

The Villager

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Fall 2016

A Message from the Mayor...



Summer has come to an end and school is back in session. I want to remind all our Village residents to drive slowly and with care as our children are waiting for buses in the morning and walking home from bus stops in the afternoon.

Our summer concert series was a great success this year! We had wonderful weather where we enjoyed all but one concert out in the amphitheater. We had some fun new acts as well as some longstanding favorites.

Our Farmers Market has been a great addition to the Village community. The last day of the season is Thursday, October 13th. Come out

and enjoy all the goodies that are made fresh and grown locally.

I would like to take this time to remind everyone of all our upcoming fall events. The Fire Company has their annual Fire Prevention Week open house on October 15th. Then we have a change in the lineup with a new Haunted House at the Recreation Center and the Kids Halloween Party will be at the Cook Park Pavilion. Details for all these events can be found inside this issue.

As we enter into the colder weather, just a reminder that many of our neighbors are in need. The Outreach Center Staff is there to help whenever possible but they can't do it without your help. They accept food, cleaning products and monetary donations so they can assist those in need. Please stop by with a donation if you are able! If you qualify for HEAP (Heat and Energy Assistance Program) get your applications in. If you have questions about qualifying, call Sue or Joan at the Outreach Center.

As always, please feel free to contact myself or any of the Board of Trustees with your suggestions or concerns.

Yours truly,

Frank



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A Message from **Department of Public Works...**

The Village's Department of Public Works will begin using the leaf vacuum Tuesday, November 1, and will continue until the weather precludes further operation. **ABSOLUTELY NO STICKS OR ROCKS OR OTHER DEBRIS WILL BE PICKED UP.** There is no set schedule for operation, and there is **NO** guarantee that leaves will be vacuumed.

Therefore, given the weather-dependent nature of the leaf vacuum machine, all residents are encouraged to bag their leaves when possible. The leaf vacuum will not be used in freezing temperatures, heavy rain or snow.

Weekly leaf bag pickup will continue until Monday December 5th.

Brush Up On Paint Disposal

Placing wet paint in the garbage or pouring paint out into a storm drain is against the law and can harm the environment.

Properly dispose of paint one of the following ways.

- Buy only what you need. Reuse leftover paint for touch-ups or donate it to a community organization
- Store the paint can in a safe location until the next Household Hazardous Waste Collection event, where you can take the paint to a drop off point for recycling or proper disposal
- For water-based paint, you can remove the lid, mix some cat litter in the paint. Once the paint is dry it can be placed in your trash with the cover OFF so we can make sure the paint is DRY. We can not pick up liquid paint.
- Oil based paint must be disposed at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.



REMINDER

to all Residents:

All dogs are required to be on a leash at ALL times in Cook Park, Bauer Park and all other village parks.

You are also required to pick up all dog waste.

Animal control officers patrol all of our parks and issue summons for violation of these rules.

PLEASE help keep the parks clean for everyone!

Thank You.

Traffic Committee Members

Frank Prevratil, *Chairman*
 Dan Judge
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 George Lashoff
 Alex Hart, *Secretary*
 Jack Murphy, *Liaison*

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME IS HERE

School is back in session, which means children entering and exiting school buses. Please take caution for children crossing the street, when driving. Obey traffic rules regarding school bus transportation. Be aware of children who may be walking home from school as well. Also the Halloween holiday is rapidly approaching, please take caution on October 31st for children who are trick or treating.

Thank you, and have a safe and happy fall.

THIS MESSAGE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.



A Message from **Village Hall...**

OCTOBER WATER BILL

Please send in the bottom stub for water and sewer payments, if you would like a receipt.

- DO NOT STAPLE payment to remittance stub.
- Make sure that your sending in the correct amount and signing your checks.
- The Village Taxes can be paid until the 31st of October.
- Water Bills were mailed out on the first of October. If you have not received yours, please contact Village Hall.
- We have yard waste stickers still available in the office for \$1.50
- There is a night drop box for payment at the curb in front of Village Hall.
- The Village Hall is open 8:30-4:30 Monday – Friday.
- Any QUESTIONS regarding billing 869-7562



REMINDER

The Village Offices and D.P.W.

will be closed:

- **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**
for Election Day

Garbage and recyclables will be picked up Monday, November 7, 2016

- **Friday, November 11, 2016**
for Veterans Day

Garbage and recyclables will be picked up Monday, November 14, 2016

- **Thursday, November 24, 2016**
for Thanksgiving

Garbage and recyclables will be picked up Friday, November 25, 2016



Please make sure your garbage and recycling is out by 6 AM.



