



Hunter Foundation

“Partners in Improving our Communities”

Dear Members,

The winter of 2012/2013 has been a busy one on the Mountaintop. Good snowfall has kept visitors streaming into our villages, which has helped local businesses feel that there might be a light at the end of the long, dark recession-tunnel.

The men and women at the Hunter Foundation have used the frigid weather to focus on indoor work. Great forward strides have been made at various projects:

- **The Astor House:**

The Astor House has been completely reworked and now houses the **Mountain Market and Bakery**, featuring fresh local produce, dairy, coffee roasted daily in-house, gourmet foods, freshly baked pastries and breads, delicious lunches and all sorts of kitchenwares and gifts. We know you will love this new source for food high quality food shopping on the mountain top.

- **The former Slopes building:**

Much progress has been made towards attaining the completion date set for May 1. The building will house the **Tannersville Antique & Artisan Center** on the 1st floor and a dance school on the 2nd.

- **Mrs. Puddle Duck’s Daycare:**

This delightful daycare center has opened in the building down the hill from the former Slopes building, where little tykes are being cared for by licensed daycare center operator Paige Plattner Jones, while their mommies go to work, or just need a little decompression break. We invite you to check out this much-needed new business.

- **The Hunter Foundation offices:**

We are relocating our offices to 5994 Main Street (next to Maggie’s Krooked Café), as some of our customers and members have become increasingly wary of the steep staircase which they need to negotiate to reach our current offices. The new space will be at street level and easily accessible to all. Move-in date is scheduled for Spring.

Other exciting news is that the Hunter Foundation has embarked on a Strategic Planning program for the mountaintop. The Board heard proposals from three separate organizations and have chosen River Street Planners, based in Troy, NY, to lead the effort. We have received a grant to commence with this project in March, with a completion date set for June.

Planning sessions will be held alternately with members of the HF Board and community members to identify which projects need to be addressed most urgently. Brainstorming sessions which are open to the public will be held at the Tannersville Village Hall on April 6th and Windham Centre Church April 10th.

We encourage and welcome participation by all.

The Hunter Foundation believes that this project will underscore its commitment to community outreach and improvement, as promised by its Mission Statement.

Sincerely,

The Hunter Foundation
Board of Directors

2013 COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Your opinion is valuable to us...

The Hunter Foundation is undertaking the development of a **Strategic Plan** to assess the needs of the mountaintop communities (including the Towns of Ashland, Hunter, Jewett, Lexington, Prattsville and Windham) and set goals for the organization.

We invite you to attend one or both of the Community Workshops where you will be able to voice your opinion, concerns, ideas, and give input to the future direction of the Foundation and its grant funding opportunities.

Please join us:

Saturday, April 6th

10am to Noon

**Tannersville Village Hall
Main Street, Tannersville**

Wednesday, April 10th

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**Windham Centre Church
Main Street, Windham**

**An Online Survey is
also available on
our website:
www.hunterfoundation.org**



Mountain Market & Bakery

Formerly the Astor House Cafe, it has been transformed to include fresh produce, freshly roasted coffee, local products such as pure maple syrup, honey, farm fresh eggs, dairy, locally handmade chocolates, organic and gluten free foods, fabulous lunches, desserts, espresso, cappuccino and gifts for the cook. Coffee roasting is done on premises. The gluten free chocolate cake is indeed decadent!

What some of our customers are saying...

“I am blown away by the amount of gluten free products and how reasonably priced everything is including the fresh produce” new customer from Windham.

“The Mountain Market is so convenient and I love the choice of product now offered and the fact they will order the hard to find items I had to get off the mountain. Also, the produce is so fresh and beautiful!” returning Tannersville customer.

“The atmosphere is so inviting and comfortable. I love the country, homey feel, the unique gift items and the delicious lunch choices. I will be back”. weekend homeowner in Jewett.



New Business



Mrs. Puddle Duck's

It's all smiles at the newly opened Mrs. Puddle Duck's Day Care in Tannersville as the children make homemade ice cream for an afternoon snack. The new business in town opened at the beginning of 2013 by Paige Plattner Jones, who has a background in Early Childhood Education and Day Care Management. Mrs. Puddle Duck's is a New York State Licensed Day Care Center located at the Hunter Foundation's newly renovated "Bubba's" building, 6049 Main Street and is currently open for new enrollment by calling (518) 589-4080 or email at Mrs puddlduck@yahoo.com. Check out the website www.mrspuddleducksdaycare.com and don't forget to like them on Facebook!

8 New First-time Homeowners

The Hunter Foundation is pleased to announce new first-time homebuyers in the Town of Hunter. Through the Rip Van Winkle Trail Homeownership Program, a grant program administered by The Hunter Foundation, a total of eight, four families and four individuals were able to purchase their first home. The Hunter Foundation had received a grant through NYS Homes & Community Renewal to help eligible individuals and/or families with down payment and closing costs, as well as necessary repairs. The applicants also participated in homebuyer counseling sessions offered at no charge. Each new homeowner was also presented with a “Welcome Home Gift Basket”, which featured items donated by Stewart Shops, The Astor House, Tannersville General Store and private donations. A total of eight new homeowners have benefited from this grant which expired in 2012.



Homeowner Rehab Before/After

This mountaintop home in need of repairs, received a grant through the Mountaintop Communities Rehabilitation Program. The Hunter Foundation was awarded funds by NYS Homes & Community Renewal to correct code violations, address energy conservation issues and housing quality standards and to allow for “aging in place” of senior citizens. To date, 21 eligible homeowners on the mountaintop have received assistance to prolong the useful life of their homes. Another grateful homeowner!



After



Before

The New Home of the Hunter Foundation

The Hunter Foundation offices will be located at 5994 Main Street, Tannersville, next to Maggie's Krooked Café this Spring. Feel free to stop by and check out our newly renovated space providing easy access and greater visibility.



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