

2026

Annual Village Update Letter

The Village Board provides this update letter to residents on the many ongoing projects, as well as some of the issues and challenges facing the Village. Much of the work we do goes unreported by our local press. So, we employ our website, Facebook, Village Sign, and this letter, to keep residents informed.

If you have questions or concerns after reading the update, please feel free to reach out to us, or attend a Village Board Meeting on the second Monday of each month. Minutes for Board Meetings are also available on the village website: www.villageofcoxsackie.gov.

NY Forward Grant Projects- Updates on the approved \$4.5 million NY Forward Grant are below:

14 South River St. – Welcome Center/Museum/Bathrooms -The restoration of 14 South River St., a historic building, originally built as the George H. Scott Firehouse, continues. Our plan will be to develop this as a welcome/historical center on the first floor, and a museum, celebrating the history of the Village and downtown, on the 2nd floor. The building will be available for meetings and events, and the design plan includes bathrooms on the back. We expect to go to bid in June, with an opening in March/April 2027.

Downtown Cell Service- Verizon has started installing equipment at the State Tel. building. Expect service around mid-year. AT&T is working on an antenna placement on a pole near the post office.

Infrastructure – Roads/Sidewalks- Plans will be developed to improve sidewalks, walkability and traffic flow in the downtown area.

Dolan Block- Architects are working with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on historic preservation, and work continues on energy efficiency, and the layout and design of the interior and exterior decking.

5-7 Mansion St.- Construction is ongoing, and expected to be done in the month or so.

DPW Garage Site – Develop Mixed Use/Mixed-Income- The Village is engaged with Kearney Development to sell the existing DPW garage site, and the property will be developed into apartments.

The American House (1 Reed St.)- Kitchen addition plans have been drawn up, and work should commence this summer.

Champlain-Hudson Power Express- This is an underground power line that runs from Hydro Quebec express to NYC. This has been completed. They will be back to do cleanup work this spring.

4% Occupancy Tax- Sen. Hinchey and Assemblyman Tague spearheaded our effort to get this tax through the State legislature, and the governor to sign an occupancy tax of 4% nightly on each hotel room, and Short-Term Rental, within the Village. The tax started on January 1st, 2026. This will help fund 14 S. River St. Welcome Center/Museum.

Dog Park (Old American Valve Site)- The Dog Park opened last October, and has a large dog area, small dog area, a pavilion, and Wi-Fi. The park was used throughout the winter, and is now clean and ready for the season. If you would like more information, or to get involved in the park, please see the Village's website, or the Coxsackie Dog Park Facebook page.

New Water Tanks – In 2019, we received a \$3 million grant towards construction of two 900,000-gallon water tanks to give us enough storage capacity. Construction has started early this year, and we expect to have the tanks on-line as part of the water system in late summer/early fall.

Riverside Park Wi-Fi- The Village got permission from State Parks, and used American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money, to have Wi-Fi installed to cover all of Riverside Park last year.

Riverside Park Cameras- The Village has utilized a grant and contracted to have cameras installed at Riverside Park, and installation occurred this spring.

Farmers' Market – This month, the highly successful Farmers' Market will return for its 14th year, and Market Manager, Nicole Schmitt, is ready to go! Each year, the market has a great variety of vendors, and restaurants/food trucks providing food each week, along with music, and other entertainment. Look for information on our website and Facebook page for more information.

Owls – The Owls return in 2026 with a full slate of Owls for display, and an auction at the end of the summer.

Veterans Banners & Field of Flags – The Committee of Suellen Meier, Lou Martin, Bob Desrosiers, Karen Kiernan, Bill Steele, have made this happen and deserve our thanks. The project is back for 2026. A Field of Flags will happen again this year on the lawn of 91 Mansion St. (the Old School). For information on both, visit the Village's website.

UMH / Mountain View Estates – They are working through their Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) and annexation of two pieces of property in the Town, into the Village. Then, the project goes to the Planning Board. Please watch the Village's website for updates and information.

Comprehensive Plan Update- The Village, Town of Coxsackie, and Greene County IDA, have agreed to fund equal amounts, and partner on plan updates, for the Village and Town Comprehensive Plan Update, that started a few months ago. This is a great tool for future planning, and we encourage people to be a part of the process. The Village website has a link to the Comprehensive Plan Update website. <https://www.coxsackiecompplan.com/>

Sewer Line Projects- The Village has received 2 separate grants, a \$2.9 million BIL Grant, and a \$1.5 million WIIA Grant, to do all the final separations of combined sanitary and storm sewers at various locations around the Village. This project started in April, and should be finished by late summer.

Skate Park: In 2025, the Village used ARPA grant money to purchase, and have shipped, skate park equipment. The equipment is a few years old, but new equipment would be about \$100K. Assembly is almost complete, and should be finished in the spring.

New DPW Garage (Old American Valve Site): The Village will build a new DPW Garage off Cato St., on the current site of the brush/leaves pile, and utilize part of the Old American Valve Site. Design work is occurring now. No anticipated construction date at this time.

July 4th Celebration / 250 Declaration Anniversary: The Village is sponsoring a free, Old Fashioned Community Picnic Day, on July 4th, at Riverside Park. We will have several local restaurants available for food, along with games, and music, from 3 p.m.-9:30 p.m. The headliner is The Ultimate's, and there will be a huge fireworks display.

Riverside Festival: This year's festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th, from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. There will be many food vendors, craft vendors, music, entertainment, and fireworks in the evening.

Village of Coxsackie,

Mayor & Board of Trustees