

# Village of Kinderhook Bulletin

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## Village Election

The Village election was held Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Congratulations to Dale Leiser, Mayor, and Mike Abrams, Dorene Weir and Mark Browne as new Village Trustees. A big THANK YOU to Jim Dunham, Rich Phillips and Bob Baumeister for their years of dedicated service to the Village of Kinderhook.

## Improving Kinderhook's Public Spaces - Safer, More Beautiful, More Welcoming.

- Historic-style, energy-efficient lights have now been installed in the municipal parking lot on Hudson Street
- Implementation of a revised design and new plantings in Mills Park is ongoing.
- Completion of the Valatie-Kinderhook-Stuyvesant Falls section of the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail is expected this Fall and the projected completion of the remainder of the trail by November 2020
- Historic-style fencing and plantings have been installed at the Persons of Color Cemetery and a new crab apple tree planted at the municipal parking lot pocket park

## New Businesses and Updates on Existing Businesses.

The village continues to attract new businesses finding opportunity in the village's historic business district.

- **Cosmic Donut.** Opening October 19 at 3 Albany Avenue. Look for the bright-pink donut sign outside the newly painted building front and the colorful and fun interior that families are sure to love.
- **Bones Barbershop.** Opening in November 2020 at 10 Broad Street.
- **Simons Catering.** Innovating with a new dinner-to-go service with delivery on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.
- **Unique Nutrition.** Now under new management but still providing the same protein shakes and special teas.

## Kinderhook Businesses Adapting to Covid-19 State Regulations.

Responding to the challenges of operating their businesses while keeping the public and their employees safe, the village's food-and-drink establishments, as well as personal-care, banking, and real-estate businesses, have been working responsibly to adapt during these challenging times. Mask wearing, sanitizing regimens, new take-out menus, online and telephone ordering, curbside pick-up, expanded socially distanced outdoor dining, and restricted indoor service – they're just some of the ways Kinderhook's business owners have done their part to continue to operate their businesses and provide the public with their services while helping to stop the spread.

Thank you to **ALL** of the village businesses for keeping Kinderhook "open for business."



**Historic Kinderhook Village Walking & Bicycling Tour Brochure.** The village's self-guided walking-and-bicycling tour brochure was distributed summer 2020 throughout Columbia County, the Berkshires, and the Capital Region. Printed brochures may be picked up at Village Hall or at Samascott's Garden Market. A downloadable version is available on the village's website: <https://www.villageofkinderhook.org/downloads/walking%20tour%20brochure.pdf>

**Sister Cities.** Kinderhook and Buren have continued to share information about the daily lives of residents via the Kinderhook-Buren Facebook page. Village residents are encouraged to join and share what's going on with your families, your working life, and general news about village life.

**Van Buren Hall.** Van Buren Hall continues to be closed for classes and events due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Watch for updates in village emails.

**Concerts in the Village.** Now in its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season. Due to Covid-19, in-person performances are cancelled until further notice. On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, a recorded concert performance of The Broad Street Orchestra was broadcast on Classical WMHT-FM. For updates on upcoming concerts, go to [www.concertsinthevillage.org](http://www.concertsinthevillage.org).

**Kinderhook Farmers' Market + Valatie Ecumenical Food Pantry.** This past season, the market's farmers, food producers, and makers adapted their selling methods and innovated new ways to sell, like online pre-ordering and market pick up, in order to ensure the safety of visitors and market supporters. The market's final day this season is October 10, 2020.

Food and cash donations to the Valatie Ecumenical Food Pantry in support of neighbors experiencing food insecurity exceeded expectations. A big thank you to Dorene Weir and the volunteers of **Here 4 You** and the **Climate Smart Task Force** for staffing the donation tent and delivering donations throughout the season.

**There's still time to donate! The donation table will be back in the market on September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fresh produce, canned goods, nonperishables, and cash donations accepted.**

**Kinderhook Business & Professional Association's Fall Festival.** Due to Covid-19, Fall Festival has been cancelled. Kids and families are invited to paint pumpkins and make scarecrows and ghosts at home and bring them back the following Saturday to decorate the square. **Prizes** to be awarded for the best painted pumpkin and scarecrow or ghost.

