

# The Villager

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Spring 2020

## A Message from the Mayor...



I would like to thank my family, friends and residents who have supported me over the past three months. The support that I have received has been nothing short of remarkable. I would also like to thank and recognize a man who has been a mentor and a great friend to me, Mayor Frank Leak. Frank has dedicated his life to the Village of Colonie and its residents. He has left the Village in great shape. We are debt free with a solid infrastructure. At the same time, he would be a humanitarian listening to a senior's problem or a property owner's dilemma, always solving the problem at hand. We can all learn from his theory

of "why wait, solve it today!" We all wish him the best.

I would also like to recognize and thank the tremendous employees that we are so blessed to have in the Village. They are the backbone of everything that gets done every day in the Village. Their dedication to this Village is unparalleled and they have been so helpful and positive. Additionally, a thank you to our community volunteers that serve on our commissions. Their commitment is invaluable to the Village.

Deputy Mayor Tom Tobin, Trustee Patty Schwarz Lockart and Trustee Jack Murphy have been unbelievably supportive during this transition and I thank them for that.

We are planning a new event for this spring. In partnership with the local Colonie VFW Post 8692 we will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt. Check inside for more info.

We are preparing another great season for the Amphitheater concerts and are also working diligently on our Centennial Celebration in 2021. The Village will be 100! There will be a lot more to come on our exciting celebration of 100 years.

It is my hope that this New Year finds you well and that 2020 is a prosperous year for all. As always, we will be here to help you in anyway we can.

Don't forget, Village Election Day is Wednesday March 18!

*Ed*



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#### VILLAGE HALL

**518-869-7562**

**Mayor** Edward Sim

518-869-1742

#### Trustees

Jack Murphy • 518-869-9638

Tom Tobin • 518-869-6760

Patty Schwarz Lockart  
518-456-3866

## A Message from Code Enforcement...

*As spring approaches we would like to bring attention a few items in the Code of the Village of Colonie and Property Maintenance Code that you may not be aware of and are the source of many complaints.*

### **Chapter 222 Vehicles Abandoned.**

#### **§ 222-1 Legislative findings; purpose.**

The outdoor storage of junked, abandoned, unused or dangerous motor vehicles or the parts therefrom within the Village of Colonie is a hazard to the preservation of the public health, welfare and safety in that it constitutes a health, fire and safety hazard and is an attractive nuisance to children, which is a peril to their safety. Their outdoor storage constitutes a blight on the Village's landscape; they are generally unsightly; and their existence tends to depreciate the value of property in the neighborhood and the Village. The control of the outdoor storage of junked, abandoned, unused or dangerous motor vehicles or parts therefrom within the Village of Colonie is therefore regulated for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of its residents

#### **Section 222-4 B:**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation,

either as owner, occupant, lessee, agent tenant, trespasser or otherwise of or on any privately owned lot within the Village of Colonie, to store or deposit an unused vehicle in the Village of Colonie. Unused vehicle – Any operable motor vehicle which is unregistered by the State of New York or any other state and or upon which is not displayed a valid state inspection sticker.

### **Chapter 145 Litter and Weeds**

**145-7. Weeds and noxious growths.** It shall be the duty of every owner or owners of land, vacant or improved, and of every tenant, lessee or occupant of land, vacant or improved, within the village to keep the land that they own or rent or occupy free from weeds and other noxious growths.

#### **145-8 Notice to remove; failure to act; inspections.**

B. Upon the failure, neglect or refusal of any owner, tenant, lessee or occupant or agent thereof, so notified, to properly dispose of litter and/or cut and remove such weeds within 10 days of such notice, the Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the Village Board, and the Village Board shall thereupon authorize and direct the appropriate village department to dispose of such litter and/or cut and remove such weeds. The village department performing such work shall keep an accurate record and itemized account of the expenses incurred for all labor, equipment and materials furnished and any other cost. All bills shall reflect a

minimum charge as set by resolution of the Board of Trustees, from time to time, to cover the administrative costs, expenses and labor.

### **Property Maintenance Code Provision:**

**302.4 Weeds.** Premises and exterior shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 10-12 inches. Noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants, and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

## A Message from Village Hall...

**APRIL WATER BILLS WILL BE MAILED ON APRIL 1, 2020 AND ARE DUE BY MAY 15, 2020.**

We will be sending receipts back on a "requested receipt" basis only. If you would like a receipt for your payment, simply turn your payment in with the bottom portion of your bill with the "receipt requested" box checked, and we will gladly provide you with a receipt.

