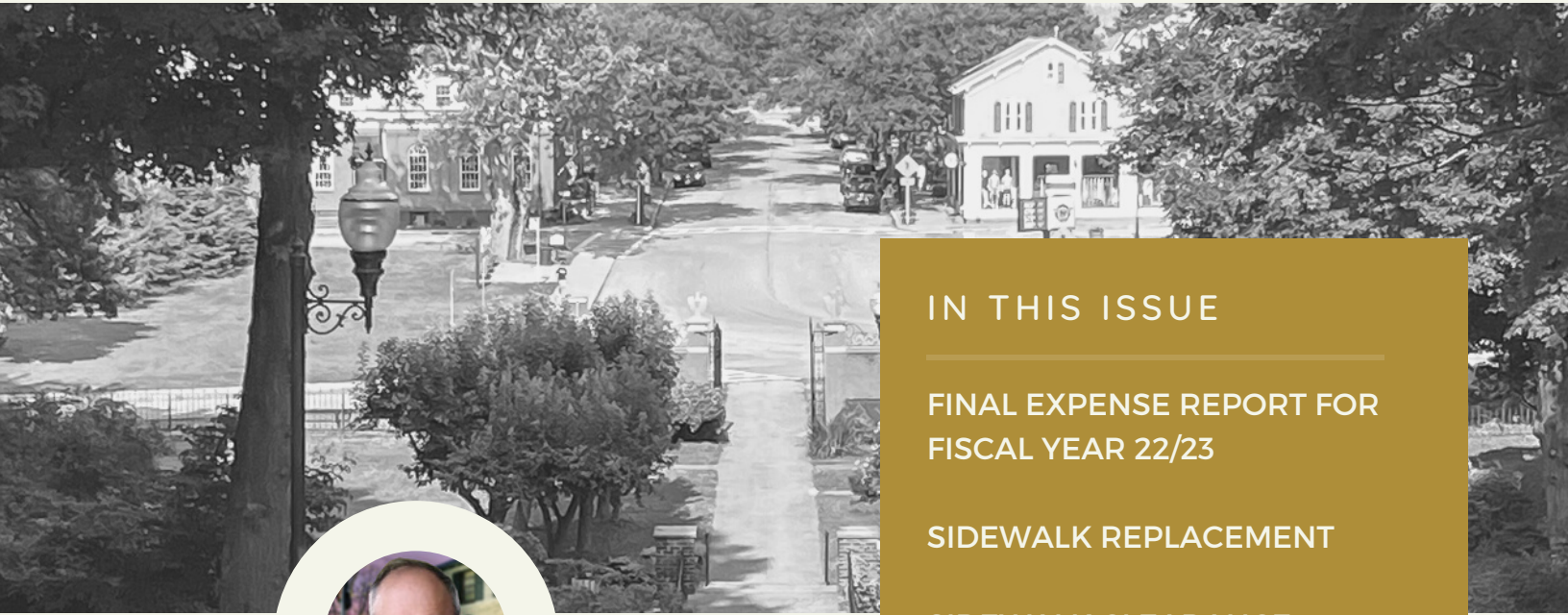




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MAYOR'S MONTHLY

The Village of Millbrook Monthly Newsletter By Mayor Tim Collopy



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Hello! Welcome to my July 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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FINAL OPERATING EXPENSE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 22/23

We have now completed reports for the fiscal year which ended 5/31/2023 in which expenses finished 1.6% below revenues in the General Fund, a difference of \$35K. Aggregate expenses for the Water & Sewer Funds were .5% below revenues. Details are included in the “[Meeting Docs](#)” Operating Expense Report from last week’s Board of Trustee meeting which is on our website.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

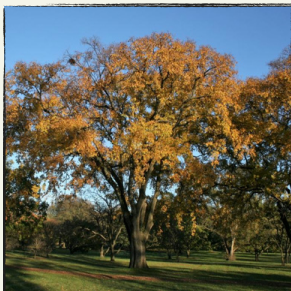
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At the [Shade Tree Committee meeting](#), held on July 6th, using a recommended list from the NYS DEC Urban Forester, a selection of candidate trees was proposed to replace the 5 trees which will be removed for our [sidewalk-replacement project](#). The list was discussed at last week’s board meeting and will be proposed for approval at the August board meeting. The name and picture of each tree is [posted on our website](#).