**Pick Up of Pumpkins for Painting and Instructions on Making Scarecrows or Ghosts: Saturday, October 3, 8:30am to 12:30pm, Village Square.**

**Drop Off of Pumpkins and Scarecrows or Ghosts: Saturday, October 10, 8:30am to Noon, Village Square. Judging will take place at 12:15pm. Winners to be notified by phone.**

**Kinderhook Creek.** Due to New York State budget constraints on grant funding, the planned Kinderhook Creek project to construct kayak launches is on hold. The village continues to be committed to recreational improvements at the creek as budgeting allows.

**Mills Park.** A group of enthusiastic volunteers has raised \$4,000 for the purchase and donation of 10,000 spring-flowering bulbs for Mills Park. Mills Park volunteers will be planting the bulbs this Fall. Watch for the colorful display beginning in Spring 2021.

The Village thanks the Mills Park crew – Sigrid Gray, Dana Spot, and Michael Allen -- for their dedication to developing the meadow in Mills Park. Thanks also to Brad Lohrenz for spearheading the GoFundMe bulb project and to all of the volunteers who have weeded, seeded, and planted this past season.

**Gardens in the Square.** The Village thanks the volunteers of the Garden Club of Kinderhook for their careful tending and improvements to the garden beds in the Village Square.

**STAY SAFE – STAY OK – WEAR MASKS – PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING OF 6 FEET**

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

The Albany-Hudson Electric Trail will soon open between New Street in Stuyvesant Falls and River Street in Valatie, including the section in the Village of Kinderhook. The full 35 mile length of the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail from Rensselaer to Hudson is scheduled to be completed later this year. It will provide a facility for recreation and healthy exercise and should bring increased business to the village.

The village will occasionally be issuing trail tips by email blasts on use of the trail such as:

-Drivers should yield to pedestrians and bicyclists in crosswalks, including the raised crosswalks at Albany Avenue and Eichyush Road and at locations with rectangular rapid flashing beacons such as Gaffney Lane and the Route 9 crossings.

-Walkers and other slower trail users should stay to the right half of the trail. Faster users such as bicyclists and runners, should announce their presence as they pass from behind by stating "On your left" or by ringing their bicycle bell.

Please pick up after your dogs. Mutt mitts and trash cans are provided at Mills Park, Rothermel Park and Gaffney Lane.

A Village of Kinderhook Trail Volunteers group is being formed to assist the Village Department of Public Works in the maintenance of the trail in the village. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Village Clerk.

## The Village Climate Smart Community Task Force

The Village 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. 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:

- A continuing collaboration with the Kinderhook Memorial Library and local community groups and businesses to increase environmental awareness in our community.
- In collaboration with the Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library, we have provided reusable shopping bags at the Village Farmers' Market again this year.
- Working with the Library and Hannaford, we held a six week Meatless Monday initiative in the Village in early 2020. There were more than forty families and individuals who participated. Hannaford donated gift cards and the Friends of the Library donated vegetarian cookbooks to be awarded to fifteen entrants by a random drawing.
- We had planned composting workshops for children and adults in partnership with the Library and the Cornell Cooperative Extension for this year's Earth Day. Due to the Covid19 outbreak, those workshops were postponed, but will be rescheduled.
- 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.
- In addition to being a registered Climate Smart Community, the Village of Kinderhook has been designated as a Clean Energy Community by NYSERDA. This designation has resulted in the Village being awarded over \$50,000 in awards and grants from New York State in the past two years.
- During the Village budget workshops, we have advocated for including a sustainability approach to the process. We have contributed to plans on the use of funds received by the Village from NYSERDA. Solar installation on two municipal buildings is planned for 2021.
- Currently, we are working with the Village Board to include the Village as a member in the

Capital Region Community Choice Aggregation program 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 at the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 7PM. During this time of restricted public meetings, we are having remote video meetings. Those interested in the Climate Smart Community program can check the Village website's calendar for updates on times and dates of future meetings.



## Stay Informed – Get Involved

**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 939 residents are signed up for the list. Email notifications include garbage service updates and alerts, announcements of upcoming village events and meetings. Please subscribe at <http://villageofkinderhook.org>. Enter your email address on the home page underneath the menu selection bar.

## **Want To Get Involved?**

The Kinderhook Business and Professional Association (KBPA) is looking for new members. If you have a business or home based business, please contact Karen Sheffer at [ksheffer@bhhsblake.com](mailto:ksheffer@bhhsblake.com).

