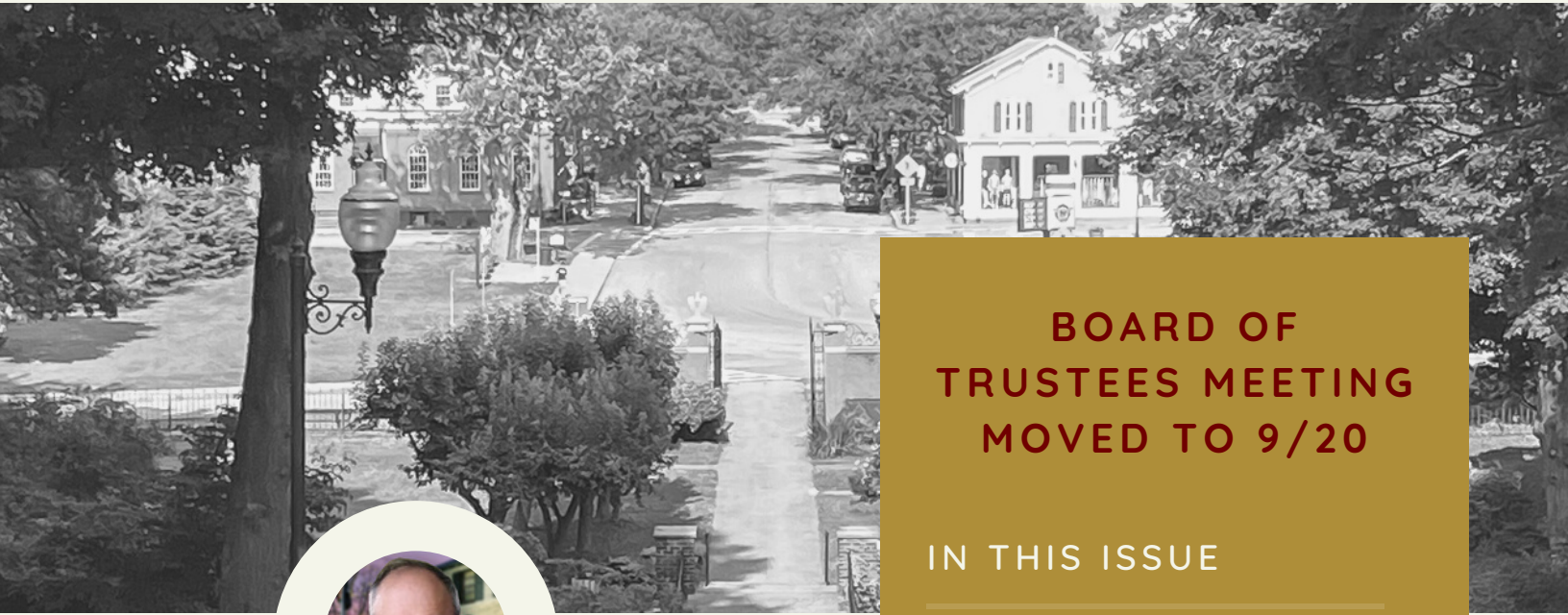




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MAYOR'S MONTHLY

The Village of Millbrook Monthly Newsletter By Mayor Tim Collopy



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Hello! Welcome to my August 2023
Village of Millbrook Newsletter.

Please note that the September
board of trustees meeting has been
moved out a week (just this month) to
September 20, 2023

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MOVED TO 9/20

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SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Phases 1 & 2:

Sun Up Construction Company was awarded the project at a total cost of \$174K to replace damaged sidewalks on the south side of Franklin between Front Street and Friendly Lane. Rennia Engineering is now working with our legal rep along with NYS DOT to finalize the contract requirements over the next month.

At last Wednesday's board meeting, the Trustees approved the trees recommended by our Shade Tree Commission to be used as replacements for the 5 trees along Franklin as part of the sidewalk repair work. The Board also approved moving \$100K of general funds to the sidewalk budget so that we can pay the contractors as we're billed and before we are reimbursed by Dutchess County with the Block Grant monies.

REPAVING RESERVOIR; OIL & STONE OF CIFERRI & VALLEY FARM RD

All prep work is now complete in anticipation of the repaving of Reservoir Dr., tentatively scheduled for September 5th & 6th. This will require some temporary re-routing of traffic, including sending traffic out the entrances to Stewart's and the Millbrook Hollow Condos for a few hours on the paving day (minimal traffic upset is expected on the first day when the old surface is removed).

The tentative date to oil & stone Ciferri Drive and Valley Farm Road has been moved to 8/29. Minimal traffic impact is expected but vehicles will be required to drive especially slow for 2 weeks until the loose stone is vacuumed away.



EV CHARGING STATIONS - NOW ACTIVE!

Thanks to the team effort of Village Trustee Vicky Contino and Town Council Bob Audia, the EV stations which were installed at the entrance to the Town Hall are now operational. Although the cost of installation was paid through a NYS grant to the Livingston Group, the Village and Town split the cost of paving the location. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Thursday, August 10th.

POLICE UPDATE

Based on positive feedback from the mayors of Rhinebeck and Red Hook, Village Trustees approved a contract with Lexipol to work with OIC Witt and Trustee Contino in developing an updated MBPD Policies and Procedures manual for \$15K. There will be an annual fee of \$2K to keep the manual up-to-date. We also approved a \$1K contract with Lexipol to provide on-line tracking of police training activity.

Multiple options are still under consideration to replace the old police car which is now out of service due to transmission and other issues. No decision has been made yet since this expense is not in our current budget.

PLANNING BOARD

We had 3 candidates express interest in the open position and based on the recommendation of Chair Matt Anderson, the Trustees approved Frank Redl's appointment to the Planning Board, replacing Ann Ledy who is moving from the Village.



SHORT TERM RENTAL CODE

At last Wednesday's board meeting we received public comments from both owners of short-term rentals and one of their neighbors regarding our proposed code update. We will continue to solicit input from both renters and their neighbors to establish limits that we can use to update our outdated STR code. We will then hire Granicus to provide routine reports of STR activity within the Village. The cost of using Granicus will be paid by Dutchess County.

UPDATED ELIGIBILITY LIMITS FOR SENIOR & VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

At the last board meeting we introduced a resolution to increase the limits of eligibility for senior & veteran exemptions, since cost-of-living increases on fixed incomes such as Social Security could reduce or eliminate the eligibility of our residents. There will be a public hearing and board vote on these proposed changes at the September board meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Taste of Millbrook

Saturday, September 23rd

The Millbrook Educational Foundation (MEF) is a non-profit that raises money for the benefit of the Millbrook School District, mostly for student scholarships and teacher grants. This year, after a COVID-induced hiatus since 2019, the Taste of Millbrook is returning on Saturday, September 23rd to the Millbrook Winery. The event includes a silent auction and tickets can be purchased in advance at the MEF website. Sponsors and donations from those unable to attend are also welcome. Details can be found at millbrookeducationalfoundation.org.

Community Day

Saturday, October 7th

The Millbrook Business Association has joined with the Millbrook Arts Group and Millbrook Rotary to bring you this year's Community Day. The date is set for Saturday, October 7th. They have lots of events planned for a fun filled day.

They have a lot of great ideas, but they need sponsors to make it happen. Would you please consider helping them make this year one to remember? Any help is appreciated. Donations of \$100 – \$500 will ensure your business name will be prominently displayed on all marketing material as well as signs throughout the village.

For more information email:

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Parade of Lights

Friday, December 1st

The board approved the Parade of Lights for Friday, December 1st, 2023 and Cecilia Collopy agreed to chair the event again this year.