

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday, August 13, 2021

The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 2.8%. there are 2,398 active cases in the county. 26 in Mount Kisco. 78.9% of those in the 10549 zip code have at least one dose of COVID vaccine. A reminder to all who have not yet been vaccinated, there is vaccine availability locally through Open Door Family Medical Center, CareMount Medical Group and Northern Westchester Hospital. Those who are not vaccinated are in the greatest risk to contract the virus and experience severe illness and hospitalization.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved an additional booster vaccination dose only for those who are severely immunocompromised. This is very specific population who should contact their healthcare providers. Boosters are not yet recommended or available for the general population.

Increasing cases results in increased chance for the virus to spread and for stronger variants to develop. We encourage all to please do all you can to avoid contracting and the virus. It is time for everyone to go back to basics. Remember to maintain good hand hygiene, it is prudent to mask when in indoor locations and maintain distance from others. If you are experiencing symptoms, please isolate immediately and contact your health care provider to be tested.

Thank you Mount Kisco for being responsible for your actions.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday July 30, 2021

Though we have reduced the frequency of these update calls we continue to track data and guidance related to COVID. We will intermittently send a call to keep the community up to date related to the virus and public health.

The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 1.9%. On July 16 it was 1%. There are currently 1,127 active COVID cases in the County. That is more than double the 420 active cases on July 16. Though there are just 4 active COVID cases in Mount Kisco, surrounding communities have cases increasing at a higher rate.

Variants of the virus are more contagious and are spreading largely among those who have not been vaccinated. There is some data showing a small number of cases among those who have been vaccinated. As a result, we must all continue to be aware and exercise caution to avoid contracting and spreading the virus. The CDC has revised guidance recommending that masks be worn in doors by all, including those who are vaccinated, in areas with substantial or high transmission rates. As of Thursday, Westchester is on the list of NYS counties that have a substantial COVID transmission rate.

Because we do not know the vaccination status of those who enter Village facilities, beginning Monday we are requiring face coverings for the public who enter any Village building or indoor facility. We continue our policy that all Village employees must demonstrate proof of vaccination or wear a mask.

Though there is not currently a state or county mandate, we ask everyone to use their good judgement and consider wearing a mask when in public indoor settings. Be mindful that almost 25% of local residents have not been vaccinated and can more easily contract and spread the virus. We ask those community member to please consider being vaccinated as doses are readily available locally at Open Door Family Medical Center, CareMount Medical Group and through Northern Westchester Hospital.

The strength and endurance of this community has been extraordinary. Keep up the great work Mount Kisco. Please remember to be responsible for your actions.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday 7/16 phone message:

Though there are currently no active COVID cases reported in Mount Kisco, there has been an uptick in cases across the county and the state. The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 1%. On June 25th it was .3%. There are currently 420 active COVID cases in the county. On June 25th there were 222.

Variants of the virus are spreading primarily among those who have not been vaccinated. I am pleased to share that more than 75% of those eligible in the 10549 zip code have received at least one dose of vaccine. This means approximately 25% of those eligible in our community have not yet been vaccinated. Vaccines are plentiful and available locally at Open Door Family Medical Center, CareMount Medical Group and through Northern Westchester Hospital.

Mount Kisco you should be so proud of the tremendous progress we have made in beating back this virus. We all need to continue to be diligent and aware. Exercise good hand washing hygiene, if you are experiencing COVID symptoms, please isolate immediately and get tested. If you have not yet done so, please consider getting vaccinated.

The strength and health of our community is dependent upon all of us being responsible for our actions.

Enjoy the weekend.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday, June 25, 2021

The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is .3%. There are 222 active COVID cases in the county. None in Mount Kisco. 63.9% of all Westchester residents and 76.2% of eligible Westchester residents have received at least one dose of COVID vaccine. Vaccines continue to be available locally at Open Door Family Medical Center, CareMount Medical Group and Northern Westchester Hospital

This week, NYS lifted the State of Emergency. This indicates we have emerged from the urgent health crisis. Additionally the majority of COVID safety precautions have been rescinded. However, those who are not vaccinated need to continue to wear a face covering in accordance with CDC guidance.

Village taxes must be postmarked or submitted by 6/30. Taxes can be paid online until 11:59 pm on Wednesday 6/30 without penalty. Questions should be directed to Joann Cerretani at 914-864-0034.

We are seeing the return of great activities throughout the Village, including alternate Wednesday summer concerts, Camp Iroquois begins on Monday, and our Fire Fighter Parade will be held Friday July 9 at 7 pm.

The purpose of our weekly phone message has been to provide factual information and guidance as we all worked together to make our way through this health crisis. As we successfully emerge from a global pandemic (well done Mount Kisco!!) we will be reducing the frequency of these messages. To stay informed of Village activities, please visit mountkiscony.gov, [villageofmountkisco](#) on Facebook, or on FIOS channel 40 and Altice channel 20

Enjoy all that our beautiful Village has to offer and please be responsible for your actions.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday, June 18, 2021

Vaccination rate in NYS exceeds 70%. As a result distancing, sanitizing and other COVID safety restricting are lifted. Those who are not vaccinated are required to wear masks in accordance with CDC guidelines

Village taxes are due by 6/30. They can pay taxes online until 11:59 on Wednesday 6/30 without penalty, or mail directly to the Lockbox, but they must be postmarked by June 30th to avoid a penalty. If they have any questions please have them call Joann Cerretani at 914-864-0034, I will be happy to assist.

Join us for Juneteenth story time tomorrow at 10:15 at the library.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday, June 11, 2021

The seven day average positivity rate in Westchester is .4%. There are 333 active cases in the county. 5 in Mount Kisco. 4 COVID patients are in NWH none in ICU. 62.3% of all Westchester residents have received at least one dose of COVID vaccine.

This week the Governor indicated COVID restrictions would be lifted when vaccination rate reaches 70%. So if you have not already, please help to get us achieve that goal by scheduling a vaccine as soon as possible. Vaccines are available for all New Yorkers aged 12 and older. Appointments can be made locally through Open Door Family Medical Center, CareMount Medical Group and Northern Westchester Hospital. <https://northwellvaccine.force.com/s/...>

Recreation department has some openings to hire camp counselors. Those interested who are 16 years or older should immediately contact contact Recreation Superintendent Kyle Thornton kthornton@mountkisco.ny.gov.

The pool will be open noon to 7 pm through the weekend. Seasonal Passes can be purchased online at mountkisco.ny.gov. Select Recreation under Departments. Day passes can be purchased at the pool complex.

Early voting begins this weekend at the Memorial Pool Complex at Leonard Park. Mount Kisco residents registered as Democrats can vote in one race for Westchester County Clerk. Early Voting continues through June 20. Primary day is June 22.

Businesses downtown and throughout the Village invite all to chalk the walk this weekend in celebration of Pride Month. Participating businesses are supplying sidewalk chalk for all to create rainbows and messages in support of our LGBTQ+ neighbors and friends.

Fox Lane Seniors, enjoy prom night and please remember to be responsible for your actions.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday June 4, 2021:

The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is .5%. There are 413 active cases in the county. 6 in Mount Kisco. There are 3 COVID patients in NWH 1 in ICU. 60.9% of all Westchester residents have received at least one dose of COVID vaccine.

Vaccines are available for all New Yorkers aged 12 and older. Appointments can be made locally through Open Door Family Medical Center, CareMount Medical Group and Northern Westchester Hospital. <https://northwellvaccine.force.com/s/...>

Important conversations are continuing at Monday evening's Board of Trustees meeting at 7 pm. We are seeking public comment regarding proposed leaf blower restrictions and whether the Village should permit retail sales of cannabis. Residents and business owners are encouraged to share their views. The zoom id is 539 179 1307. For those who would like to comment in person, the Board Room at Village Hall is open to the public. We also accept comments via email which can be forwarded to our Village Manager villagemgr@mountkisony.gov. Please be sure to include your name and address.

Weather forecasts predicts warm sunny weekend. The pool will be open noon to 7 pm. Seasonal Passes can be purchased online at <https://www.mountkisony.gov/.../recreation.../index.php> Day passes can be purchased at the pool complex. Proof of Mount Kisco residency is required.

Enjoy the weekend and please remember to be responsible for your actions.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday May 28, 2021:

The seven day average positivity rate in Westchester is .6%. There are 547 active cases in the county. 10 in Mount Kisco. There are 2 COVID patients in NWH 1 in ICU. 59.5% of all Westchester residents have received at least one dose of COVID vaccine. As of May 24, 67.4% of residents 18 years or older in the 10549 zip code have been vaccinated.

Vaccines are available for all New Yorkers aged 12 and older. Appointments can be made locally through Open Door Family Medical Center, CareMount Medical Group and Northern Westchester Hospital. For appointment through NWH go to <https://www.northwell.edu/coronavirus.../vaccine/locations>

On Saturday we start the season at the Memorial Pool Complex. Pool will be open for Mount Kisco residents Saturday through Monday from noon to 7 pm. Seasonal Passes can be purchased online at <https://www.mountkisco.ny.gov/.../recreation.../index.php> Day passes can be purchased at the pool complex. Proof of residency is required.

Wednesday June 2 the Mount Kisco Arts Council begins their free summer concert series. Beginning at 6 pm in front of Village Hall all can enjoy the music of the Sun Kings.

As we head into this holiday weekend, please take a few minutes to remember its purpose. Memorial Day is intended to honor the military men and women who lost their lives in service to our country. Sunday at 2 pm we will gather at the memorial by Village Hall, as we do every year, with the veterans of the Moses Taylor Jr American Legion Post to honor all those who so bravely fought for the freedoms we enjoy. All are welcome to join us.

