gallery. Annual events include Candlelight Night, Fall Festival, July 4<sup>th</sup> People's Parade, Yard-Sale Days, and the Kinderhook Farmers' Market.

For more information, please contact Kim Voltz at [realty@andersonagency.com](mailto:realty@andersonagency.com).

### Save the Dates for KBPA Events

September 17 - Village-Wide Fall Yard Sale Day

October 8 - Final day of the Kinderhook Farmers' Market & Fall Festival

October 29 – Reading of "*The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*," also *The Headless Horseman*

December 9 – Candlelight Night

Please be on the lookout for more details on these upcoming events.

**KISS PROGRAM**  
**KEEP IDENTITIES of SENIORS SAFE**

The average loss for a senior in 2018 was \$1,000. Like everything else, this number has gone up over the last four years. 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 is why it is 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 2022:**

**August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 9<sup>th</sup> ■ November 28<sup>th</sup> to December 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

A graphic featuring a spotlight effect. A bright yellow oval in the center contains the text "Employee Spotlight" in a bold, black, serif font. The background is a gradient of red and orange, with a dark red border at the bottom.

# Employee Spotlight

In this edition of the Kinderhook Times, we shine the employee spotlight on our Deputy Clerk, Kristy Silvia. Kristy is the newest member of the Village Staff, joining our team on November 29, 2021.

Brian Silvia and Kristy have been married for fifteen years, and they have a son James, who is 10 years old. The family has a pet mini pig named Hamton and ten chickens. Born in Albany, New York, Kristy is a graduate of Maple Hill High School in Castleton.

Prior to joining the Village staff, Kristy was employed at Questar III – Columbia Greene Educational Center, where she received recognition as Employee of the Month. Kristy believes that the Village of Kinderhook is a great community, and the best part of her job is the interactions she has daily, and the opportunity to work closely with people.

On summer weekends, Kristy enjoys relaxing poolside, and she loves traveling. A Sunday tradition is having family dinner gatherings that include her mother, her sister, and her family.

When listening to music, Kristy enjoys Country, Soft and Classic Rock. Her favorite music artists are George Strait and Phil Collins. Kristy is also a bit of an artist. Her hobbies include making vinyl designs on apparel using a Circuit Maker and she gives these unique creations out as gifts. She also does fun manicures using Color Street dry nail polish strips. The movie "Pretty Woman" is Kristy's number one movie because of the chemistry between Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. This is followed up closely with her number two movie, Forest Gump, starring Tom Hanks.

Mostly everyone has a favorite season and Kristy loves the Autumn because of the beautiful colors and the cooler sweater weather.

Her dream destination vacation would be to Bora Bora and to stay in an over the water bungalow. "Our family loves Mexico and vacationing in tropical climates with crystal clear blue water and white sandy beaches. It's the perfect place to relax and unwind."

*Thanks Kristy for letting us shine the Employee Spotlight on you !*



## Climate Smart Community Task Force

The efforts of our Village of Kinderhook Climate Smart Community Task Force have resulted in more than \$61,000 in grants and awards to the Village. In addition, the Village has been recognized as a Clean Energy Community by the New York State Energy and Research Development Agency (NYSERDA).