The village recreation commission, the farmers' market, the KBPA, and the office of economic development are looking for individuals of all ages to help out with planning and volunteering for events. If you're interested, please email [okvillagehall@villageofkinderhook.org](mailto:okvillagehall@villageofkinderhook.org) or [rshur@villageofkinderhook.org](mailto:rshur@villageofkinderhook.org). For KBPA-sponsored events and the farmers' market, contact [voltz@berk.com](mailto:voltz@berk.com).

Do you have an area of expertise that you think would benefit the village? If you're interested, please contact [okvillagehall@villageofkinderhook.org](mailto:okvillagehall@villageofkinderhook.org).



## Village of Kinderhook Historic District Residents

One purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) as cited in Local Law No. 1, Chapter 75-1A “Landmarks and Historic Districts in the Village of Kinderhook”, is to “...protect and preserve the long term preservation of the landmarks and historic districts which represent distinctive elements of Kinderhook’s historic, architectural, and cultural heritage;...”.

HPC duties include review and approval of plans for exterior alterations, restoration, reconstruction, demolition, new construction, or moving of any building or structure or feature of a landmark property within the historic district, visible from any public way.

An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness must be completed and forwarded to the Village of Kinderhook’s Code Enforcement Officer at least ten days prior to the HPC’s meeting. (Application and detailed guidelines can be found at the Village of Kinderhook’s website.)

Upon HPC’s review and approval, applicant is required to obtain a Building Permit from the Code Enforcement Officer prior to the commencement of work.

Conditions that do not require a Certificate of Appropriateness are cited in Chapter 75-12A “...maintenance and repair items of any exterior architectural feature of a building or structure on a landmark property or property within a historic district which does not involve a change in form, material, or texture.”

The HPC treats every property as a unique and individual entity. A workshop is available for those residents who would like to discuss their specific project prior to submitting an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

The HPC meets the third Thursday of the Month at 7 pm, currently via Zoom. For additional HPC and meeting information, please visit the Village of Kinderhook’s website at: [www.villageofkinderhook.org](http://www.villageofkinderhook.org)

### Flushing Fire Hydrants

The Department of Public Works will be flushing the 100+ hydrants on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 AM. This may disturb sediment and cause the water to be discolored. This should clear up in a few hours.



### Leaf Pick Up

The Village of Kinderhook’s leaf pick up will begin on Tuesday, October 13 and will end November 30 (weather permitting). **All piles of leaves should be raked without stones, branches and twigs, to the edge of the road or over the sidewalk to the street for pickup. Branches and limbs will not be picked up. Leaves with snow and ice accumulation will not be picked up as this destroys the machine.**

### Building Department

Office Hours – Kinderhook Village Hall, 6 Chatham Street, Kinderhook. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 7:00am - 9:00am, Wednesday 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
(exception: the 4th Wednesday of every month there will not be office hours. There will be office hours on the 4th Thursday of every month from 5:00pm-7:00pm)  
Inspections scheduled by appointment.  
518-758-8778 ext. 302.

### What is the purpose of the Building Department?

Village of Kinderhook local law, Chapter 62 – Fire Prevention and Building Code, provides for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (the Uniform Code) and the New York State Energy Conservation Construction Code (the Energy Code).

Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Code, other New York State law, or other sections of this local law, all buildings, structures, and premises, regardless of use or occupancy, are subject to the provisions of this local law.

The Code Enforcement Officer shall administer and enforce all the provisions of the Uniform Code, the Energy Code and this local law.

### When is a Building Permit Required?

A building permit shall be required for any work which must conform to the Uniform Code and/or the Energy Code, including, but not limited to, the construction, enlargement, alteration, improvement, removal, relocation or demolition of any building or structure or any portion thereof, and the installation of a solid-fuel-burning heating appliance, chimney or flue in any dwelling unit. Codes are designed to ensure that all properties meet minimum safety and structural standards.

No person shall commence any work for which a building permit is required without first having obtained a building permit from the Code Enforcement Officer. Several exemptions to Building Permit requirements are identified in Subsection B of § 62-3

Please contact the Code Enforcement Officer for additional details and guidance before starting a project.