Enjoy the weekend and please remember to be responsible for your actions.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday May 21, 2021:

The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is .7%. There are 778 active COVID cases in Westchester. 8 in Mount Kisco. 2 COVID patients are admitted to NWH from communities across Westchester. 1 is in ICU. 58% of all Westchester residents have received at least one dose of COVID vaccine. 70.8% of Westchester residents 18 or older have been vaccinated.

NYS adopted revised CDC guidance regarding face coverings. Individuals who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear face coverings outdoors or indoors except on public transportation, in nursing homes, homeless shelters, correctional facilities, healthcare facilities and in K-12 schools.

Individuals who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear masks and socially distance indoors in public spaces.

The Department of Health strongly recommends masks in indoor settings where vaccination status of individuals is unknown. As a result, individual businesses or other locations open to the general public may require masks be worn on their property.

The Village Board Trustees is having two important conversations; one is about regulating the use of gas powered leaf blowers, the other about whether to permit the retail sales of marijuana in the Village. We strongly encourage all community members to share their views. All can participate in our next Board meeting on June 7 at 7 pm via zoom id #539 179 1307 or alternately send an email with your thoughts to our Village manager Ed Brancati at ebrancati@mountkiskonyc.gov.

Tomorrow the Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce is hosting the first Mutt Mile. This is a chance for dog owners to showcase their canines and stroll downtown. Activity begins in front of Village Hall at 11 am. Registration link is on the Chamber facebook page and website at

<http://mtkiscochamber.com/site/>

Reminder last day to pay water bills without penalty is June 1. Bills can be paid online at mountkiskonyc.gov

Pool passes are available for sale online at <https://www.mountkiskonyc.gov/.../recreation.../index.php> Passes are also available for sale in person at the Memorial Pool complex.

Mount Kisco, we have made great progress in overcoming the COVID pandemic. To keep us moving forward we encourage everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Your choices impact the health of our whole community so please remember to be responsible for your actions.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday May 14, 2021:

The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is .9%. There are 1,070 active COVID cases in Westchester. 6 in Mount Kisco. 3 COVID patients are admitted to NWH from communities across the County. 1 is in ICU. 55.1% of Westchester residents have received at least one dose of COVID vaccine. As of May 9, 60.4% of residents 18 years or older in the 10549 zip code have been vaccinated.

Pfizer COVID vaccine is now available for individuals 12 years old and older. Open Door Family Medical Center, CareMount Medical Group and Northern Westchester Hospital all have availability to schedule appointments. Appointments through NWH available at <https://northwellvaccine.force.com/s/...>

Currently in NYS, those who are fully vaccinated, are not required to wear a mask outdoors when interacting with others who are fully vaccinated. Masks continue to be required when outdoors at large group events. NYS has not yet adopted revised CDC guidance regarding face coverings. Masks continue to be required indoors in public spaces, since there is restricted air circulation and many are still not yet vaccinated. We will share when NYS guidance is updated.

The Mount Kisco Memorial Pool opens on Saturday May 29th. Pool passes are available for sale online. Go to <https://www.mountkisco.ny.gov/.../recreation.../index.php> Passes are also available for sale in person at the Memorial Pool complex.

School Board Election and Budget vote is scheduled Tuesday, May 18. Vote at your zoned elementary school which for Mount Kisco residents is either Mount Kisco Elementary or West Patent Elementary. Polls are open from 7am-9pm

Reminder to all that COVID vaccine appointments are plentiful and available. We encourage everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Enjoy the lovely weekend weather and please remember to be responsible for your actions.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday May 7, 2021:

The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 1.2%. There are 1,627 active COVID cases in Westchester. 8 in Mount Kisco. 3 COVID patients are admitted to NWH from communities across Westchester. 1 is in ICU. 53.9% of Westchester residents have received at least one dose of COVID vaccine.

NYS continues to roll back restrictions related to COVID safety precautions. As of today, May 7 hair salons, barber shops, and other personal care services can operate at 75% indoor capacity. On May 19 the limit on residential outdoor gatherings will be lifted. The capacity of residential indoor gatherings will increase from 10 to 50 people.

Vaccines are plentiful and available locally through Open Door Family Medical Center and CareMount Medical Group. To make appointments through Northern Westchester Hospital go to <https://www.northwell.edu/coronavirus-covid-19/vaccine> and scroll to bottom of page. NYS and the Westchester County Department of health have available appointments as well as walk-in vaccine clinics. For details go to <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> or <https://health.westchestergov.com/>

On Saturday children 5-14 are invited to participate in the Fishing Derby at Wallace Pond in Leonard Park from 9-11:30 am. Bring a fishing pole and a parent.

Enjoy the weekend. Be good to your moms. Please remember to be responsible for your actions.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday April 30, 2021:

The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 1.8%. There are 2,340 active COVID cases in Westchester. 11 in Mount Kisco. 6 COVID patients are admitted to NWH from communities across Westchester. 1 is in ICU. 51.9% of Westchester residents have received at least one dose of COVID vaccine. In the 10549 zip code 51.4% of residents 18 years or older are vaccinated.

Vaccines are now plentiful and are available locally through Open Door Family Medical Center and CareMount Medical Group. To make appointments through Northern Westchester Hospital go to www.northwell.edu NYS and the Westchester County Department of health have available appointments as well as walk-in vaccine clinics. For details go to www.ny.gov or www.health.westchestergov.com

COVID safety guidance continues to be revised as a larger percentage of the population is immunized. Those who are fully vaccinated, do not need to wear a mask outdoors when interacting with those in their household or others who are fully vaccinated. Masks continue to be required when outdoors in large groups. Masks continue to be required indoors in public spaces, since there is restricted air circulation and many are still not yet vaccinated. Over the next few weeks, curfews at restaurants and bars, and restrictions at event venues and private events will continue to be revised. Full guidance is always available at ny.gov.

Today is the last day to pay County taxes without penalty. Taxes can be paid online up until 11:59 pm. Go to www.mountkisco.ny.gov and select online payment under Quick Links

Lots of fun happening in Leonard Park this weekend. We will be celebrating Arbor Day at 11 am at the Tea House. Sunday from 10-noon, children are welcome to participate in Kids Bicycle Day by the Memorial Pool Complex. Bring a bicycle, your helmet and a parent.

Reminder to all that getting vaccinated will be the most important step every individual can take to eradicate COVID-19. We encourage everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Enjoy the weekend and please remember to be responsible for your actions.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday April 23, 2021:

The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 2.3%. There are 3,311 active cases in the county. 24 in Mount Kisco. 9 COVID patients are in Northern Westchester Hospital from communities across Westchester. 1 is in ICU. 49.5% of Westchester residents have received at least one dose of COVID vaccine.

Beginning today those aged 60 years and older can walk in for a COVID vaccine without an appointment at 16 NYS vaccine distribution locations. The nearest location is the National Guard Armory at 2 Quincy Place in Yonkers. For other locations appointments can be made at <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>

Appointments are available through Northern Westchester Hospital at <https://www.northwell.edu> scroll down to the COVID vaccines. Appointments are also available through CareMount Medical Group and Open Door Family Medical Center.

Many folks will likely notice something missing downtown. The statue which stands on top of the Gorham Fountain, which many refer to as Chief Kisco, has been removed and taken to an artist's studio for restoration. The statue will be returned in the fall. To learn more about the Gorham Fountain go to https://mountkisco.ny.gov/.../gorham_fountain.../index.php

To avoid a late fee, County taxes must be paid or postmarked by April 30. Payments can be made online by selecting Online Payments in Quick Links at mountkisco.ny.gov

Hydrant flushing will happen between April 26-May 21 in the overnight hours. If you see discoloration in your water, be advised that there are no negative health effects. Just run the water until it is clear.

Join the Mount Kisco Conservation Advisory Council Saturday in front of Village Hall from 11 am to 2 pm to Celebrate Earth Day. There will be speakers, live music, crafts and information on sustainability programs.

Mount Kisco we are making great progress overcoming this virus and still have a bit further to go. Those 18 years and older should schedule a vaccine appointment as soon as possible. We ask that everyone practice COVID safety precautions and please be responsible for your actions.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday April 16, 2021:

The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 3%. There are 4,264 active cases in the county. 41 in Mount Kisco. 16 COVID patients are admitted to NWH from communities across the county. 4 are in ICU. 45.2% of Westchester residents have received at least one dose of COVID vaccine.

NYS has temporarily halted distribution of the Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccine pending further safety information from the FDA and CDC. Any existing vaccine appointments at county or state facilities will be honored and either a substitute vaccine will be given.

Vaccine appointments are available using the am I eligible app at ny.gov, through Westchester county department of health, cvs.com, walgreens.com and locally through Northern Westchester Hospital, Open Door Family Medical Center and CareMount Medical Group. We encourage all adults 18 and older to schedule appointments as soon as possible.

NYS expanded the existing curfew so that bars and restaurants can stay open until midnight beginning on Monday 4/19.

The Water Department will begin its annual hydrant flushing program on Monday, April 26th and continue through Friday, May 21st. Flushing will be performed Monday through Friday between the hours of 11pm and 7am. This might result in a slight discoloration of your water. This is temporary and poses no health risk. Simply run your water for a short period of time until it clears up. Do not do any laundry until you are sure your water is clear. If the discoloration persists, contact the Mount Kisco DPW at (914) 666-8193.

Those who would like to comment on the proposed Kirby Commons mixed use development can join our Board of Trustees meeting on Monday night at 7 through Zoom id # 539 179 1307 or by phone at 646-558-8656. Alternately written comments can be sent to ebrancati@mountkisco.ny.gov Information for Camp Iroquois registration, sale of pool passes and other recreations programs are available <https://www.mountkisco.ny.gov/.../recreation.../index.php>

Preston Way bridge resurface is complete. There might be slight delays next week when lines are painted.