### Recent accomplishments and ongoing efforts:

- The CSCTF continues to find ways to put a public face on community sustainability activities and achievements. A CSCTF tent and banner appeared at a recent Farmers' Market on the Village Green. Committee volunteers distributed literature, reusable bags, CLYNK bags to recycle bottles and cans, grocery coupons donated by Hannaford and home composting information. Many shoppers stopped by, interested in learning about our partnership with the Kinderhook Memorial Library, and about specific programs, especially home composting. Currently CSCTF is working with the Library to set up composting workshops and, perhaps, in facilitating the distribution of home composting units to interested residents.
- The CSCTF in partnership with the Kinderhook Memorial Library, once again, presented a successful Meatless Mondays project in June and July in collaboration with the Sylvia Center and the Valatie Hannaford.
- In May solar panels were installed on the Village Firehouse and DPW garage using part of funds made available from grants and awards. In less than three months, these solar installations have produced more than 7 Mwh of electricity, reducing electric costs and greenhouse emissions. Along with the use of the electric vehicle charging station at the municipal parking lot, the Village has realized greenhouse gas savings of 17.2 metric tons so far in 2022. The Village CSCTF is investigating the potential installation of a second charging station in the Village.
- Grant funding was also used to upgrade the Village DPW with battery-powered roadside and parks maintenance equipment.
- Other grant funding was used to purchase an ADA accessible water fountain with bottle refill equipment and a pet watering dish. Other funds have purchased bicycle racks for the Village.
- It is expected that all municipal electric services in the Village will go green by the end of this year as the Trustees have taken the CSCTF recommendation to subscribe to a community solar program. This agreement will apply to the two other municipal buildings and the village outdoor lighting as well as the electric vehicle charging station.
- The CSCTF is working with the Board to convert all street and interior lighting to more efficient LED technology. We are currently researching potential grants and subsidies available for this program.
- We continue the battery and small electronics recycling program called the Big Green Box in partnership with a Kinderhook Memorial Library. Boxes are available at the Library and the Village Hall. You can drop off used batteries and unwanted cell phones at either site. To date, our residents have recycled more than 300 pounds of household batteries and cell phones. Thank you to the Library Director and staff for their great work and support in this and other joint initiatives.

The Task Force meets regularly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Village Hall. If you are interested in the Climate Smart Community program or joining the Task Force, check the Village website's calendar for the dates, times and locations of future meetings or email Bill Mancini at [sammikit@hotmail.com](mailto:sammikit@hotmail.com).

## 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. This has increased with the opening of the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail and the Pandemic. In normal years, 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 open, be especially alert of the AHET crossings at Route 9, Albany Avenue, Eichybush Road and Gaffney Lane. Also be aware that the 300' section of Sunset Avenue, between Albany Avenue and the AHET, has 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 wear or carry night walking lights.

For recreation and better health, we encourage residents and nonresidents to enjoy our beautiful village by walking, jogging, or biking on our sidewalks and streets and on the AHET. **Let's try to assure that we drive, ride and walk safely!!!**

### **Albany-Hudson Electric Trail**

The Empire State Trail, including the 35-mile Albany-Hudson Electric Trail between Rensselaer and Hudson, is now open. It provides a facility for recreation and healthy living and will bring increased business to the village. The Albany-Hudson Electric Trail Safety Tips, produced by the Hudson River Valley Greenway, are included in this bulletin.



# Trail Safety Tips

The AHET trail welcomes bicyclists, walkers, and runners of all ages and abilities. For everyone's safety, please follow these rules.

## FOR EVERYBODY



### Be Alert

Don't use devices that prevent you from hearing what's happening around you.  
The AHET trail is open from dawn to dusk.



### Stop at Trail/Road Crossings

Make eye contact with drivers and other trail users before proceeding.  
Use the marked crosswalk.

## BICYCLE SAFETY



### Go Slow

When the trail is busy.

On your left :)



### Alert Other Users

When passing.



### Wear a Helmet

NYS law requires helmets for everyone under the age of 14.

## ON-ROAD SECTIONS



### Bicyclists:

Ride single file on the road shoulder, in the same direction as traffic.



### Pedestrians:

Use sidewalks where available.  
When traveling on road shoulders, walk or run against traffic.



## Business Notes from Around the Square

This summer, Kinderhook is abuzz with new business activity.

