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# MAYOR'S MONTHLY

The Village of Millbrook Monthly Newsletter By Mayor Tim Collopy



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Hello! Welcome to my May 2023  
Village of Millbrook Newsletter in  
which I will update you on a variety  
of topics before the Village Board of  
Trustees and other topics that  
should be of interest to residents.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Congratulations to new Fire Chief Boscardin and Deputy Chief Granger who were sworn in at the April 29th installation dinner along with an entire slate of officers and board members. Ted Bownas was recognized for his 30 years of service which includes the past 13 years as Chief.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

After 50 years of police work, including 25 years employed by the Village, Sergeant Poluzzi retired this month from the Millbrook Police Department. We thank him for his dedicated service and wish him well in his retirement. Officer-In-Charge Witt is seeking a replacement officer to keep the budgeted shifts filled.

A Municipal Investment Grant of \$26K was submitted by OIC Witt and Trustee Contino for police uniforms, equipment, and training to better prepare our officers for issues like active shooter incidents.

Given the need for \$7K of transmission and engine work on the older police vehicle, we are considering purchasing a new vehicle, although this is not in the budget. We are looking at options and will discuss it further at the June board meeting.

With no input during the public hearing, at last week's board meeting we passed the updates to the Vehicle & Traffic code which we have been working on for over a year. While most of the changes were to codify, and thereby allow enforcement of, road safety improvements which had already been implemented, there were some additional improvements such as:

- Adding a weight limit on Harts Village Road.
- Increasing the nightly snow ordinance by an hour during wintertime.
- Reducing the "no parking" zone on Elm Drive.
- Adding a yield sign on Russell Knolls at the entrance to Front Street.
- Eliminating the 2-hour parking restriction on Franklin Avenue.

Signage to reflect these changes will be installed over the next few months. Although it did not impact passing the code updates, there were lingering concerns with school traffic on both Alden & Elm, and Deputy Mayor Doro and I committed to present a list of concerns and recommendations to the MCSD board at a future school board meeting.

## BLOOD DRIVE

On a monthly basis, the American Red Cross holds a blood drive at the Millbrook Firehouse and the next one is scheduled for June 23rd from 1 to 6PM. Walk-ins are accepted but reservations are preferred by going to the American Red Cross website. <http://www.redcrossblood.org>

## BLOCK PARTY

The annual Fire Department Block Party is scheduled for Thursday, July 6th - Saturday, July 8th and will include a parade on the 8th. More details will be forthcoming.

## CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES

Trustee Herzog is working with members of the CSC team at the Cornell Cooperative Extension to get Village certification as a Climate Smart Community, thereby making us eligible for various grant opportunities. At last week's board meeting, Gillian Mathews presented her assessment of the Village's Climate Smart Resiliency Planning and identified opportunities to improve the Village's disaster preparedness which we will convert into a prioritized action plan.

Later this summer, Gen Glasson will present the result of the Natural Resources Inventory action which is a collaboration with the Towns of Washington & Clinton. To inform the community about this activity and solicit additional volunteers, CSC reps will have a booth at the Millbrook Farmer & Makers Market on 6/25, 7/15 and 8/19, as well as at Community Day (10/7) to provide informational literature and answer any questions residents may have.

## SIDEWALK PROJECT

Our plans to redo the sidewalks on the south side of Franklin Avenue from Front Street to Friendly Lane have been approved by the Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development. We now must get the approval of NYS DOT prior to going out to bid. Although we have received 2 Community Development Block Grants of \$100K each for this project, that is not expected to cover the entire cost and so how much of the project we commit to this summer (assuming DOT support) will depend on how much additional money will be needed to be paid by the Village.

Of the 20 trees along this stretch of Franklin, 5 have been deemed as necessary to remove and replace. We will post signs on each of those 5 trees this month to give the public advanced notice of why we need to replace them.

## ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION



In recognition of our 30+ years as a Tree City USA, on April 28th Trustee Herzog and other members of the Shade Tree Committee led a planting ceremony of a new Pin Oak tree at the Village Hall which was attended by the 1st grade children and teachers from Elm Drive School.

## MILLBROOK ROTARY CLUB

In January of this year, the Millbrook Rotary Club celebrated 50 years of doing good for our community and people around the world. Although you may only see them during their much-appreciated roadside trash clean up days, they participate in a variety of local, national, and international activities to help others. This Saturday, May 20th, is the Rotary Day of Service in which the Millbrook Rotary will celebrate the grand opening of the Millbrook Community Fridge at the Millbrook Library by collecting fresh and shelf-stable food donations both at the Library and in front of Marona's from 10:30 until 1PM.



For more information visit [millbrooklibrary.org/millbrook-community-fridge](https://millbrooklibrary.org/millbrook-community-fridge)



## SEWER PUMP REPLACEMENT AT THE SOUTH MILLBROOK STATION

Bids have been accepted, financing is in place, and planning work is underway. Due to the long lead time in getting materials, the project will not be completed until June 2024 with the installation of the generator and security fencing.

## INNISFREE COMMUNITY DAY



Because of a grant from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, on May 27th [Innisfree Garden](#) is offering free garden admission and discounted tickets for special events to residents of the Village and Town from 4:30AM until 5PM. Proof of residency is required. The Curator's tour is at 10AM but the park is available for self-guided tours all day.

## MILLBROOK FARMERS & MAKERS MARKET

Millbrook is home to the oldest running farmer's market in Dutchess County (33 years). This year it is being renamed the "[Millbrook Farmers & Makers Market](#)" to recognize the addition of homemade arts and crafts. Opening day will be May 27th and run every Saturday through October from 9AM to 1PM at the parking lot across from the Bank of Millbrook.



## MILLBROOK ARTS GROUP CONCERTS

### "Spring Fling" - FREE live music Saturdays!

All performances 11:30am - 1:30pm on the lawn at George T. Whalen Insurance on Franklin Ave.

May 20: Burr Johnson Band, Rock, Jazz, Funk, Blues Trio

May 27: The Jordan Stoner Band, Country Music at Farmers' Market

June 3: Jasperoo, Duo Playing Old Time and Original Music

June 10: Nitetrain, Blues and R&B

June 17: Grandpa Joe's Washboard Band

July 1: Damian Ecco, Rock Band at Farmers' Market

### "Summer Sunset Concert Series" - FREE live music at the Bandshell!

All performances start at 6pm with the exception of the June 16th performance by the Millbrook High School Jazz Band & Chorus which is starting at 5pm.

June 16: Millbrook High School Jazz Band and Chorus - 5 PM

June 24: The McKrells

July 8: Frank Carrillo and the Bandoleros

July 22: Hammer & Steel

August 5: Hudson Valley Flamenco Festival

August 19: Miss Paula & the Twangbusters

For more information visit [millbrookartsgroup.org](http://millbrookartsgroup.org)

