

November 2022 Newsletter



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Welcome to my November 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.

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Veterans' Day 11/11/2022



Over 85 people came to VFW Post 9008's annual Veterans' Day ceremony which was hosted by Commander Jeff Moseman and emceed by Town Supervisor Gary Ciferri in the Firehouse. The event was moved inside because of the weather forecast and provided a welcome environment to thank all of our local veterans for their service.

Holiday Events

Christmas trees are arriving & being placed throughout the Village this week, and volunteers are scheduled to add lights on Saturday, 11/19, starting at 10AM. Come join the fun.

It's time for the
VILLAGE OF MILLBROOK
PARADE OF
Lights

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022

Line-up begins at 4:30 PM
on Franklin Avenue next to MOST

PARADE STEPS OFF
AT 6:00 PM!

Create a holiday float or decorate your vehicle!

For more information contact
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The Annual **Parade of Lights** is planned for **Friday, 12/2 at 6:00 PM**. Parade line-up starts at 4:30 on Franklin Avenue next to MOST. Create a holiday float or decorate your vehicle! For more information [click here](#) or contact Ceil Collopy @ **845-797-2294** or **ceciliacollopy@gmail.com**.



ANGELS OF LIGHT PRESENTS

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

**A Holiday Meet and Greet
with Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus**

**DECEMBER 2, 2022
FROM 3:30 PM TO 5:30 PM
28 FRONT STREET, MILLBROOK NY**

**COME TAKE A PICTURE, WRITE A HOLIDAY
CARD FOR A CHILD IN A LOCAL HOSPITAL,
AND SHARE A COOKIE WITH SANTA CLAUS
BEFORE HE LEADS THE PARADE OF LIGHTS.**

**PRE-REGISTER FOR A PRESENT FROM
SANTA AT THE LINK BELOW**

Santa is coming to the Village of Millbrook! Starting at 3:30 join Santa and Mrs. Claus for a picture, hot chocolate & cookies, and writing a card to a child in a local hospital **at the Angels of Light building** (next to Marona's). **For more information and to RSVP to this event [click here](#).** This will be followed by holiday music at the tree in front of Tribute Garden and the tree lighting will be at 6 PM with the parade to follow immediately afterwards.

Sidewalks

To reduce the tripping risk to pedestrians, the Village just paid \$10K to have the uneven sidewalks ground smooth, primarily within the business district. This did not include the south side of Franklin between Front & Church streets which is where we intend to start removing & repouring new sidewalks next summer. Survey work of that section was completed last week in order to get DC Planning and NYS DOT approval. Additionally, we will be submitting a new Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) request to Dutchess County in order to secure funding to do the 2nd phase of sidewalk replacement, that being the north side of the same stretch of Franklin Avenue in 2024. **A special Board of Trustee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 11/30 at 6PM in the Village Hall** for a [public hearing](#) solely to solicit other CDBG ideas.



NYCLASS

Now that the Village fund balance has reached a healthy level and we are no longer experiencing cash-flow issues during the fiscal year, the Board adopted a resolution to invest some available cash into the New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System which is a short-term, highly-liquid investment fund designed specifically for the public sector. It provides safety, daily liquidity (so no cash flow worries), daily compounded interest yield, no transaction fees, unlimited monthly transactions, no

minimum balance requirements, audit friendly reports and no cost to join. Many local municipalities are already participating and, given the recent rate increases, the Village Board has decided to try it with a limited first investment.

Firehouse Air Bottle Refill Station

Last month there was a small fire in a closet adjoining the firetruck garage during the refilling of a portable oxygen tank. The hose connecting the small portable tank to the larger storage cylinders failed, likely due to age and fatigue. While no one was seriously injured, the 20+ year-old cascade cage is not repairable. The insurance settlement will cover almost all the cost of a new filling system, but the FD is additionally considering further improving the safety of the operation by eliminating many of the large tanks with a compressor at an additional cost of \$37K as part of our next budget process for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Leaf Pickup

The Highway Department is fighting to stay ahead of the falling leaves and, so far, the equipment and weather have cooperated. As a reminder, we must cease leaf pickup by 11/30 in order to prepare the dump trucks for winter weather by installing plows and sanders.

As a reminder the [Village Snow Ordinance](#) begins December 1, 2022

Water Tower Fencing

T-Mobile was the first cellular provider to put their antennas on our water tower many years ago at which time they installed fencing around equipment and along a neighbor's border. The fence has fallen into disrepair, and I have been requesting that they replace it, both to improve the looks as well as to protect their equipment. They have just committed to start this project by year-end.

Village Hall Fixup

Using money from the consolidated trust fund account, we purchased a new, unlit sign for the front yard of the Village Hall. The sign is modelled after the "Welcome to Millbrook" signs that are posted at both ends of Franklin Avenue.



The exterior of our Village Hall has been in disrepair for some time: the windows have rotted and the siding is peeling. The Board agreed that we should get quotes to replace the 7 downstairs windows as a first step. This out-of-budget item would be financed using the same consolidated trust fund account, if we deem it worth the cost.

Climate Smart Communities

The Village of Millbrook has joined the NYSEDA Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Certification program in order to become a Clean Energy Community. CSC provides municipalities with a robust framework to guide local climate action. Certification recognizes high-performing communities for their leadership in reducing emissions and adapting to a changing climate. The program recognizes and rewards local governments for their clean energy leadership and offers substantial grant opportunities with no local matching requirements. Municipalities have access to free on-demand technical assistance from a Clean Energy Community Coordinator and a toolkit that includes step-by-step guidance along with other tools and resources. Genevieve Glasson has agreed to be our Village of Millbrook CSC Task Force leader, and she is now working with Trustee Herzog to establish our baseline which includes recognizing prior actions that meet program guidelines. A full report and proposed action plan are expected next Spring.

Police News

Officer-in-Charge Witt gave his assessment at the last board meeting of the pros & cons of joining DC's deployment of body-worn cameras for our police. Given the low level of complaints about the Village police by the public and the expected impact of implementing all elements of this new procedure, the

Board decided not to join the DC deployment of body-worn cameras.

In order to improve police coverage of our budgeted 13 shifts per week, a 6th part time officer has joined our police department this month and the December shifts are now all covered.

Special Board Meeting

11/30 6PM at the Village Hall for a [public hearing](#) regarding the CDBG submission to DC.

Village Board Meetings

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

Millbrook Firehouse
20 Front Street, Millbrook, NY

DEC
14
6:00 PM

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

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

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