- **El Toro Mexican Restaurant**, now open at 3 Albany Avenue, serves authentic Mexican fare and is open seven days a week. Serving breakfast 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- **The Brooklyn Pizzeria at The Flammerie**, 7 Hudson Street, offers pizzas by the slice or full pies plus other traditional Italian specialties six days a week.
- **The Kinderhook Knitting Mill**, the largest commercial space in the Village Square, is teeming with activity. **The Cocktail Lounge at The Aviary** is now open. **The Kinderhook Bottle Shop**, at 8 Hudson Street, has opened its doors for selling wines and spirits and hosting free weekly tastings. **2Note**, crafting and selling small-batch botanical perfumes, bath, and body-care products, has completed its renovation and is now open at 8 Hudson Street. **September**, a contemporary art space located on the third floor of The Kinderhook Knitting Mill, recently opened its first exhibition in its new Kinderhook space. The exhibition features the works of artists Reggie Madison and Odessa Straub. These four new businesses join **OK Pantry** and **Morningbird**, two previously opened Knitting Mill businesses located at 2 and 4 Hudson Street.
- **Coldwell Banker Village Green Realty** and **Farmers Insurance - Paul Calcagno** are now open at 5 Hudson Street.
- The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce hosted a grand opening ribbon-cutting event at **Sienna Private Wealth** at 5 Chatham Street on July 19.
- **Bill Arning Exhibitions Hudson Valley**, located at 17 Broad Street, joins Gallery Northeast, September, and The School | Jack Shainman Gallery to bring Kinderhook's count of art galleries to four.

**Promoting Kinderhook as a Visitor Destination Supports Local Business.** By the end of this summer, the Village of Kinderhook will have produced and distributed five visitor-oriented promotional pieces, including a new rack card called "Greetings from Kinderhook," featuring a list of participating Kinderhook businesses and organizations. This promotional piece is available at Kinderhook businesses and in display holders at the Village bandstand, Kinderhook Memorial Library, Village Hall, Rothermel Park and Valatie Trailheads, and the Hudson Train Station. This rack card was also professionally distributed in July throughout Columbia County, the Berkshires, and the Capital Region.

Two other village-produced promotional and educational projects are expected to be finalized and released in the month of August. A narrated GeoTourist app will provide historic detail and little-known anecdotes about locations around the Village Square, as well as village locations of interest outside the square. Content for this project was researched and written by Village Historian Kate Johnson. In early August, a brochure about the history of Mills Park and the Vly and the development of the park's managed, biodiverse meadow will be completed and ready for distribution.

## New York State Golden Park Program



If you are a New York State resident 62 or older, on Monday - Friday (except holidays), you can obtain free vehicle access to **most\*** state parks, boat launch sites and arboretums and fee reduction to state historic sites and state-operated golf courses. Simply present your currently valid New York State Driver License or New York State Non-Driver Identification Card\*\* at the park entrance. **No application is required as your NY State Driver's License/Non-Driver ID Card serves as your pass.**

For locations with pay stations, please contact the facility directly for information.

You can get information about facilities where this program is valid, by contacting the nearest state park, state park regional office or:

New York State Parks  
Albany, New York 12238  
518-474-0456  
TTY/TDD through 711 Relay Service

\*Free vehicle access not valid at Walkway Over the Hudson, Earl W. Brydges Artpark, Lake Superior State Park, Fahnestock Winter Park, Oak Orchard State Marine Park, Mark Twain State Park, Soaring Eagles Golf Course & Ganondagan State Historic Site.

In addition, New York State residents aged 70 or older can purchase a senior hunting license for \$5.00, a lifetime sporting license or lifetime freshwater fishing license for \$65.00 and bow hunting and muzzle loading licenses for free.

## Recreation Commission

The summer of 2022 has been a busy one for our Recreation Commission. Starting in June they sponsored the Family Pride Event and Juneteenth celebration. In July, they welcomed back the Summer Program at Rothermel Park, and our younger residents enjoyed Fire Truck Day especially getting cooled off by the spray of the fire truck hoses. On August 18<sup>th</sup> the Rec Commission sponsored Music In The Park with music by Lazy Bird.

Regretfully, the Village just learned that due to manufacturing delays, the new playground equipment installation is temporarily on pause. We will keep you posted as soon as we receive updated information.

The "Little Free Library" is coming to Rothermel Park. More details will be available in the near future for this great venture, so stay tuned.

