



August 2022 Newsletter

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Welcome to my August 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.

Proposed FD Electronic Sign

As I reported last month, the Millbrook Fire Department has requested Board of Trustee approval of a new, electronic sign to replace the current sign that is no longer usable. On the evening of August 9th, the vendor came to the firehouse and gave a **live demo** and a **presentation** of what such a sign would look like.

Then at the August 10th monthly board meeting, **public comments** were solicited as part of the agenda.

At the next board meeting on September 14th, we will again solicit public comments from residents prior to the board voting on the Fire Departments's request. Comments will again be restricted to 2 minutes per resident and all comments should be addressed to the Board of Trustees. The proposed resolution will include a list of restricted uses that will seek to address many of the issues that exist with electronic signs. Residents are encouraged to attend and give their opinions.

Grant From Dutchess County to Begin Sidewalk Replacement in Millbrook

Kudos to Trustee Herzog for getting final approval of a \$100K Community Development Block Grant that allows us to start the process of replacing Village sidewalks. Given the high pedestrian usage, we will first focus on the business district, starting with the south side of Franklin between Front & Church streets. However, before any work begins, we have a series of administrative steps that must be completed and approved by Dutchess County and NYS DOT. This time-consuming process means that physical work will probably not happen until next Spring.

Water Conservation

There was a total of only 4" of rainfall in the months of June and July this year, which is significantly less than last summer. As a result, **the holding tank at the water plant**, which typically has 15-18' of water, **is now running with 8-12'**. While this is not yet a cause for alarm, **please consider conserving water usage** by (for example) **ceasing watering grass or washing cars**. Note that once grass goes dormant (as mine has), watering only brings out crab and water grass. When the cool nights return in the Fall, the grass will recover. Hopefully rain will replenish our supply before we need to order any restrictions but anything you can do to reduce water consumption in the meantime will help.

Proposal to Upgrade Our Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

At a special board meeting on 7/27, Delaware Engineering **presented a detailed proposal** to re-engineer our aging WWTP. The estimated cost of the entire project is \$7M and the Board's approval of a bond resolution allowed Delaware to prepare and submit a detailed proposal to NYS for a grant to cover a portion of the cost plus provide the Village with a 30 year, 0% interest loan. Once this grant is approved, the Board will seek additional funding help from other agencies to further reduce the cost of our future sewer bills.

At the same meeting, the Board agreed to pass a resolution (possibly at the September Board meeting) allowing Town of Washington residents with single-family homes and whose property abuts a Village sewer main, to hook up to our system after paying a special fee.

Paving of North Avenue

This project is currently scheduled for 9/19 & 9/20 (weather-permitting) and will necessitate road closures. Affected residents will receive notice via **Blackboard**, the **Village's website** and **social media** will be updated with the latest status. In preparation for the repaving, VRI completed valve replacement on North Ave and Fountain last Tuesday, August 16th. They removed two 90 yr old valves and installed 3 new ones.

"No Smoking" Resolution Passed

At last week's Board meeting, we passed a **resolution** designating all Village property, buildings and vehicles as "No Smoking". Additional signage will be placed as appropriate to notify the public of this new resolution.

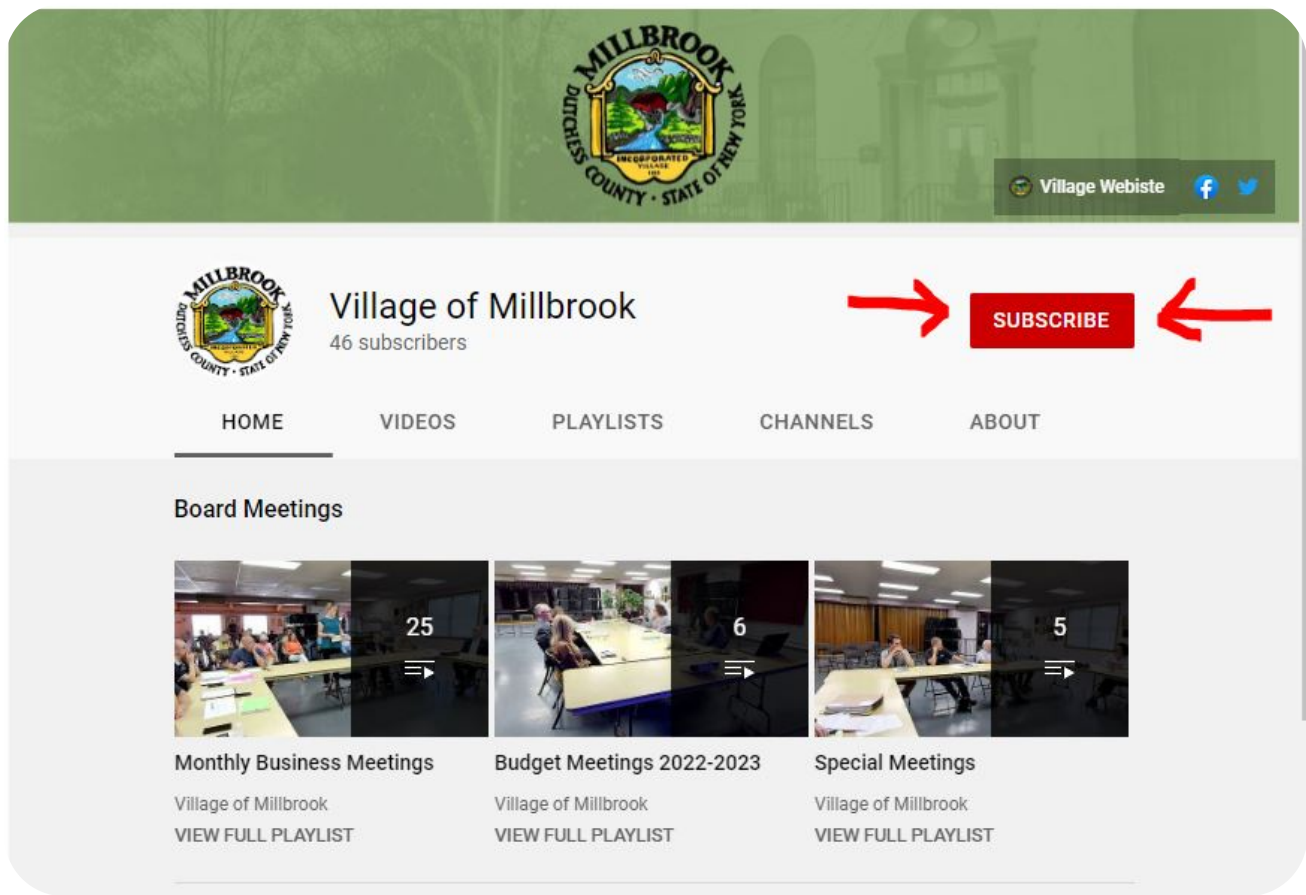
Millbrook Community Day 2022

The **Millbrook Business Association** is hosting Community Day for the Village on Saturday, 9/10. More details will be coming soon, but please save the date.

Using "YouTube Live" to Record Public Meetings

We need your help! We need at least 50 residents to **subscribe to our YouTube Channel** in order to stream live more effeciently. All you need to do is **click the red "Subscribe" button on our YouTube page**. There is no cost

for subscribing but it will improve the "YouTube Live" experience of those who watch our meetings remotely.



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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

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REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

14
6:00
PM

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

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