Count taxes must be paid or postmarked by April 30th. Questions can be directed to Joann Cerretani at (914) 864-0034.

MK Conservation Advisory Council is hosting an Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 24 from 11am to 2pm in front of Village Hall. Live music, crafts and demonstrations and information about sustainability programs are all part of the activity. COVID safety programs must be followed. Face masks are required.

Little League Opening Day is tomorrow April 17. Due to COVID safety precautions, there will not be a parade. But there will be an opening ceremony at 10:30 am at Leonard Park.

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From Mayor Picinich

Text from Friday April 9, 2021:

The 7 day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 3.3%. There are 5,344 active cases in the county. 55 in Mount Kisco. 14 patients are in NWH. 4 in ICU. 41.4% of Westchester residents have received at least one dose of a COVID vaccine.

Just a reminder that the Library is open and functioning on their regularly scheduled hours. Public health safety precautions are in place including, requiring masks and social distancing. To see library hours go to <http://www.mountkisco.org/index.htm>

Beginning on Wednesday expect delays on Preston Way. Though we have not yet secured the funding to replace the bridge, we are implementing a temporary solution to smooth the driving surface. We anticipate work will be complete in a week.

2021 County taxes should be paid by April 30th to avoid penalty. Mailed payments must be postmarked no later than April 30. Online payments can be made until 11:59 pm on April 30. To pay online go to <https://pay.xpress-pay.com/org/2DE6E55DF72F4B8> select 2021 County taxes. Questions can be directed to Joann Cerretani at (914) 864-0034.

Those interested in commenting on the proposed mixed use downtown development, Kirby Commons, are welcome to participate in the April 19 Village Board meeting via zoom or alternately send comments to Village Manager ebranchi@mountkisco.org. Documentation, presentations and Frequently Asked Questions about the project are available at mountkisco.org under Quick Links.

On Monday Bedford Central School District students who have opted for in person instruction will be back in the buildings 5 days a week. Families continue to have the option for full remote instruction. Wishing all a strong finish to a challenging school year.

All New Yorkers aged 16 and older are eligible to receive the COVID vaccine. Vaccine appointments can be scheduled using the am I eligible app at ny.gov though Westchester County Department of Health, cvs.com, walmart.com, though NWH, Open Door Family Medical Center and a small number of doses are available through CareMount Medical Group. We encourage everyone to schedule appointment to get a vaccine. The sooner everyone is immunized the sooner we can reopen all aspects of our Village. Until that time, please follow safety precautions to ensure to keep yourself, your neighbors and your families safe. Please be responsible for your actions.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday April 2, 2021:

The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is up to 4.2% There are 5,605 cases in Westchester 47 in Mount Kisco. 16 COVID patients from communities across the area are admitted to Northern Westchester Hospital. 1 is in ICU.

35.4% of Westchester residents have received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine. On April 6 all NYers 16 years and older will be eligible to receive the vaccine.

We are seeing across the county, and here in the Village an increase in the number of those who test positive for COVID-19. Over the past few weeks, we maintained a low number of cases in the Village. This past week the number of those who test positive has doubled. We are seeing an increase in active cases in areas across the Village, in single family and multi-family dwellings.

The spread of the virus is moving at a rate faster than vaccinations. Until a broader segment of the population is vaccinated, it is essential that everyone continue to follow strict COVID safety precautions. This is not time to relax. We must all be careful and diligent or we are going to see high infection rates that could lead to shutdowns.

Frequently washing one's hands and wearing a face covering are two essential safety precautions. Masks must be worn when folks are unable to maintain at least 6 feet distance from others. This is particularly important when interacting with those outside of those in your household. It is wonderful to see folks enjoying beautiful weather walking in town and in the park, eating at restaurants and celebrating together. When doing so, it is essential everyone protect themselves and others. Wearing a mask is necessary when playing sports in which players come into contact with others. This includes basketball, football, soccer, hockey, lacrosse, and volleyball.

As soon as an individual has symptoms, it is essential they self-isolate and get tested. If you have traveled before interacting with others, please get tested to ensure you have not contracted the virus. This is particularly important before sending children back to school. Testing is available at Open Door Family Medical Center, Caremount Medical Group, and NWH Center for Healthy Living.

Please be advised that 2021 County taxes should be paid by April 30th to avoid penalty. Mailed payments must be postmarked no later than April 30. Online payments can be made until 11:59 pm on April 30. To pay online go to <https://pay.xpress-pay.com/org/2DE6E55DF72F4B8> select 2021 County taxes. Questions can be directed to Joann Cerretani at (914) 864-0034.

The deadline has been extended to April 15 for students to submit their favorite tree painting, drawing, poem essay or song. Details are available on the Village website under news.

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Easter Bunny at the gazebo on South Moger Avenue this Saturday 11 am - 1 pm. All are invited to say hello and take photos.

Respectfully requesting that every individual make the choice to follow COVID precautions to keep their families and their neighbors safe. We are all dependent upon each other so please be responsible for our actions.

Wishing all who celebrate a happy Easter.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday March 27, 2021:

The 7 day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 3.9%. There are 5,167 cases in the county. 24 in Mount Kisco. 23 COVID patients are admitted to NWH from communities across the county. 2 are in ICU.

32.2% of Westchester's population has received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine. To check vaccine eligibility and to make an appointment at a NYS vaccine distribution location go to the am I eligible app at [ny.gov https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/](https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/) Appointments are also often available via <https://www.walgreens.com/> and <https://www.cvs.com/> Those who are eligible can also check with NWH, Open Door Family Medical Center and the Westchester County Department of Health.

Effective April 1, quarantine after domestic travel is no longer required in NYS. Mandatory quarantine remains in effect for international travel. Important to note, to mitigate the risk of travel, please adhere to safety precautions including hand hygiene and use of face coverings and self-isolate and arrange for testing if any Coronavirus symptoms develop.

Bedford Central students are off for Spring Break this coming week. Please remind your children if they are in public, in the park, walking through your neighborhood or downtown, face coverings are required if they cannot maintain distance from others. This is particularly important when playing group sports in which they will come into contact with others such as soccer or basketball.

It is vitally important for all to remember that the virus is still very present. There has been an uptick in active cases in communities in NYS and in Westchester. Though the number of individuals who are vaccinated is increasing, we must continue to be diligent in following safety precautions until we reach herd immunity. That will be achieved when approximately 70% of the population is vaccinated.

Wishing a Happy Passover to those who celebrate. Enjoy the beautiful weather, and please remember to be responsible for your actions.

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From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday March 20, 2021:

The 7 day average COVID positivity rate is 3.7%. There are 5,117 active cases in Westchester. 32 in Mount Kisco. There are 16 COVID patients in NWH from communities across the county. 1 is in ICU.

28.1% of Westchester residents have received a first dose of the COVID vaccine. For those who are eligible, appointments at the Westchester County Center can be made through <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> and <https://www.walgreens.com/> and <https://www.cvs.com/> Additionally, continue to check with Northern Westchester Hospital and Open Door Family Medical Center. They open appointments when they know they are receiving vaccine doses.

On April 1 sports venues can open at 10% of capacity indoors and 20% of capacity outdoors.

Tax filing deadlines for federal and NYS have been moved to May 17.

Families who would like to participate in the Egg Hunt in Leonard Park on March 27 must register through Community Pass. This is a free event for Mount Kisco residents. We need participants to register to manage and address COVID safety guidance.

Camp Iroquois, and Spring and Summer Recreation programs registration is open. As are the sale of pool passes. Brochures and links to registration are available at <https://www.mountkisco.ny.gov/.../recreation.../index.php>

Students are invited to participate in the "My Favorite Tree" project which culminates in an outdoor event in Leonard at our Arbor Day celebration on May 1. Students can send a painting, drawing, poem, essay or song about their favorite tree before April 7th to mkarborday@gmail.com. Further details are available at <https://www.facebook.com/.../pcb.../1152938715145537>

Saturday is the first day of Spring. Many are happy to welcome nicer weather. As you are out walking in the park or in your neighborhood or downtown, please remember to wear a face covering if you are unable to maintain at least 6 feet distance from others. Until all NYers are eligible to receive a COVID vaccine, the virus continues to be a risk. So please be aware and courteous of others and be responsible for your actions.

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The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 3.8%. There are 5,284 active cases in Westchester County. 35 in Mount Kisco. There are 14 COVID patients in NWH from communities across the county. 1 patient is in ICU

24.2% of Westchester residents have received their first COVID vaccine dose. Vaccine eligibility and availability continues to expand. Those 60 years or older are now eligible. On March 17, public facing employees of government, nonprofits and essential building service workers will also be eligible. Many more appointments have been available at the Westchester County Center. <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> Additionally Northern Westchester Hospital has had some scheduling availability at the Center for Healthy Living at Chappaqua Crossing as has <https://www.walgreens.com/> and <https://www.cvs.com/>

Medically homebound seniors (65+) in need of vaccination can contact Liz Dieter at the Fox Center 666-8766. We are working with Westchester County to plan for vaccinating this vulnerable population.

Beginning March 15, indoor restaurant capacity can increase to 75%

Beginning April 1 New Yorkers will not be required to quarantine following domestic travel.

Mandatory quarantine remains in effect for international travelers.

Beginning April 2 Event, Arts and Entertainment venues can reopen at 33% of capacity or up to 100 people indoors and 200 people outdoors.

All opening guidance is available at [ny.gov](https://www.ny.gov/).

A third COVID relief bill was passed in Washington. The legislation provides a payment to individuals whose income is less than \$75,000. Married couples filing jointly will receive payment if income is under \$150,000.

