

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – OCTOBER 2018

PLANNED & PROPOSED UPCOMING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CO-SPONSORED PROJECTS

1. Official opening ceremony for naming of Van Buren Hall.

PROMOTION

1. Continued restocking display of Walking Tour and Native Son brochures at Martin Van Buren statue, tourist information stand at Samascott's Garden Market, and Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, and Clermont.
2. Composed and/or posted Village of Kinderhook, KBPA events, Concerts in the Village, future opening of Saisonier, updates on local businesses, news items on IMBY.com, Nextdoor Kinderhook, Rural Intelligence, WAMC events calendar, Hudson Valley 360, Facebook, Kinderhook-Buren Facebook page, and Nextdoor Kinderhook.
4. Posted two new continuing features on Nextdoor Kinderhook called Celebrating the Writing and Writers of Kinderhook and Celebrating the Visual Artists of Kinderhook.
5. Offered opportunity for Columbia County Tourism to send tourism brochures to Buren. CCT sent brochures for distribution.
6. Began exploration of redesign of Historic Kinderhook Walking Tour Brochure, researched new graphic for cover, and discussed process of redesign with graphic designer. [Original printing of brochure is now almost depleted.]

COMMUNITY/BUSINESS OUTREACH

1. Distributed DEC announcements and other news items of interest to community via Nextdoor Kinderhook.
2. Continued planning of Candlelight Night 2018 with KBPA and recruited dj, artisan vendors, and food vendor.
3. Researched vacant building laws and submitted to Mayor Dunham and Board of Trustees sample Hudson vacant building law and recommendations concerning vacant buildings from National Historic Trust.
4. Made a recommendation that Village Board begin a discussion of measures to encourage development of vacant buildings and lots in business district.
5. Prepared a packet of information about Village of Kinderhook to be sent out to regional developers of historic properties.

SISTER CITY PROJECT – BUREN – THE NETHERLANDS

1. Continued follow up with Buren on expanding connections between the two communities.
2. Contacted teen librarian again at Kinderhook Memorial Library to explore a

- teen internet project with Buren teens.
3. Preparing design and pricing for Village or KBPA to print special OK stickers with “Kinderhook/Buren Sister Cities Since 2018” to be sold locally and in gift shops in Buren.
 4. Continued postings on Kinderhook-Buren Facebook page to share Kinderhook news with Buren and encourage Dutch tourism to Kinderhook.
 5. Submitted list of interview questions to Dutch Desserts in order to write a piece about the bakery to be translated into Dutch and submitted by Mark Hofman of Buren to regional newspapers in Guilderland and Buren.

DUTCH HERITAGE WEEK

1. Prepared preliminary list of possible adult and kids events for the week.
2. Outlined and proposed soliciting for sponsorships for the event.
3. Dates to be set in coordination with Kinderhook Memorial Library.
4. Initiated correspondence with Society of Daughters of Dutch Dames (New York City) concerning the organization’s possible participation in Dutch Heritage Week.

GRANT AVAILABILITY

1. Continued ongoing monitoring of notifications of NYS grant availability to make recommendations to village board.
2. Distributed relevant grant notifications to local non-profits and Climate Smart Task Force for their consideration.

LIGHTING STUDY GRANT & PROJECT

1. Received updated 2018 cost estimate for lighting fixtures for municipal parking lot.
2. Sent out scope of work and request for cost estimate to electrician for installation of municipal parking lot lights.
3. Contacted various New York State agencies re: grant funding for lighting installation.
4. Prepared a status report on sources for grant funding of installation of lights and submitted the report to the Board.
5. Liasioned with Climate Smart Task Force re: their cost estimates for electrical service from pole for charging station and how that relates to soliciting estimate for installation of lighting fixture for municipal parking lot.

KINDERHOOK CREEK RECREATIONAL USE STUDY, PHASE I AND HUDSON VALLEY GREENWAY GRANT, AND GRANT FOR LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PLAN

1. Second phase of grant application (Hudson Valley Greenway) prepared by Barton & Loguidice finalized, and submitted October 12, 2018. Grant request: \$10,000.
2. Received and distributed letters of support for Greenway grant application.

VAN BUREN HALL COMMITTEE

1. Committee meetings temporarily postponed.
2. Outstanding projects to date: Bids from electrical contractors for installation of additional outlets and DPW work on under-stage area in preparation for use as storage area.
3. Under-stage storage carts researched by Trustee David Flaherty.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY HABITAT AT MILLS PARK