

# June 2022 Newsletter

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Welcome to my June 2022 newsletter. I'll be updating you on issues being discussed at our Board of Trustee meetings as well as other notable events in our Village.

## 2021-2022 Budget

We just closed the fiscal year for period-ending 5/31/2022. I'm happy to report that final total expenses to date are \$19K (1%) under budget while revenues are \$42K (2%) over budget which should grow our unrestricted fund balance to

over \$300K. Once again, I must thank each of the department heads and trustees for their attention to detail throughout the year to make this happen!

**Village tax bills** for the new fiscal year were **mailed out earlier this month** and are **due without penalty by 7/1/22**. If you haven't received your new bill you can **[view it online](#)** or call the office at 845-677-3939 option 2 M-F 9 am to 3 pm.

We have received questions about the line on your tax bill, "Sewer Assessment", which is also called the "Sewer Special Benefit Assessment" or "SBA". The SBA is an annual, allocated charge totaling \$50K to all customers of our sewer service for fixed costs of the sewer plant operation and has been in effect for many years.

## Memorial Day Parade





Photo By: [@millbrooknewyork](#)

Kudos to Commander Moseman and Millbrook VFW Post 9008 for putting on an exceptional parade and tribute to our veterans again this year. The ceremony was led by Town of Washington Supervisor Ciferri and it included an awe-inspiring talk by Tommy Zurhellen who walked across America in 2019 to raise money for the Vet Zero Project.

## **Proposed Upgrade to the Wastewater Treatment Plant**

At our next board meeting on 7/13 at 6PM in the Firehouse, Delaware Engineering will present a plan to renovate our aging sewer plant. Once approved by the board, it will be submitted to NYS for a grant and low-interest loan request. Although we have started a reserve fund to partially finance this,

the total cost is in the range of \$7M and so we will be seeking multiple grant opportunities and long-term (30 year) financing before the project starts.

## **VRI News**

Having recently been confronted with multiple cases of clogged sewer pipes, VRI, who administers our water & sewer operations, is asking that residents not use flushable wipes if they contain any synthetic materials since they can clog your sewer line.

Also note that if you leave for an extended period of time, VRI will shut off your water service at your request while you're gone & turn it back on before you return. If interested, call their office at 845-677-3839 to schedule this free service.

## **Bennett College Demolition and Conversion to Bennett Park**

The Millbrook Community Partnership (MCP) leadership and their contractors deserve high praise for the successful demolition of the Bennett College buildings. This has already made a significant improvement to the southern entrance of the Village, but the future is even brighter. The site plan for Bennett Park can be found on their website at [www.millbrookbennettpark.org](http://www.millbrookbennettpark.org), which I encourage you to review.

## **Thorne Building Open House**





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On 5/28, the MCP held an open house of the Thorne Building since all dangerous materials have been removed. Over 350 people toured the building and were amazed at not only the architectural beauty of the gutted rooms but also the plans as presented by Sloan Architects, PC. The latest info can be found at [www.thornebuilding.org](http://www.thornebuilding.org).

## Students Beautifying the Village

On 5/26, Ms. Hicks' 5th Grade Class and Ms. Anson's 6th Grade Class spent the day in the Village planting the annual geraniums, picking up trash, and giving out baked goods to local businesses, residents, and visitors. Thanks to them, the [Millbrook Business Association](#), the Nine Partners' Garden Club, and our Highway Department who worked in concert to beautify our Village!

## **Fire Department Annual Parade and Block Party**

On the 8th & 9th of July, the Millbrook FD will hold a block party at the firehouse and on the Village Green. There will also be a parade down Franklin Avenue on the 9th, ending at the firehouse. Please plan to come out and support our volunteer firefighter and EMS personnel.

# **Millbrook Fire Department**

## **Block Party / Parade**

**Live Music**      **Bouncy House**

**Gambling Wheels**

**50/50 Raffle**      **Bingo**

**Food and Beverages**

Friday July 8  
Saturday July 9

6:00pm-12:00am  
6:00pm-12:00am

**FIREMAN'S PARADE SATURDAY AT 6:00PM**

## **Eagle Scout Awards**

Congratulations to Declan Noonan and Cole Hubert of Millbrook's Boy Scout Troop 31 who each recently achieved the ultimate rank of Eagle Scout for extraordinary contributions to local community services and historical preservation.

## **Millbrook Arts Group (MAG)**

Come and support the musicians and "The Arts" with Spring Fling Millbrook. Enjoy this free concert series from 11:30am - 1:30pm on Franklin Ave. between Whalen's Insurance and Uncle Al's Thrift Store. (weather permitting) Scheduled to Perform Saturday June 18th: Emily Beck Band.



# Spring Fling MILLBROOK

"FREE LIVE MUSIC"

On Franklin Ave.

11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
(weather permitting)

Saturday June 18th

*featuring*

Emily Beck Band



MILLBROOKARTSGROUP

Then later that evening the Millbrook Arts Group 2022 **"Free" Summer Sunset Concerts Series** kicks off @ 6pm at Millbrook Bandshell on Franklin Ave. Enjoy the sounds of dynamic percussion & mesmerizing strains of flamenco dance & music with Hudson Valley Flamenco Festival.

The Summer Sunset Concert schedule is on MAG's website at [www.millbrookartsgroup.org](http://www.millbrookartsgroup.org). You cannot beat the price!

# 2022 SUMMER SUNSET CONCERTS

**HUDSON VALLEY FLAMENCO FESTIVAL - 6/18/22**  
*DYNAMIC PERCUSSION & MESMERIZING STRAINS  
OF FLAMENCO DANCE & MUSIC*

**TOO BLUE - 6/25/22**  
*TOE TAPPING BLUEGRASS & SWING*

**THE BIG BAND SOUND - 7/2/22**  
*FAVORITES FROM THE BIG BAND ERA*

**SOUL PURPOSE - 7/16/22**  
*CLASSIC CONTEMPORARY SOUL,  
NEW ORLEANS FUNK, SWING & R&B*

**KEN MORR BAND - 7/30/22**  
*ORIGINAL FOLK/ROCK STRAIGHT FROM  
THE AMERICAN HEARTLAND*

**SAINTS OF SWING - 8/13/22**  
*ECLECTIC MIX OF SWING, DIXIELAND JAZZ  
& DOWN HOME BLUES*

**RAQUEL AND THE WILDFLOWERS - 8/27/22**  
*HIGH ENERGY COUNTRY ROCK*

MILLBROOK BANDSHELL ON FRANKLIN AVE.  
SATURDAYS @6PM \*FREE ADMISSION\*



## Town of Washington Senior Lunch

On 6/22 the Town of Washington Recreation Department is hosting their annual free **Senior Lunch** at the Town Park on Rt 44 starting at noon. Pre-registration is not required.

## Climate-Smart Pledge

At the June board meeting, we approved a resolution adopting the **NYS Climate Smart Communities** pledge in which we commit to find opportunities to reduce energy use and emissions. Resident Jen Glasson has agreed to be our focal point, working with Trustee Herzog and the Cary Institute, and she will be

developing a set of recommendations for review/approval by the board over the next year.

## Electric Vehicle Charging Station

Deputy Mayor Contino has been working with the Town of Washington board on getting a charging station installed in front of the Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Dr. If acceptable to all affected parties, the station would be installed and maintained by Livingston Energy Group at no cost to the Town or Village and all revenues would go to Livingston. Details and schedules will be forthcoming.

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## Village Board Meetings

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

Millbrook Firehouse  
20 Front Street, Millbrook, NY

JULY  
13  
6:00  
PM

### **NEXT BOT MEETING**

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

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