



VILLAGE OF MILLBROOK

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THE VILLAGE OF MILLBROOK MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BY MAYOR PETER F. DORO



9/11 25th ANNIVERSARY

I'll never forget the morning of September 11, 2001. I was in gym class and I remember the fear even the teachers had that morning as they relayed the day's events to us. It was palpable, and they couldn't hide it. Twenty-five years later, as I write this newsletter on yet another beautiful, bluebird September morning, I find myself thinking about how

much has changed since that day, and how much we could have never predicted.

Being only a few hours north, New York City has always felt close to home for many of us. It is part of our shared identity, and September 11 affected people across our region in ways that are still felt today. We remember the nearly 3,000 innocent lives lost, the families who were forever changed, and the many acts of courage and compassion that followed.

As mayor, I think about what it means to be part of a community and a country that has endured so much. We are fortunate to live in a place where neighbors look out for one another, where people care about the future of their families, and where we have the opportunity to contribute to something larger than ourselves.

Twenty-five years later, I'm grateful for the freedoms we have, the community we share, and the opportunity to raise our families here in the Hudson Valley. We remember those who were lost, we honor their memory, and we remain committed to building a stronger community together.

We will never forget.

BACK TO SCHOOL

As summer comes to an end, it's hard to believe another school year is upon us. I want to wish all of our students, teachers, administrators, and families a wonderful start to the school year. As a parent, I know how exciting this time of year can be, new classrooms, new teachers, new friendships, and, for some, a little nervousness about what lies ahead.

To our students, I hope this year brings plenty of opportunities to learn, grow, and make memories. And to our parents and teachers, thank you for all that you do to support them.

From all of us at the Village, best of luck for a happy, healthy, and successful school year!

EMS

To lessen the burden on taxpayers, the Village has been having discussions with our neighbors in Amenia, Stanford and Northeast, along with our current provider Empress and a new EMS provider in the area, Northwell, about entering into a regional contract, instead of each town having their own separate one. More to come on this in the coming weeks but we have been making good headway thanks to County Legislators Alexander and Drago. If we can maintain or exceed the level of service while lowering the price per year, that would be a huge win for all of us.

RIBBON CUTTINGS

As Mayor, one of the things I value most about Millbrook is the incredible entrepreneurial spirit we have in our community. Small businesses are a huge part of what makes a village like ours special. They create jobs, bring people downtown, support other local businesses, and give our community its character. I attended ribbon cuttings last week for three Village businesses that recently changed hands. Opening a business is not easy. It takes a tremendous amount of hard work, commitment, and a willingness to take a chance. And when people choose to make that investment here in Millbrook, it benefits all of us. Congratulations to the new owners of Village Wine and Spirits, the Millbrook Antique Center and Babette's!



FRANKLIN AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The North side of Franklin sidewalk replacement project, from Front to Friendly, is poised to begin imminently, in the next few weeks. As soon as we have an exact start date, we will notify the relevant businesses to give them a heads up.

For project details, bid documents, and additional information, please visit the Village website.

<https://villageofmillbrookny.gov/news-and-notices/bid-notice-franklin-avenue-phase-3-ada-sidewalk-improvements-project/>

MIG GRANT AWARDED

The Village recently applied for, and was awarded, a Municipal Investment Grant from Dutchess County to fix and standardize the Village ornamental lights, convert them to LEDs, convert all of the Village Hall lighting to LEDs, and replace the second-floor windows of the Village Hall, all to improve energy efficiency. These projects will go a long way to reducing energy consumption by the Village.

MILLBROOK LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Join local artist June Glasson for a special Paint & Sip fundraiser benefiting the Millbrook Library!

 Thursday, September 24

 5:30–7:00 p.m.

 Millbrook Winery

Enjoy an evening of watercolor painting, local wine, and light refreshments in the beautiful setting of Millbrook Winery. June Glasson will begin with a brief watercolor demonstration before guiding participants as they create their own paintings inspired by the surroundings.

Tickets are \$80 per person, and all proceeds will benefit the Millbrook Library.

