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# MAYOR'S MONTHLY

The Village of Millbrook Monthly Newsletter By Mayor Tim Collopy



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## GOOD LUCK LADY BLAZERS!

The Millbrook girls varsity basketball team is  
headed to states once again!

If you want to go and cheer them on they are playing this  
Saturday, March 18th at 2:15 pm in Troy, NY

Hudson Valley Community College  
80 Vandenberg Ave  
Troy, NY 12180

More Info & Tickets

<https://nysphsaa.org/tournaments/?id=5>

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## SNOWSTORM CLEAN-UP

The snowstorm on 3/14 was our biggest (& hopefully final) of the season. Thanks to Bob Collocola and his highway team who worked tirelessly to keep the roads and sidewalks plowed and sanded over the 24 hours of inclement weather. The heavy snow caused many branches to break off and fall, so top priority is given to clearing roads and walkways followed by brush removal as the snow melts. As a reminder, the village **snow ordinance** is still in effect until March 31st.

## FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET

We are over halfway through our budget reviews for the upcoming fiscal year. All meetings are open to the public and are being held on Wednesdays at 6PM at the Millbrook Firehouse (**the schedule is posted on our website**). A tentative, standalone budget has been proposed for each of the Water and Sewer Funds that would require a 3.5% increase in the water rates and an \$11K increase in the sewer Special Benefit Assessment. We're planning to complete the 1st-pass rollup of the General Fund this month so we can have a public hearing and board vote on the full budget at the April 12th **board meeting**.



## BENNETT PARK SEWER PUMP STATION

Two bid requests have been approved by the board for the replacement of the sewer pump station and addition of an emergency generator in front of Bennett Park. The expected cost is ~\$250K which we financed with a Bank of Millbrook bond. In parallel, Deputy Mayor Contino and I presented a request for financial help from NYS Senator Hinchey and NYS Assemblymember Barrett and they have recently agreed to support our application for funding to cover the full cost in the NYS budget. Since we have an immediate need to upgrade the current system, if our application were to be approved, it would be a reimbursement grant in 2024.



## TREE CITY USA AWARD

On March 16th, the Urban Forestry Division of the DEC held its annual Tree City Recognition Lunch at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie. The Village was honored for receiving its 31st consecutive Tree City Award. Trustee Mike Herzog represented Millbrook at the event.

## THE GREAT MILLBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD TAG SALE

**Saturday, April 22nd and Sunday, April 23rd**  
In recognition of Earth Day, a group of residents are planning a neighborhood garage sale to encourage recycling of household items.

For more information, email [nilsenilana@gmail.com](mailto:nilsenilana@gmail.com) or visit [facebook.com/5Merritt](https://facebook.com/5Merritt)

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

**Monday, May 29th at 11:00 AM**

Board approval of an assembly permit was given to the Millbrook VFW for their annual parade down Franklin Avenue to be followed by a ceremony at Tribute Garden.

## MILLBROOK COMMUNITY DAY

**Saturday, October 7th starting at 10:00 AM**

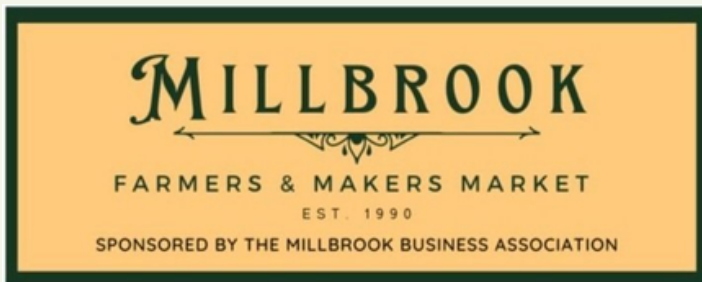
A kickoff meeting by the Millbrook Business Association's President Buffy Arbogast occurred last week and the event is scheduled for **Saturday, October 7th**. More details will be coming in the next few months. For more information contact Buffy-[mbapresident@millbrooknewyork.com](mailto:mbapresident@millbrooknewyork.com)



## MILLBROOK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Millbrook Farmers and Makers Market  
Every Saturday May 27th - Oct 28th 9 AM- 1 PM

The Farmers Market has officially changed their name to The Millbrook Farmers and Makers Market. They are currently looking for vendors. If interested, please email [millbrookmarketmanager@gmail.com](mailto:millbrookmarketmanager@gmail.com) or visit their website at [millbrooknyfarmersmarket.com](http://millbrooknyfarmersmarket.com) to download an application.



## 10% PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR FIRE/RESCUE VOLUNTEERS

With no feedback during the public hearing, this proposed partial exemption of Village property taxes for eligible volunteers in our fire & rescue squads was approved by the board and will be added to our Village Code, effective this year.

## BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON STANFORD ROAD

Due to a last-minute cancellation, the presentation by the Dutchess County Department of Public Works of their plans to replace the bridge over our waterfall was postponed to April. Currently, the plan is to replace this bridge in 2024. Any interested residents should plan on attending the next board meeting on April 12th.

## WATER FOUNTAIN IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Based on a professional inspection of the ages-old water fountain outside the gym, it was taken out of service. The board approved the purchase of a replacement fountain with a bottle filler for \$1500.



## WATER TOWER FENCE REPLACEMENT

As promised, the deteriorated fence on the north side of the water tower has been replaced, thereby completing the upgrades to the water tower property.



## CHAPTER 220 VEHICLE & TRAFFIC LAW

The March board review and public hearing of the updates to this chapter of our Village Code concluded with a need to remove the proposed opposite-side-of-the-street parking on Alden Place because of negative input from both the MCSD board and Alden residents. I have asked a rep from the school board to join us at the April board meeting in which we will introduce the amended document (public hearing TBD).

## NEW HIRES UNDER CONSIDERATION

The Millbrook Police Department is actively pursuing qualified candidates to provide part-time 1st-shift coverage whenever our full-time officer is out.

With the board moving towards introducing Short Term Rental code to our local laws, which will include annual inspections, we are considering hiring a part-time deputy Building inspector.