



VILLAGE OF MILLBROOK

# *Mayor's Monthly*

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THE VILLAGE OF MILLBROOK MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BY MAYOR PETER F. DORO



## *Happy New Year!*

Thank you to the  
**Millbrook Rotary and  
Millbrook Arts Group**  
for a fabulous NYE event  
to ring in 2026.



As Old Man Winter makes a proper appearance for the first time in a few years, we're reminded that this kind of weather is part of life in the Hudson Valley—it used to be the norm, not the exception.

As we navigate the season together, please help keep our community safe by doing your best to:

- **Keep sidewalks and driveways clear**
- **Dig out and maintain access to fire hydrants**
- **Remove icicles from roofs and eaves**, especially businesses in the Village
- **Check in on elderly or sick neighbors** who may need assistance with shoveling or grocery runs

We ask for your patience as crews work to keep roads safe, passable, and parkable. Please allow extra travel time for commuting to work or school.

# Thank You!

A special thank you to **Ethan, Geoff, Darren, and Matt** for working long hours over the past few weeks to keep the Village in great shape. When I head out to work in the morning after a storm, Village streets are consistently in better condition than the state roads—a true testament to their hard work and dedication. Thank you as well to the **Town of Washington** for assisting with snow removal.

As always, please feel free to **reach out directly to me** or the **Highway Supervisor** with any questions, concerns, or feedback. We truly appreciate everyone's cooperation and neighborly spirit throughout the winter season.

**Mayor Peter Doro:** 845-677-3939 Option 5  
**Highway Supervisor Ethan Kelly:** 845-677-3022

## Staying Warm in the Village Hall

### PICKLEBALL AT THE VILLAGE HALL!

Grab a partner (or two!) and sign up for an hour of fun. We'll provide the net — just bring your paddles and balls.

**Location:** Village Hall Gym, 35 Merritt Ave

**Dates:** Weekdays

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Cost:**

- Residents: \$20/hour
- Non-Residents: \$24/hour

**Sign Up Here:**

[https://washingtonny.myrec.com/info/activities/program\\_details.aspx?ProgramID=29965](https://washingtonny.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=29965)

Please leave the space clean and ready for the next group — no trash, and be sure to turn off lights after play.



## CLUB FRIENDLY ALL AGES DANCE PARTY

Turn up the music and bring your best moves! Club Friendly is taking over the Village Hall for a fun, high-energy dance party for everyone.

This is a friendly, all-ages vibe, and everyone is welcome - kids, teens, adults, and families. No pressure, no fancy moves required! Just come dance, hang out, and have a great time with your community.

**Location:** Village Hall Gym, 35 Merritt Ave

**Date:** Friday, February 27

**Time:** 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**Cost:**

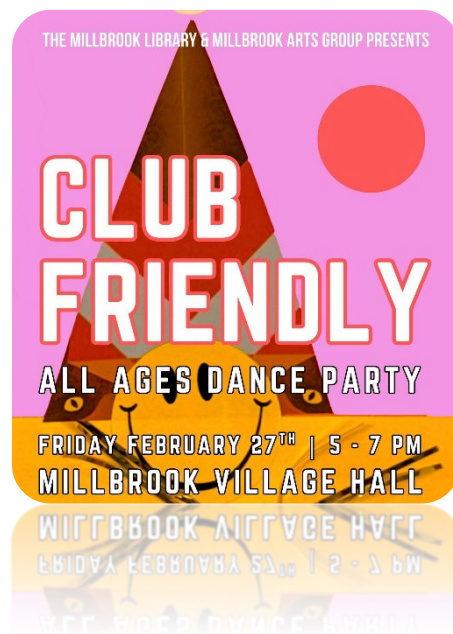
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**Sign Up Here:**

<https://engagedpatrons.org/EventsExtended.cfm?SiteID=1129&EventID=579206&PK=>

Please wear indoor shoes to help protect the Village basketball court floors! There will be space to change your shoes if needed.

