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MILLBROOK COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TO HOLD AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE THORNE BUILDING COMMUNITY CENTER ON MAY 28.

MILLBROOK, NY, May 11, 2022 — The Millbrook Community Partnership (MCP) is pleased to invite the community to an Open House at the Thorne Building Community Center on Saturday, May 28, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. People will have the opportunity to tour inside the historic building to see the progress made so far in the renovation and revitalization of the iconic Millbrook property. Children's activities are planned near the bandshell located next door to the Thorne Building to allow parents time to tour the building.

In its 127th year, Millbrook's historic Thorne Building is undergoing a major renaissance that encompasses exterior restoration and interior renovation of the venerable structure, and a redesign of its beautiful grounds.

The Thorne Building Community Center will serve as the community's cultural anchor, facilitating connections through imaginative programming and state-of-the-art technology.

The Thorne Building has been emblematic of Millbrook, New York, since 1895, when it was gifted to the Village by the Thorne family. Until 1962, the three-story Beaux Arts structure served as Millbrook's first public high school. Since then, it has seen only sporadic use. In recent years, it has fallen into disrepair and needs modernization.

The Millbrook Community Partnership (MCP) has stepped in with a clear and consistent vision that incorporates the expressed wishes and concerns of Millbrook residents while

conserving this magnificent resource. With recently completed asbestos abatement, it is now ready to begin renovations to its historic exterior and its beautiful interiors. While simultaneously optimizing the use of 21st-century technology, a re-imagined Thorne Building Community Center will serve as a communal gathering space where multiple groups, from seniors to youth, from full-time residents to weekenders, can connect as a community.

The new Thorne Building Community Center will serve the Village of Millbrook, the Town of Washington, and central Dutchess County by offering programs for all ages — from youngsters to seniors. The facility will include:

- Performing Arts Center for dramatic arts, dance, music, lectures, film, and social events;
- Culinary Center and Instructional Kitchen
- Technology Center
- Video Gaming Room
- Studio for Art Classes
- Music/Recording Studio
- Dance Class Studio
- “Smart” Classrooms
- Shared Office Space
- Exhibition/Gallery Space
- Formal Garden and Ample Parking

The Thorne Building is located at 3323 Franklin Avenue in the Village of Millbrook. For more information, please visit www.ThorneBuilding.org