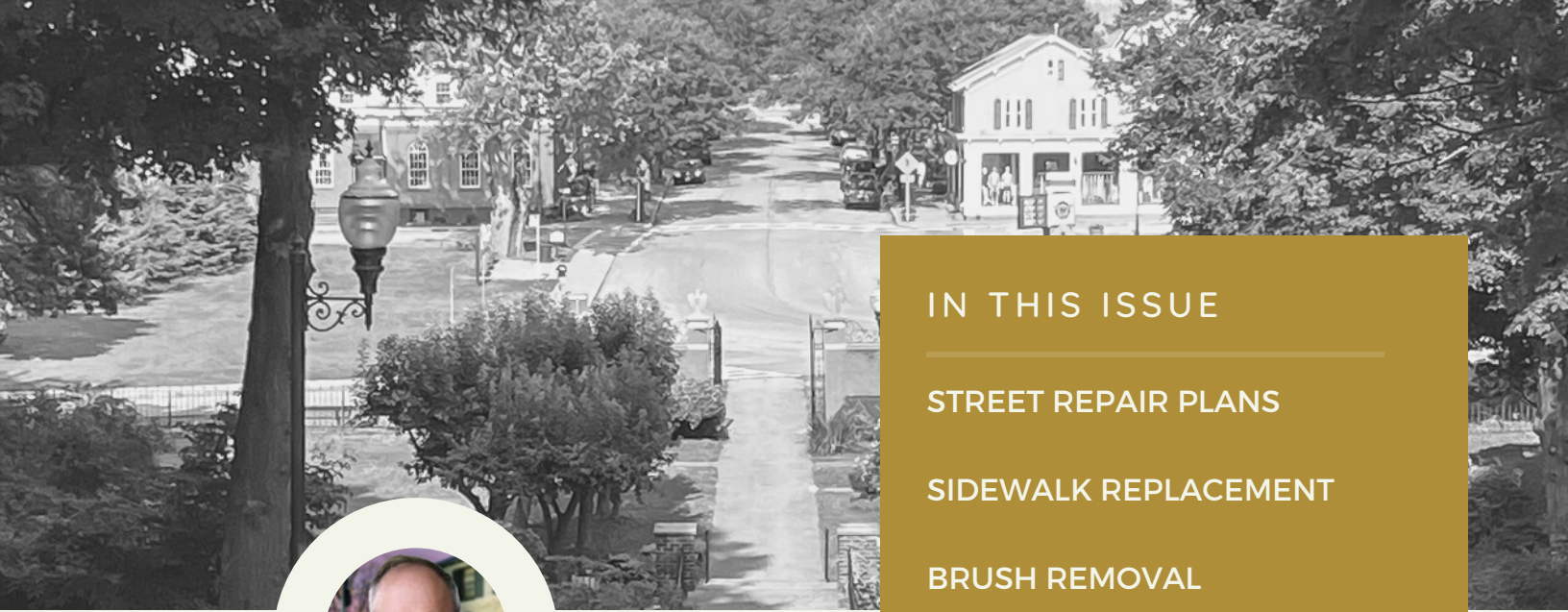




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MAYOR'S MONTHLY

The Village of Millbrook Monthly Newsletter By Mayor Tim Collopy



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Hello! Welcome to my June 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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STREET REPAIR PLANS FOR 2023

Using funds from the NYS CHIPS program, we will be resurfacing Ciferri Drive and Valley Farm Road with oil & stone on August 10th and repaving Reservoir Drive on September 5th. Both dates are tentative and will be adjusted based on weather delays throughout the summer.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

Phases 1 & 2: We continue to pursue NYS DOT approval of our plans to repair/replace the sidewalk along the south side of Franklin Avenue from Front Street to Church Street (Phase 1) and from Church Street to Friendly Lane (Phase 2). Once approved by DOT, we will put the contract out to bid with a hoped-for job completion this calendar year. Note, however, that the bid will be broken into 2 parts (phase 1 and phase 2) in the event the extra cost (beyond the \$100K grant for each phase) exceeds the Village’s financial posture, since some fund balance will be required to complete the work.

VRI has now replaced water shutoffs and fireplugs along this stretch of walkway in anticipation of the concrete work.

Signs and ribbons have been put on the 5 trees which need to be replaced, based on the unanimous agreement of a NYS DEC certified Urban Forester and the DC Department of Planning & Development, which oversees Community Development Block Grant expenditures. This topic was discussed at length at last week’s board meeting which is now posted on our website. We will continue to solicit resident feedback of our plans throughout the process – emails, phone calls & public comments at the board meetings are welcomed and will be answered.

