

Report to the Village Board February 9, 2022

1. We received the promised incentive from Astral Power as a result of the Solarize Kinderhook Campaign. We are waiting for the incentive from Solstice. I submitted the grant request to NYSERDA last week.
2. We is planning to hold another Dash for Trash in the Village on Saturday April 23 in celebration of Earth Day 2022 which falls on Friday April 22. The committee would like to set up a tent in the Village Square for registrations and judging. Will we need to apply for a permit for this?
3. The County's Climate Smart Task Force has set July 16 as the date for the County Climate Carnival at the Chatham Fairgrounds. The event will include a Repair Café, a Free Store and bicycle recycling. The Committee has asked for volunteers to help with the events, and also vendors who may want to participate in the Carnival. Thanks to Trustee Weir for providing some suggestions for food and entertainment. Anyone else interested in contributing ideas or volunteering can let me know and I will pass on their contact information to the County committee.
4. As I noted last month, the pilot food scraps composting initiative has started at the Chatham and Copake transfer stations in partnership with Gro Max. The Commissioner of Solid Waste stated that it has been successful so far and hopes to expand the program to all county transfer stations during 2022. To that end, she would like to get additional partners for the program who would accept the scraps for composting. I have reached out to a couple of local farmers in the area, and I am happy to say that Earth Tapestry Farm has said they are interested in taking part in the program.
5. The County Environmental Council has applied for a grant from the DEC through its Hudson River Estuary program to monitor three streams in the County including the Valatie Kill. I have attached a copy of the grant request.
6. Under Article 47 of the Environmental Conservation Law membership on the County's Environmental Management Council can now include representatives from Villages in the County. I would like to notify Village residents who may be interested in joining the Council. They would need the Board's recommendation and the approval of the Board of Supervisors.