Students are invited to participate in the "My Favorite Tree" project which culminates in an outdoor event in Leonard at our Arbor Day celebration on May 1. Students can send a painting, drawing, poem, essay or song about their favorite tree before April 7th to mkarborday@gmail.com. Further details are available at <https://www.facebook.com/.../pcb.../1152938715145537> and on our website under News.

Camp Iroquois, and Spring and Summer Recreation programs regulation is open. As are the sale of pool passes. Brochures and links to registration are available at <https://www.mountkisco.ny.gov/.../recreation.../index.php>

Mount Kisco we are making great progress in overcoming this health crisis, but the virus is still active and present. Being vaccinated substantially lowers an individual's chance to contract the virus and reduces the likelihood of severe illness. Those that are vaccinated can contract and spread the virus. It is important to remember to mask up when you are within six feet of others. Enjoy the beautiful weather and please be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday March 6, 2021:

The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 3.7%. There are 5,788 active COVID cases in Westchester. 36 in Mount Kisco. 20 COVID patients are in NWH from communities across the county. 4 are in ICU.

18.5% of Westchester's total population has been vaccinated. Though the supply of vaccines has not yet met demand, there has been more availability to make appointments in the past week. In cooperation with NYS, NWH and Neighbors Link, we were able to host a clinic and vaccinate 200 Mount Kisco residents (largely seniors) last Saturday at the Fox Center. Folks have had some success getting vaccine appointments at Open Door Family Medical Center, at Northern Westchester Hospital and at walgreeens.com and cvs.com. Seniors who need assistance in making vaccine appointments can contact Liz Dieter at (914) 666-8766 or complete COVID Vaccine sign up form at https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSf-K_Z1v_O.../viewform. Though we cannot guarantee that we can get an appointment, we will do our best to assist.

Beginning today movie theaters and billiard halls can open state wide following guidance:

Theaters - https://www.governor.ny.gov/.../Movie_Theater_Detailed...

Billiards - <https://www.governor.ny.gov/.../SportsAndRecreationMaster...>

Beginning March 15 Weddings and catered events can resume statewide also following limits and strict guidance. https://www.governor.ny.gov/.../Indoor_and_Outdoor_Food...

We are pleased to share that Camp Iroquois registration and Recreation program registration & the sale of resident pool passes begins on March 9.

Program registration and pool pass purchases can be made through community pass. The program brochure is available at <https://www.mountkiskonny.gov/.../recreation.../index.php>
In preparation for registration be sure to create a community pass account.

Camp registration will be done directly on the Village website. The link will be available at https://www.mountkiskonny.gov/.../2021_camp_iroquois.php

Again registration will be open March 9. Please also note that all of our Recreation staff, including in person registration is now in Leonard Park at the Memorial Pool Complex.

We are starting to turn the corner on this pandemic. We all just need to hole on a little longer. Thank you Mount Kisco for your diligence, your perseverance and for continuing to be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday February 26, 2021:

The 7 day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 3.9%. There are currently 5,892 active cases in the county, 39 in the Village of Mount Kisco. There are 21 COVID patients in NWH from communities across Westchester. 5 are in ICU.

15.3% of Westchester's population has received at least one vaccine dose. That includes 2,270 residents in the 10549 zip code. That is impressive progress in a short time but there is much more to be done before we achieve herd immunity.

NYS vaccine tracker <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/covid-19-vaccine...>
Westchester vaccine tracker <https://wcgis.maps.arcgis.com/.../opsdashboard/index.html...>

We know that many vaccine eligible residents continue to search for appointments. In addition to the Am I eligible App at <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> Some folks have had success at registering at <https://www.walgreens.com/> and <https://www.cvs.com/> CVS added locations in Westchester in Larchmont, Eastchester, White Plains. Sun River Health in Peekskill is maintaining a waiting list <https://www.sunriver.org/covidvaccine/> Open Door Family Medical Center has been authorized to administer COVID vaccines. They receive a limited supply, and book appointments weekly based on supply.

Reminder that water bills must be paid by March 1 to avoid a late fee. Online payment is available at <https://www.mountkisco.ny.gov/> under Quick Links.

Please help us identify potholes that require filling by completing the form available under Quick Links on the Village website. https://www.mountkisco.ny.gov/.../pothole_road_repair...

It is good to see the number of active COVID cases in the Village decreasing. But the virus continues to be active in our community. So please continue to follow safety precautions, and be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday February 19, 2021:

The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 4.1%. There are 6,677 active COVID cases in the county. The number of active cases in Mount Kisco is down to 44. There are 24 COVID patients in NWH from communities across Westchester 4 are in ICU.

Many in our community, particularly seniors, continue to search for vaccine appointments. Those who have gotten appointments have done so by consistently calling or looking online. Folks have had some success by checking online at <https://www.walgreens.com/> and <https://www.cvs.com/>. We understand the need for more access to vaccines and are advocating to the County and NYS to create a pop-up vaccine location in Mount Kisco.

Due to snow, Friday garbage will be picked up Monday along with any trash that was not picked up on Thursday.

Reminder that Water Bill must be paid by March 1 to avoid penalty. Online payments can be accessed at: <https://paygov.payleap.com/MtKisco/AccountLookUp/Index...>

Spring/Summer Recreation Programs Brochure was just released.
<https://www.mountkisco.ny.gov/.../recreation.../index.php>
Registration will begin on March 9.

Winter weather wreaks havoc on our roads. Please help us identify potholes that need filling completing this form https://www.mountkisco.ny.gov/.../pothole_road_repair...

At our recent Board of Trustees, we discussed two important topics, the WCPD Police Reinvention and Reform Task Force and the proposed downtown development project Kirby Commons. The meeting can be viewed on Facebook or from the Village website or on local broadcast Channels 20 or 40. All documents about Kirby Commons are available https://www.mountkisco.ny.gov/.../villag.../kirby_commons.php
Police Task Force report available at <https://www.westchestergov.com/.../police-reform-task...>

Though the number of COVID cases in the Village has reduced, the virus is still very present in our community. Please continue to do all you can to follow safety precautions and to be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday February 12, 2021:

The seven day average positivity rate in Westchester is 5.1%. There are 7,353 active COVID cases in Westchester. 59 in Mount Kisco. 18 COVID patients are in NWH from communities across the county. 4 are in ICU.

It has been 8 weeks since NYS began distributing COVID 19 vaccines to healthcare workers and others in eligibility group 1a. During this time almost 2 million New Yorkers have received their first doses. Supply has still not caught up to demand and many, particularly senior citizens are having difficulty getting appointments. In an effort to assist, the Village is compiling a list of volunteers who can help make appointments for seniors. If you have the patience to consistently recheck online portals for appointments and are willing to volunteer your time, please contact Liz Dieter at the Fox Center. Email to ldieter@mountkisco.ny.gov or call (914) 666-8766.

NYS announced further expansion of vaccine eligibility. Effective February 15, people with co-morbidities (pre-existing conditions that contribute to severity of COVID-19) will be eligible to receive the vaccine. The list of co-morbidities is available at:
<https://www.governor.ny.gov/.../governor-cuomo-announces...>

It requires both patience and endurance to get a vaccine appointment. The am-i-eligible app is available at <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> This site provides appointments at NYS facilities such as the County Center. Across Westchester some pharmacies are also making appointments. You can try <https://www.walgreens.com/> and <https://www.cvs.com/>

Ultimately the supply will catch up with the demand. Until that time we need everyone to continue following COVID safety precautions.

The weather forecast indicates there will be snow through the weekend and the beginning of next week. We plan on collecting recycling & garbage on the regular schedule. If there is a change we will post on the Village website under News and on our Facebook page.

Village Hall will be closed on Monday in observance of Presidents Day.

Please remember to be responsible for your actions and to celebrate the love in your lives. Happy Valentine's Day.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday February 5, 2021:

The 7 day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester County is 5.4%. There are 8,613 active cases in Westchester. 85 are attributed to Mount Kisco. 32 COVID patients are in NWH from communities across the county. 5 are in ICU.

This week NYS expanded vaccine eligibility to restaurant workers and taxi drivers. Unfortunately increasing those who are eligible without increased availability of vaccine itself makes the challenge to get an appointment even more difficult. Though some in our community have been fortunate to get vaccine appointments at the County Center there are many more who have not. To register for a vaccine go to <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/appoin...> or call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX; (833) 697-4829. Vaccine appointments continue to be scarce.

Westchester residents can sign up to receive notification when vaccine appointments are open. To register go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JFX97LP>
You can also check <https://www.walgreens.com/> and <https://www.cvs.com/> Though there is not currently availability locally, it is anticipated these pharmacies will be offering vaccines in Westchester in the future.

We have received many phone calls at Village Hall regarding the inability to make a vaccine appointment. Please know we share your frustration. All decisions with reference to vaccine availability rests with the federal and state government.

Today Johnson & Johnson applied to the FDA for emergency authorization for their COVID19 vaccine. Clinical trials indicate this single shot vaccine is 72% effective in the US at preventing moderate to severe COVID19. The pharmaceutical company indicated they can supply 100m doses to the US in the first half of this year.

NYS and Westchester County have authorized a return to play for sports classified as high risk. These include basketball, wrestling, football, cheer and many others. Following strict guidance many of the FLHS teams began practices this week.

We are expecting more snow on Sunday. Fortunately the forecast calls for just a few inches. As you are out and about in the community this weekend and through next week please remember to follow COVID safety precautions and to be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday January 29, 2021:

The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 6.2%. There are 10,546 active cases in Westchester with 108 active cases attributed to Mount Kisco. 31 COVID patients are in Northern Westchester Hospital from municipalities across Westchester. 8 are in ICU.

The Coronavirus remains active and present in our community. Your actions directly correlate to the rate of spread and transmission, so please be sure to continue with essential safety precautions including distancing, wearing face coverings, and limiting social interactions.

