

Hyde Park sidewalk project a benefit for the community: Letter

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I've lived in Hyde Park for quite some time, and I found Ed Venuto's letter ("[New sidewalks in Hyde Park just lead to empty buildings, spaces.](#)" Aug. 30) ([/story/opinion/letters/2017/08/21/new-sidewalks-hyde-park-just-lead-empty-buildings-spaces-letter/574507001/](#)) criticizing the installation of new sidewalks in the center of our Route 9 business district disturbing, not to mention lacking in substance.

Towns across the United States, large and small, have sidewalks to connect residents to businesses. It is the ultimate in backward thinking to think Hyde Park shouldn't. Proprietors here who will benefit have expressed their support as it increases their property values and makes it easier for people to reach them without the hassle of driving to each site.

Hyde Park has thriving businesses in the area where the project is located (Dairy Queen, Eveready Diner, Coppola's, CVS, Hyde Park Antiques Center, Red Cap Cleaners, Hyde Park Florist and Gifts to name a few) that will now be fully connected by this beautiful and functional project.

Improving the curb appeal of our community ultimately benefits the town as a whole. The writer cited the empty plaza where Grand Union once operated, but I watched Mavis apply to go where Molloy Pharmacy was years back, and the whole center has been approved for a major redevelopment with Mavis being the first step. The new owners specifically decided to invest here because of the sidewalk connections.

Hyde Park spent many years standing still, and is now moving ahead to create positive change through action.

It is time we all pull together and support this momentum.

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