

KWBA

SUMMER
2015



Kingston Waterfront Business Association UPDATE

Fireworks! Planters! Night Markets! Median Beautification! New Businesses!

This weekend on the Waterfront we celebrate the 4th of July with fireworks presented by Mainetti, Mainetti & O'Connor. *Please note:* Broadway from Abeel to the Strand will be closed by executive order at 2:00 pm Saturday.

Live music from Breakaway and Mr. Kick, presented by RSS Agency Inc, Begnal Motors, Rondout Savings Bank, Bruderhof, and 92.9 WBPM will take place from 6-9 pm followed by the fireworks at 9:30 pm.

From 4-11 pm, city bus shuttle service will be provided from Uptown's

Kingston Plaza, Midtown's Cornell Street Parking Lot by Frank Guido's Little Italy and Kingston Point Beach to the Rondout.

As part of our 2015 efforts to engage the public with the Kingston Waterfront, we teamed up with Zimmer Gardens to install new sidewalk planters for KWBA member businesses on the commercial stretch of Broadway + the Strand.

The Night Market, (which occurs the third Friday of the month, May-October) sponsored by Ulster County Tourism, has attracted more than 30 unique vendors and close to 1,500 people to the neighborhood for evening bazaars featuring craft goods, antiques, art, live music and food options.

Visit NightMarketKingston.com for more information, or if you know a maker or artist who would like to participate. If you have special offerings on Night Market evening, please let us know and we will share this in our monthly press releases.

Thanks to volunteer members of our neighborhood's Bruderhof community, the Broadway median has received a facelift with garden supply donations from KWBA. KWBA donated garden supplies and ground coverings to their efforts. If you would like to contribute to this project, let us know.

Welcome to the Waterfront, Ole Savannah (100 Rondout Landing) and Riverport Wooden Boat Building School (86 Rondout Landing)!

KWBA Members



2015

Calder's Cottage
Grounded Catering + Cafe
Hudson River Cruises
Hudson River Maritime Museum
Jane Bloodgood-Abrams Studios
Jay Teske Leather
Kingston City Marina

Kingston Happenings
Kingston Wine Co.
Mariner's Harbor
Milne's At Home Antiques
Next Boutique
Office of Economic Development
Ole Savannah

Pirate Upholstery
Reher Center
Savona's Trattoria
Ship to Shore
The Storefront Gallery + Inn
Ulster County Tourism, Heritage Area
Visitor's Center



About KWBA

The Kingston Waterfront Business Association (KWBA) is the non-profit (501c6) business alliance of business and property owners. KWBA represents and promotes the area's businesses and their interests, produces events, and manages the marketing and public relations for the district.

KWBA was founded as The Rondout Business Association, a (501c6) nonprofit, in 1994 and has always been dedicated to the promotion and expansion of businesses in Downtown Kingston's Waterfront district. In 2014, the Association was renamed the Kingston Waterfront Business Association.

KWBA is a membership organization governed by a Board of Directors consisting of a minimum of 5 people and a maximum of 13 with Board elected offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. KWBA holds monthly board meetings and quarterly General Member meetings open to all member and guests.

JOIN US

We invite you to join us! As a business, property owner, or citizen in downtown Kingston, you are part of a community.

Businesses and organizations locate here because of the creative dynamic that flourishes within these few blocks on Kingston's waterfront. With the continuous growth of the neighborhood, there has never been a better time to join our membership of restaurants, retailers, businesses and local property owners.

KWBA is a (501c6) non-profit and 100% of membership dues are an investment in your neighborhood.

Your dues enable KWBA's marketing and promotional efforts on behalf of the district, as well as work in the beautification, maintenance and programming of the Waterfront and lower Broadway corridor.

KWBA works to enhance our commercial and public spaces to increase the desirability of the area for the community to gather and enjoy our neighborhood. It's a proven fact that the longer patrons stay in any given environment, the more money is spent in that environment.

The KWBA's efforts to provide a vibrant area for shoppers to engage affects your bottom line and the entire area's continued economic development.

FAQ

What are the annual membership fees?

\$150 General Membership

Complimentary Nonprofit Membership

Who runs KWBA?

The Board of Directors and the members that call downtown Kingston home.

What are the contributions used for?

Contributions help the KWBA fund the downtown management and programming. In addition to contributions from neighborhood property owners and businesses, KWBA generates funding through Board of Director donations, corporate sponsorships and individual donations.

How often does KWBA meet?

KWBA Board convenes the first Thursday of every month, and throughout the month there are many weekly meetings based on committee work and progress. Open General Membership meetings occur quarterly.

KWBA Mission:

PROMOTE

the Downtown businesses and public spaces

ENRICH

the community through public programming and events

INFORM

members of initiatives and projects affecting the district

ADVOCATE

for local business interests and ensure a collective voice is heard

PROTECT

the storied history and integrity of Kingston's waterfront district

STRENGTHEN

the membership base for greater results, productivity and community cohesion

SAVE THE DATE

KWBA General Meeting / 20 Broadway

SEPT.3

KWBA General Meeting / 20 Broadway

NOV.5