Vaccine availability continues to be a challenge. Though the distribution network is set up in NY, the supply remains limited. The only way to schedule a vaccine appointment is online at <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> or by calling 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829)

The second half school tax must be postmarked by February 1st to avoid penalty.

The Recreation Department is offering winter break Basketball Clinics February 16-19 for students Kindergarten through 8th grade. Details available at <https://www.facebook.com/.../a.32054169.../1128256484280427/> or by calling our recreation department at 666-3059 or emailing George Price at gprice@mountkisco.ny.gov. Online registration is available through Community Pass.

We are expecting snow on Monday evening. In the event of power outages please contact ConEdison at coned.com or call 1-800-75-coned. If possible, please remain home and off the roads so our DPW team can clear any accumulated snow. Stay safe and warm and please be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday January 23, 2021:

The 7 day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 6.6%. There are currently 11,396 active COVID cases in the County. 125 attributed to Mount Kisco. There are 35 COVID patients at NWH from communities across Westchester. 6 are in ICU.

Currently three COVID variants have been identified as being more contagious and spreading more easily and quickly than other strains. These variants have their origins in the UK, Brazil and South Africa. The UK variant has been identified in NY including in Westchester. This news should be motivation for all to increase their efforts in maintaining essential safety precautions to slow the spread of the virus. Initial research does indicate the current vaccines will be effective against these variants.

The vaccine supply chain begins with the Federal government and is dependent upon production by pharmaceutical companies. Currently just 250,000 doses are allocated to all of NYS weekly. NYS distribution can administer approximately 80,000 doses per day which would be more than 500,000 per week. Though the system for broad distribution is setup, the vaccine supply does not come close to meeting the demand. Currently there are no new appointments available. When appointments are available they can only be scheduled online at <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> or by calling 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829) School taxes must be submitted or postmarked by February 1 to avoid late fees.

A deadline extension is available for Village taxes for those who certify financial hardship due to COVID. Forms and information are available at mountkisco.ny.gov or by calling Joanne Cerrentani at 864-0034.

Senior citizens who had property tax exemptions in the 2019/2020 fiscal year will automatically have that exemption applied to their property assessment in the 2020/2021 year. The Village Board authorized the roll over of these senior exemptions specifically for this year. Seniors who have not previously had an exemption and believe they may be eligible or those who have questions can contact Lynn Princisvalle at 864-0017

The Recreation Department is recruiting lifeguards for the summer season. We are offering training for those who are hired. Our Recreation Department is accepting applications for those who are 15 years or older. It is not too early to start planning, Memorial Day will be here before you know it.

Congratulate yourselves Mount Kisco. We made it through another week! Thank you all for continuing to be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday January 15, 2021:

The seven day average COVID positivity rate in Westchester is 7% More than 1000 cases were reported in the county yesterday. Currently there are 115 active COVID cases in the Village. There are 39 COVID patients at Northern Westchester Hospital. 3 are in ICU.

New more contagious strains of the virus are present in NY and across the country. Sadly, it is not yet time for us to exhale. I cannot overstate the importance of continuing to limit social interactions, particularly as we are all spending more time indoors, to wear face coverings, maintain distance from others and ensure proper hand hygiene. These safety precautions are essential to limit the spread of the virus.

Vaccine demand is high and currently the supply is very limited. Ultimately there will be more availability, but today with more than 7 million New Yorkers eligible to receive a vaccine, just a fraction of the needed doses are allocated to NY. At the current time, there are no vaccine appointments available at the Westchester County Center. There may be appointments available in neighboring counties. Any appointments currently available are being scheduled at the end of April. The only recommendation we can make at this time is to continue to try to schedule at <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> or call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829) We know and understand that many are frustrated and want to receive a vaccine right away. We continue our conversations with the County and NWH. We know they will do all they can to broaden distribution when the vaccine supply has expanded. We will be sure to communicate that information as soon as it is available to us.

People have raised concerns about public safety in light of reported threats to government facilities. We are fortunate to have access to the extensive resources of the WCPD. Their Real Time Crime Unit monitors activity for potential threats across the County and specifically in our Village. There is no identified threat to our community. If there were the full resources of the county would spring into action to ensure our safety.

On Monday Village offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day. In the spirit of Dr. King, we will fill the lawn at Village Hall with paper bag luminaries as a symbol of hope and unity. We invite all to document their dream on a paper bag which will be used as a luminary. Bags are available through the weekend at the Library. All are welcome to watch a brief presentation which will be broadcast at 5 p on Altice channel 20, FIOS channel 40 and on Facebook Live or to drive-by to see the light illuminate the darkness.

Thank you to all for continuing to be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday January 8, 2021:

COVID cases continue to rise across the country, NY and Westchester. The seven day average positivity rate in the County is 7.5%. The numbers in the Village has been stable with 90 active COVID cases attributed to Mount Kisco. 31 COVID patients are in NWH from communities across Westchester. 4 are in ICU. 1247 vaccines were administered at NWH.

A new strain of the virus has been identified in NYS and other areas of the country. This variant is 70% more contagious. This means that if you come into contact with someone who has this strain you will be more likely to contract the virus. It is urgent that we all limit social interactions, maintain distance from others and wear face coverings.

NYS is facilitating pop up COVID testing at Neighbors Link tomorrow. The link for registration is available at <https://apps.health.ny.gov/.../applinks/cdmspr/2/counties...>

Many folks have questions about vaccines. The Village is communicating with the county and Northern Westchester Hospital regarding distribution. However we have no authority or ability to access or distribute vaccines. NYS is managing the distribution and is requiring a strict and specific protocols. Currently in NYS vaccines are available only for healthcare workers, residents and staff at long term care facilities, EMS workers and others who come into direct contact with COVID patients. The next phase of implementation will be open to all first responders, teachers and educators, public safety and transit workers and people 75 and older. Next week we are expecting to get details about an online reservation system for vaccines. Only those mentioned will be able to make a reservation. When information is available to the Village, we will communicate via News on our website, Facebook and will include in our next phone message. General information about vaccines in NYS roll out is posted at <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>

Reminder second half of School Taxes must be postmarked by February 1 to avoid a late fee. Payments can be made online at <https://pay.xpress-pay.com/org/2DE6E55DF72F4B8> or mailed to the lockbox address included with your bill.

This week's seditious acts in the capital demonstrated that the American Experiment, our democracy, can withstand even the most abhorrent actions. And though the halls of our Federal government are in Washington, the heart of this republic is here in our beautiful Village and in communities across the nation. Regardless for whom you cast your vote, it is long past time for all of us to move forward toward unity. It is up to each of us to extend our hand and open our hearts to our neighbors. Please Mount Kisco be thoughtful and responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday December 31, 2020:

The seven day average positively rate in Westchester is 6.1%. 109 active COVID cases are attributed to Mount Kisco. There are 31 COVID patients in NWH from municipalities across Westchester. 6 are in ICU. A total of 768 vaccines were administered at NWH.

This week NYS aligned with CDC quarantine guidelines, allowing those who have had contact with someone who has COVID to quarantine for just 10 days instead of 14 if they themselves have tested negative for the virus.

We ask that all remember that the virus is active and present in our community so please be cautious as you celebrate tonight and through the weekend. There is a higher risk of spreading and contracting the virus when groups gather, particularly in doors. If you are indoors, please ensure all are wearing face coverings, maintaining distance and there is proper ventilation with open windows. Remember you are safest when you are spending time just with those who live in your home.

Reminder that Friday trash collection is schedule for Monday

After being suspended for 10 months, paid parking enforcement in parking lots will begin Jan 4. This includes all municipal parking lots. Please note that the Village has changed our digital parking vendor to Passport Parking. This will enable all to use the Passport Parking application for spaces in parking lots AND at meters on the street. The Passport Parking app is available for download on the App Store.

Village taxes are due and must be postmarked by today 12/31 to avoid a late fee. Property owners who have experienced financial hardship specifically due to COVID may be eligible to extend the payment deadline without penalty. Information is available at [https://www.mountkisco.ny.gov/.../tax_relief_\(village...\)](https://www.mountkisco.ny.gov/.../tax_relief_(village...))

Questions can be directed to our Receiver of Taxes Joanne Cerretani at 914 864-0034.

In just a few hours we can leave the year 2020 behind us. We have overcome so many challenges this year by digging deep within ourselves to learn, to be adaptable and creative in finding new ways to operate under very trying circumstances. Our challenges will not end when the clock strikes 12 but the roll out of vaccines and our open minds and open hearts will be the foundation for a bright future for all of us. I have been so proud to be a part of this beautiful community during this very, very difficult time. Thank you all for continuing to hold each other in such high regard and for continuing to be responsible for your actions. Cheers to 2021.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from December 23, 2020:

This is Mayor Gina Picinich sending this update today in lieu of our Friday message. The 7 day average positivity rate in Westchester is 5.9%. There are currently 151 active cases in the Village.

Today Westchester County released a COVID-19 Dashboard enabling all to access current information on total, active and new cases by municipality. The dashboard also shows number of tests and positivity rate for Westchester. The link to the dashboard is <https://arcg.is/10naWv0>

89,000 New Yorkers have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine including frontline staff locally at Northern Westchester Hospital. As more vaccine doses are available, everyone who would like to take the vaccine will have access. Please note New Yorkers will not have to pay for the vaccine, you will not be asked to share your social security number or other confidential information. So do not fall prey to scams. The Village will share the distribution plan as soon as that information is available.

We anticipate that the Board of Trustees will approve an extension of the Village property tax deadline specifically for those who certify financial hardship due to the pandemic. A Public Hearing and Special Meeting are scheduled for Monday, 12/28. Details on how to certify hardship will be available on the Village Website in Quick Links and under Receiver of Taxes on Tuesday the 29th.