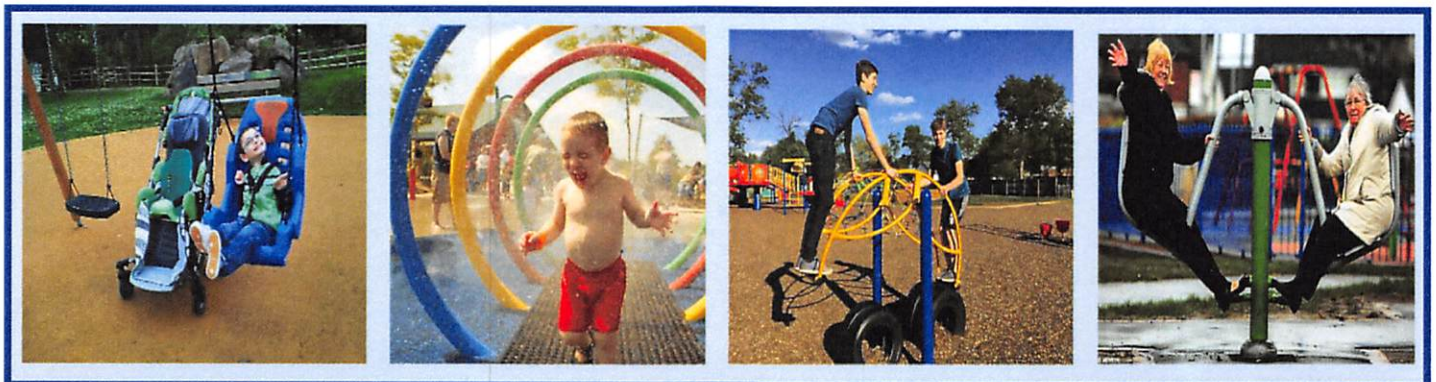
### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Community Night - Rothermel Park - Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> - 4:30-7:30**  
Music by Acoustic Rye, Rock Climbing Wall, Pony Rides, Hayrides, Pop Corn, Cotton Candy,  
Cider-Courtesy of Samascott's, Ice Cream-Courtesy of Stewarts (starting at 6 PM),  
Silly Snaps Photo-Booth

Also, food for purchase from:

*Alvaro's Tacos, Chillin & Grillin Cheese, Tacos Diablos & Hanrah's 7 Spices*

**Annual Halloween Party - Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in the Village Square**  
Watch for details in the weeks ahead.