**Outreach
Center
Liaison**

**Trustee
Patty Schwarz
Lockart**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Les Decker - Superintendent
**Chris Bisognano -
Assistant Superintendent**

869-6372



**Code
Enforcement
Liaison**

**Trustee
Jack Murphy**

PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVALS

The Mayor and Board of Trustees would like to WELCOME the following businesses approved by the Planning Commission and wish them much success!

1526 Central Ave
Central 1 Stop LLC

1583 Central Ave
Audio Obsessions, LLC

1892 Central Ave, Suite 15
Retro Fitness

80 Wolf Rd
Securitas

14 Jupiter Ln, Suite 2
Auto Saver

1567 Central Ave
Verizon Wireless Store

16 Computer Dr. West Ste. 104
CMS Delaware

10 Walker Way
Fast Track Training Center

1500 Central Ave
Pursue the Clue: Escape Room

1817 Central Ave
Lucky Spa Nail Salon

20 Wolf Rd
Spirit Halloween

80 Wolf Road
MEMIC & Superior Controls

A Message from **Colonie Fire Company...**

With summer over and fall upon us it's time to get ready for the winter.

This is the time to get your furnaces tuned and your chimneys' cleaned. Also don't forget to check your Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors fresh batteries are always a good idea.

A busy fall here at the department. We have our Fire Prevention Open House on October 10th and would like to extend an invitation to all. This should be a lot of fun for the family with several demonstrations and a lot of activities for the children.

We also have our annual Turkey Raffle on Saturday night November 19th. This is usually a fun time had by all. Our mailing of tickets will be

out soon. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We are also doing a recruitment drive to help fill our ranks. Maybe you would like to join our team and help us help you! Our website will have information on how you can join.

I would like to thank all the members for their outstanding efforts as we have responded to 325 call already this year. I would especially like to congratulate James Cordell who just completed his 50th year of service in the Company!

Hope to see everyone at the Open House. Till then from our family to yours have a great fall!

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OPEN HOUSE

at the Firehouse

Saturday, October 15th

at 11 am

Tours • Demonstrations • Smoke Bus
Military Vehicle • Refreshments

Planning Commission

Chairman, Chris Dennis
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Village of Colonie Drive 25 Campaign

Dear Village of Colonie Residents,

The Traffic Committee along with the DPW has been collecting information on speed throughout our village streets. Some of the results have shown speeds to be excessive and we would like to share with you what we refer to as our "targeted areas of most concern" and hope that you would be extra cautious and vigilant when traveling on these streets. Streets of concern are as follows; Broderick Street, Locust Park and Red Fox Drive.

Although speed is a concern on any street in the village, these targeted streets have shown to have a higher number of vehicles traveling over the posted speed limit, which is 25 M.P.H. Some things YOU can do to help us is Slow Down when driving; Remind family, friends and neighbors to be aware of the speed limits and Report problem drivers to the Police by using the non-emergency line 783-2744. However if you need to report an emergency please call 911 or 783-2811.

In the continuing effort to support our Drive 25 campaign, the Traffic Committee is also asking that you continue to monitor your speed and keep safe driving habits at all times. Remember that with the end of summer and autumn at our door School Buses and Children are using our streets more often and they count on all of us to help them stay safe. Red Lights and Stop Signs mean Stop, not slow down and roll through. Children and other pedestrians may be crossing the street and are expecting Drivers to Obey the Laws. Also Children will be out Trick or Treating on October 31st and may not be following good safety habits, so we are counting on all of us who live here in the Village to look out for each other. Have a safe Fall Season and remember to use the inserted cutout and keep it with you to remind you to Drive 25.

Thank you –

The Village Traffic Committee



**Code
Enforcement
Officers &
Staff**

Randy Rivera
Dennis
Dachenhausen



**Fire Company
Liaison -
Trustee
Tom Tobin**

Visit our website at
www.coloniefire.com
Fire Prevention isn't just 1 week in Oct.,
it's all 52 weeks of the year!