Please DO NOT STAPLE payments to remittance stubs. Staples and marks left from staples, tend to jam our electronic check reader.

Any April Water bills left unpaid after May 15, 2020 will be levied

### **Traffic Committee Members**

Chairman Frank Prevratil  
Dan Judge  
Les Samiof  
George Lashoff  
John Gillivan  
Daniel Hornick  
Julianne Okun, Coordinator  
Edward Sim, Liaison



Chris Ciota  
Recycling Coordinator  
518-869-6372  
[cciota@colonievillage.org](mailto:cciota@colonievillage.org)

### **SPRING TIME IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!**

Good weather increases the number of pedestrians on Village streets. Please take precaution when driving.

Obey speed limits, and be sure to watch out for children who may be playing near the road.

**Have a safe and happy spring.**

THIS MESSAGE BROUGHT TO YOU BY  
THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

onto the June 2020 Village Tax Bill. Yard waste stickers are available for purchase at Village Hall. Stickers are \$1.50/each.

For your convenience, there is a drop box located at curbside. Please utilize this to leave payments after-hours. The drop box is checked daily.

The Village of Colonie is now accepting credit card payments for all Village bills, to be taken at the Village Hall counter. Please note, a 3% fee will be charged to utilize this service to offset the cost incurred to us from the credit card companies.

Village Hall is open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## 2020 VILLAGE ELECTIONS

Please note: Village Election Day 2020 is on Wednesday, not the normal Tuesday.

Village Elections for the positions of Mayor and 2 Trustees will be held on Wednesday March 18th, 2020. Polling Place: Village Hall, 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205. Polling hours: 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Village Clerk, Jamie Blot at Village Hall, 518-869-7562. If you're not sure if you're registered to vote, please contact Albany County Board of Elections at 518-487-5060.

## VILLAGE OF COLONIE REGISTRATION DAY

Village of Colonie Registration Day for the March 18, 2020 Village of Colonie election, will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from noon until 5:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205.

If you are not a registered voter with Albany County Board of Elections and wish to vote in the March 2020

election, please come to the Village Hall, 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY on March 7, 2020, between noon and 5:00 p.m. to register. You must be at least 18 years of age, a Village of Colonie resident of at least thirty (30) days, a citizen of the United States and have not been disqualified by law from voting in Village of Colonie elections. You may also register with Albany County Board of Elections; the deadline for registering with Albany County is Friday, March 6, 2020. If you have any questions regarding Village of Colonie registration please contact Village Clerk, Jamie Blot at 518-869-7562. If you have questions regarding registration with Albany County Board of Elections, please contact them directly at 518-487-5060.

*A Message from*

**Dept. of  
Public Works...**

## Important Please Read! NEW Heavy Item Pick-Up Procedures for 2020

The Village of Colonie will be modifying our Heavy Item Program which runs from May – October. This year we will not be publicizing the dates or taking phone calls for reservations. We will be taking reservations in person at the Department of Public Works office located at 1 Thunder Road on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8AM-12PM.

Residents will fill out a Village Of Colonie Heavy Item Pickup Form and coordinate the date for their assigned pick up. You will need to bring in a proof of Village residency in the form of a driver's license, cable bill, utility bill or tax bill. Upon your reservation, you will receive a copy of the Village Of Colonie Heavy Item Pickup Form signed and dated along with a list of rules of the program (what is accepted and what is not). If you have any further questions, please direct them to The Department of Public Works at 518-869-6372.

## LEAF AND BRUSH RECYCLING STARTED FOR THE SEASON ON MARCH 30TH

1. There is no set day for leaf/brush pickup. It is done on a continual rotation around the Village starting in the spring and ending in the fall.
2. Put leaves/grass clippings in brown recycling bags or labeled barrels ONLY, not to exceed 40 lbs. Do not use plastic bags or boxes. NO ROCKS, GARBAGE, SOD OR PLASTIC MAY BE PLACED IN THE LEAF BAGS.
3. Branches must be cut in lengths of 4 ft. or less and securely tied with strings in bundles not to exceed 40 lbs. The diameter of the branches to be bundled MUST BE 3 INCHES OR LESS.

