



## Historic Town of Hyde Park

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*"Working with you for a better Hyde Park"*

Spring Greetings Hyde Park Residents!

It is nice to welcome Spring and hopefully some well anticipated warm weather and all the outdoor activities it brings to our Town. The Town looks forward to seeing everyone enjoying our many parks, trails, celebrations, parades, and community events. This Spring brings positive changes, including the lifting of the many COVID-19 mandates taking us one step closer to a post-pandemic life.

The pandemic presented many challenges, but the Town of Hyde Park and its Recreation Department adapted to the many restrictions and protocols in order to continue executing our many events, activities, and Summer Camp. Our Town Board, Recreation Director Robert Pollard, Recreation Leader Teresa Gasparini, and Hyde Park Recreation Commission have worked tirelessly to ensure our community was brought together during the pandemic by instituting many new outdoor activities at Hackett Hill Park. Activities such as concerts, plays, magic shows, movies, and trivia nights were such an enormous success that the Town is considering continuing these wonderful activities moving forward.

During the last couple of years due to the pandemic, the town parks and trails saw an enormous increase in their amount of use. Thanks to groundskeeper Carl Wagner along with help from our seasonal staff Dan Murray and Robin Watzka, residents had clean, well maintained, and safe environments to visit and enjoy.

The town's recent focus has been to improve our many parks and trails. We hope that residents continue to visit them to see some of the remarkable changes that have been made. Several of the Town's major improvements have been to both Hackett Hill and Dinsmore Park. Hackett Hill Park improvements have included the renovation of our Program Building, the installation of a new performance stage, and still to come this summer the installation of an entirely new ADA inclusive playground. Dinsmore Park has now been upgraded to include new attractions such as three new pickleball courts and a new basketball court and soon will have installed a brand-new playground. The Town's future project pending grant funding, is to work towards improving Beck Park with a safer brand-new parking lot and a new basketball court.

The Hyde Park Trails Committee has been maintaining and renovating several trails located in the Town's Parks as well as those located in the Winnakee Nature Preserve, the National Park Service, Scenic Hudson and the New York State Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation.

The Town encourages the residents to take part in the Town's Walkabout Program. The Hyde Park Healthy Trails Walkabout is an annual program to encourage walking for health. The Walkabout is open to local residents and visitors alike and you can earn a free sew on patch when you complete your Walkabout Scorecard. Developed in partnership with the Dutchess County Department of Community and Behavioral Health, the Walkabout encourages individuals to enjoy the Hyde Park trails year-round, not only just for health and wellness, but to also gain an appreciation of the natural and historic landscapes that make Hyde Park such a special place to live and visit.

The Town is also delighted to inform residents that our 48th "Annual Music in The Parks Concert Series" will resume this season at its iconic locations at the State Historic Site of Mills Mansion and also at the National Historic Site of Vanderbilt Mansion, so we hope that you will be able to attend one of these musical performances and enjoy a night out with family and friends.

Moving forward we hope everyone stays healthy and is able to take time out of their busy schedules to enjoy some of the amazing parks and activities the Town has to offer.

Your Town Supervisor

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