SENIOR CORNER

Come Join Us!

Village of Colonie HBK Senior Center

Come and check us out. We are not a group of “old” folks sitting around discussing our ailments and listening to our arteries harden! On the contrary!

A variety of fitness classes and fun activities (like billiards & square dancing for example) are available for the movers & shakers, but lots of “sedentary” activities, too, like cards, puzzles and board games for those who prefer to challenge their cerebral skills.

Homemade delicious & nutritious lunches, for only \$3 or \$5, are served every day!

If you like to read, we’ve got a great library here, too, and books are free to take out and return at your convenience.

So, join us for lots of fun activities, occasional parties, and more, and beat the winter blues! Make new friends or reconnect with old friends.



OUTREACH Center

The Outreach Center staff provides information, referrals and support to individuals and/or families in the Colonie community who are in need of help. As a grassroots effort, we rely on our neighbors, local businesses and churches to help us in assisting those who turn to us in their time of need. Food items that are most needed are:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Tuna fish
- Can items (Items with flip tops are the best – the families or we don’t always have can openers to open cans!)
- Soups
- Paper plates, bowls and plastic forks and spoons
- Noodles (Ramen or other)
- Vegetables and Fruits
- Pre-packaged dinners

We are always in need of food and other items. If you would like to make a donation to the Village of Colonie Outreach Center, here is a list of other items we need:

- Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Stewarts, Hannaford, Shop Rite, Price Chopper, CVS.
- Bus passes
- Socks, hats, gloves, children’s underwear.
- School supplies
- Bedding and towels
- Gas cards

Thank you to our community for your continued support! If you need to contact us, please call Sue or Joan at 218-1030.

HBK Senior Center

Chrissy Lanza
Recreation Leader

Trudy Lake
Office Administrator

SENIOR LIAISON



Patty Schwarz Lockart

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Dottie Willey, Chaplain

Summer Program RECAP



The summer and warmer weather have come to a close, but we will always have fond memories of the fun we had! Our Summer Recreation Program this year was at the sheds in our three main parks, Cook Park, Locust Park and Milton Park. From June 27th until August 19th our staff worked daily with local children, check out some of the fun they had:

- **Crafts:** We offered a large array of crafts from beads, friendship bracelets, sand art and clay, to coloring, recycled crafts and wooden crafts.
- **Games:** We played basketball, tennis, hide and go seek, bubbles, board games, card games, running through sprinklers and a whole lot of make believe.
- **Field Trips:** We went on a total of 6 field trips this year! They were all a great success!
- **Flight Trampoline Park:** The kids jumped to their hearts content in a building full of trampolines, then came back to the Recreation Center for a pizza lunch.
- **Spare Time Bowling:** Everyone had fun bowling, but laser tag was definitely the favorite part.
- **The Pottery Place:** The kids got to

choose a piece of pottery and paint it with their own creative flare.

- **Adirondack Tubing Adventure:** Everyone had an excellent time tubing down a lazy river up in the Adirondacks, enjoying the sun and swimming!
- **Adirondack Extreme Ropes Course:** The kids got to climb on a tree obstacle course!
- **Liberty Ridge Farm:** A staff and kid favorite! They went through a corn maze, pet some goats, ran around and enjoyed every entertainment the farm had to offer.
- **Town Pool Trips:** Every Tuesday we made a trip to the Town Pool. We know they had a good time because they always came back tuckered out from their fun in the sun.
- **Kids Night Out:** We watched Finding Nemo, had coloring pages, friendship bracelets, made slime with fish and had a whole bunch of good treats, pizza and punch.

- **End of Summer Party:** To show our appreciation for the children and families that we got to know this summer, we hosted a party at the Recreation Center. We had pizza, played in the gym, watched a little movie and ran around enjoying the last days of summer freedom.

Every year our staff looks forward to welcoming the kids back and having fun with them for the duration of the summer. Our staff is able to watch so many kids grow and see them at other Village events throughout the year. There is no satisfaction quite like that of a smile from a child and the positive feedback from the parents!

We would also like to thank Stewarts Shops for their generous donations to our summer program. It is because of them that we are able to afford our crafts and art supplies that help make our summer programs possible.