If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works, Monday through Friday, 7 am until 3:30 pm. The telephone number is 869-6372.

### Ethics Committee

Henry Landau, Chairman  
Dennis Michalski  
Jason DePaulo  
Carole Trifiletti  
Frank Prevratil

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Les Decker - Superintendent  
Chris Bisognano -  
Assistant Superintendent  
518-869-6372



Code  
Enforcement  
Liaison

Trustee  
Jack Murphy



The following proposition is subject to a mandatory referendum and will be added to the ballot for the 2020 Village of Colonie election, to be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Polling place: Village Hall, 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205. Polling hours: 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

# PROPOSITION

FOR SUBMISSION TO ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF COLONIE

AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF COLONIE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OF COLONIE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF COLONIE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION JANUARY 21, 2020, AUTHORIZING, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 11-A OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, A PUBLIC REFERENDUM OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF COLONIE.

THE RESOLUTION SEEKS APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1990 AND IS ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF COLONIE.

THE AMENDMENT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 AND IF APPROVED, WOULD INCREASE THE SERVICE AWARD CONTRIBUTION THAT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM ACCOUNT OF A PARTICIPATING VOLUNTEER, FROM \$700 TO \$1,200, FOR EACH CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2020 DURING WHICH SUCH VOLUNTEER EARNS A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT UNDER THE PROGRAM POINT SYSTEM;

BASED ON THE CURRENT ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER ROSTER, THE COST OF FUNDING THE CURRENT PROGRAM COULD BE AS MUCH AS \$37,100 OR \$700.00 PER VOLUNTEER, IF ALL CURRENT ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS EARN A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT UNDER THE POINT SYSTEM. SHOULD VOTERS APPROVE THIS AMENDMENT, THE ANNUAL COST COULD INCREASE TO AS MUCH AS \$63,600 OR \$1,200 FOR EACH PARTICIPATING VOLUNTEER. THE ANNUAL COST OF ADMINISTRATION THE AMENDED PROGRAM WOULD NOT CHANGE AS A RESULT OF THE ADOPTION OF THIS AMENDMENT. THE CURRENT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE COST IS ABOUT \$3,500 PER YEAR.

THE RESOLUTION ALSO SEEKS APPROVAL TO ALLOW ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS, UPON REACHING ENTITLEMENT AGE IN THE PROGRAM TO DEFER PAYMENTS OF THEIR SERVICE AWARD BENEFIT IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAWS. THIS WILL TAKE EFFECT FOR ANY PARTICIPANT WHO HAS REACHED ENTITLEMENT AGE AND IS ELIGIBLE FOR A PAYMENT ON OR AFTER 1/1/2020. THIS CHANGE WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE FUNDING COST OF THE PROGRAM.

THEREFORE, SHALL THE STATED RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF COLONIE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM BE APPROVED?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_



## Village Election

**DATE CHANGE:**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**  
**6am to 9pm**  
**at VILLAGE HALL**

**Up for election in 2020:**  
**Mayor - 4 year term**  
**Trustee - 4 year term**  
**Trustee - 4 year term**  
**Proposition for Service Award Program**

**VOTE**

### Planning Commission

Chairman, Chris Dennis  
John Martin  
Kenny Hart  
Ann Krause  
Pete Chudzinski  
Dan Judge  
Mark Keegan  
Jim Splonskowski  
Alexandra Hart, Coordinator  
Tom Tobin, Trustee

### Security Patrol

Bill Levy  
Joe Agneta

### Youth & Family Services Staff

Brian Casey  
Katie Ciota

### Code Enforcement Officers & Staff

Mike Cerone  
Randy Rivera  
Steve Meservey

### Sign Review Members

Jim Rubino, Chairman  
Carole Trifiletti  
Dennis Michalski  
Bill Levy  
Michaela Pochilly  
Sue Dickinson, Alternate  
Victor Caponera, Attorney  
Alexandra Hart, Coordinator  
Jack Murphy, Liaison

COME ONE, COME ALL!



Nicest Show In The Northeast  
**MAY 14TH-25TH, 2020**

Portions of the proceeds to benefit the Village of Colonie 2021 Centennial Celebration.  
Keep your eyes out for more info soon!



