

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – May 2024

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

Upcoming Business Openings

Fall 2024

Hamrah's Lebanese Foods

3 Albany Avenue

Summer 2024

Isola Wine Bar

16 Hudson Street

Recently Opened

Mercantile at the Vanderpoel House

PROMOTION

- Ongoing social-media re-posts for local businesses
- Distributed rack cards and brochures at village locations.
- Designed and/or forwarded event graphics for weekly village email blasts.
- 2024 rack card completed. Printing: June 2024
- Secured ice-cream vendor for Ghent Band concerts.

BUSINESS AND KBPA LIAISON

- Continued to provide updates on available commercial properties.
- Liaisoned with KBPA on planning and promotion for KBPA events.
- Researched and provided CCHS with list of regional event planners for weddings.
- Poster design for Kinderhook Makers Market and social-media promotions.
- Contracted for KBPA-paid ads for Makers Market.
- Monitored Hudson Valley Magazine for inclusion of Kinderhook businesses in features and contacted editors where applicable.

GRANTS SUMMARY

- OK Apple Trail project with Super Stories: Announcement of HRVG Heritage Sponsorship Grants availability due at end of June. OK Apple Trail slated for fall if grant is awarded.

GRANT RESEARCH/SUPPORT/APPLICATION

- Continued review of grant availability and grant eligibility.
- Distributed available arts grant opportunities to Kinderhook residents.
- Continued ongoing filing tasks for grants.

CURRENT (ONGOING):

Kinderhook Creek Kayak Launch Project

- Installation of creek-access improvements in Kinderhook in progress.
- Arranged for volunteer (Tom Mueller) to complete additional shrub clearing next to kayak/canoe access area.
- Organized community planting of day lilies to left of access area.

Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP)

(Village of Kinderhook and Village of Valatie Collaborative Project)

NY Forward

- 7 project awards announced.

ECONOMIC-DEVELOPMENT RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

Albany-Hudson Electric Trail, Village Bike Rack

- Awaiting action on bike rack proposal in Village Square.
- Met with Gert Doriot and her recommended contractor to obtain a proposal to be shared with D. Waterston.

Village Website

- Continued composing and submitting landing-page narratives and FAQs.
- Attended website training session with D. Weir and K. Silva.

Village Plantings

- Village plant material delivered.
- Plantings to be completed first week of June.

Signage

- Completed disclaimer signage for kayak/canoe access at Kinderhook Creek. Received quote and contracted for fabrication.
- Contracted for fabrication of Dunham Park sign (IMK Designs & Signs)

Miscellaneous