



VILLAGE OF  
**MILLBROOK**



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## MAYOR TIM COLLOPY

Hello and welcome to my May 2021 Newsletter in which I will update you on issues discussed at the most recent monthly meeting of the board of trustees.

# May 2021

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## 2021 TAXES

Village of Millbrook tax bills will be mailed out by June 1, 2021 and are due, penalty free, by July 1, 2021. Payments received or postmarked after 7/1/21 will be charged interest. Please see payment schedule below.

You may drop your payment off at anytime in the drop box outside the front door at 35 Merritt Avenue or mail it to Village Hall, PO Box 349, Millbrook, NY 12545. If you prefer to make a payment in person you may do so during business hours Mon - Fri 9 am to 3 pm. Please use the window to the left of the clerks office door and do not come into the clerks office. We are following [CDC](#), [NYS](#) and [DC protocols](#).

To look up your bill online [click here](#). *(For best search results just enter your last name)*

<b>If paid between:</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
6/1/21 - 7/1/21	none
7/2/21 - 7/31/21	5%
8/1/21 - 8/31/21	6%
9/1/21 - 9/30/21	7%
10/1/21 - 10/31/21	8%

*If you are not a village resident this message does not apply to you and you will not receive a bill.*

## STREETLIGHTS

In the business district along Front Street and Franklin Avenue we have decorative streetlamps with sodium filaments. Last year one of the lamps at the stoplight corner and another in front of The Fox & The Hare stopped working. Since the bulbs tested good, it was assumed the problem was in the underground wiring and so it was decided to wait until this summer to locate & repair the failures (possibly under concrete or in the street). Then a few weeks ago, 3 other lamps failed together (one on the south side of Franklin & 2 on the north side). Lastly, a truck ran into a 6th lamp just 2 weeks ago, although this was quickly resolved since we have extra lamps in storage. Millbrook Electric has performed initial diagnostics and will hopefully resolve the issues with the other 5 lamps this summer.

## SIDEWALKS

Deputy Mayor Herzog and I met with Enforcement Officer Ken McLaughlin & Rich Rennie of Rennie Engineering Design, PLLC on 5/10/21 to request that he generate a report

specifying where sidewalks need to be replaced or added throughout the village and at what estimated cost. I have asked that the report be broken into prioritized stages since this will be a multi-year effort in which we will seek multiple grants from various agencies. We await a schedule and price for the requested engineering report.

## **POLICE REFORM & MODERNIZATION PLAN**

Our [12-point plan](#) is posted on the [village website](#) and we are reviewing the action plans at the monthly board meetings. Item #3 is to develop a Civilian Complaint Review Board, and this was approved at a special board meeting held on 5/26/21. The approved procedure will be posted on the village website next week.

Other police news of note is that, although we've taken delivery of the new police vehicle, it is still not in service because of a serious backlog in emergency lights, so for the time being you'll notice that there are up to 3 police vehicles in the lot (we'll trade in the oldest once the new vehicle is on-line).

## **ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATIONS**

Trustees Contino & Arbogast have initiated working with the Millbrook Business Association (MBA) on the possibility of getting charging stations installed in Millbrook at no cost to the village.

## **RESTAURANT SEATING IN THE STREETS**

The village supports the MBA's effort to help local restaurants expand seating as long it does not affect pedestrian safety. Plans are still being finalized but it looks like, instead of closing Church St this year, some businesses will be installing concrete barriers in parking spots in front of their businesses. This will be allowed on village roads but doing such on Franklin Ave requires NYS DOT approval since it is a state road.

## **WATER PLANT UPGRADE**

We received the final grant payment of \$285K from NYS, allowing us to pay the remaining contractor invoices. We are still owed, and are pursuing, the final \$19K from a Dutchess County grant that was also for this upgrade. This still leaves us with about \$1M of long-term

debt which we are paying through a combination of bonds and BANs (Bond Anticipation Notes) over the next 10-15 years.

## THORNE BUILDING

We continue working with the Thorne Building Community Center, Inc. to check off the list of items which need closure before we can transfer deed of the building and property from the village to the Not-for-Profit. Two items were just completed... We recently signed the contract between the Not-for-Profit and MECEC (Millbrook Early Childhood Education Center) which allows the latter organization to continue using the playground which is on the grounds above the bandshell. Also, the Not-for-Profit was able to get the property assessment reduced to the value of the land, which is appropriate given the state of disrepair of the building (the prior assessment was never revised because, as village property, it was not taxable). No closing date for deed transfer has been set yet.

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

**Monday, May 31st:** The day kicks off at 9:55 am when the [Dutchess County War Memorial Convoy](#) passes thru the Village of Millbrook headed toward the intersection of 343 & 82. Then at 11 am the Millbrook VFW will parade down Franklin Avenue followed by a wreath placement by the color guard at the monument and speeches by dignitaries at the top of Tribute Gardens. Traffic on Franklin will be re-routed by the Millbrook Police Department.

## FIREWORKS

In another example of a return-to-normal, the Millbrook Golf and Tennis Club is planning a fireworks display on 7/3 this year (rain date 7/4). As in the past, Church Street will be blocked to vehicular traffic by MB PD so pedestrians can sit along the road.

## TENNIS COURT FUNDRAISING

To-date we have raised over \$12K towards our goal of \$25K to resurface the village tennis courts. New news is that we have just received a very generous donation of \$5K from our friends at the Millbrook Golf & Tennis Club, raising our total to over \$17K!

If you would like to donate please visit [villageofmillbrookny.com/tennis](http://villageofmillbrookny.com/tennis) for more information.

## TRUSTEE POSITION

5 candidates submitted letters of interest. I held phone interviews with all applicants and did some in-person interviews with the Deputy Mayor. I'm happy to announce that Leslie Anson has accepted the open position (more details below) and I thank all the applicants for their interest in improving the Village of Millbrook.

## Meet the Staff

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**Nicole Zeko**

*Deputy Clerk*

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Hello, my name is Nicole Zeko and I've been the Deputy Clerk since March 2017. I have a background in programming, graphic design & photography. I grew up in the area and spent a lot of time in Millbrook over the years. I

have 2 teenage boys, my oldest graduated from Stissing Mountain in 2020 and my youngest is currently in 10th grade. When I'm not at the Village Hall, you'll find me with my family camping (my home away from home) or at some sort of ball field cheering for the Pine Plains Bombers (sorry Blazers but I'm a SMHS alumna as well).

## Meet the Trustees

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**Leslie Anson**

*Trustee*

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I am excited to begin my journey as the new trustee for the Village of Millbrook! I started my life right here in Millbrook where I grew up until I was 10. About 2 years ago, I moved back and I couldn't be happier. I have been teaching at Millbrook Middle School for the past 10 years



and am currently serving as a trustee for the Millbrook Educational Foundation. I am looking forward to serving the members of the community!



JUNE  
9  
6:00 PM

#### NEXT BOT MEETING

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