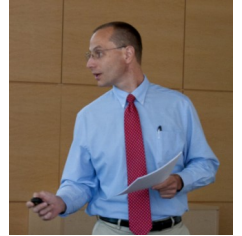


PATTERN'S PROGRESS

AUGUST 2013

ASSEMBLY HOUSING CHAIR TO HEADLINE HOUSING LUNCHEON, SEPT. 24

NYS Assemblyman Keith Wright, chair of the Assembly Housing Committee, will deliver the keynote address at the Annual Luncheon of the Center for Housing Solutions on Tuesday, Sept. 24. Wright will discuss the work of the housing committee and the changes that are taking place in the statewide housing picture. The Center for Housing Solutions, a division of Pattern for Progress, is led by Pattern Vice President Joe Czajka. Czajka will present a State of Housing in the Valley report and will also provide his analysis of the sector. Wright and Czajka will also discuss the ways in which the housing market is evolving in the post-foreclosure era and in a time of changing trends. To join our current luncheon sponsors, M & T Bank and Mohonk Preserve, call Robin at 845-565-4900 and find out how to become involved.



Pattern's Joe Czajka



A year-end Fellows project is presented at the graduation ceremony. Projects of regional interest are one part of the of the many faceted Fellows Program.

IT'S FELLOWS TIME

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS BY SEPT. 21

AMAZING. ENLIGHTENING. REVEALING.

Those are just some of the words Pattern Fellows alumni have used to describe the October-to-June program of education and in-depth discussion on regionalism in the Hudson Valley. It's now time to select to next class of senior business and nonprofit managers to be included in this horizon-stretching experience. This year, **classes will meet in the late afternoon, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** in Newburgh. Sessions are led by Pattern's Jonathan Drapkin and feature a host of guest speakers. Fellows will be asked to participate in research projects relevant to life in the Hudson Valley. We're taking applications now. To view the program, visit pattern-for-progress.org. For information, call 845-565-4900.

Peekskill, Brewster Named Hudson Valley's 'Opportunity Areas'

In the first designation of New York State's new Opportunity Areas, the Hudson Valley municipalities of Peekskill and Brewster have been tapped for the title. Peekskill and Brewster will now be able to host specific pilot programs on job creation and community revitalization. Pattern President and CEO Jonathan Drapkin, acted as coordinator of the Opportunity Area identification effort and was pleased to have the assistance of Business Council of Westchester President Marsha Gordon, Rockland Business Association President Al Samuels and Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce President Terri Ward.

SHUTTERED SCHOOLS, DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGES



Leaders from a dozen school districts in Orange, Ulster, Sullivan, Dutchess and Putnam counties gathered in Newburgh on July 31 in Newburgh for a half-day session on the shrinking school enrollments that are forcing school closures across the region. The Times Herald-Record observed: "While some of the information was sobering, many of the attendees came away upbeat. 'It was a positive day, because it was nice to talk with people who shared the experience and heartache of closing a school,' said Warwick Superintendent Ray Bryant.

Mark Your Calendars

This year we have new and exciting changes to the format

Pattern's Annual Dinner and Awards Reception

November 7, 2013 starting at 5:30 p.m.

To find out more or to become a sponsor of this year's event, contact us at 845-565-4900 or email rdegroat@pfprogress.org.

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