



July 2022 Newsletter

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Welcome to my July 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.

Retaining Wall Along Harts Village Road



The project to refurbish and seal the 800' of wall holding up the southern portion of Harts Village Road has been completed for the contracted price of \$240K by Con-Tech Construction Tech Inc. We are awaiting a final bill of ~\$30K from Delaware Engineering for project management (bid specification & evaluation, contractor technical interface, and on-site oversight). This project is being paid by using all of our \$144K from the American Rescue Plan plus most of the \$150K from a recently received bond from Bank of Millbrook.

Village Tennis Courts



Thanks to the generous donations of Millbrook Tribute Garden, local businesses and residents, the resurfacing of our tennis courts by Oval Tennis has been completed. Courts have re-opened as of Tuesday, July 19th. Although there was an increase in the contracted price due to a fuel surcharge and an additional 125' of cracks which needed repair, a local donor immediately agreed to cover the difference. Also note that the backboards will be resurfaced and painted this Fall.

Speed Sign



The Village purchased a radar speed sign to monitor and remind drivers of our Village speed limits. Although the sign records the speed of vehicles, it has no picture-taking ability of traffic. It does, however, record a picture when it detects tampering of the device. To-date the sign has been on Alden Place and is now on Harts Village Road.

Road And Sidewalk Improvement Plan For This Season

Due to the increased price of oil products and without a commensurate increase in our NYS CHIPS funding, we have scaled-back our original resurfacing plan to the following:

1. Nine Partners Road, Linden Lane, and Linden Court will be covered with oil & stone on about 8/3 for \$34K.
2. North Avenue will be repaved in mid-September for \$74K.
3. Sidewalk grinding will be conducted in the Fall (date TBD) for \$10K.

All costs for these projects are either covered by NYS CHIPS or included in our current budget.

We are still awaiting word on our request to Dutchess County (DC) for a grant to begin the sidewalk replacement project in the Village business district. Given the amount of planning and pre-approvals required from both DC and NYS DOT, actual work (assuming grant approval) will not start until next year.

Firehouse Request For A Digital Sign



In front of the Firehouse is an old, inoperable sign that was once used to publicize Fire Department news and events. The FD has now brought to the Village Board of Trustees a request to install a digital sign in the same location which would be paid from the Fire Company's 501c3 funds. Given that such signs used in adjacent municipalities are perceived poorly by some residents and the Trustees gave mixed opinions at the last board meeting, the FD has proposed modifying the sign usage. For example, they have proposed reducing its size, restricting the number of colors, and reducing luminescence at night.

In order to solicit more feedback from the community and to better demonstrate what the sign would look like, there will be a demo by the sales rep at the Firehouse sign on 8/9 at 6PM which will be broadcast live on the Village's **YouTube channel**. This will be followed by another discussion at the next regular monthly board meeting on 8/10 at the Firehouse at 6PM. Please let your opinion be known either by attending the demo, board meeting or both.

Changes In Police Department Personnel

Officer Kelly Aluisio has accepted a position elsewhere and will be leaving the Millbrook Police Department. Her diligent enforcement of our laws, exemplary community involvement, and protection of the health and safety of Village

residents will be sorely missed and difficult to replace, but we wish her success in her new endeavor.

Officer Bill Ricci has now joined the Millbrook PD, primarily to provide day-shift back up. Officer Ricci is also currently employed full time as a police officer for SUNY Maritime in the Bronx. While he may be able to help fill some of the gaps from Officer Aluisio's leaving, we intend to find another officer to fill the shifts she usually covered.

NDP Move

By contract with the Village, Northern Dutchess Paramedics (NDP) provides 24/7 ambulance service to both the Village of Millbrook and Town of Washington. Since the start of our 24/7 contract with them in June of 2019, they have rented space at the corner of Halcyon Rd & Rt 343. Due to the pending sale of the building and some other issues, they moved last month to the corner of Little Rest Rd and Rt 44 in Mabbetttsville. However, the Town of Washington Planning Board has now stated that this location is not zoned for such an operation and so another, yet-to-be-determined solution must be found. NDP remains in Mabbetttsville until then.

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade

The Village Board will meet on 7/27 at 6PM at the Firehouse for a presentation by Delaware Engineering. The presentation is on a proposed, long-term upgrade plan for our WWTP (which is in serious need of a major renovation). This will be the start of a long process of government agency approvals and pursuit of funding grants to reduce and defer the large expected cost of this upgrade.

At this same meeting, we will entertain a request from a non-Village resident for approval to hook up to our sewer system.

Checking For "Forever Chemicals" In Our Water Supply

You may have recently seen in the press that the EPA is tightening acceptable levels of PFOA and PFOS chemicals which are a class of surfactants used in a variety of household and industrial materials (e.g. non-stick cookware, firefighter foam, water-proof jackets & fire-retardant material). They are called "forever chemicals" because they have been linked to health issues in humans and take thousands of years to break down to less-toxic chemicals.

NYS requires that municipalities routinely test their water for such chemicals and ensure the level doesn't exceed 10 ppt (parts per trillion). VRI has tested the Village of Millbrook's water multiple times with equipment that is sensitive to 1 ppt and has not detected any level of these forever chemicals.

Rebuilding Together Dutchess County (RTDC)

From now until 8/31, applications are being accepted for service in 2023 to provide no-cost home repairs & modifications so as to preserve home ownership of income-qualified homeowners in Dutchess County. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for this program, call 845-454-7310 or visit rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org/apply.

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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
27
6:00
PM

NEXT BOT MEETING

Presentation by Delaware Engineering discussing the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

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REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

10
6:00
PM

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

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