**DPW & Traffic  
Committee Liaison**  
Edward Sim



**Fire Company  
Liaison -**  
Trustee  
Tom Tobin

Visit our website at  
[www.coloniefire.com](http://www.coloniefire.com)  
Fire Prevention isn't just 1 week in  
October, it's all 52 weeks of the year!

**Amphitheater Arts  
Committee**

Brian Casey  
Linda Murphy  
Sue Dickinson  
Mary Clark  
Tom Tobin  
Carl Fleshman  
Katie Ciota  
Christina Secor



# COLONIE FIRE COMPANY

*Volunteers Proudly Serving the Community Since 1931*

## A Message from the Chief...

### Happy New Year to everyone.

Colonie Fire Company responded to 484 calls in 2019 and there were 3,588 firefighter responses to answer those calls. 3,635 firefighter-hours were spent on those fire calls alone – but that number does not count all of the dozens of public-service details that we attended over the year. We always need more volunteers so if you have not considered joining the firehouse family here in the Village, there's no better time than the present to step-up and help your neighbors and the community.

Colonie Fire Company is proud to announce a new program in conjunction with the Village Board called LIFEREACH. The LIFEREACH program will afford senior citizens and low-income households within the Village to receive a life-safety visit by our firefighters who will check the interior of the residence for the presence of carbon monoxide (CO), an odorless gas that is life-threatening in high concentrations. CO conditions can develop at any time throughout the year but the heating season is when they are most frequent. Our firefighters will check inside the residence with one of our multi-gas meters for the presence of CO and we will also check any existing CO detectors and/or smoke alarms present in the residence to verify that they are functioning properly and located correctly. While at this visit, our firefighters will also check for any other fire safety issues such as overloaded electrical outlets or blocked doorways. Before leaving, our firefighters will leave a fire-safety checklist for the household and they will provide any necessary contact numbers for any referral agencies, if requested by the homeowner. If you feel that you would be well-served by a LIFEREACH visit, contact the Village of Colonie Senior Citizen Center or the Village Outreach Center to schedule a visit.

Wednesday March 18th will be election day for Villages in New York. This year when you show-up to cast your ballot, please be aware that there will be a public referendum to increase the Service Award amount for the active volunteer firefighters here in Colonie Village and also afford them the ability to defer their payout dates till after they reach 55 years of age. This referendum is important to the volunteer firefighters because it serves as an incentive to get new members to become volunteers and it also serves as a retention tool to encourage the current volunteers to remain active to a certain level in order to qualify for the award. It is important to note that this referendum will have NO effect on your Village taxes and it is important to the Fire Company so please remember to look for the public referendum when you show up to vote. THANK YOU!

A reminder that this is the time of year when firefighting becomes extremely difficult due to the inclement weather patterns of the northeast. Most especially concerning is the amount of time it takes to clear-out accumulated snow from around a fire hydrant during a fire. Every second counts in firefighting and you never want the supply of water to be delayed during a fire due to firefighters having to dig-out a hydrant. PLEASE take a few moments and dig-out your closest hydrant – it could mean a big difference during a fire.

The Colonie Fire Company is happy to welcome our newest active firefighters – Christopher Kowalski, John Dombrowski, Mitch Gladstone and Laurie Vroman.

*Thank you!*



#### **HBK Senior Center**

Chrissy Lanza  
Recreation Leader

Ginny Ritz  
Office Administrator

#### **SENIOR LIAISON**



Patty Schwarz Lockart

#### **Thunder Road Seniors**

Ned Johnson, President  
Barbara Williams, Vice President  
Helene O'Clair, Treasurer  
Jackie Mendini, Secretary  
Dottie Willey, Chaplain



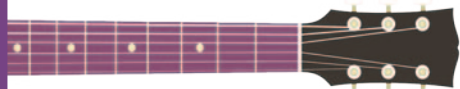


# The Village of Colonie

Mayor Edward Sim \* Deputy Mayor Thomas Tobin

Trustees: Jack Murphy \* Patty Schwarz Lockart

Frank A. Leak Amphitheater for the Arts



2020

## TUESDAY NIGHTS in the PARK

### Opportunities to give

PLEASE CIRCLE THE MUSIC NOTE THAT APPLIES:



#### GOLD SPONSOR

- \*\$1000 Donation
- \*Corporate Name in Tuesday Night Programs
- \*Corporate Name on Season Event Signage
- \*Opening Night Recognition



