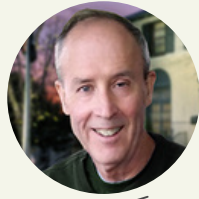




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MAYOR'S MONTHLY

The Village of Millbrook Monthly Newsletter By Mayor Tim Collopy



Mayor Tim Collopy

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VOLUTEERS NEEDED TO DECORATE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREES

Saturday, November 18th

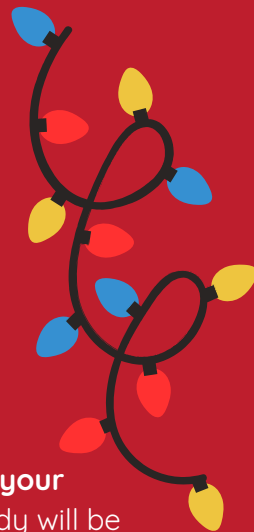
Please join us this Saturday, November 18th, at 10 am in front of Reardon Briggs Hardware to help decorate the Christmas trees.

Rain date: Sunday, November 19th, at 10 am.

PARADE OF LIGHTS CANDY COLLECTION

Now-Nov 29

If you would like to donate candy, **please drop off your donations at the Village Hall, 35 Merritt Ave.** Candy will be handed out by MHS students at the parade on Dec 1.



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Visit villageofmillbrookny.com/news-notice for more events!

VFW CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY

On Saturday, November 11th, Millbrook VFW Post 9008 held a ceremony on the Village Green honoring our veterans. Post Commander Jeff Moseman and Town of Washington Supervisor Gary Ciferri hosted the event for a local crowd of about 65 residents. The ceremony included the traditional laying of a wreath by veterans at the stone monument along Franklin Avenue.



OPIOID TALK AND NARCAN TRAINING GIVEN TO RESIDENTS

On Monday, November 13th, Lori Levine from Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health gave a presentation at the Millbrook Firehouse on the impact of the opioid epidemic in the Hudson Valley. Those of us who attended were trained in how to use NARCAN on overdose victims and were given a free NARCAN kit. [Monthly virtual training sessions](#) are offered by Dutchess County for members of the public from 4:30-5:30 pm usually on the 4th Wednesday of each month. To participate in Dutchess County's virtual Narcan training sessions, please email Lori Levine, Opioid Educator, at mllevine@dutchessny.gov.

BENNETT PARK AND THORNE BUILDING UPDATE PRESENTED

On Sunday, November 5th, the [Millbrook Community Partnership](#) (MCP) opened the Thorne Building to the public for an update by Oakley Thorne on the progress of the MCP's efforts to return the Bennett College and Thorne Building properties back into prized assets of the community. The presentation included 3 announcements: (1) Cora Cahan was named the new President and CEO of MCP and David Korins was hired to design the theater and technical services rooms; (2) the plan to complete the renovation of the Thorne Building has a target opening to the public in 2027; (3) the eastern part of [Bennett Park](#) (that being the portion to the right of Bennett Commons Way as you drive from the Flagler monument towards the condos) is now open to the public. The park renovation plan is in 3 phases and what was just opened is only the eastern side of phase 1. Plans for the western side are now going before the Planning Board and consist of a Great Lawn, a Greek-style/outdoor theater, playground, trails, and parking. Phases 2 & 3 include converting the old president's house into a visitors' center and museum.



LEAF PICKUP CONTINUES THROUGH NOVEMBER 30TH

The Highway Department is working tirelessly throughout this month to pick up leaves left by residents in piles along the roadways. However, if the piles are large enough to obstruct traffic, then please put them on the edge of your yard so as to not obstruct traffic. Only leaves are to be put out for pickup. Brush, grass, rocks, or any other material can damage the vacuum, shut down the operation, and be expensive to fix so I've asked the Highway Department to avoid those piles and post a notice on the resident's door saying that it must be removed by the resident or else we'll bill them for a commercial service to remove it later.

For more information visit: villageofmillbrookny.com/public-works/



PHASES 1 & 2 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT UNDERWAY

With NYS DOT's permit approval on October 30th and pre-construction walk-through on October 31st, the contractor, Sun Up, began the sidewalk-replacement project on November 6th. Since this is an "Americans with Disabilities Act"-funded grant, DOT asked for additional sidewalk panels to be replaced but, thankfully, no more trees needed to be removed. Starting at the corner of Front & Franklin, the contractor is working section-by-section up the street and will continue until the cold weather prevents further concrete pouring. The project will not be completed until early Spring 2024 with the replacement of the 5 trees which were removed.

SHORT TERM RENTAL (STR) CODE RESOLUTION-INTRODUCTION

Deputy Mayor Doro presented our latest proposed STR code at last week's board meeting with the only change from October being a reduction in the maximum number of renters (over the age of 5) from 8 to 6. DC Planning has completed their review of our proposal and have made no suggested changes so we will be asking legal to prepare a resolution-of-introduction for the December board meeting when we will announce a public hearing for the January meeting.

MILLBROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT WELCOMED NEW VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations to Chief Boscardin and his team for bringing 6 new members into the Millbrook Fire Department over the past few months! This is a 100%-volunteer organization which depends on new members to keep its spirit alive and well, and we are very appreciative of all that they do to protect and serve our community.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS!

Saturday, November 18th

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

Please join us this **Saturday, November 18th, at 10 am** in front of Reardon Briggs Hardware to help decorate the Christmas trees which will be placed throughout the Village this week. If needed, the rain date is the next day, November 19th, at the same time & location.

Friday, December 1st

PARADE OF LIGHTS

The event starts with a **Santa Meet-and-Greet** at the [Angels of Light](#) office on Front Street from **3 to 5PM**. [please RSVP here](#). Then from **5:30 to 7 PM** Friends of Millbrook Library will be holding their [silent auction preview party](#). **NEW this year**, there will be an **electric mini-car parade starting at 5:45 PM** at the gas station for any child who is accompanied by an adult (pre-registration is not required but would be appreciated by notifying amozdziez@gmail.com) The **float parade starts at 6 PM**. The Village's insurers have asked that participants refrain from throwing candy from the floats, but Millbrook High School students will be handing out bags of candy along the parade route. Caution tape will be used to encourage people to stay out of the street. Anyone is welcome to decorate a vehicle to be in the parade, but no inappropriate or political floats will be permitted.

Sunday, December 31st

MILLBROOK NEW YEAR'S EVE

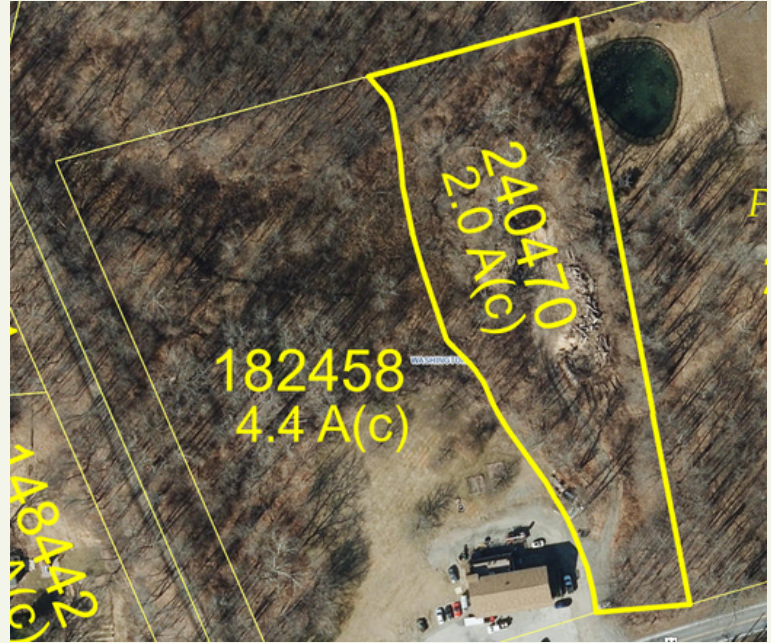
Millbrook Rotary Club's Michelle Del Valle is leading the effort to restart the New Year's Eve Millbrook on **December 31st from 4 pm to 6 pm**. This first year will be limited to events in Lyall and Grace Churches and she is asking for volunteers to join the planning committee and/or volunteer to help on the night of the event. Contact her at michelledelvalle.rotary@gmail.com for more information and to help restart this fun tradition.

POLICE CARS IN REPAIR

While the older police car is still in the shop undergoing transmission repair, the newer car was damaged while supporting NYSP in a car chase that started in the Village last month. No one was injured but the car was out-of-service for a week and the Millbrook Fire Department generously offered the Chief's pickup to the Millbrook Police Department during the interim. Even though we usually have only 1 officer on duty at any time (except for special events), it's important to routinely rotate the 2 vehicles so that they can be properly maintained without impacting police patrols.

REUSING THE OLD LANDFILL

On Route 44 to the right of Harry's Garage is the old Village landfill that was shut down in 1967. Recall that we recently had the property reassessed to reduce the tax liability to the Village but now we have received a request to sell the property to a local resident. As a first step, we have asked NYS DEC for all information regarding the closing and subsequent testing of the landfill. DEC is also defining a list of contingencies which any future owner would have to follow if the property were to be sold. There was a preliminary discussion with the Board of Trustees at last week's meeting, and further discussions will occur once we know more about the history of this landfill.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE PARADE OF LIGHTS

The Parade of Lights will be on December 1st and volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs. Please contact ceciliacollupy@gmail.com or 845-797-2294 if you're willing to help.

