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Margaret Parr

From: Village Administrator
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 10:27 AM
To: Margaret Parr
Subject: FW: Neurodiversity Training

Please add to Workshop agenda for discussion on the 2/13 BoT Agenda. Thanks, Rob

From: Shari Rosen Ascher <TrusteeAscher@dobbsferry.com>
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 10:15 AM
To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@dobbsferry.com>; Village Administrator <villageadministrator@dobbsferry.com>
Subject: Neurodiversity Training

I had a meeting with County Legislator Erika Pierce(District2) and Wendy Belzberg of Bedford. They have worked with the Town of Bedford to make Bedford a neurodiverse friendly community. The training is very inexpensive and is intended for government workers as well as business owners and community organizations. Their first session reached capacity at 60 people and they are doing another one soon with another 60 signed up.

The training can be on line or in person. I am also looking at ways to get this incorporated on a county level. Aside from adding a ramp to Gould Park and curb cuts to sidewalks (which are compliance issues) and the revisions presented at Hudson Social, I have not seen issues related to people with disabilities be at the forefront of any of our discussions. Even in our DEI training this was not truly addressed.

Please take a look at the page on the Bedford Town website and perhaps we can include this in a future workshop.

Thank you,
Shari

<https://bedfordny.gov/353/Neurodiversity-Friendly-Town-Task-Force>

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The Town Board established The Neurodivergent Task Force to undertake in 6-12 months to solicit feedback and produce a report and launch an initiative to promote a more friendly town for those individuals with Autism and other neurodivergent disabilities.

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Neurodiversity Friendly Town Task Force

Overview

The Town Board established The Neurodivergent Task Force (originally named Autism-Friendly Town Task Force) to solicit feedback, produce a report of their work and launch an initiative to promote a more friendly town for those individuals with Autism and other neurodivergent disabilities.

The resolution establishing the task force on March 21, 2023, [may be viewed here](#).

The work of the task force was realized through the establishment of three subcommittees:

- Resource Committee
- Survey Committee
- Training Committee

A full overview of their work and recommendations was presented to the Town Board on 9/19/23 and may be [viewed here](#).

Upon completion of the task force work, the working group established [InclusiveNY](#), where their work continues and launched with a community Autism training program, facilitated by the [Anderson Center for Autism](#).