#### SILVER SPONSOR

- \*\$500 Donation
- \*Corporate Name in Tuesday Night Programs
- \*Corporate Name on Season Event Signage



#### BRONZE SPONSOR

- \*\$250 Donation
- \*Corporate Name in Tuesday Night Programs
- \*Corporate Name on Season Event Signage



#### PATRON OF THE ARTS

- \*\$100 Donation
- \*Corporate Name in Tuesday Night Programs



#### FRIEND OF THE ARTS

- \*\$25 Donation
- \*Name listed in Tuesday Night Programs



#### DONATION

- \*I/we are unable to become a sponsor, but enclosed is a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in support of the Amphitheater Arts Program

PLEASE FILL OUT BELOW:

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME/BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_

\*PRINT EXACTLY HOW YOUR NAME/BUSINESS SHOULD APPEAR ON THE PROGRAM\*

Please address all checks to "Village of Colonie - Amphitheater"

Return this paper with your payment to:

**Brian Casey, Village of Colonie Youth and Family Services**

**2 Thunder Road, Colonie, NY 12205**

If you have any questions please call Brian at the Family Rec Center, 518-218-7782

*Thank you for your generosity, without your donations these concerts would not be possible.*

# OUTREACH Center

## THANK YOU!!

**A HUGE Thanks** to all those individuals and families that have assisted the Outreach Center at Christmas and through the year. The generosity expressed helped us provide Christmas for two families. In addition, we received food donations to help our families throughout the year and gift cards that will allow them to buy milk, meat and produce.

**Thank You to the following and several anonymous donors:**

- Mr. Brian Casey and Boy Scout Troop 278
- Colonie – Guilderland Rotary Club
- Leading the Way for Little Learners
- St. Michael's Church
- The D'Angelo Family
- Kathleen O'Brien
- Susan Dufur
- David Haack
- Barbara Lucas
- Village of Colonie Fire Department
- Stewart's Shop
- Patty VanKempen
- Community Reformed Church of Colonie
- Morning of Kindness Participants
- Life Skills Class Colonie High School
- Eric Bettinger
- Chris Appel
- Shannon Clegg and Dan Hornick
- Natalie Van Dyke

## Boy Scout Food Drive

A special THANK YOU to all Village residents who donated over 2,500 food items to our food drive. The food was distributed to the Village Outreach Center and the 2 other food pantries in the Village to help Village families in need.



## Boy Scout Bottle Drive

Village boy scout troop 278 will hold its next bottle and can drive on Saturday, April 18th from 7am till noon in the DPW garage. Residents are asked to leave deposit bottles and cans at the end of their driveways on that morning for scouts to pick up. A reminder flyer will be delivered door to door by the scouts the weekend of on April 11th. As is always the case if you want to drop off you bottles you can bring them to the DPW garage or the Rec center. The scouts want to thank everyone for all of their generous donations in the past.



### Village of Colonie Attorneys

Henry DeCotis  
Victor Caponera

### FAMILY RECREATION CENTER:

#### HOURS

#### 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 518-218-7782.*

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Lou VanBuren, *Chairman*

Frank Prevratil

Trevor Normandin

Joshua Rowinski

Phil Minissale

Chris Larabee

Julianne Okun, *Coordinator*

Jack Murphy, *Liaison*

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

**OUTREACH CENTER • 518-218-1030**

**Sue Bredice / [SUEB@COLONIEVILLAGE.ORG](mailto:SUEB@COLONIEVILLAGE.ORG)**

**Joan Rueckert / [JOANR@COLONIEVILLAGE.ORG](mailto:JOANR@COLONIEVILLAGE.ORG)**



# A Message About RECYCLING...



I would like to thank all the residents who participated in our Recycling Survey several months ago. There was a great response and we were so excited to hear your input. I am happy to report that over half of all Village residents responded that they do recycle. This is a fantastic start! We want to thank those of you who are recycling and encourage you to keep going. Those residents that didn't respond, or commented no, we hope that with our efforts we can make it easier for you to do curbside recycling. It will be a great benefit for our community as well as for the environment.