For more information on how to apply for a Building Permit, Special Permits for building demolition, Insurance requirements, Construction Inspections and helpful tips can be found on the Building Department’s webpage:  
<https://www.villageofkinderhook.org/governmentoffice7.html>

## Important Garbage Reminders

Garbage pickup may be delayed due to holidays or snow and ice in the winter. If this should happen, we will post a notice on our website at [www.villageofkinderhook.org](http://www.villageofkinderhook.org) as well as sending out an email blast to those residents on our email list.

**You may sign up on our website for email news announcements and be one of the first on your street to know of these important updates!!**

Please have garbage and recyclables out by 7:00 AM every Thursday to ensure pickup. Pick-up times do vary by street week to week, so please ensure your garbage is out by 7:00 AM. We cannot guarantee pick-up for items placed on the curb after 7:00 AM. All bags of garbage must have stickers – red stickers (\$2.50) for 30 gallon bags and green stickers (\$1.50) for 15 gallon bags. Bags may NOT exceed 35 pounds in weight. 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. Any cardboard that is left out for recycling cannot be any larger than 2'x2', otherwise it will not fit into the truck. Garbage stickers may be obtained at the Village Office during business hours of 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Stickers are also available at the Village of Kinderhook Stewart's at 65 Chatham Street (Route 9) .

## Kinderhook Yard Waste

The Town of Kinderhook's compost site, located on Knickerbocker Farm Road, will be open on Saturdays from 8am-2pm through November 28, 2020, weather permitting. The site is located off of Route 9 just past Knickerbocker Lake on your right hand side. 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.

## KISS PROGRAM

The Town Hall in Kinderhook will once again be participating in the KISS Program, providing shredding bins for our Seniors, November 30-December 11, 2020. The Town Hall (3211 Church Street, Valatie) is open Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm.

## Water Bills

Water bills are mailed out to all Village residents each year on April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. Water meters are read during the months of March & September. Please have a clear path to your water meter free of bushes and snow banks. If you have an inside meter and the reader was unable to obtain the reading, please call or email the village hall to report your reading. If you do not have an outside reader and wish to have one installed, please contact the DPW at 518-758-9225 to schedule an appointment. Residents and real estate agencies should remember that a FINAL meter reading must be done prior to the sale of any Village property. Please contact the Village Office at least three days prior to the closing, so that arrangements can be made to read the meter and generate a closing bill.



**PALMER ENGINE AND HOSE CO.**

## Kinderhook Fire Department New Member Campaign

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 is 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 18 years or 65+, get the training that is suited to you and respond with us!

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 518-755-9259, Mayor Dale Leiser 518-758-6177 or any member of the Palmer Engine and Hose Company. In addition, the Palmer Engine and Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary are seeking members. Ladies interested should contact Auxiliary President Tonya Hunter at 518-758-7050.

## Burning fires within the Village of Kinderhook

As we move into the fall season, The Village Board of Trustees would like to remind all village residents that the open burning of leaves, branches, limbs, and vegetation is not allowed under any circumstance.

In addition to, under no circumstances shall anyone burn any garbage or trash including plastics, treated wood, petroleum, batteries, rags, magazines and cans of all sorts, whether in a burn barrel, stove or in an open fire.

Residents may have a small fire in a metal fire pit, a small fire used for cooking or a small camp fire provided that only clean untreated and unpainted wood or charcoal is used as fuel and the fire is attended to at all times until extinguished. It is recommended that the fire pit have a metal screen over the fire to keep burning embers from flying away whenever possible.

If you know of any offenders you should report them by calling the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation hotline at 1-844-332-3267 or 1-800-847-7332. For more information visit: NYS DEC Open Burning Fires sec 215.3. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and please stay safe.



### Special Events in and Around the Village – Discover the Charm in Your Own Backyard

7 Acre Corn Maze at **Samascott's Garden Market** 65 Chatham Street (Route 9) – Saturdays and Sundays in September & October 11am-5pm (last entry at 4pm).

On October 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm, the KBPA will be hosting a special reading of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* in the Village Square. Every year, a very special guest arrives after the reading.

### Reminder – Halloween Curfew

The Village of Kinderhook's Halloween Curfew will be in effect between 8:00 PM and 6:00 AM on October 30, 31 and November 1. During this time, any person under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or responsible person who is over the age of 21, and approved by the child's parent or legal guardian, when in or upon any public street, sidewalk, playground and other public place.

