



VILLAGE OF MILLBROOK



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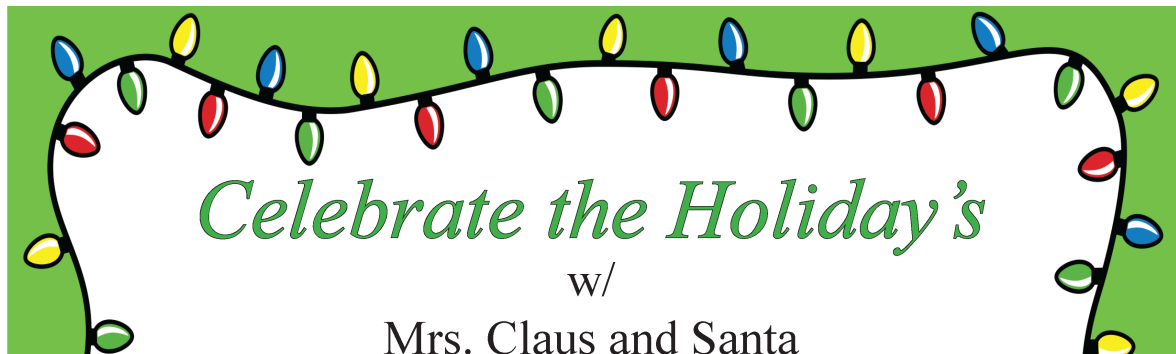
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November 2021

Holiday Season Is Upon Us

Holiday decoration and celebration plans are coming together on schedule. The Millbrook Business Association has purchased the annual allotment of cut trees which will be delivered this week so the Highway Department can place them around the Village by Thanksgiving. Those businesses and residents who have trees placed on their property will also receive a bag of lights and an extension cord to use in lighting their tree. Volunteers

will be working Thanksgiving weekend to help complete the decorating so that the Village can be fully lit by 11/28. If you'd like to help, please contact **MBA President Kevin McGrane** at kmtrusteevom@gmail.com or **Trustee Vicky Contino** at vctrusteevom@gmail.com.



On **Friday, 12/3/21**, Santa Claus will come to the Village to officially start the holiday season. Chelsea Edson, Town of Washington Rec Director, is in charge of delivering **Santa & Mrs. Claus to Tribute Gardens at 5:00 PM** for a "Meet & Greet" photo op which culminates in the lighting of the big tree. This will be followed by the annual **Parade of Lights at 6:00 PM** which is being organized by Ceil Collopy (*no relation except for the last 46.5 years*). Anyone who wants to decorate a float, car or truck is welcome to join the parade by contacting **Ceil at 845-797-2294**.

**THE MILLBROOK CHANUKAH COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO THE LIGHTING OF THE
MILLBROOK MENORAH**

Sunday, December 5, 2021

On the lawn of the Thorne Building
Franklin Avenue



Festivities begin at 4PM

FOLLOWED BY:

**HOT LATKES - HOT APPLE CIDER -
COFFEE - BAKED GOODS - SINGING**

**AT BABETTE'S KITCHEN
3293 FRANKLIN AVENUE
MILLBROOK, NEW YORK**

*For more information, call 845-677-0190
Sponsored by Millbrook Community Members*

On **Sunday, 12/5/21**, Rabbi Hecht will lead the annual **lighting of the Menorah** in front of the **Thorne Building at 4:00 PM** and all are welcome to attend with refreshments to follow.



HOPE ON A MISSION HOLIDAY DONATIONS

This year, VMPD will be collecting donations for **Hope On A Mission in Poughkeepsie**. They provide hot meals, personal hygiene supplies and seasonally appropriate clothing & footwear for the homeless and/or addicted women and men in the area.

The following is a list of items most requested:

TRAVEL/HOTEL SIZED

TOOTHBRUSH/PASTE or COLGATE WISPS
BODY WASH
SHAMPOO
CONDITIONER
RAZORS
ZIP-LOC baggies
(sandwich, quart, & gallon sizes)

FULL SIZE BOXES

BABY WIPES
TISSUES
WOMEN'S PANTIES, S-M
MEN'S BOXER BRIEFS, M-L

SNACK FOODS

COOKIES
CHEESE/PB CRACKERS
PUDDING/JELL-O/FRUIT CUPS
SOFT BAKED GOODS
HARD CANDIES/GUM

*Please no nuts OR granola.
Many have severe dental issues.*

We will be accepting donations through December 20th.
Any and all donations are appreciated and can be dropped off
at **Village Hall located at 35 Merritt Avenue, Millbrook, NY**

Please contact Officer Aluisio at
kaluisio@villageofmillbrookny.com
with any questions or concerns.