For more information and to register, visit:

<https://millbrooklibrary.org/>



MILLBROOK COMMUNITY DAY – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Mark your calendars for **Millbrook Community Day on Saturday, September 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.!** This annual celebration brings together local organizations, businesses, makers, food, music, and family-friendly activities throughout the Village.

Enjoy the **Millbrook Farmers & Makers Market**, strolling musicians from the Millbrook Arts Group, the **Scarecrow Contest**, a police car for kids to explore, a bounce house, pumpkin decorating, vintage cars and parade hounds, Hudson Hatchet axe throwing, the **Great Millbrook Bake-Off**, the Bubble Bus, and more!

CALLING ALL BAKERS & SCARECROW CREATORS!

There is still time to join the fun! Community Day organizers are looking for **more bakers to enter the Great Millbrook Bake-Off**, so break out your favorite recipe and show off your baking skills!

Millbrook Community Day 2026

The Great Millbrook Bake-Off!

FOR HOME BAKERS ONLY

This Year's Theme:
Stone Fruit Desserts
Peaches, plums, cherries, apricots & more. Be creative!

Saturday, September 19

- Open to Millbrook Central School District residents, age 18 and over
- Amateur bakers only
- All entries must be made from scratch
- Typed ingredient list required
- Judging is blind — keep your name off your container

Drop Off: 12:15–12:45 PM
Judging: 1:00 PM

Prizes to local restaurants!

Entry is FREE

Registration Deadline: September 15

Full rules and entry form:
millbrooknewyork.com/community-day-2026

OUR TOWN • OUR PEOPLE • A SWEETER TOMORROW

Good Food Stronger Community

Bakes Bring People Together

MILLBROOK A STRONGER, SWEETER TOMORROW

Same Great Community A Little Sweeter

Entries are also still being accepted for the **Community Day Scarecrow Contest**. Get creative, gather your family, friends, organization, or business, and create a scarecrow to be part of this fun community tradition.



SCARECROW CONTEST

MILLBROOK COMMUNITY DAY 2026
SEPTEMBER 19TH

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 5TH**

CONTEST RULES

- **Free-Standing:** Scarecrows must stand on their own or with minimal support.
- **No store-bought scarecrows.**
- **Size:** Must fit within a 6' x 6' footprint once assembled.
- **Family Friendly:** Entries deemed political or not in the good-natured spirit of the event will be removed.
- **Setup:** Entrants are responsible for their own setup.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- **Creativity:** Does your scarecrow have a unique concept or tell a story?
- **Design & Materials:** What techniques and materials were used? Recycled materials are strongly encouraged.
- **Durability:** Is it built to last the day?

PRIZES!

Email mba@millbrooknewyork.com



MILLBROOK COMMUNITY DAY

METS WORLD SERIES CHAMPION
2X ALL STAR

HOWARD “HOJO” JOHNSON

AUTOGRAPHS: \$20

PHOTO OPS: \$10

8 x 10 photos available or bring your own
items to be signed

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH FROM 9:30-11:30AM
3281 FRANKLIN AVE, MILLBROOK NY 12545



Baseball fans can also meet former New York Mets star **Howard “HoJo” Johnson**, a two-time World Series Champion, two-time All-Star, two-time Silver Slugger Award winner, and member of the 30/30 Club. HoJo will be signing autographs from **9:30–11:30 a.m.** Autograph tickets are **\$20** and photo opportunities are **\$10**.

Community Day is a wonderful opportunity to spend the day in Millbrook, connect with neighbors, support local businesses and organizations, and enjoy everything our community has to offer.

Saturday, September 19 | 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For the full schedule, contest information, entry forms, event locations, and updates, visit www.millbrooknewyork.com/community-day-2026.

BRUSH & LEAF PICK-UP

The **third and final summer brush pickup of the season is Monday, September 14**. Residents should have all brush placed curbside before Monday morning to ensure collection.

Leaf pickup begins October 1. As fall approaches, residents may begin placing leaves curbside for collection in accordance with Village guidelines.

For more information about brush and leaf pickup, including rules and guidelines, visit: <https://villageofmillbrookny.gov/public-works/>

Thank you for helping keep our Village streets and neighborhoods clean throughout the season!