Ethics Committee

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Dennis Michalski
Reverend, Steven Hart
Carole Trifletti • Frank Prevratil

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VILLAGE HELPS PRESERVE LOCAL LANDMARK

L-Kens was a beloved local hot spot for food and ice cream for many years in the Village. It opened in 1963 by Ken Lubiniecki and his father. They were a hard working set that always cooked food to order and were proud of their name on the sign. They were great supporters of the local community and added to the quality of life in the Village.

The L-Kens legacy has finally come to a close this past summer. Thanks to a generous donation from the property owner, which was given to the Out Reach Center, the Village of Colonie DPW was able to take down the L-Kens sign. It was given to the Lubiniecki family at Knighton's Auto where it will be preserved as a piece of local history.





SAVE THE DATE

**Breakfast with Santa
December, 17, 2016**

**Seatings @8:30am and 10:30am
Check your December Villager
for more Information and to sign up**

COLONIE FIRE COMPANY'S 33rd ANNUAL



TURKEY RAFFLE

••• MARK YOUR CALENDAR •••

NOVEMBER 19, 2016

General Admission at 6:30 PM
To be held at the Village Recreation Center

- NEW LARGE RAFFLE ITEMS
- MORE TURKEYS TO BE RAFFLED

*Celebrate the evening with a live DJ, Clown,
Door Prizes, merchandise and turkey raffles,
snacks, beverages, etc.....*

Village of Colonie Attorneys

David Marinucci
Victor Caponera
Henry DeCotis
Mike Tommaney

FAMILY RECREATION CENTER: HOURS

The hours for the Village's Family
Recreation Center are:

Monday-Friday

8:30 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

*If you have any questions,
please contact*

Mr. Brian Casey at 218-7782.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, December 3rd
from 11am-2pm
at the main pavilion
in Cook Park**

**Join us for a Holiday Market.
Come do some holiday shopping with
your favorite vendors from the
summer Cook Park Farmers Market.**

**Look for information in
our Winter Villager.**



Zoning Board of Appeals

Lou VanBuren, *Chairman*
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Joshua Rowinski
James Splonskowski
Phil Minissale, *Alternate*
Jack Murphy, *Liaison*
Julianne Okun, *Secretary*

**Board meets on the first Wed.
of the Month at 7:00 pm.**



Kid's Corner



Halloween Happenings Save the Dates!

Please mark your calendars for October so that you won't miss the Village of Colonie's Halloween Spooktacular NEW Events!

HAUNTED HOUSE **Friday, October 21st 6:30pm-9pm**

The NEW HAUNTED HOUSE will be located at the Family Recreation Center at 3 Thunder Road in the Municipal Complex. Parking will be behind the Village Hall and Hayrides will be available to take you up to the Haunted House. Cost is \$5 per person, Children 5 and under are free. Tickets, include complimentary donuts and cider, and are available to purchase that night at the entrance.

KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY **Saturday, October 22nd 10am-12pm**

The NEW KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY will be held down at the main pavilion in Cook Park. A safe place for the kids to come dressed in their Halloween or favorite costumes and have some spooky fun!

We will have crafts, treat bags, pumpkin painting, cider, doughnuts, popcorn and a raffle too!

Please RSVP at 218-7782 so we know how many treats to make!



And as always, BE SAFE!

- Children should trick-or-treat during daylight hours, before 7 pm is suggested.
- Children should never be allowed to go out alone on Halloween.
- Children should never eat any treats until the treats have been examined by parents or responsible adults.
- All fruit should be cut and closely examined before eating.
- Advise children that they should never enter strangers' homes.
- Never invite children into your home.
- Children should never take shortcuts through backyards or alleys.
- Set a specific time limit for your children to be out on Halloween night.
- Give wrapped homemade treats only to children you know.
- Instruct children not to stray from their group.
- A responsible adult should escort children while trick-or-treating.
- Adult escorts should carry flashlights.
- Don't leave your home unattended on Halloween night.
- Keep pets inside your home, or other safe place on Halloween night.
- Children should walk, not run, during their trick-or-treat activities.
- Parents should know what route their children will be taking.
- All costumes should be made of light-colored, fireproof material.
- Children should wear proper fitting, comfortable costumes and shoes.
- Props such as toy guns or swords should be made of pliable material.
- Realistic replica firearms should never be used.
- Masks should not be worn if they impair vision.
- Children should always use sidewalks, not the street, for walking.
- Children should look in all directions before crossing the street.



