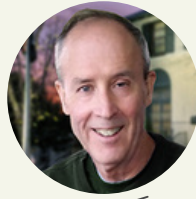




MAYOR'S MONTHLY

The Village of Millbrook Monthly Newsletter By Mayor Tim Collopy



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Fall in Love
with MILLBROOK

COMMUNITY DAY 2024

Community Day was a BIG Success

This year's Community Day with the theme of "Fall in Love with Millbrook" was outstanding and I wish to extend a big "Thank You" to MBA President Buffy Arbogast and her numerous volunteers who spent many hours preparing all the details necessary to make it a success. The nice weather (as opposed to last year's downpour) helped to maximize the enjoyment of all who attended. We are looking to get a jump start on next year. If you are interested in participating or volunteering please [fill out this form](#) so you can stay up to date on 2025.

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POLITICAL YARD SIGNS

There have been numerous complaints that political yard signs are being taken from private properties, which is illegal. However, if a sign is placed on your property without your approval, it is your right to remove it or ask that it be removed. Call the Mayor's Office at 845-677-3939 option 5 if you have questions about specific situations or report the issue via our HeyGov 311 request online at app.heygov.com/villageofmillbrookny.com.

LEAF SEASON IS UNDERWAY!

Highway trucks have been reconfigured to handle leaf pick up which started **October 1st and goes through November 30th**. Details of how to properly place piles of leaves for pick up are listed on the [public works](#) section of the Village website. Please note that any brush put out will not be picked up as brush pick-up ended on September 9th. I have been informing residents, who have put brush out, that they must make other arrangements for disposal.

NEW HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

An offer has been extended to Ethan Kelly to become the new supervisor for the Village Highway Department, replacing Bob Collocola who retired in June. Ethan is currently a senior equipment operator in the Town of East Fishkill Highway Department and is expected to start in the last week of October.

WASHINGTON AVENUE CLOSURE

Work is well underway by Race Septic, Inc. to replace the storm drain along Washington Avenue and is expected to be completed by mid-November. Although portions or all of Washington Avenue have been closed at times during the construction, the workers have done an excellent job of ensuring business deliveries occur without interruption. Once completed, this will allow us to have Washington Avenue repaved next year, using Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement (CHIPS) funds from NYS.

POLICE NEWS

The Board of Trustees approved the hiring of Ken Roman as part time Millbrook Police Officer. Ken began his police career in the Town of Poughkeepsie, rising to the position of Captain. He subsequently worked in the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response and in the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office as the Chief Administrative Officer. Officer Roman will be starting next month for the Village of Millbrook.

A new 2023 Dodge Charger has been ordered to replace the older of the 2 police vehicles and is expected to be delivered in early 2025. Meanwhile, the computers in the current police vehicles have been recently updated with new hardware and software and are now more efficient.

The NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services wants each police department to have their own booking system. A LiveScan fingerprinting machine has been ordered, using a NYS police grant, which will allow the Millbrook Police Department to fully process every criminal arrest without relying on NYS Troop K's assistance, which was usually required.



WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Last month the EPA did an inspection of our Wastewater Treatment Plant and identified issues with our current operation that do not meet current guidelines. The findings reaffirmed the need to complete a \$10M upgrade to this 80-year-old facility over the next 4 years to comply with the new State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit from NYS DEC. Although we have already been approved to receive a Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) grant from NYS’s Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and have applied for a Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) grant to further reduce the cost to customers, Village sewer rates are expected to increase 40-50% when the project completes to pay back the 30-year, 0% interest loan on the remaining balance.

For Tighe & Bond to start design of the upgrade before closure of EFC grant requirements, the Board of Trustees just approved a 1-year \$300K bond-anticipation note (BAN) which will fund this initial engineering work until reimbursed by EFC.

The South Millbrook sewer pump station generator is now operational, thereby completing this project and eliminating the buildup of sewage that occurred whenever there was a power outage in that area of Millbrook.

WATER LEAD LINE INVENTORY

The EPA is requiring all municipalities to complete an inventory of all water lines within the next 10 years to identify any with lead. This requires inspection of both the customer side (from the building to the water shutoff) and the Village-owned side (from the shutoff to the water main in the street). We have 619 total service lines in our system that need to be inspected. To-date, VRI has inspected both sides of 233 service lines (38%) and 497 (80%) of the customer-side lines and found no lead in any of them. This initial inventory is being supplied to the EPA this month, per their directive, and will be updated annually.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES (CSC)

A task force of community members, headed by Genevieve Glasson and Trustee Mike Herzog, are compiling the Village of Millbrook’s application for CSC bronze certification. This application will document a variety of Climate Smart actions taken within the Village over the past few years and should be completed by year-end. Review and approval of the final submission by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is expected to occur within the 1st quarter of 2025.



VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Monday, November 11, 2024
11:00 am at the Village Green

Commander Jeff Moseman has announced that Millbrook’s VFW Post 9008 Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at 11AM on November 11th at the Village Green across from the Millbrook Firehouse. If there is inclement weather, the ceremony will take place inside the Firehouse. The event is open to everyone and is a great way to support our veterans on this solemn occasion.

PARADE OF LIGHTS

Friday, December 6, 2024
Line Up 4:30 pm | Step Off 6:00 pm

Friday, December 6th at 6PM will be the annual Parade of Lights. This year the Millbrook Fire Department will be hosting the event with Kelly Tomasulo and Peggy Mulligan as co-chairs. Rules/regulations and float registration can be found on their website at:

millbrookfirerescue.org/event/millbrook-parade-of-lights-2024

