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# MAYOR'S MONTHLY

The Village of Millbrook Monthly Newsletter By Mayor Tim Collopy



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## PROBLEMS WITH STATE OR FEDERAL PROGRAMS?

Representatives from NYS Senator Hinchey's and [Congressman Ryan's](#) offices will be at the **Village Hall** on **February 22nd from 1 to 3pm** for anyone who has issues with such things as Social Security, Medicare, VA benefits, passports, IRS, NYS retirement or any other federal or state issue you may be facing. Trained constituent advocates from each member's office will be on hand to help residents.





## TIME TO COMPILE THE 2024-2025 VILLAGE BUDGET

Budget season starts this month with Water/Sewer on **February 28th** followed by Fire/Rescue and Police on **March 6th**. **Budget meetings** are open to the public and will be held at the **Village Hall** starting at **6PM**.

## BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE

### Village Hall @ 6pm

2/28/24 Water & Sewer

3/6/24 Police & Fire

3/20/24 Highway & Front Office

3/27/24 Follow-up meetings as necessary

4/3/24 Total Budget

### Firehouse @ 6pm

4/10/24 Public Hearing, vote to approve



## MILLBROOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INFO SESSIONS RE: 2024 CAPITAL PROJECT PLAN

MCSD is proposing a major **capital improvement project** that should be of interest to everyone in the community. Their final info session is scheduled for **5:30pm on March 6th** at the **Union Vale FD Station 1** (2388 NY-82 in Lagrangeville).

## ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

- After additional resident input, the public hearing for the **Short-Term Rental law** was closed (having been kept open from the January meeting), and the board voted unanimously to approve it as proposed. Once the law has been filed with NYS within the next few weeks, we will post the permit application form on our website to begin the registration process.
- Officer-in-Charge Witt, Trustee Contino and I continue to hold weekly meetings with Lexipol to institute a Policies and Procedures manual for the Millbrook Police Department. At last week's board meeting, the trustees approved the **"Use of Force"** chapter so we could implement and deploy it ASAP. Within the month we expect to have all 20 chapters that constitute "Tier 1" policies available for board review and approval.
- The **board approved a 5-year 3.5% bond** from Bank of Millbrook to cover the \$121K cost of the new dump truck which will replace a 13-year-old model that has been needing a lot of expensive repair work to stay operational. It will be auctioned for sale once the new vehicle arrives.
- The board approved the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) Service Credit List for 2023. LOSAP is a program which allows Fire & Rescue volunteers to earn pension-like benefits based on how active they are in responding to emergency calls. Payments are made after certain years of service and/or after retiring from service.
- Two engineering firms responded to our **request for quotes to bid** on overseeing the planned upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Additional information is being solicited from the respondents to guide us in making a decision within the next month.



## MILLBROOK FIRE DEPT BINGO SOLD OUT!

Bingo returned to the Firehouse this month and I was one of the people turned away from the event because they reached building capacity. Plans are to do this monthly and the next sessions will be on March 8th and April 12th. If interested, my advice is to get there early, doors open at 5pm – Bingo starts at 7pm! For updates visit their [Facebook page](#).



## BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT THE WATERFALL

Dutchess County has awarded contracts to start work on this project, beginning with removal of trees that are within the easement on the far side of the bridge. Later this Spring, traffic will be re-routed to Harts Village Road for approximately 2 months to complete the replacement. For more project information, please visit the [06/28/23 board meeting docs](#).

## UPCOMING RUNNING EVENTS IN THE AREA

### MILLBROOK MARATHON

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

On April 14th, the [Eastern Dutchess Road Runners Club](#) will hold its 4th annual “Millbrook Marathon” which runs throughout the Town of Washington.

Details and [registration](#) can be found on their website at [millbrookmarathon.com](#).

### Barri Donnellan Memorial Walk/Run

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

Then on April 20th, [Angels of Light](#) and the [Mid-Hudson Road Runners Club](#) will sponsor [Barri’s Walk/Run](#) which is a 5K race throughout the Village and a 1K Kids Run around the Village Green.

All race proceeds will be donated to Angels of Light who’s mission is to assist children and families living in the Hudson Valley with life threatening illnesses. This years race is in honor of Damian Martinez. Damian is a 16 year old Millbrook HS student-athlete who was paralyzed in a swimming accident last summer.