Village Takes Delivery of New RADAR TRAILER

Mayor Leak and D.P.W. Superintendent Les Decker pictured with the Villages new Radar Trailer. This new modern trailer replaces the old Smart Trailer that was retired after many years of service on the streets of the Village. Look for it on a street near you and please remember to "Drive 25 and Keep our Kids Alive"



Boy Scout Bottle Drive October 22, 2016 7 am - 12 noon

On Saturday, October 22, 2016, Boy Scout Troop 278 here in the Village of Colonie will be conducting a bottle/can drive. This drive will help the troop financially in providing the scouts with opportunities to go on different outings and to attend scouting events. This time we are asking you to place your bottles/cans outside your front door between 7 am - 12 noon. The Boy Scouts will be by to pick up the donation. If you would like to bring them to the D.P.W. on Thunder Road, that would help a great deal.

Brian Casey
Assistant Scoutmaster
218-7782
caseyb@colonievillage.org

"Scouting For Food"

Help our Village of Colonie Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts and the community when you give to the "Scouting for Food" Food Drive. Each year, Boy and Girl Scout Troops from the Village of Colonie host this food drive as part of their mission to help others. This drive comes at a time when food pantries are typically low. With the holidays right around the corner, now is the time to help.



This year the need is even greater! So, on Saturday, November 5, 2016 look for the "Scouting for Food" bag at your front door. Then, on November 12, 2016 place the full bag on your front step, and the Scouts will be by to pick it up.

As always, thank you for supporting the Scouts!!

Brian Casey, Asst. Scoutmaster
caseyb@colonievillage.org
Phone 218-7438

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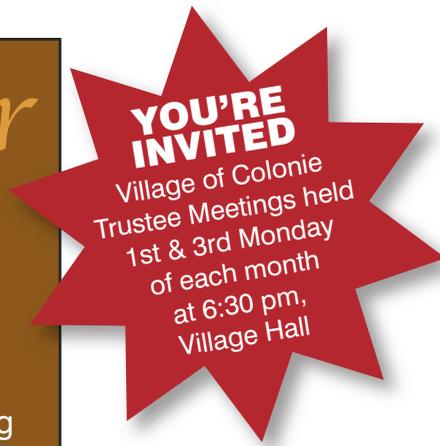
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IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

For all village meetings residents can contact the Village Hall at 869-7562 the day of the meeting for the agenda and to confirm the quorum available for the meeting.

Senior Citizens

1st Tues. of Month10:00 AM

Planning Commission

1st & 3rd Tues. of Month6:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals

1st Wed. of Month7:00 pm

Sign Review Board

4th Thurs. of Month7:00 pm

Youth Commission

When Scheduled

Traffic Advisory Committee

2nd Thurs. of Month6:30 pm

If you are handicapped and need any assistance to attend a public meeting in the Village of Colonie, please notify the clerk 24 hours before the meeting.

Department of Public Works

Les Decker, *Superintendent of Public Works*869-6372

Chris Bisognano, *Assistant Superintendent of Public Works*869-6372

Stormwater Hotline869-6372

Outreach Center

Sue Bredice218-1030

Joan Rueckert218-1030

Youth and Family

Services Department

Brian Casey, *Youth Monitor*218-7438

Senior Citizens Center

Chrissy Lanza, *Recreation Leader*869-7172

Trudy Lake, *Office Administrator*869-7172

Fire Company

Fire Company869-9306

Jack Moser, *Fire Co. Chief*869-9306

Ed Rhynders, Jr., *Fire Co. President*869-9306

Important Village Numbers

Kathleen Haas, *Treasurer*869-7562

Jamie Blot, *Clerk*869-7562

David Marinucci, *Attorney*869-2152

Victor Caponera, *Attorney*869-7562

Christopher Dennis, *Planning Commission*869-7562

Lou VanBuren, *Zoning Board*869-7562

Frank Prevratil, *Traffic Committee*869-7562

Jim Rubino, *Sign Review Board*869-7672

Randy Rivera, *Code Enforcement Officer/Stormwater Management Officer*857-3654

Dennis Dachenhausen, *Assistant Code Enforcement Officer*869-7562

Krysta Dennis, *Farmers Market Manager*669-2636