From **now through 12/20/21** the [Millbrook Police Department](#) is running a **charity drive** in support of [Hope on a Mission](#) which provides hope, grace, and love to women struggling with homelessness and addiction in the streets of Poughkeepsie. MPD is asking residents to **donate new personal hygiene supplies** which will be distributed by Christmas to those in need. **Drop-off boxes are located in the Village Hall** and will be placed around the Village during holiday events.

Village Leaf Pickup

Now through 11/30/21 the Village Highway Department is collecting and disposing of leaves that have been placed curbside. **Please DO NOT include brush, grass or trash** as this may damage the equipment. Because the dump trucks must be fitted with sanders and plows, after 11/30/21 residents must find alternate means for disposing of remaining leaves. Visit the [highway department](#) page for more details.

Village Snow Ordinance

As a reminder, the **Village Snow Ordinance** begins on **December 1st** and runs thru March 31st. **PARKING IS PROHIBITED** on all Village streets between the hours of **1:00 am and 6:00 am** December 1st thru March 31st. Violators will be ticketed. Visit the [highway department](#) page for more details.

Board of Trustee Meetings

The Village Board of Trustees are scheduled to meet at **6:00 PM on the 2nd Wednesday** of each month at the **Millbrook Firehouse**. We moved the meetings from the Village Hall to the Firehouse because it provides ample room for trustees, department heads and residents to socially distance. Although we no longer broadcast to Channel 22, we are now live-streaming on [YouTube](#). Additionally, all meetings are recorded and put on our website within 48 hours. The [agenda](#) for each meeting is posted to our website and distributed through Gov Delivery on the Monday before the meeting and all residents are welcome to attend.

Capital Improvement Projects

As reported in past months, the Board is focused on 3 projects in the Village: (1) Repairing the retaining wall that supports 800' of Front Street and Harts Village Road; (2) Replacing Village sidewalks that have been corrupted by tree roots; and (3) Addressing the aging elements of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. A brief status:

(1) Retaining wall: This project is going out to bid this month with bid-responses expected next month. We intend to use our entire American Rescue Fund allotment (\$144K) and then use a combination of CHIPS, Consolidated Trust Funds, and new debt to cover the cost.

(2) Sidewalks: An application is being submitted to Dutchess County for a Community Development Block Grant to cover the initial cost of funding sidewalk replacement.

(3) Sewer Plant: We expect a response from NYS by year-end of our request for a grant to cover 80% of an estimated \$65K cost of the engineering study to determine what's required to bring our WWTP into the 21st Century.

Blackboard

As reported in September, we are working to replace "Gov Delivery" with "Blackboard" by year-end as an improved tool to "push" information out to residents. While this will require those of you who are enrolled in Gov Delivery to enroll in Blackboard in order to continue to receive communications such as this Newsletter, Blackboard will also streamline, expedite & target resident notification of emergencies such as water breaks, sewer repair and road work by physical address. Alerts will be sent via message to landline phones, cell phones and email accounts on record. We will be sending out more information about how to use this system within the next 4 weeks.

Meet the Staff

Last month I presented the chairs of the Village Planning Board (Matt Anderson) & Zoning Board of Appeals (Andy Doro) who volunteer their time and expertise in their respective roles. In addition to them, the Village is fortunate to have other residents as members of each board who work with our Chief Enforcement Officer, Ken McLaughlin, and Secretary, Regina Crawford, and are charged with ensuring that any changes to property within the Village conforms to our zoning laws. In addition to Matt, the PB consists of Joe Forte, Kay Vanderlyn, Genevieve Glasson and Ann Ledy. In addition to Andy, the ZBA is made up of Earl Meyer, Tim Capowski, Mark Vila and Mike Flanigan. Thanks to all of these board members for their service to the Village!



UPDATE:

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

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

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NEXT BOT MEETING

6:00 PM

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

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