Thursday trash collection is on a standard schedule. Friday collection will be on Monday.

We have seen a substantial increase in COVID cases since October. The next 10 days in which many celebrate Christmas and New Years, will determine the further path of the virus. We ask that everyone please be smart and thoughtful particularly when spending time indoors. Wear face coverings. Be sure windows are open for proper ventilation. Avoid large groups. You will be safest if you only spend time with those who live in your home.

The spirit of this season is about hope, promise and generosity toward others. Please reflect this spirit by being responsible for your actions.

For those who celebrate, we wish you a beautiful, safe and blessed Christmas.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday December 18, 2020:

The COVID positivity rate in Westchester County is just over 6%. The hospitalization rate is .03% of the population of Westchester. We have not received local data in a few days, but we estimate there are approximately 180 active cases in the Village. There are 43 COVID patients at NWH from across Westchester. 6 patients are in ICU

Today the Governor outlined five phases for vaccine distribution:

- Phase One, which is currently in process, includes high-risk healthcare workers and long-term care staff and patients
- Phase Two includes first responders teachers and school staff, public health workers, essential front line workers who interact with the public and high risk individuals with comorbidities.
- Phase Three individuals over 65 years of age
- Phase Four all other essential workers
- Phase Five healthy adults and children

Timelines for distribution has not yet been shared.

Further details are available at www.ny.gov/vaccine

Our DPW team has been working around the clock to make all roads, and Village sidewalks and crosswalks passable. They continue their work of snow removal in parking lots and to widen and salt walkways. Please remember it is the responsibility of individual business and residential property owners to clear their sidewalks.

Reminder Friday refuse collection was moved to Monday.

We know the coronavirus is very active and present in our community. We know that it spreads quickly and extensively through contact with those who have the virus. More than 70% of the spread is happening in small indoor gatherings. We know that keeping distance from others, wearing face coverings, eliminating social interaction with those outside of our homes, and maintaining diligent hand hygiene are essential for keeping yourself and your family from contracting the virus. With all that we know, it is incumbent on all of us to be responsible for our actions to keep our community safe.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday December 12, 2020:

Though New York has a lower infection rate than most other states, the rate at which cases are rising is alarming. The greatest concern is the number of rapidly increasing hospitalizations. NYS is focusing attention on strategies to ensure our hospitals are not overwhelmed. We are fortunate in Westchester, that even at the peak of active cases in the Spring, our hospitals did not reach capacity.

The seven day average positivity rate in Westchester is 6.3%. There are currently 152 active cases in the Village. We continue to see multiple cases in the same household particularly in smaller dwellings where it is difficult for people to distance. There are currently 37 COVID patients at NWH from municipalities across Northern Westchester. 5 patients are in ICU.

Today the Governor outlined updated criteria for Red, Orange and Yellow Zones that incorporates the 10 day positivity rate and hospital capacity. It is possible that Mount Kisco and other communities in Westchester will be identified as Yellow Zones.

The governor also shared that 73% of cases are the result of small indoor gatherings. Please do all that you can to limit indoor social interactions to those in your household.

It is expected that vaccines for approximately 500,000 individuals will be arriving New York before the end of December. Distribution will begin with healthcare workers and long-term care facilities. It is anticipated that broader distribution to the general public will begin in the early spring.

I heard that Santa will be making a socially distant appearance Saturday morning at 10 am in the parking lot at the American Legion. I also heard that Santa, Mrs Clause and Frosty will be shopping and strolling downtown from noon to 4. Saturday will be a great day to bring your family downtown to get lunch and purchase holiday gifts. Please remember to wear face coverings and keep a safe distance from others.

Happy Hanukkah to all on this second night. Hanukkah is a celebration of faith, hope and light. During these very challenging days please remember that your choices can help others and shine a light in the dark times. So please be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday December 4, 2020:

The number of COVID cases are rapidly rising across the nation, state, county and here in the Village. The seven day average positivity rate in Westchester is 5.2%. There are currently 6746 active cases in the County. 292 COVID patients hospitalized in Westchester. There are 138 active cases attributed to Mount Kisco. The majority of these cases are in smaller dwellings where people are not able to distance. This is causing multiple people in the same household to test positive. 25 COVID patients in Northern Westchester Hospital, are from municipalities across Westchester. 3 are in ICU. It is possible that the Village, and other communities in Westchester, could be identified as a Yellow Zone.

Key points for everyone to keep in mind:

- Contact tracing is showing that 65% of all cases are from small gatherings. That is indicator that we all must modify our behaviors and strictly limit social interactions outside of our household.
- Pick up the phone if you receive a call from NYS Contact Tracing, as you will need to know if you have had contact with someone who tested positive.
- If you have been in contact with someone who tested positive, self-quarantine and arrange for testing 5 days after contact.
- Immediately self-quarantine and contact healthcare provider if you have symptoms.
- If one person in the household has tested positive all members of the household must quarantine.

Tonight the annual Chamber of Commerce tree lighting will be a bit different. To ensure a safe environment, we invite families to watch this evening at 6 pm live on Altice channel 20 and FIOS channel 40 or on Facebook Live. Directly following, cars can line up in Shoppers Park to drive in front of Village Hall to see the tree and to wave to Santa and Mrs. Clause.

On Thursday, December 10, at 6:30 pm, the Mount Kisco Hebrew Congregation and Bet Torah will light the menorah for the first night of Chanukah. We invite all to watch as we broadcast live on Altice 20 and FIOS 40 and stream live on Facebook.

Restaurants across the Village are open for eat-in or take-out and retail stores are welcoming holiday shoppers all following COVID safety precautions. If you plan on purchasing gifts or if you deserve a night off from cooking please visit our local businesses.

A reminder that the second half of the Village taxes are due without penalty by December 31st. We strongly encourage folks to pay their taxes remotely. Payments can be mailed to the lockbox identified on the bill. Alternately the ability to pay taxes online will be available on December 10. Online payment link is available under Quicklinks at mountkisco.ny.gov

There is bright news on the horizon. The first shipment of vaccines for healthcare workers are expected to arrive in NY before the end of December. Plans are being made for distribution to the broader population through the first and second quarter of 2021. The focus for all of us at this point is to follow safety precautions and protect each other as we all try to stay healthy. We ask that everyone please be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich

Text from Friday November 27, 2020:

Across the nation and in NYS reports continue to indicate a rise in COVID cases. Active cases in Westchester exceed 5000. Hospitalizations are nearly 200. The seven day average positivity rate in Westchester is 4.1%. As of Wednesday, 80 active cases are attributed to Mount Kisco. There are 17 COVID patients from municipalities across Westchester in NWH with 1 in ICU.

As numbers are increasing, Mount Kisco, and other communities in Westchester, are getting closer to being designated a Yellow Zone. On Wednesday, the Governor shared that identified Yellow Zones in Westchester including parts of Yonkers, Ossining, New Rochelle, Tarrytown, Peekskill are on track to shift to Orange or Red Zones. This means further guidance will be implemented to reduce density in an effort to limit the spread of the virus. Below is a link that provides further details in the Red, Orange and Yellow zones. <https://forward.ny.gov/cluster-action-initiative>

Increased social activity during holiday time raises the probability that the infection rate will continue to grow and many more people will contract the virus. It is important for everyone to please keep in mind the actions needed to limit the spread:

- Follow safety precautions including wearing face coverings when unable to distance and perpetually wash and sanitize your hands
- Limit social interactions outside of your immediate household
- Answer the phone if you receive a call from "NYS Contact Tracing", as you will need to know if you have had contact with someone who tested positive
- If you have been in contact with someone who tested positive, self-quarantine and arrange for testing 5 days after contact
- Immediately self-quarantine and contact healthcare provider if you have symptoms
- If one person in the household has tested positive all members of the household must quarantine

In the Village, testing is available at Open Door, CareMount and NWH Center for Healthy Living (with prescription.)

We are going to begin to see some activity at the field hospital in the parking lot at Northern Westchester Hospital. It is NOT because of a high COVID patient count, but because Northwell selected NWH as a location to deliver a COVID therapy. The field hospital will be used as an infusion center to administer a therapeutic antibody for a specific high risk patient group who are experiencing mild to moderate COVID symptoms. Access to this therapy is available through referral by a healthcare provider in corporation with NWH.

The choices we make and the actions we take directly impact the infection rate and if you, your family, colleagues and friends will contract the virus. I know the kindness, care and great regard we all have for each other in our beautiful Village. As we all move forward to battle the challenges before us, I implore everyone to please be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich

Text from Friday November 20, 2020:

More than 1 million COVID cases were reported in the United States over the last 7 days. In Westchester the 7 day average positivity rate is 4.1%. NYS has identified specific locations in the county as cluster zones which means the positivity rate in these areas exceeds 4%. In addition to the Orange Zone in Portchester, portions of New Rochelle, Ossining, Tarrytown, Yonkers and Peekskill have been identified as Yellow Zones. To address the rapid spread in these communities, increased testing and restrictions on density have been implemented. Details on restrictions to reduce density in Red, Orange and Yellow Zones is available at <https://forward.ny.gov/cluster-action-initiative>

Our most recent report attributes 76 active cases to Mount Kisco. This increasing number indicates the virus is very active in our community. There are currently 14 COVID patients in NWH from municipalities across the region. None are in ICU. Please remember if you have been exposed to someone who has the virus or are experiencing symptom to quarantine immediately and contact your healthcare provider. COVID testing is available through Open Door Family Medical Center, CareMount Medical Group and NWH Center for Healthy Living at Chappaqua Crossing.