With the resolution of most all the issues raised by the NYS DOT, Rennia Engineering has completed the necessary documentation and we are advertising requests to [bid on this project](#). A walk-through with interested contractors is scheduled for July 26th and bids must be submitted by August 3rd in time for review at our August 9th board meeting.



Chinkapin Oak



American Elm Princeton



Red Maple Bowhall



Tulip Tree Emerald City



Japanese Zelkova

SIDEWALK CLEARANCE AND BRUSH REMOVAL

For the safety of our pedestrians and the visibility of drivers, residents must keep their bushes/shrubs trimmed away from sidewalks throughout the year. Violators will be sent an order to rectify the issue by a certain date after which the Village will bill the owner for the cost of resolving the issue either by the Highway Department or by a private landscape service.

Our next summer time brush pickup is scheduled for Monday, August 14th. Please do not put any brush out before the prior weekend (8/11/23) and be sure to place it near to, but not on, the sidewalk or street. Brush put out on or after 8/14/23 will not be picked up.

For more information visit villageofmillbrookny.com/public-works/#brush

NEW ROAD SIGNS

With the passage of updates to our [Vehicle and Traffic code](#), the Highway Department is in the process of removing/replacing a variety of signs throughout the Village. Please notice the signs as you drive and park within the Village so you stay in compliance with the updated local laws.

As a reminder, according to [§ 220-16](#), **no person shall park a vehicle where any curbing is painted yellow.**



SHORT TERM RENTAL UPDATE

At last week's board meeting, Deputy Mayor Doro reviewed his proposed updates to the subject local law, using that which was implemented in Rhinebeck as a template. The details are posted in our [Meeting Docs](#), located on the [board of trustees](#) page, for the July 12th board meeting. There will be a resolution of introduction at the August meeting, followed by a public hearing of the proposed new code at September's meeting, but public comments in the interim are welcomed by the board.



RELINING OF OUR SEWER MAIN

Budgeted relining of 758' of our sewer main is being scheduled for this summer with completion expected before Labor Day. The affected areas are: (1) Elm Drive alley from behind Village Hall down to #25 Merritt Avenue, (2) Maple Avenue directly across from Cullen Lane, and (3) between Reservoir and Franklin from the Town Hall to behind the dentist office on Franklin. Sewer service may be interrupted during the day of the relining at each location. Details and advanced notice will precede the actual work start.

SPONGY MOTH INFESTATION

I am sure you have noticed the large number of moths flying around the Village. They are the result of all the caterpillars which were feasting on the Village's trees for the past few months. The brown moths flying erratically are the males searching for mates and the larger white moths are the females and do not fly. They rest on trees and wait as males follow female pheromone trails to find them. It is advised that you look for and destroy them and their brown egg mass which can be found on tree trunks and on the ground. Here is a quick [video on how to remove the egg masses](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
<https://nysipm.cornell.edu/whats-bugging-you/gypsy-moths/>

PLANNING BOARD VACANCY

We have announced a request for any interested Village resident to apply for a vacancy on our Planning Board. Letters of interest should be emailed to clerk@villageofmillbrookny.com by August 2nd so that Planning Board Chair Matt Anderson can review/interview all candidates prior to the August 9th Board of Trustee meeting.



PROPOSAL FROM LEXIPOL FOR POLICE ADMIN

The Deputy Mayor, our Officer-in-Charge and I reviewed a proposal from Lexipol to implement and update a Policies and Procedures manual for the Millbrook PD, consistent with the rules and regulations of NYS. It also includes an option to have Lexipol automate and track training records for our police officers. The cost is \$15K for implementation and then \$2K/year for maintenance of the manual plus another \$1K/year for the training tracking. The board and OIC will discuss whether to accept the proposal at the August board meeting.

REBUILDING TOGETHER DUTCHESS COUNTY (RTDC)

RTDC is affiliated with the national nonprofit group of volunteers who do repair and modification projects of homes so that eligible owners can safely stay there if they wish. Applicants must provide proof that gross income and the home's assessed value do not exceed specified limits. Interested homeowners must apply by August 31st of this year. Application forms are available at rtdutchess.org or call 845-454-7310 for info.



NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

One element of our Climate Smart Communities plan is to work with the Town of Washington and the Town of Clinton to develop a Natural Resources Inventory which will aid planning and zoning decisions in each municipality. **Task force members will be available** at the **Millbrook Maker's Market** on **August 19th** as well as on **Community Day, October 7th**, to provide [more information](#), answer resident questions, and solicit volunteers to join the task force.

If you have questions or thoughts, feel free to email the Task Force at

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