

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – February 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

#### **New Business Opening**

Spring, 2024 – Hamrah’s Seven Spice

3 Albany Avenue

### **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.
- Reviewed and approved ad for Columbia County Visitors’ Guide and arranged for billing.
- Submitted revisions and additions for Village of Kinderhook businesses and organizations for Columbia County Visitors’ Guide.
- Requested information from Kinderhook businesses for Hudson Valley Film Commission listings: Due March 15, 2024.
- Arranged for renewal of contract and expansion of time frame and areas of coverage for rack-card distribution in summer and fall 2024 with Berkshire Brochure.

### **BUSINESS LIAISON**

- Continued to provide updates on available commercial properties.
- Liaisoned with KBPA on planning and promotion for KBPA events

### **GRANTS SUMMARY**

- Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley grant for Van Buren Hall window replacement denied.
- Continued to develop/revise OK Apple Trail project with Super Stories. Awaiting announcement of HRVG Heritage Sponsorship Grants availability.
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### **GRANT RESEARCH/SUPPORT/APPLICATION**

- Continued review of grant availability and grant eligibility.
- Forwarded 2024 AARP Community Challenge grant information to D. Weir for Recreation Commission
- - Reviewed updated list of current and possible future grant projects with N. Heeder
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**CURRENT (ONGOING):**

**Kinderhook Creek Kayak Launch Project**

- Installation of creek-access improvements in Kinderhook and Valatie scheduled for completion in spring 2024.

**Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP)**

**(Village of Kinderhook and Village of Valatie Collaborative Project**

**NY Forward**

- Awaiting announcements of awards.

**ECONOMIC-DEVELOPMENT RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Albany-Hudson Electric Trail, Village Bike Rack**

- Awaiting action on bike rack proposal in Village Square at Kinderhook Knitting Mill.

**Long-term Parking and Traffic Issues**

- Costs for soil testing at 25 Chatham Street received by CEO.

**Village Website**

- Supplied Village of Kinderhook–related photos to deputy clerk.
- Participated in two website training sessions.
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**MISCELLANEOUS**