



VILLAGE OF
MILLBROOK



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Village Hall Closure

The **Village Hall** will be closed from **Wednesday 12/22/21 thru Monday 12/27/21** due to building maintenance and the Christmas Holiday & **Friday, December 31st** in observance of

New Year's Day. If you need to drop off payments or forms, you may put them in the lockbox outside the Village Hall. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

COVID Update

Recently the governor mandated that masks be worn by everyone over 2 years of age when entering any public building unless there is a vaccine requirement. However, the Department of Health has been identified as the enforcement agency and has said that no DOH resources will be diverted from vaccination and testing priorities. Also, were advised to avoid confrontations with those who choose not to honor the mandate. As opposed to public buildings, businesses who have a mask mandate can ask non-complying customers to leave their store and, if the customer refuses, should notify the police about trespassing.

While the COVID positivity rate in Dutchess County has grown to over 6%, active cases in Millbrook continue to be reported as <5 (exact number is unknown). Dutchess County hospitalizations are also rising and are now at 40% of the peak seen in 1/2021. The fact that 64% of Dutchess County adults are fully vaccinated while only 20% of hospitalized patients are vaccinated shows that the vaccine reduces the severity of COVID.

Dutchess County continues to offer vaccine clinics every week. Visit dutchessny.gov/covidvaccine for schedules and locations and to pre-register. Initial shots, 2nd shots and booster shots (Moderna, Pfizer and J&J) as well as COVID tests are available.

Eagle Scout Achievement

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America program. Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review process. Becoming an Eagle Scout requires immense hard work, dedication, and service to others. It gives teens something to strive for and instills confidence, leadership, and a commitment to the community which carry into college, career, and adult life. Congratulations to Nathan Osborn of Millbrook Scout Troop 31 who achieved this ultimate rank last month!





Above: Nathan Osborn fixed up the mini golf course at the Town of Washington Park, replacing the carpet, building new obstacles, pulling out old landscape, in addition to building a golf club rack to complete his eagle scout project.

Holiday Season Celebrations

Village holiday decorations, the Parade of Lights and the Menorah lighting were the result of community-wide participation with a list of volunteers so extensive that we documented them separately on the Village website. Congratulations to Kevin McGrane and the Millbrook Business Association for the beautiful decorations along Franklin Avenue, to Ceil Collopy and her team for the Parade of Lights, and to Rabbi Hecht for the celebration to light the Menorah in front of the Thorne Building.

Sidewalk Project

Rennia Engineering has provided a detailed assessment of what is required to fix the sidewalks along Franklin Avenue between Front Street and Maple Avenue. The estimated cost totals \$350K which we cannot afford to do at once so we will be doing this project piecemeal over the next few years. We have now submitted our request to Dutchess County for a Community Development Block Grant of up to \$100K and should find out if our request is accepted early next year.

Retaining Wall Project

4 bids were received to repair the wall which holds up 800' of Front Street and Harts Village Road. These bids have been given to Delaware Engineering to determine which bids meet our requirements and their recommendation will be presented to the Trustees at a future board meeting.

Flagler Monument Repair

Over a year ago a car ran into our monument which sits in the middle of Rt 343 at Halcyon Road. The estimated repair was \$9760 which was fully covered by the driver's insurance. Skip Ciferri was instrumental in contracting the Joseph Gnazzo Company (the same ones who just replaced the entrance to the Millbrook Bank) to complete the repairs over the past 2 weeks. They did a great job - the monument looks like new!

Climate Smart Communities Resiliency Plan

The Village will be working with Cornell Cooperative Extension representatives in 2022 to review our codes, comprehensive plan, and policies so that they can recommend actions the Village can take to become a [Climate Smart Community](#) in the future. The representatives will look back five years to assess actions the Village has already taken which earn points towards certification. All recommendations will be non-binding and there is no cost to the Village because funding will come from a grant secured through the [NYDEC Hudson River Estuary Program](#).

Shade Tree Policy Update

At last week's board meeting, Deputy Mayor Herzog presented a series of recommended improvements to the [Shade Tree](#) Policy that codify advanced resident notification of tree removal and tree replacement on Village property and right-of-way . These updates will be reviewed and approved by the Board at the annual re-org meeting on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

Village Code Update: Chapter 180

Scott Osborn of VRI, Deputy Mayor Herzog & departing Trustee Anson did a much-needed and significant re-write of [Chapter 180 Sewers and Water](#). At the next regular Board of Trustee meeting (1/12/2022) we will be introducing a resolution to start the process of updating this local law in our Village code. A public hearing will be held no sooner than a month after that.

Meet the Staff

Sergeant Rich Poluzzi

Police Department



"Hi, I'm Sergeant Rich Poluzzi with the Village of Millbrook Police Department. I completed the police academy in 1973 and worked for the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, retiring in 2013 after 40 years of service. I have been with the Village of Millbrook for 23 years and enjoy the residents and activities the village offers."



Officer William Naughton Police Department

"Hello, I'm Officer William Naughton with the Village of Millbrook Police. I've been with the department for over 21 years. My father was a Detective with the City of Poughkeepsie Police and inspired me to become a Police Officer. In June 2000 I was hired by the Village of Millbrook and attended the full-time Police Academy in Kingston. It's a privilege to work in this department, and I think this is the best Village in the entire county."

Village Board Meetings

Meetings are now being held in person at the **Millbrook Firehouse** located at 20 Front Street, Millbrook, NY

Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

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6:00 PM

RE-ORG MEETING

Our next board meeting will be 1/5/2022 which is not a typical monthly review. Instead, this meeting will swear in our newly elected Trustee, Peter Doro, re-appoint Trustee Buffy Arbogast, and review a variety of policies, procedures, and fees as required by our local laws.

JAN
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NEXT MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Visit our [meeting docs page](#) for [agendas](#) and documents relating to the upcoming meeting.

6:00 PM

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