To reinforce the need to wear face coverings in public and to ensure all have masks available, the Village will distribute masks on Tuesday November 24 from 2-4:30 pm on the steps of Village Hall.

A small social gathering in your home to celebrate a birthday or to have dinner with a few friends may seem safe, but that is currently the primary source of spread; a person with COVID indoors with 10 others unmasked without proper ventilation will cause the majority of people in the room to contract the virus.

So as we head into Thanksgiving celebrations, it is essential that we all consider ways to limit social interactions. Also remember that travel increases the risk of spreading or contracting the virus. The CDC strongly encourages celebrating Thanksgiving only with those who reside in the same home. CDC Thanksgiving guidance is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/.../daily.../holidays/thanksgiving.html>

Village offices will be closed next week on Thursday and Friday. There is a change to garbage collection schedule. Cardboard and paper and Thursday's garbage will be collected on Wednesday. Friday garbage will be collected Monday, the 30th.

The balloon test for the proposed cell tower on Sarles Street has been rescheduled for tomorrow Saturday, the 21st from 8 am to noon.

For many of us the holidays will look different this year. But the sentiment remains the same. Even in the most challenging times there are blessings in our lives. Our families, whether near or far, our neighbors and a community that cares deeply for each other. Please do all you can to demonstrate your care and regard for others by being responsible for your actions.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday November 13, 2020:

Please permit this message to serve as an urgent plea for everyone to redouble their efforts in following Coronavirus safety precautions.

The number of positive cases has increased substantially through this week across the country, in Westchester and here in the Village. The positivity rate in Westchester yesterday was 4.3% with a 7 day average of 3.5%. The Yellow Zone in Portchester was upgraded to Orange, and stricter safety measures were implemented in that municipality. Currently 47 cases are attributed to the Village. We are seeing multiple people at the same address testing positive. This indicates spread is asymptomatic and it is challenging to quarantine in the same family dwelling. Northern Westchester Hospital currently has 7 COVID patients from across the Northern Westchester area. None are in ICU.

Effective tonight at 10 PM, NYS is implementing revised safety protocols they include:

- Bars & Restaurants and any establishments licensed by the State Liquor Authority, must close from 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM daily. Delivery and curbside pickup, is permissible after 10:00 PM.
- Gyms must close at 10:00 PM.
- Residential gatherings, both indoors and out, cannot exceed 10 people.

This is in addition to the need to wear a face covering indoors and outdoors when unable to distance from others.

Due to expected winds, the balloon test to provide visual reference for a proposed cell tower on a property on Sarles Street has been postponed to Sunday from 8 am to noon if weather permits. The entrance to the Shoppers Park lot by from the Blackeby lot by the Green Street Fire House will be closed next week due to construction. The Shoppers Park lot will be accessible from Main Street.

We will again be hosting open office hours on Wednesday November 18 from 3-5 pm. If weather permits we will be outside of Village Hall. Alternately we will be in the lobby. Stop by to ask a question or connect via zoom 841 3796 9708.

Mount Kisco, as the virus spread increases it is essential that we all rise up to the highest levels of our endurance and capability. Please limit your social interactions with those outside of your immediate family. When in public wear face coverings when you are not able to maintain a safe distance. If you have symptoms or a suspicion that you were exposed to the virus, please immediately quarantine and contact your healthcare provider to arrange for testing. We can stop this upward trend if we all are focused on being responsible for our actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich

Text from Friday November 6, 2020:

Across the United States we are seeing record numbers of COVID cases. The 7 day average positivity rate in Westchester is 2.2% The increasing cases are coming closer to home. Today, Port Chester was identified as a “Yellow Zone” to reverse the trend of substantially increasing cases in the municipality. Restrictions on activity to limit the spread of the virus and increased testing are being implemented. (Cluster initiative guidance <https://forward.ny.gov/cluster-action-initiative>)

Our most recent report attributes 26 active cases to the Village. There are currently 6 COVID patients in Northern Westchester Hospital. 1 in ICU. Testing and quarantining is so important. As soon as there is the slightest suspicion that an individual is has symptoms or has been exposed to the virus, it is essential to contact your healthcare provider to be tested. We must all work together to stabilize and reverse this upward trend. Keep wearing face coverings. Keep your distance from others. Be sure to have hand sanitizer in your car, in your office and in your home. It is essential that we are all extra vigilant to avoid exposure to the virus.

Village offices will be closed on Wednesday in observance of Veterans day. This will result in a change to recycling collection. On Monday our DPW team will collect Bottles & Cans. On Tuesday, Paper & Cardboard. No collection Wednesday. Thursday and Friday will be regularly scheduled garbage pick up.

On Saturday we will be honoring three Mount Kisco residents who have made a substantial contributions to our Village by add their names to our wall of honor in Leonard Park. At 10:30 we will honor Bud Jobin, at 11 Bill Stewart and 11:30 Jim Gmelin. The rescheduled Arbor Day celebration will be held at 1:30 in Leonard Park by the Teahouse.

It has been a very long week. Ballots are still being counted in national and local elections. 2020 continues to test our flexibility and ability to adapt. The place where we should find strength is in our families, our friends and our local community. So continue to be kind to each other and please be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday October 30, 2020:

Across the country, the number of daily reported COVID cases continues to increase. More than 45 states and territories qualify to be on the NYS travel advisory list.

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory> Connecticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania all meet the criteria for the advisory, but it is not viable to enforce to a mandatory quarantine for travel from these neighboring states. NY highly discourages non-essential travel outside of the state.

In Westchester, the positivity rate is up to 1.7%. There are currently 19 active cases attributed to Mount Kisco. Though this is not cause for alarm, the increase is a concerning trend that we are watching closely. It is essential that we all maintain focus on following safety precautions. We do not want to risk going backward. If you are exhibiting any symptoms or believe you might have been exposed to the virus, please isolate immediately and contact your healthcare provider to arrange for testing.

If you plan on distributing candy tomorrow for Halloween, we encourage folks to create a contactless environment by placing treats in individual bags and setting them on a table at the end of a walkway, driveway or porch. Trick-or-treaters should be respectful by not ringing doorbells or knocking at homes who do not have treats available outside.

South Moger Avenue will be closed until approximately 3 pm tomorrow for pumpkin decorating. Drive-in movies will be in Leonard Park tomorrow night with the first screening at 7:30 pm. Registration is available for a few remaining spaces at <https://forms.gle/UhJQZchP3ZMksAd67>

The Board of Elections advised us of another change to an Election Day polling location. Election District 1, which usually votes at the Library, will be voting at Leonard Park with Election District 2. For Election Districts 3 and 7, the library remains your polling location. Election District 5 will be voting at Neighbors Link instead of the Ambulance Corps. All other Election Districts will be voting where they have in the past. If you are confused, you can verify your polling location at <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/> Additionally, there is a printed list of streets and polling locations in the library and in the lobby of Village Hall. Early voting continues at the Memorial Pool Complex in Leonard Park on Saturday from 11 am - 4 pm and on Sunday noon to 6 pm. Voting is part of the foundation of our democracy. It is both a privilege and a responsibility. If you have not done so already, please make the time to vote.

Mount Kisco please be extra cautious through this weekend, and remember to be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday October 24, 2020:

In various states across the country COVID cases continue to rise. In NY, detailed virus tracking has identified neighborhood clusters which were declared red, orange or yellow zones. Since the implementation of strict safety restrictions in these zones, the number of cases have stabilized. In Westchester, the rolling seven day average positivity rate has been at approximately 1.4%. This average is higher than it had been through the summer and should be a reminder to all that the virus is still very active and present. There are currently 12 active cases attributed to the Village. These include students who are out of state and use their home address for testing.

As of Friday, if safety guidance is implemented, theaters in NY can open at 25% of capacity with a maximum of 50 people per screen.

In NY, early voting begins Saturday, October 24 and continues through Sunday, November 1. The early voting polling location in Mount Kisco is at the Memorial Pool Complex in Leonard Park. Westchester voters can cast ballots at any early voting location in the County. A full list of locations and times is available at <https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/.../early...> and on Village of Mount Kisco Facebook page.

Absentee ballots can be dropped at early voting polling locations and at polling locations on Election Day.

A reminder that the CDC and Westchester County Department of Health have identified trick or treating, other multi contact activities and large gatherings particularly indoors as high risk for spreading the virus. Please consider alternate ways to celebrate Halloween. There is still time to register for a drive-in movie in Leonard on Halloween night. Go to mountkiscony.gov under Quick Links bit.ly/kiscodrivein

October 27th is your next opportunity to participate in a Public Forum for the WCPD Police Reform and Reinvention Taskforce. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/.../pcb.../1053255648447178>

Mount Kisco, keep doing what you are doing. Wear face coverings, limit social interactions, and continuously wash your hands to limit your exposure to the virus and to keep your friends and family safe. Please remind your children, particularly your teens to be responsible for their actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday October 16, 2021:

This week, the numbers of new positive and active COVID cases started slowly moving upward in Westchester. There have been as many as 100 new cases a day. The number of hospitalizations are also starting to increase. County Executive George Latimer indicated these increases are concerning. As of today we have 9 active cases in the Village. We do not want this slow increase to turn into a large cluster. It is important to remember that if you are not exposed will not contract the virus. Safety precautions are designed to limit exposure. So please continue to be diligent in working to keep yourselves, your families and your neighbors safe.

