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Luncheon to include tour of plant

Attendees to look at Wappingers Falls improvement plan

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WAPPINGERS FALLS — Business and community leaders will get an opportunity to tour a piece of Wappingers Falls history.

The Wappingers Falls Business and Professional Association's quarterly luncheon will be Sept. 26 at the Market Street Industrial Park, a short walk from a fully operational hydroelectric plant.

Association secretary Cindy Latino said the owner of the restored plant, Harry Terbush of Windsor Machinery in Hopewell Junction, has volun-

teered to conduct tours of his facility before and after the lunch.

"It's fascinating to realize these turbines are using a natural resource," Latino said.

"This is such a great thing for kids to have in their own backyard," she said.

Building dates to 1800s

The plant, whose building dates to the mid-1800s, takes water from Wappinger Creek and uses it to produce electricity with modern generators. The energy is fed into the electrical grid.

Mayor Matt Alexander said the lunch will also be an

opportunity for businesses to hear results of a study by the Chazen Companies on how the village's streetscapes can be improved.

"It sort of outlines the direction which the village wants to go when it comes to visually improving the streetscape," he said.

"When we know we have to repave the roads, is there something else we want to do to make it more appealing?" Alexander said. Those improvements could include trees or walkways, he said.

The study cost about \$40,000 and was paid for by grants. It

will be presented at the lunch to members of the association and the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls.

Alexander said the presentation will include renderings of village streets with improvements drawn in.

Other organizations, such as the Wappingers Falls Civic Association, will also get a chance to hear the study's contents, he said.

Alexander said the presentations are an effort to interest volunteer groups in working toward a common vision for the village.

"We'll see if we can get these groups interested in seeing some of this come to fruition," he said.

Business luncheon

What: The Wappingers Falls Business and Professional Association quarterly luncheon, featuring a presentation on the vision plan for the village. At 11 a.m. and after the lunch, tours of the hydroelectric power plant will be conducted.

When: Noon, Sept. 26.

Where: The Market Street Industrial Park.

Cost: Tickets are \$15.

Call: 845-297-2405 for reservations and directions.

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