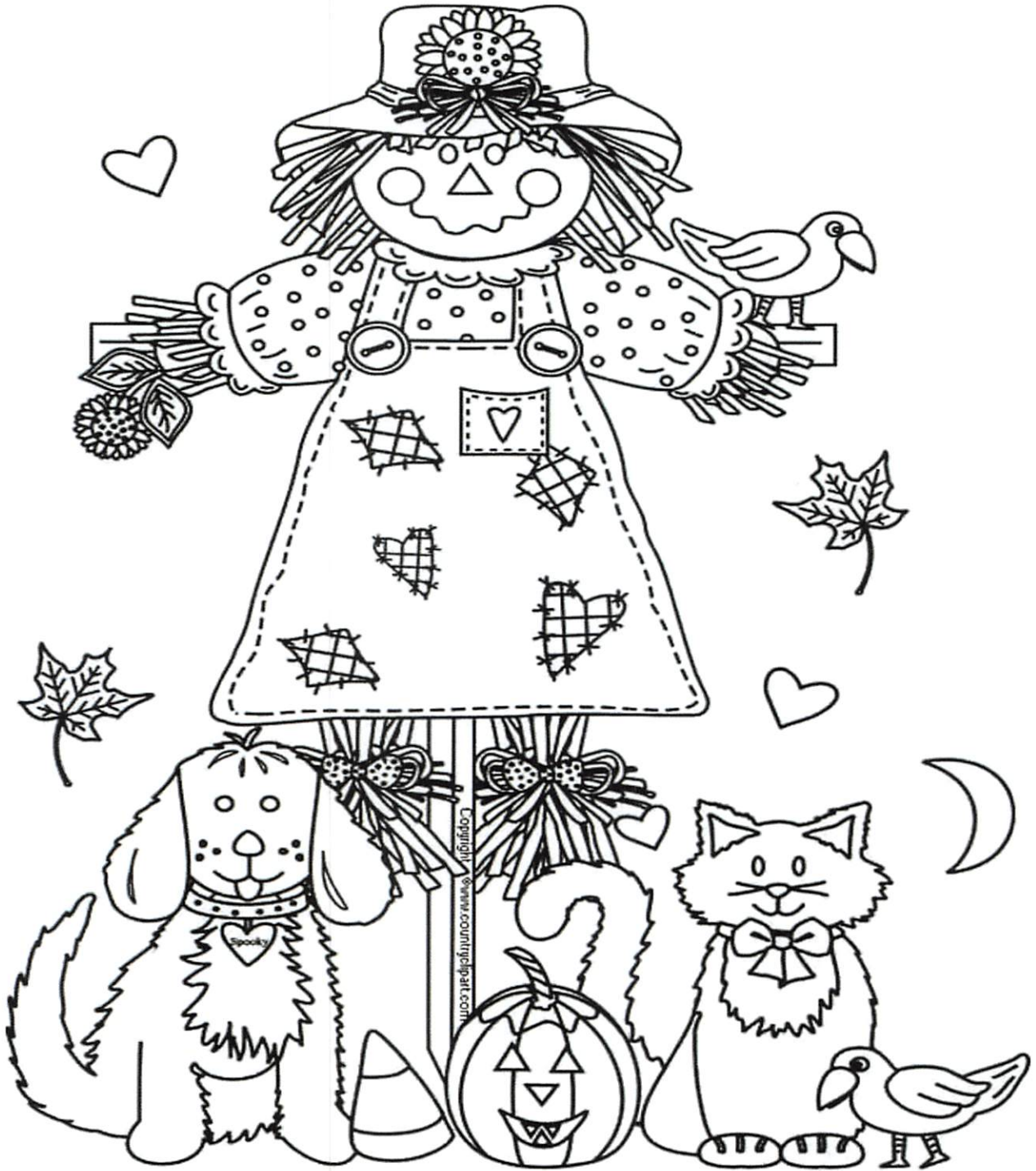
**Palmer Engine & Hose Co.  
Kinderhook Fire Department**



The Kinderhook Fire Department has a long history of providing emergency services and assistance within our fire district and to adjoining communities. The men and women who respond for the Kinderhook Fire Department take pride in helping their neighbors whenever and wherever support is needed. Fact: The reliance on Community Fire Departments continues to rise, yet the number of responding Volunteer Firefighters is on the decline. So the question remains: "Will we have enough firefighters to handle emergencies when called?" In response, the Kinderhook Fire Department is sounding a Recruitment Alarm. Like many fire departments in the Capital District, we need to increase our membership to respond to fire calls and other 911 emergencies. Membership made up of people like you that live or work in the Kinderhook Fire District and are willing to join other dedicated men and women volunteer firefighters who serve this community proudly. Join the Kinderhook Fire Department and receive free training in any of these vital positions: Interior Structural Firefighters, Exterior Firefighters, Fire Apparatus Drivers, Fire Police, Pump Operators, Safety Officers, and many more. If you are at least 18 years of age, a resident of the fire district or work in the Village and are interested in serving as a volunteer, please contact Fire Chief, Matt Cohn at 518-755-9259 or any member of the Fire Department.

The Restricted Firefighter program is offering the 16 and 17 year-olds in our Village an opportunity to serve their community. For those who are attending college or about to enter a New York accredited college or university, FASNY's scholarship and college tuition assistance programs are two perks available to Restricted Firefighters. To learn more about this opportunity, please contact Fire Chief, Matt Cohn at 518-755-9259 or any member of the Fire Department.

# KIDS FALL COLORING PAGE



# Fall Word Search

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