



September 2022 Newsletter

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Welcome to my September 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.

FD Request For A New, Electronic Sign

There has been considerable interest in the community about the Fire Department's request to replace the current, unusable sign outside the apparatus

garage with an electronic version. Opinions have ranged from the importance of respecting the Fire Department's wishes given the invaluable service that they provide the Village and Town, to concerns about how an electronic sign would change the "ambience" that makes Millbrook special. Based on resident input of specific issues and some suggested modifications, the Deputy Mayor, FD Chief, FD President & I met to develop a set of conditions for sign use that will address many of the issues and (as much as possible) make the sign look like a conventional sign. These **conditions** were presented at our September meeting and a motion to accept the Fire Department's request with these conditions was passed by a majority of the Trustees. There is not yet a date for when the sign will be installed.

Fall In Love With Millbrook - Saturday, October 8th

This celebration of art, dance and music is being sponsored by the Millbrook Arts Group. Visit **www.millbrookartsgroup.org** for the full list of demonstrations and performances .

FALL in Love with MILLBROOK



A CELEBRATION OF
ART, DANCE & MUSIC

Saturday - October 8th - 2022

Plein Air Workshop & Pumpkin Painting
Hudson Valley Flamenco Festival
& Music on the Street



Visit our website
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or Scan our QR CODE for all
event details.

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Innisfree Garden Community Day - Saturday, October 8th

Thanks to a donation from the Northeast Dutchess Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, free admission to the **Innisfree Garden Community Day** is being offered to Village of Millbrook & Town of Washington residents (along with many other local municipalities) from 6AM to 5PM on Saturday, October 8th.



Grant Programs

Thanks to the Tribute Garden which recently awarded the Village a \$10K grant to cover the costs of (1) replacing the tennis court backboards, and (2) generating a detailed engineering survey and report of sidewalk repair needs in the business district along Franklin Avenue. Thanks also to the Dutchess County Executive and Legislators who recently awarded the following grants to our community: (1) to the Village, a \$100K Community Development Block Grant for sidewalk replacement, (2) to the MBFD, a \$200K Municipal Improvement Grant to build a fire training area in the ToW (by the Town dump), and (3) to our local VFW, a \$12K grant to replace uniforms and equipment.

Community Day 2022

Thanks to Kevin McGrane, Ceil Collopy & Ashley Lempka who planned and ran a wonderful Community Day on 9/10. After a few years of COVID-related cancellations, it was great to see so many businesses, organizations and residents out along Franklin Avenue and at the Firehouse having an enjoyable day.

Dead Deer In The Village

Local deer have been dying from **Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease** which is spread by "no-see-ums". While EHD is not transmittable to humans, the deer have a life expectancy of 36 hours once infected. As a result, there have been 2 recent cases of dead deer on Village-resident property. As a rule, Village employees are not to go on private property but, if a **deer dies on your property** and you can get someone to drag it to the street, the Hwy Dept will dispose of it. Unfortunately, in the 2 cases cited, the dead deer weren't noticed until the carcasses had begun to exude an incredibly foul odor which attracted a large number of vultures to the site. At this point, the recommendation of the **NYS Wildlife Health Unit** is to leave it exposed so that scavengers can quickly consume it. While the WHU recognizes that some organizations recommend covering the carcass with dirt, mulch, manure or lime, they say that the scavengers will quickly uncover the dead animal and continue their feast (the smell also returns). I can vouch for this given what we tried in the 2nd Village case in which we were thwarted with every attempt and probably delayed the time until nature ran its course.

Brush Pickup Is Over; Leaf Pickup Starts 10/1

Monday, 9/12 was the last day for this year's brush pickup. If you clear any more brush this season, you'll have to find alternative means to dispose of it as we're converting the trucks to leaf pickup now. **Leaf pickup season runs until 11/30**, at which point we convert the trucks to sand/snow plowing capability.

NDP New Location

NDP provides 24/7 ambulance/paramedic service to residents of Village of Millbrook & Town of Washington. There was a zoning issue with their location in Mabbettsville, so they recently moved to a building on Stanford Road between Rodrigo Knolls and Sharon Turnpike. This new location is less than a mile from the center of the Village, allowing them to continue to provide fast EMS response to the local community.

BSA Eagle Scout Achievements

Congratulations to both Deacon McChesney and Zane Bialy of BSA Troop 31 who constructed kiosks at Friends Park in Clinton Corners and Washington Hollow Cemetery in order to achieve the ultimate milestone of Eagle Scout.

Regulations For Airbnb's Within The Village

This topic was raised at the most recent trustee meeting and, since there is currently nothing in the Village code to address this, I asked Trustee Doro to work with Clerk Witt and propose a draft regulation based on what is used in nearby municipalities. This is the start of what will eventually lead to an addition to our local laws.

Police Coverage

To fill all 13 shifts per week that are budgeted for the Millbrook Police Department, the Trustees accepted a proposal from Officer-In-Charge Witt to hire a 7th part-time officer to the force. While this is more cost-efficient than hiring a 2nd full-time officer, most of our part-time officers have other, full-time jobs that we must work around.

New Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website! Please be patient with us while we are still in the process updating content and making some improvements. Our goal is to provide our residents and visitors an easy way to access information. The user-friendly content is well organized so you can easily navigate the site to find the information you're looking for.

Village Board Meetings

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

Millbrook Firehouse

20 Front Street, Millbrook, NY

OCT
12
6:00
PM

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Visit our **NEW** [agendas & minutes](#) page for all documents relating to the upcoming meeting.

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