It’s feeling like fall here in the Hudson Valley and we are busier than ever here at Pattern. We are thoroughly enjoying the content from our new Patterns & Paradigms podcast. I hope you take some time to listen to our latest episodes - Our guests have been incredible experts and innovators in their fields. So far we’ve explored reimagining public safety, explored the relationship between NYC and the Hudson Valley, and taken the opportunity to rethink education. Be sure to listen and let us know your thoughts on these topics.

The Pattern Fellows Class of 2020-2021 begins with Orientation on Tuesday, October 27th. It’s our largest class ever and we are very excited to dig into some very important issues this year.

Be sure to save the dates for The Hudson Valley Housing Forum the week of November 16th - 20th. This annual summit is going virtual this year, gathering leaders and professionals from across the Hudson Valley in the fields of affordable housing, community development, real estate, municipal government, housing development, planning and engineering, and community lending together to discuss trends and housing policy that impacts the Hudson Valley region. We have some really amazing speakers and panelists lined up as we touch on a different theme each day of the week: Home Ownership, Multi-family Development - Market Dynamics, Gentrification, the Real Estate Market, as well as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Housing.

Pattern sees a great need for community leaders and projects that will help rebuild communities and to do so in a way that is more inclusive and equitable. We are excited to launch, this January, the Community RE-Builders Program, an intensive twelve week course for the advancement of community focused projects. The program will provide participants with the tools and the support they need to take community development projects to the next level. We’ll have more
information coming out about this initiative next week.

We continue to look for opportunities to live our lives better than before, to work on breaking down the issues and finding thoughtful sustainable solutions, helping where we can, and training regional leaders to look to the future to make our community a better place for us all. Onward.

Sincerely,

JONATHAN DRAPKIN
PRESIDENT & CEO

PARADIGM SHIFT
The Pattern Podcast

We are experiencing a Paradigm Shift.

A fundamental change – an important change – in the way we usually do things. There is no question that our pre-pandemic patterns have been disrupted. We are never going back to the way things were.

We are looking at it as an opportunity to shine a light on things. If you are willing to join the discussion as to how things could be better, then they will be better. It’s time to explore new patterns and paradigms – those that inspire us to rise above the chaos. Who are our innovators? The ones who see things differently? Who has said there has to be a better way?

At Pattern for Progress, we spend a great deal of our time addressing the realities of the Hudson Valley. So in conceiving a podcast, we thought it urgent to help those who want to think of what comes next. Not the next catastrophe, but the
next thing we can aspire to. In the midst of a Pandemic, economic upheaval and social unrest, is it possible to use this as a jumping off point to make things better? Can we perhaps fix a few things that should have been addressed a long time ago?

We recognize that change brings challenge, disruption can create chaos and we are intentionally choosing to see the silver lining – that opportunity arises. We can shine a light on the things that weren’t working well, that weren’t really working at all. We can regroup, reevaluate, and reengineer.

So, let us challenge conventional wisdom and the status quo. Let us rebuild better.

TUNE IN -

Pattern is tracking the road to recovery. While we will endeavor to search for regional trends, we will also include national data points as they are both important and signs of consumer confidence. Now more than ever, Pattern will continue its role as an “honest broker” assisting those who wish “to move the dial” forward. We will use these updates to provide balanced data. It will be up to you – as always – to act on it as you deem appropriate. Our hope is to help you make more informed decisions.

Also once a month we will include a sector analysis. It will include three sections:
- where we were just prior to the Pandemic (Our Out of Alignment report will be helpful)
- what happened and then offer ideas as to where we might be heading
- these ideas are meant to trigger discussions, to help you contemplate what’s next

As we understand that numbers are snapshots we will be looking for trends. Please contact us if you have other suggestions as to how to ascertain the performance of the regional economy. We look forward to your comments on how to make these updates more useful to you.

Check the Pulse of the Economy -

OCTOBER 9th, 2020     OCTOBER 2nd, 2020     SEPTEMBER 25th, 2020
SEPTEMBER 18th, 2020

The Center for Housing Solutions is keeping a watchful eye on the Hudson Valley Housing Markets. Tune into virtual panel discussions with Industry Leaders as they discuss how COVID-19 has impacted the Housing Market, as well as how the industry has adapted, and expectations as we move forward.

Save the Dates!!

The Hudson Valley Housing Forum

Housing Matters: Shelter from the Storm

is November 16th - 20th, 2020
Watch this Webinar:
The Impact of COVID-19 on Rural Housing

This forum was provided by the Tri-Town Coalition for Housing Affordability, a collaborative group of the municipalities, residents, and community stakeholders actively working to advance solutions to the towns’ shared concerns for affordable housing and inclusive economic development in the region. Additional partners of this coalition include the North East Community Center, Hudson River Housing, and Grace Episcopal Church, as well as the towns/village of Amenia, Pine Plains, Northeast, and Millerton.

This forum included panelists from MASS Design Group, Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, and NeighborWorks America, who shared key information regarding the impact of COVID-19 on rural housing, as well as inviting voices from the local community to ask questions and share local context. These discussions will contribute direction and content for how our area responds to housing issues in the northeast area of Dutchess County.

For more information: www.neccmillerton.org/housingforum.
With questions call 518-789-4259, ext 129.
Positive Patterns

In the midst of the chaos of these unprecedented times, we see so many people coming together, so many organizations rising to the occasion, to serve the needs of our community. We look for positive patterns in our research and analysis so we can guide communities to shape policy that will make our communities a better place.

We feel so inspired by the goodness we're seeing and we want to share some of these great ideas with you. We hope
these ideas support and inspire you, too

Share your good works and positive patterns you see with us:

Submit Positive Patterns

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