This program is a collaboration between [Millbrook Library](#), [Millbrook Arts Group](#), and the [Village of Millbrook](#).



# Thinking Spring Thoughts...



## MILLBROOK COMMUNITY GARDEN

We're excited to invite Village residents to be part of the very first Millbrook Community Garden—a shared space to grow fresh food and flowers, build connections, and enjoy our community together.

If you'd like to participate, please complete the application form linked below. The founding committee will review all applications, and approved applicants will receive a confirmation email with next steps.

### A few important details:

- Garden plots are available to **Village of Millbrook residents only**
- **Garden location:** Village of Millbrook – Village Hall
- The annual fee is **\$20 per plot** (scholarships are available)
- Members are asked to complete **5 volunteer hours per year** to help support the garden
- Space is limited — **applications are due by February 28, 2026**

We look forward to growing a strong, connected community with you!

**[CLICK HERE TO APPLY!](#)**



# MILLBROOK ARTS & OPEN STUDIOS 2026

# CALL FOR ARTIST STUDIOS

**EVENT DATES: SATURDAY JUNE 27TH & SUNDAY 28TH**

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE: FEBRUARY 15TH 2025**

THE MILLBROOK ARTS GROUP IS HOSTING "MILLBROOK ARTS & OPEN STUDIOS" DURING UPSTATE ART WEEKEND. OUR EVENT WILL RUN SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH TO SUNDAY, JULY 28TH FROM 11AM - 4:30PM. WE ARE LOOKING FOR VISUAL ARTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPEN STUDIO PORTION OF THE EVENT. THERE IS NO FEE TO PARTICIPATE. APPLICATION INFO CAN BE FOUND AT: [HTTP://WWW.MILLBROOKARTSGROUP.ORG](http://www.millbrookartsgroup.org)



# 2026 CALL FOR ARTIST STUDIOS

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## MILLBROOK ARTS & OPEN STUDIOS

### DURING UPSTATE ART WEEKEND / UAW FESTIVAL

- **The Millbrook Arts Group** is once again hosting “Millbrook Arts & Open Studios” during Upstate Art Weekend/UAW Festival. Our event will run **Saturday, June 27th to Sunday, June 28th from 11am - 4:30 pm** and will include a curated exhibit at the ***Millbrook Arts Project*** at the Millbrook Library, Open Studios, and a concert by local musicians at the Millbrook Band Shell.
- There is **no fee** to participate. Artists from the Millbrook area, who are engaged in professional studio practice, have a website, and a dedicated artist studio can submit an application to **millbrookarts@gmail.com** by **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.
- Please submit 3 images of your work and 1 image of your studio @ 300 dpi, jpg format and labelled in following format “1\_Name\_Ttle” along with your name, phone number, address, website, and social media handles. If you have an artist statement or a description of the work you’ll be showing in your studio you can submit that as well. Please use subject line: **UPAW 2026 Submission Materials**.
- For more information on the event please check out:  
**Millbrook Arts Group:** <http://www.millbrookartsgroup.org>  
**Upstate Art Weekend:** [www.upstateartweekend.org](http://www.upstateartweekend.org)



## Save the Date!

The **Village-Wide Yard & Community Sale** is **tentatively** planned for **Saturday, April 25.**

Start clearing out those closets!  
More information coming soon.

Welcome to newly elected **Trustee Ted Briggs**, who has already proven to be a valuable asset to Village governance.

### VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

6:00 PM - Village Hall

**Monthly Business Meeting:**  
Wednesday, February 11, 2026

### UPCOMING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Village Hall will be CLOSED  
**February 16 (President's Day)**

### BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE

*All Meetings held on Wednesdays*

- **February 25:** Water & Sewer
- **March 4:** Police & Fire
- **March 18:** Highway & Front Office
- **March 25:** Follow-up
- **April 1:** Total Budget
- **April 8:** Budget Vote

***Winter in Millbrook can be a beautiful, magical time of the year. Get outside, go sledding, skiing, or just go for a walk. Dress warm and have fun!***