BRUSH REMOVAL

Daily pickup of household brush by the Highway Department ended 5/31. As an additional benefit to residents, we have summer brush pick-up days which are on the 2nd Monday of July, August & September. The next one is scheduled for 7/10 but we ask that you not place brush out near the street until close to the pickup day. Also remember that piles are not to block pedestrian access to the sidewalks and pickup does not include yard clearing, tree removal or piles of leaves. For more information visit villageofmillbrookny.com/public-works/#brush

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-NOTICE-

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND TREE REMOVALS ALONG FRANKLIN AVENUE

As part of the Dutchess County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awarded to the Village of Millbrook for the multi-phase 'Sidewalk Improvement Project', five trees along Franklin Avenue will be removed (reasons are listed below). The trees are identified with numbered ribbons.



Tree #	Reason For Removal	Tree Replacement*
1	Lifted roots have damaged the curb and prevent achieving proper drainage away from the building.	10-foot shade tree
2	Lifted roots prevent achieving proper drainage away from the building and the tree is too close to the Diner steps.	10-foot shade tree
3	Lifted roots prevent proper drainage away from the building and are a possible tripping hazard.	10-foot shade tree
4	Lifted roots prevent proper drainage away from the building and are a possible tripping hazard.	10-foot shade tree
5	Urban Forester has determined that this tree has suffered severe weather damage and will soon die.	10-foot shade tree


*(Trees will be replaced- dates TBD.)

PLEASE FORWARD QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS TO MAYOR COLLOPY

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TENNIS COURT REPAIRS

The Village’s tennis courts were resurfaced last year but this Spring we noticed some cracks and stretched areas. The contractor inspected the courts and agreed to repair them under warranty this year. I expect that we will be paying for annual repairs starting next year to extend the life of the new surface.

VILLAGE HALL UPGRADE

Now that the rotted downstairs windows have been replaced and stained, we are looking to improve the building exterior. Before we have the stucco siding repaired and repainted, we need to fix the steps leading into the Village Hall since they are cracked and crumbling. This repair is not in the budget, so we will solicit estimates and then seek funding opportunities for possibly next year.

SPONGY MOTH INFESTATION

Millbrook is not immune to this summer’s moth infestation throughout Dutchess County. Formerly known as “gypsy moths,” these “spongy moths” have hatched and are aggressively chewing the leaves of trees and shrubs throughout the Village. They prefer oak trees, including the newly-planted pin oak on the Village Hall front yard, but will eat most any tree leaves. They are most active/apparent in May and June but can persist into August. Healthy trees can withstand a season of defoliation but repeated attacks (over a few years) can weaken the tree and eventually kill it.



I contacted an expert at Cornell Cooperative Extension (Joyce de Vries Tomaselli, CCEDC Community Horticulture Resource Educator) who provided the following fact sheets describing what the pest is.

<https://nysipm.cornell.edu/whats-bugging-you/gypsy-moths/>

How to control the damage by wrapping the tree trunk in burlap:

<https://cornell.app.box.com/s/faqigytwpncnha0au6du8yd0m6emiv>

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Congratulations once again to Millbrook ‘s VFW and Commander Jeff Moseman for putting on an excellent, traditional, small-town celebration of our military veterans. The parade was followed by a memorial service in Tribute Garden of those residents who died while protecting our country’s freedom.

On Sunday May 21st, the Millbrook Girl Scouts Service Corp and Millbrook Boy Scout Troop 31 joined forces to distribute new flags on the graves of veterans at six local cemeteries. The VFW served snacks to the group upon their return. Those two groups marched together for the last time on this Memorial Day as Troop 31 does not plan to apply for recertification in 2024, given the small remaining membership.



LADY BLAZERS NYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS – REPEAT!

At the June 20th Board of Education meeting, Town Supervisor Gary Ciferri, Village Deputy Mayor Peter Doro and I presented to Coach Adam Peek a plaque recognizing the Lady Blazers' 2nd consecutive NYS basketball championship which extended a remarkable run that started in 2021.



GOLF & TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL FIREWORKS

On the evening of Saturday, July 1st (rain date Friday, July 7th), the Millbrook Golf & Tennis Club is holding their annual fireworks performance. As usual, we will close Church Street from Route 343 to the MB High School entrance so residents can watch from the road and surrounding area.

FIRE DEPT BLOCK PARTY

From July 6th through 8th, the Millbrook Fire Department will be holding another Block Party at the Millbrook Firehouse. Since 2023 is the 115th anniversary of Millbrook Engine Hook and Ladder Company Number 1 and the 45th anniversary of the Fire Department Auxiliary, our volunteers have been honored to hold the annual Dutchess County Firemen's Dress Parade on July 8th, recognizing past Fire Chiefs and Auxiliary Presidents. Make plans to come join in the fun and support our volunteers.

**MILLBROOK**
FIRE DEPARTMENT
115th Anniversary and 45th of our Auxiliary
BLOCK PARTY & PARADE
THURSDAY JULY 6TH - FRIDAY JULY 7TH - SATURDAY JULY 8TH
~ 6 PM - 12 AM ~

HORSE TRIALS RETURN TO MILLBROOK IN 2023

From July 27th through the 30th, the largest horse trial in the Northeast is returning to Millbrook. Admission and parking are free as is access to a petting zoo for children. Details can be found at millbrookhorsetrials.com