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Dear Friends,

We welcomed autumn in Mount Kisco as the Chamber of Commerce launched Septemberfest and Kisco Run hosted the 5th Annual 5K. Thank you to all who provided the opportunity for our community to gather for family fun, music, great food, fitness, and sidewalk sales. We look forward to continuing to build public/private partnerships that provide opportunities for more events that strengthen our community.

In August, we released a draft of our Comprehensive Plan. The draft was compiled by BFJ Planning, consultants with more than 35 years of successful planning experience in Westchester County and worldwide. Their participatory process included feedback from five community workshops, a public survey, and the guidance of a volunteer Steering Committee comprised of community members. The plan contains eleven chapters and reviews all aspects of our Village including: Land Use and Zoning; Population and Housing; Downtown; Economy; Environmental Resources and Parks; Community Facilities, Historic, and Cultural Resources; Transportation; Infrastructure. We encourage everyone to review the draft at www.envisionmk.org (hardcopies are available in the library and at the Fox Center). In November, we are holding Public Hearings during our regularly scheduled board meetings.

We have begun to see some new businesses opening in different locations across the Village. As we streamline processes and share success stories, many are realizing what we all know; Mount Kisco is a premier destination in Northern Westchester to invest. Though we have had some success, we have a lot more work to do. Attracting new business is just the first step. Those businesses will not thrive and grow unless we create an active downtown environment. We continue to focus on strategies to build a strong local economy for the long-term. A chapter in the Comprehensive Plan focuses on activating our downtown. One of the recommendations is to change the zoning code to permit residences in our central business district (residences were permitted until the late 1980's). In doing this, we would put people in the same place as the businesses, resulting in a larger presence and increasing foot traffic.

The Village has renewed our contract with Sustainable Westchester. All power customers in Mount Kisco are automatically registered to purchase power through Sustainable Westchester (power is delivered by Con Edison). We all receive the benefit of a low price point realized by purchasing through a consortium. The new three year contract maintains the current rate for residential and large commercial customers. Small business customers will realize a savings, as they have been provided the residential rate. Sustainable Westchester will be sending a communication to customers providing more details.

Mount Kisco residents are automatically registered to receive “Basic Energy.” We strongly encourage customers to switch to the “Renewable (Green) Energy” option. For approximately one third of one cent per kilowatt hour, you can positively impact climate change. The “Renewable Energy” supply is backed by 100% clean energy sources including solar, wind, and hydropower. To switch call (914) 242-4725 or go to www.westchesterpower.org (select Energy Choices and then select Switch to Renewable).

The Board of Trustees is discussing legislation to allow for solar installations in various locations in the Village. The legislation identifies specific criteria for roof top solar and adds an option for large ground mounted installations in specific zones. The large installations would be permitted in identified non-residential zones on private property. You can review the draft legislation at www.mountkisco.ny.gov. Go to Government, Mayor & Board of Trustees, Solar Energy Law Draft.

The Parking Task Force, which focused on improving the user experience, presented recommendations to the Board of Trustees. Their ideas included free weekend parking in all lots, improved signage, increased visibility of the mobile parking app, and improved lighting at pay station kiosks. We are working on implementation plans for many of the recommendations. You will hear more in the new year.

We continue with our infrastructure projects. The water main replacement on North Bedford Road has begun. We expect to have the work under North Bedford Road completed in time for Con Edison to pave in November. Construction will continue on the sidewalk through the first quarter of 2019. On Mountain Avenue, we are working on water and storm water systems. It is our hope to be completed by the end of the year. The dive pool at the Memorial Pool complex is being resurfaced so that we are ready for swim season next year.

The Department of Transportation has begun some work at the intersection of Routes 117 and 172. Through the middle of December they will be moving the utilities and working on sidewalks. In the spring, evening work will begin on the roadway. As further information is available, we will provide updates through eNotify, Facebook, and Nixle.

Our DPW team will continue to collect leaves. Please bag your leaves and keep them curbside on your property. Leaf bags can be purchased in the Tax Office; \$2 for a bundle of 5. Brush should be tied in manageable lengths. Collection is done throughout the week during gaps in the garbage collection and maintenance schedule.

You will notice an insert with this mailer includes instructions on how to pay your water bill online. We continue to identify ways to make your experiences with local government easier. We are hoping this additional method of payment makes the process more convenient for many.

Veterans Day is November 11th. The Moses Taylor Jr. American Legion Post 136 will stand guard at our Veterans’ Monument and preside over a ceremony at 11:00 a.m. Everyone in the community is invited to participate and honor all of those who have given so much to protect our freedom.

To receive up-to-date information on Village activities sign up for eNotify at www.mountkisco.ny.gov, follow us on Facebook @VillageofMountKisco, and on Twitter @VillageMtKisco

With Gratitude,

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