### Recreation Commission News



The Village of Kinderhook Recreation Commission will be hosting this year's Haunted Happenings for Halloween. Strange things will be seen and heard, so beware. The scary details will be appearing in different ways leading up to the big day.

Due to Covid-19, the 2020 Kinderhook Summer Program had to be canceled. Our youngest residents were unable to experience the joy of making new friends, playing games, taking field trips, learning new crafts, and seeing how pets make useful companions for those in need. As we move through the winter months, the Recreation Commission will be working hard to put together a great 2021 Summer Program. Be on the lookout for details regarding next year's Summer Program in the Village of Kinderhook Spring Bulletin, due out in April 2021.



### Village Court Days and Hours

The Village Court holds its session on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00 PM with the exception of holidays. Please call 518-758-8778 x 303 or email

[KinderhookVillageCourt@nycourts.gov](mailto:KinderhookVillageCourt@nycourts.gov) with any questions.



**Street Lights** - If you notice a street light out or one that cycles on and off, please report it to the Village Hall with the pole number, street name and address and nearest cross street. We will notify National Grid to make the necessary repairs.



**Please Clean Up After Your Dog** - A \$250.00 fine may be imposed to anyone not cleaning up after their dog. Mutt Mitts are available in boxes located in front of the Village parking lot, Mills Park, Gaffney Lane and the James Vanderpoel House for your convenience. Please help us keep the village's public and private landscaped spaces alive and beautiful by curbing your dog! Concerns should be addressed to the Dog Control officer at 518-275-9983.

**Sidewalks and Snow** - All properties adjoining a sidewalk are required by Village Law to remove snow and ice within 24 hours after snow has fallen. If the snow and/or ice is not removed, the property owner will be charged the cost of removal plus a \$15.00 service fee. Please make every effort to clear your sidewalks to allow residents a safe and walkable village.

**Application for use of Village Property** - Individuals or groups requesting use of any Village property must complete an Application for Use form. Applications can be picked up at the Village Hall or located on the Village's website ([www.villageofkinderhook.org](http://www.villageofkinderhook.org)) under Village Forms. The completed form must be approved by the Village Board at a Village Board Meeting. The Village Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday evening of each month. An application is also needed for placement of temporary signs in the area of the Village Square.

## News & Notes from the Senior's Corner

### Stepping Out

Regular exercise prevents bone loss and incidence of fractures; it increases the muscle strength and hence the balance and co-ordination. Only a short walk down your street will help keep you feeling tiptop and you get to see what your neighbors did for their Fall garden. If you would like a buddy to walk with you, our Here 4 You volunteers are ready. Please call Dorene Weir at 518-758-1498. Just so you know, volunteers need to get their steps in too!

### DO YOU NEED A MASK?

The Columbia County Office for the Aging has washable, cloth masks available. If you are in need, please call the office at 518-828-4258.

### Healthcare Consortium Medical Transportation Program

The Children and Adults Rural Transportation Service (CARTS) provides free door-to-door, non-emergency medical transportation to Columbia County residents.

The service retrieves individuals from any location in Columbia County, and will deliver people to locations throughout the county, but also well beyond it. CARTS regularly provide trips to Albany, Kingston, Pittsfield, Great Barrington, and Sharon, CT, among other locations. Transportation is scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is important to contact their office as soon as a medical appointment is made to ensure that your transportation needs can be met. It is not unusual for them to be scheduled two weeks in advance for in-county trips and longer for out-of-county trips, so calling timely is key. Please call **518-822-8020, 8AM-4PM**, Monday thru Friday excluding holidays.

### Mark Your Calendars

October is National Apple Month and October is also National Caramel Month. Do you see a trend here? However, you like your apples. . . Enjoy!!!

## WINTER EVENTS

### Santa Claus Club

The Palmer Engine and Hose Company's Santa Claus Club is in its 74<sup>th</sup> year of bringing gifts and holiday cheer to families in the village. Village of Kinderhook residents with children ages 8 and under are eligible to have Santa visit their house on Christmas Eve! It's easy to sign up — just visit the fire department's website at <http://www.kinderhookfiredept.org/> and follow the link to the registration form.

**Deadline for registering your child is December 5, 2020. Even if you've had Santa visit your child in the past, please re-register online so we have the most accurate information available.**

Please share this information with your friends and family in the village of Kinderhook! The Santa Claus Club is made possible by volunteers and donations from residents of the Village.