The CDC has classified traditional trick or treating a risk for spreading the virus. This is due to the multiple contacts and touch points associated with ringing doorbells, distributing treats and gathering. It is recommended that families find alternate activities to celebrate Halloween. The Village is offering two fun events on October 31. Pumpkin decorating downtown from 11 am – 1 pm and drive-in movies in Leonard Park. A family movie, Hotel Transylvania showing at 7:30 pm and a scary movie IT (2017) showing at 9:30 pm. Mount Kisco residents can register for these events at Pumpkin Decorating: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdZXcl0J.../viewform>
Drive In Movies: bit.ly/kiscodrivein

Early voting is scheduled from October 24th to November 1st at the Memorial Pool complex in Leonard Park. Voting early will be the best option to avoid a crowd. It is important to note that those who plan to vote on Election Day, November 3rd, the Board of Elections changed two Mount Kisco polling locations. Those in Election District 2 who previously voted at Village Hall, and those who reside in the Mount Kisco Chase community, are assigned to a new polling location at the Memorial Pool complex in Leonard Park. All other voters in Election District 5, who previously voted at the Ambulance Corps, will be voting at Neighbors Link on Columbus Avenue. There are no changes to other polling locations in the Village. You can verify your polling location at <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>.

The annual Mount Kisco People, Culture and Nature Photo Exhibit is on display in the Mount Kisco Henry V Kensing Library. Hours for viewing are Mon & Tues 4-5pm, Wed & Thurs. 4-6pm, and Sat & Sun during Library hours (noon-3pm). This wonderful exhibit showcases the work of amateur photographers who have captured incredible images of our beautiful Village.

Enjoy the weekend and please remember to be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday October 10, 2020:

Our most recent report indicates we have 3 active COVID cases in the Village. In Westchester County the positivity rate today is 1.1% with a more than 7,000 people tested. In other areas of NY, new restrictions have been put in place to reduce the spread in COVID hot spots. Please review guidance at <https://forward.ny.gov/> before traveling to Brooklyn, Queens, Rockland, Orange and Broome Counties.

Friday is the last day to register to vote in NY. To register go to <https://voterreg.dmv.ny.gov/MotorVoter/>

If you have not already, please begin to think about when you plan on voting. Early voting is scheduled from October 24 to November 1 in the Memorial Pool Complex at Leonard Park. Voters will be able to drop off absentee ballot at the early voting location. Polling locations for Election Day have not yet been confirmed. We will share details and changes to Election Day polling locations as soon as that information is confirmed by the Board of Elections.

We have an alternate position available on our Planning Board. This a great opportunity to become involved in Village activity and participate in decision making. Those interested in learning more should contact our Village Manager at Villagemgr@mountkisco.ny.gov

Registration is still open for Halloween pumpkin decorating. Register at <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdZXcl0J.../viewform>

Village Hall will be closed on Monday. Enjoy the long weekend and please be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich
Text from Friday October 2, 2020:

In some areas of NYS there have been increases in COVID cases. 20 zip codes have been identified as having a high positivity rate and are considered clusters. These 20 locations average a greater than 5% positivity rate of those tested. Some of these clusters are in neighboring Rockland and Orange Counties. NYS is working closely with county and local governments to reduce the spread of the virus in these areas.

Though the 7 day rolling average has fluctuated slightly in Westchester, the positivity rate of those tested continues to be approximately 1%. Hospitalizations in Westchester remain low and manageable. Our most recent report indicates that here in the Village, we have one active COVID case.

The deadline to complete the Census has been extended to October 31. There is still 29% of our residents who have not responded to the census survey. Opportunities for federal funding, sales tax, and grand dollars are all tied to population. A reduced count means reduced funding for the next ten years. So please if you have not yet responded, go to <https://my2020census.gov/>

Deadline to register to vote in the General Election is October 9. You can register online, in person or by mail. New Yorkers have the option to vote by mail using absentee ballots or in person during early voting or on Election Day. Early Voting, in person begins on October 24 at the Memorial Pool Complex in Leonard Park. For full details on registering and options to vote are available at <https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com>

We share everyone's concern about the need for the traffic light at Barker Street and North Bedford Road to be repaired. The Village has had many conversations with the NYS Department of Transportation. They have advised that the damage is so substantial it will take months to repair. We have elevated our concern to our NYS legislators who are trying to raise the priority to put this work at the top of DOT's list. Please continue to drive cautiously and treat the intersection as a 4 way stop.

There has been more activity downtown, children have returned to school on modified schedules, and some folks are returning to their offices. We are all aware that greater interaction increases the possibility of exposure to the coronavirus. Please continue to be cautious, wear face coverings when you are not able to distance from others, limit your social activity and remind your children, particularly teens, to do the same. And most of all please, be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich

Text from Friday September 25, 2020:

The virus continues to be active and present in our community. A positive case was reported at Fox Lane High School. The school district worked closely with the County Department of Health. There was limited risk due to reduced density in the building and safety precautions that are in place. Contact tracing was done to ensure all who might be exposed were directed to isolate and test.

Though the percentage of positive cases in neighboring counties has increased, the positivity rate of those tested remains at approximately 1% in Westchester. As of today we have 1 active case in the Village. [We can expect that the](#) number of active cases will continue to fluctuate. We continue to watch closely to identify trends or clusters and will act quickly to [address concerns and notify the community](#). If we all continue to follow safety precautions of mask wearing, distancing and hand washing we can keep each other safe.

The NYS travel advisory list is updated weekly. This week Arizona, Minnesota, Nevada, Rhode Island and Wyoming were added due to high infection rates.

We have not yet received specific guidance for Halloween celebrations or trick-o-treating. We do ask that when planning everyone focuses on ways to reduce risk. For example outside is safer than inside. Smaller numbers of people is preferable. Reduce opportunities for multiple individuals to touch the same objects. Sanitizing and mask wearing if unable to distance be mandatory.

There is still time to participate in the Census. It is urgent that 1 person from every household complete the survey. Just go to <https://my2020census.gov> or you can respond by phone in English [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020) or Spanish [844-468-2020](tel:844-468-2020).

A reminder that school taxes must be postmarked or paid by September 30th to avoid penalty. Payment can be made by check or online. Questions should be directed to our receiver of taxes Joanne Cerrentani 864-0034.

Registration is open for recreation programs. Program descriptions and registration are available at mountkisco.ny.gov under Recreation.

This weekend SeptemberFest is focused on fitness. Outdoor and in studio fitness classes are being offered at gyms and local studios on Saturday and Sunday. More details available on the Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weekend and remember to be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich

Text from Friday September 18, 2020:

Though there have been some increases in COVID cases across Westchester County, the seven day average positivity rate continues to be approximately 1%. Earlier this week the Village peaked at 17 cases. Our most recent report indicates we are now down to 10 active cases the Village. Our actions directly impact the spread of the virus, so please continue to be cautious and diligent in implementing all safety precautions.

It is URGENT that all residents complete the 2020 census. A lack of response will result in the loss of funding to the Village for the next ten years. If you have not already please go to <https://my2020census.gov/> or respond by phone in English 844 330-2020 or in Spanish 844 468-2020

In an effort to make government more accessible to everyone across the community, we will have open office hours this Wednesday from 2-6 pm. We will be outside Village Hall available to answer questions, discuss ideas or just chat in English and in Spanish. Feel free to stop by or join us by Zoom Meeting ID 875 6933 2774

One of the many sad consequences of the pandemic is the loss of businesses who could not profitably function based on the safety restrictions in place. Mount Kisco is fortunate to be filled with creative entrepreneurs who have found ways to safely deliver services including online ordering, curbside pickup and outdoor dining and shopping. Our business community continues to need our support. As we ride out this challenging time together, we have every confidence that Mount Kisco will continue to be a center for business and a great place to invest in Northern Westchester.

SeptemberFest activities this weekend include live music, antique cars and a guided historical stroll downtown. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/.../a.34010217.../3355877601121683/>

Come out to enjoy all that Mount Kisco has to offer at a safe distance.

For those celebrating Rosh Hashanah, we wish you a Happy New Year. To all, enjoy the weekend and remember to please be responsible for your actions.

Mount Kisco

The Big Little Village

From Mayor Picinich

Text from Friday September 12, 2020:

This week we saw an uptick in positive COVID tests across Westchester. It is believed this increase is largely attributed to people returning from travel out of state. It is anticipated that more cases will be reported as schools open. The good news is hospitalizations remain low and there have not been any fatalities in Westchester in more than a week.

We have had extensive discussions with the County and specificity with Dr Amler, Commissioner of Public Health with reference to increase in cases in the Village. Currently there are 17 active cases attributed to MK. Contact tracing teams have been active and determined many of these cases are due to multiple people living in one residence. As an example, in a family of 4 all have tested positive. Additionally, college students who are out-of-state, but currently have their health insurance registered at their Mount Kisco address are also included in our report.

At this time Dr Amler is not concerned about the number of active cases in the village. The County is managing the contact tracing and keeping a close eye. She indicated that this increase is evidence the virus is still very present and active. She asked that I please remind everyone of the importance of taking every action possible to reduce the spread of the virus.

If you travel from a state on the Travel Advisory list (<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>) it is essential that you quarantine for 14 days until you are sure you have not contracted the virus. Please wear face coverings when you are indoors and when you are outdoors and unable to maintain distance from others. Limit your social interactions. And please perpetually wash your hands.

We are accepting registration for the Remote School Workspace for Mount Kisco students in grades 3-8. We provide a safe environment for students to participate in synchronous learning aligned with the Bedford Central School District schedule. Registration and payment are available on line at <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSerOXhR4.../viewform>

The Chamber of Commerce and Mount Kisco Arts Council are facilitating multiple events every weekend in September. This weekend you can enjoy live music, browse the hometown heroes photo gallery and donate to a food drive to benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry. Details are available at <https://www.facebook.com/.../a.34010217.../3356142401095203/>

The community is welcome to watch tonight's 9/11 ceremony beginning at 6:00 pm. This event will be broadcast live on Altice channel 20 and Fios channel 40 and on Facebook Live

Remember the spread of the virus is directly correlated to our activity. Please be responsible for your actions.