

**VILLAGE OF
MILLBROOK**

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Ballot Mix-up and Corrective Action

Earlier this year we appointed 2 residents to fill vacant Trustee positions on our Village board: Buffy Arbogast replaced me when I was elected Mayor within the term of my Trustee position, and Leslie Anson replaced Kevin McGrane when he had to resign a few months later. We had to submit the paperwork to DC Board of Elections before knowing of the resignation so the November ballot says there is only 1 Trustee position open when there

are actually 2. Luckily, we have 2 candidates running to fill these Trustee positions: Buffy Arbogast & Peter Doro, so I have decided that the fair response to this mix-up is for me to appoint the runner-up in the election to the 2nd vacant position while the winner will take the 1st vacant position. Note that both positions will again be up for election in November of 2022 for full 4-year terms.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Every year Dutchess County solicits requests for CDBGs from municipalities and so at our next board meeting we will hold a public hearing to gather ideas from Village residents of what projects we should pursue. Grants are available up to \$100K but we can re-apply for more funding of the same project in subsequent years.

Deputy Mayor Herzog is preparing a request for such a grant to fund the replacement of Village sidewalks, starting with those along Franklin Avenue between Front and Church Streets. Using initial assessments provided by Rennia Engineering Design PLLC, we will submit a "Letter of Intent" next month to ask for grant money which could be available next summer.

Lamp Posts on Franklin Avenue

I reported to you months ago that we had numerous outages of the decorative lamp posts in the business district along Franklin Avenue. The total was 5 lights in all and there were numerous complaints about safety and visibility at night and in the early morning. Thanks to the dogged perseverance of our Highway Department & Millbrook Electric, 4 of these lights are now operational and the last one should be repaired this week. It was almost hilarious to discover how the lamp posts are wired together with numerous street crossings, so our Highway Superintendent, Bob Collocola, has documented & photographed the layout so that next time repairs can be made more efficiently and with less digging up of the street and sidewalks.

Speed Signs

This week the Board of Trustees approved Officer-in-Charge Witt's purchase of 2 semi-mobile speed signs to be placed around the Village to both alert drivers when they exceed the limit and to keep a record of how fast vehicles are going through our streets. The total cost is \$5800 and we are using money from the Consolidated Trust Fund account to pay for them, since this was not in our budget. Expect to see the signs operational by year-end.

Brush and Leaf Pickup

As part of our service to Village residents, at certain times of the year the Highway Department removes brush and leaves which residents place at the edge of their property. However, because of the need to convert the trucks from [brush pickup](#) to [leaf-pickup](#) and to convert them again for snowplowing, we can't overlap the brush and leaf pickup schedules, and leaf pickup needs to end before the 1st snowfall.

Some residents continue to put brush out by the street after the [brush pickup](#) season is over and some residents put out extraordinary amounts of brush and/or leaves for pickup. To be fair to all residents, I have authorized the Highway Superintendent to give residents 1 of 2 letters, as he deems appropriate. The 1st letter states that brush pickup season is over and the brush left on the side of the road must either be removed by the owner by a certain date or we will remove it (possibly by a local landscaping company) and bill the resident. The 2nd letter states that the material left by the side of the road is extraordinarily large and will be removed at a cost to the resident.

For complete details visit the [Highway Department](#) Page

Surveys - Make Your Opinion Count

The Millbrook Central School District has a [survey questionnaire](#) posted on their website homepage (www.millbrookcsd.org) which asks residents what they would like the school district to do about the gazebo which is on school property between the Village tennis courts and Elm Drive school.

The NYS Department of Public Service is requesting residents to take a [survey](#) describing your current broadband experience and what you want to see improved:
www.empirestatebroadband.com.

Marijuana Opt-Out Resolution

At this week's board meeting, we held a public hearing on the board's proposal to opt-out of allowing marijuana dispensaries or lounges within the Village borders. Since there were no objections, the board voted to accept the motion to opt-out and will proceed to create a local law to that effect by year-end.

Tennis Court Resurfacing

Having achieved the \$27K goal with a 2nd generous donation from the Tribute Gardens Foundation, the board approved Trustee Anson proceeding to accept the bid from Oval Tennis to resurface the courts next Spring for that amount. I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the many people and organizations who contributed to this fund raiser - thank you!

If you would like to donate, please visit villageofmillbrook.com/tennis for more information.

Meet the Staff



Matt Anderson

Planning Board Chair

"My name is Matt Anderson and I've been involved with the Village Planning Board since 2018, becoming Chair last year. We have a very balanced membership on the board with a broad range of professional experience. We are tasked with reviewing special applications and site plans, and we work with the community at public hearings to ensure that projects remain in harmony with the Village and are acceptable to its residents."



Andy Doro

Zoning Board Chair

"I'm Andy Doro and am honored to be the Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Following in Joel Diamond's shoes is a mighty task. The members and former members of the Board have been very supportive in fulfilling our objectives in a fair and equitable manner. Millbrook is a very special place and we certainly would like to keep it that way."



NOV
10
6:00 PM

NEXT BOT MEETING

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

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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