



VILLAGE OF  
**MILLBROOK**



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## CONTACT ME

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## MAYOR TIM COLLOPY

Hi, I'm Tim Collopy, newly elected Mayor of the Village of Millbrook. I thought it might be useful to periodically send out a newsletter of what is happening in the village and so here goes #1...

# January 2021

## COVID-19

COVID-19 continues to remain on everyone's mind these days, especially with the recent nation-wide surge in infections, hospitalizations and deaths. In Dutchess County, all indicators have worsened since last October, and our current positivity rate (8%) is back where it was in May 2020, so continued diligence by all of us is required. While the FDA has recently approved vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech & Moderna, there has been a chaotic delivery of substantially fewer doses than originally promised and this has caused a lot of frustration for everyone who wants the vaccine.

Given the daily updates in [vaccine availability & deployment](#), the village office is referring all calls for information to either the **Dutchess County website** [dutchessny.gov/coronavirus](http://dutchessny.gov/coronavirus) or the **NYS hotline** [1-888-364-3065](tel:1-888-364-3065). It could take months for this to settle out and so I recommend that you not get discouraged, stay in touch with the latest info from [Dutchess County](#) & [New York State](#) while continuing appropriate safety protocols (masks, social distancing & crowd-avoidance).

## VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is staffed but continues to be **closed** for face-to-face business. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact the office during business hours **Mon-Fri 9 am to 3 pm** via email [clerk@villageofmillbrookny.com](mailto:clerk@villageofmillbrookny.com) or phone [845-677-3939](tel:845-677-3939) (option 2)

## VILLAGE MEETINGS

Due to COVID, I have converted the monthly **board meetings to 100% Zoom** although this means we will not be broadcasting live on the public access channel. Instead, you are welcome to join the Zoom call. Please visit [villageofmillbrookny.com/zoom](http://villageofmillbrookny.com/zoom) to get the sign-in credentials beforehand. A video copy of the Zoom call will be available on the [website](#) and on Ch 22 following the meeting. **Note that I have also moved the monthly meeting to the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm.** Meeting materials and documents will be posted on the [website](#) prior to the meeting for anyone to view before, during or afterwards.



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#### NEXT BOT MEETING

Visit our [calendar](#) for updated meeting and event information.



# So, what are my priorities as I start this new job?

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## 1. COVID-19 PLAN

I have asked each department head (front office, highway, police, fire/rescue) to develop a backup plan in case someone in their group becomes COVID positive.

## 2. NEW TRUSTEE

I am working with the trustees to identify and interview candidates to fill the trustee position vacated when I became mayor with a goal of announcing my replacement at the February board meeting. If you are interested in becoming a trustee and are a current village resident please send letters of interest to [villageofmillbrookmayor@gmail.com](mailto:villageofmillbrookmayor@gmail.com) or mail to me at the Village Hall, 35 Merritt Ave, **no later than Jan 26, 2021.**

## 3. BUDGET REVIEW

A detailed review of the year-to-date actuals vs. budget thru the 1st half of this fiscal year revealed some excess expenditures that need focus. At last week's board meeting we agreed on a series of actions to get us back on-target by fiscal year-end (5/31). Meanwhile, the kickoff of the budget process for next fiscal year begins at our next board meeting.

#### 4. WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

As of early this month the water plant with the improved filtration is on-line. VRI is now working with Delaware Engineering and the vendors to complete their "punch-list" of remaining items. To the left is a picture of the new pumps used to draw water into the system. On the right is a picture of the filtration room with 2 banks of 3 in-line filters. You should notice no difference in the quality of your water. In fact, the only difference will be that you will no longer receive a water-advisory notice in your quarterly water bills!



#### 5. THORNE BUILDING

The transfer of the Thorne building deed is imminent since we and the LLC have completed all necessary prep work. I intend to meet with the LLC this month to set a "closing" date.

#### 6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Now that we're finishing the water plant upgrades, there are 2 capital improvements I want to pursue with the trustees:

1. Redo of the **sidewalks** along our roadways which have been corrupted by tree roots.
2. Upgrade the **sewer treatment plant** by installing the Dynafilter & replacing the Overflow Retention Facility

In order to secure government funding, the first step for each of these projects is to get an engineering report of exactly what needs to be done along with the estimated cost – we have now initiated actions to get both such reports.

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Thanks,  
Tim Collopy  
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