Donations & volunteering inquiries can be mailed to:  
Palmer Engine and Hose Santa Claus Club  
PO Box 191  
Kinderhook, NY 12106

### Martin Van Buren Wreath Laying

On Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 11am, the Friends of Lindenwald will sponsor the Martin Van Buren Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Kinderhook Cemetery. This annual event honors President Van Buren on his birthday and includes a presentation of a wreath from the President of the United States as well as the Village of Kinderhook, Town of Kinderhook, Village of Valatie, Friends of Lindenwald, and the Garden Club of Kinderhook.

### Village Candlelight Night

Due to these unprecedented times, the Village of Kinderhook and the Kinderhook Business & Professional Association sadly announce that the activities that have become a cherished annual tradition on Candlelight Night will be changed for the 2020 season. Currently, the KBPA and the Village are exploring alternate plans for a holiday celebration that will take into account the health and safety of the community. Watch for village emails for upcoming announcements about the new 2020 holiday celebration.



### Columbia County Historical Society Presents "Drive Through History"

Explore local historic sites on free, self-guided road trips offered by the Columbia County Historical Society. CCHS launched "Drive Through History" in July 2020 to provide new avenues to engage with history and stay safe while the Historical Society's properties, galleries and research library are temporarily closed.

Choose from road trips such as "Legends & Folklore," "Sacred Spaces," "Artifacts of Industry," "Patriots & Patroons," "Schoolhouse Stories" and "Good Apples." More themed drives will be released later this fall.

Maps and itineraries can be downloaded at <https://www.cchsnv.org/drive-through-history.html>



### **Kinderhook Memorial Library**

PO Box 293 - 18 Hudson Street

518-758-6192

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

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

### **Library Curbside/Appointment Hours**

Monday Closed

Tues., Thurs. & Sat 10am-2pm

Weds. & Fri 2pm-6pm

Sunday 12pm-4pm

The Kinderhook Memorial Library serves to enrich the quality of life for a diverse and growing constituency of all ages by providing resources and services that contribute to individual literacy, education, and entertainment. The library is dedicated to encouraging children and adults in a love of reading and appreciation for libraries. Resources and services are provided for free to patrons. For more information about programs and other events at the library, visit our website at [www.kinderhooklibrary.org](http://www.kinderhooklibrary.org).

This summer was one for the record books. While you were busy with your outdoor summer activities, the librarians have been busier than ever getting ready to usher in the fall and a whole new way of doing things! Our first and foremost concerns are of how to meet you where you are, and to make life easier in any way that we can. To that end, I'm very proud to bring you our updated service model in response to what we see as the biggest barriers to access for our communities.

### **Fine Free**

Our favorite change this fall is our Library becoming fine free! You read that right...no more late fees! We know that 2020 has had serious financial impacts on residents, and this change has been in the works for some time. We want everyone to have access to our Library and its resources, and to not stay away or feel unwelcome because of overdue fines. This is a major step in making our organization more socially equitable.

### **Curbside**

We began curbside service in mid-June and have been filling holds and scheduling well over a hundred pick-ups each week since then. We want to reassure you all that even as we continue the slow march towards normalcy, we will maintain curbside as well. For high-risk people, this is the safest way to access our many offerings, and we're happy to help! Not only can you request books, audiobooks, and movies for pick-up like always, but we can help you pick out new books,

borrow a museum pass, get a newspaper or magazine, and fax, copy, and print!

### **Appointments**

We know many of you are missing the ability to use a computer in the Library or browse our book collections. In an effort to meet those needs, we will begin offering limited building occupancy by appointment only on Tuesday, October 6. All appointments will be made by calling the Library at (518) 758-6192, and will be 30-45 minutes. Everyone entering the Library will be required to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth at all times inside the building, and to follow social distancing requirements. For more information, please call the Library during our curbside service hours.

### **Home Delivery**

The Library is working hard to make sure everyone has access to our services. To that end, we are working on a pilot project for Library book delivery to homebound residents. This project is still in the early stages, and to help shape our plans we are asking anyone interested in receiving these services to call the Library and give us your name, phone number, and address. This will help us to gauge interest and form our plans for this new model.

