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Date: September 8, 2023
To: Harrison Residents and Business Owners
Fr: Supervisor/Mayor Richard Dionisio
Re: Homeless and Mental Health Crisis

I would like to take this opportunity to address the concerns expressed regarding panhandling and homelessness in our downtown. All of Westchester and the greater New York area have been impacted by the homeless/mental health and addiction crisis in one capacity or another.

As your Mayor, and on behalf of the entire Town Board, we are committed to ensuring all town resources are utilized towards a solution. The Police Departments is committed to ensuring all residents and businesses are safe, and the Community Services Department is committed to assisting those in need.

Our collaboration on this complex issue has a shared focus; safety of residents and protecting the dignity of a person in crisis. This balance is not easy, but I am confident we will find ways to do both.

We need the help of residents and business owners so we can develop more solutions. The first step to helping is very simple; when you see something, say something to the HPD.

If what you see requires the immediate assistance of a police officer call 911. If what you see does not require immediate police involvement, call the non-emergency number 914-967-5111. I encourage you to shift the narrative away from social media platforms to the Police and Community Services Departments; this is where the change is made.

We take your concerns seriously and will use all of our resources to ensure the safety and quality of life of Harrison is the very best.

Stay safe and have a great weekend,
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