### **Wifi & Devices**

If you are in need of an internet connection, the Library's WiFi network remains on 24/7. Access it safely while sitting in your car parked on either Hudson Street in front of the Library, or Sylvester Street next to the Library. There are also several benches in our yard that allow you to access it while safely socially distancing. The network is KPL Public, and no password is needed. If you are in need of a device to access the internet, please call the Library at (518) 758-6192 and leave us a message. We have a limited number of laptops that we loan out to patrons in order to keep everyone connected.

### **Teen Fall Reading Program**

Curbside Pick-Up.

We're teaming up with our new neighbors Cosmic Donuts to bring our teens a reading program this fall! Teens (age 12-18/grade 8-12) can pick up a reading log at the Library each month. Fill it out by reading four books, and turn in the completed form for a coupon for a FREE Cosmic Donut at their location at 3 Albany Avenue! Call the Library ahead to pick up your form. Limit of one entry per person per month.

### **Great Give Back: Food Fight Edition**

October. 2020 has been a tough year, to say the least. As a way to lift our spirits, let's all work together to help our neighbors and those in need by fighting food scarcity! This year, we are once again participating in The Great Giveback, a chance for public libraries to rally their communities to help each other. We're collecting non-perishable food donations from October 1-October 17, the day of the official Great Give Back. A box will be located outside the Library front door for accepting food items. Donations will go to our local

food pantries and families in need. Giving back has never felt so good!

### **Storywalk: Trick-or-Treat Edition!**

Library/Hudson Street. October.

Storywalk will run for the month of October with Trick-or-Treating on Halloween! Enjoy the crisp fall weather with a stroll up and down Hudson Street, and on Halloween you can enjoy the storywalk in your costume and choose a treat at each stop!

### **Crafternoons with Mandy**

Online Video. Thursdays, October 1, October 15, November 5, November 19, December 3, December 17. Join Mandy for a new craft video every other week for a continuation of exploring art, STEM, and crafts! In each video, posted on our Facebook page and website, she will show you a new creative project you can do at home with simple tools and supplies. Your imagination is the limit!

### **Storytime with Mandy**

Online Video. Thursdays, October 8, November 12, December 10. We will sing some of our favorite storytime songs and dances and read a book together for the virtual edition of our popular Family Storytimes!

### **Outdoor Browsing**

Library Lawn. Saturday, October 10, 10:30am-12pm (Rain date Saturday, October 17). New books...al fresco! Join us for a little outdoor pop-up where you can see and check out the newest additions to the Library on our front lawn. We'll have some adult, teen, and children's books, and even new DVDS! Stop by the Library on Saturday, October 10, between 10:30am-12:00pm and browse en plein air. Rain date is Saturday, October 17.

### **Cookie Recipe Exchange & Online Baking Party**

Online/Curbside Pick-Up Sunday, December 6, 4pm. If you're a fan of our cookbook club, this is the event for you! Since we can't get together to exchange cookies, let's exchange recipes. First, email or mail us your favorite cookie recipe on or before Friday, November 27. We'll combine them all into a recipe book, and make copies for all registered participants. Pick up your recipe book, choose your favorite, and join us online so we can bake and talk together, while socially distanced! Call the Library to register today.

### **New Year's Party Hats**

Curbside Pick-Up. December 23 - December 30. Countdown to New Year's by making a festive hat! Party hat craft kits will be available for pick up a week before New Year's. Call or email us at [info@kinderhooklibrary.org](mailto:info@kinderhooklibrary.org) to get yours!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER 2020**

Oct. 1	Water Bills Mailed
Oct. 6&7	DPW flushing hydrants
Oct. 10	Last day of Farmers' Market
Oct. 10	OK Fall Festival 9am-1pm
Oct. 12	Columbus Day Holiday
Oct. 13	Leaf pickup begins
Oct. 31	Recreation Commission's Halloween Party Details TBD
Oct. 31	3:00pm Village Square Reading of "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and Headless Horseman
Nov. 2	Water bills due
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Holiday Observed
Nov. 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 30	Leaf pickup ends (weather permitting)
Dec. 5	Martin Van Buren Wreath Laying
Dec. 25	Christmas Holiday

### **DATES TO REMEMBER 2021**

Jan. 1	New Year's Holiday
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Holiday
Feb. 15	Presidents' Day Holiday
April 1	Water Bills Mailed
April 30	Water bills due

### **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.**

#### **Village Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Thank you and have a happy and safe Fall, Winter AND Holiday Season!**