From all the information we gathered from the survey, the two greatest requests were for more information/education on recycling and bins for residents for curbside recycling. I am happy to report that we are working on both! We are actively putting in for a grant that would make recycling bins more readily available to residents. Also, in the same grant we are applying for funding of a new recycling truck that will better be able to keep up with the amount of recycling we do. These grants take time and work, but we think that this will be a huge benefit to our Village. We are also working on more information for residents for where you can go to recycle all sorts of things that we aren't able to accept in our curbside recycling, such as old clothes, engine oil and plastic bags. We are compiling a list of places and businesses in the area that accept these things and will make it available to all residents on our website once we have finished. If you know of any local business that accepts specialty recyclable items, we would love to hear. We want to thank all of you for your responses to our survey and remind everyone that yes, recycling matters! You can contact me with any questions or information.

## Chris' Contact Information

Email: [cciota@colonievillage.org](mailto:cciota@colonievillage.org)

Phone: 518-869-6372

# CONGRATULATIONS BILL!

If you have played baseball or softball locally in the past 40 years, chances are at least one of your games was umpired by Bill Levy.

Bill has been recognized for conspicuous service to the game of baseball as a player, coach and umpire. This past November, Bill was inducted into the New York State Baseball Hall of Fame. Inducted along with Bill were former Major Leaguers Rich Aurielia, Ron Darling, Ron Guidry, Thurman Munson, Bobby Murcer and Art Shamsky. Howe Rose, NY Met announcer, and Bob Costas were also inducted along with local standout Chuck Sohl of the Albany Twilight League and Siena College.

Bill Levy is a life-long resident of Colonie. He and his wife, Kathy have lived in the Village for the past 43 years, raising their children John and Kristen.

***Congratulations, Bill!***



## Farmers Market



We will be at 1770 Central Avenue, the Village Square Shopping Plaza (near Pioneer Bank, Bruegger's and Advanced Auto Parts). The Market will take place from 4-7pm on Thursdays, beginning on May 28th and ending on October 1st. The Market gives Village residents the opportunity to buy farm-fresh produce direct from the farmers and craftspeople themselves. We are committed to offering Village residents a food shopping alternative that is healthy for them and for the planet, as well as being a great place to get together. We have many of our favorite vendors coming back, along with some new ones. Stay updated on all the information by visiting our website at [villageofcoloniefarmersmarket.com](http://villageofcoloniefarmersmarket.com)

## PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVALS

Mayor Sim and the Trustees of the Village of Colonie are pleased to welcome a number of new businesses that will be opening their doors in the Village.

- **1702 Central Ave: Hockey Store N More** – Hockey equipment fitting and sales, skate sharpening
- **16 Walker Way sect. 2: Junk King** – Hauling services moving relocating from Fritz Blvd
- **16 Walker Way sect. 6: Fitness Innovative Tumbling** – Private lessons for tumbling, gymnastics and cheerleading
- **10 Walker Way sect. 10: Fidens Brewing Co.** – Modify approval to change hours and add stools and tables to tasting room
- **1686 Central Ave: Lemon Albany** – Previously Oscar's Pizza, rebranding and expanding menu
- **29 & 31 Fermac Street:** Approval for 2 duplex homes
- **1770 Central Ave: A.S Natural Health Solutions** – Retail sale of CBD products
- **1524 Central Ave: Dance Fitness** – Pole Dancing exercise and fitness classes
- **1500 Central Ave: The Bread Butler** – Bakery delivery and subscription service
- **1614 Central Ave: Men's Inc Barber Shop** – Revamping the old Valvoline building to add a second barber shop location
- **1662 Central Ave: Central Med Urgent Care** – Urgent care facility
- **1770 Central Ave: CocoP'z Salontique** – Beauty salon offering hair, nail, facial beauty wellness services
- **350 New Karner Road: Capital Volvo of Albany** – New Volvo car dealership building a new building across from the old one



We wish these new businesses great success as we welcome them to the Village of Colonie, and hope that the businesses changing owners and rebuilding flourish in our community.

## Kid's Corner

### The Easter Bunny will be hopping by!

The Easter Bunny and his helpers will be arriving in the Village on Saturday, April 4th and Sunday, April 5th. Starting at 10 am each day, the Easter Bunny will visit every street in the Village. The Easter Bunny, and his friends, along with the Mayor and the Trustees will have a treat for all little Villagers!



### 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 11th at the Cook Park Pavilion, the Village of Colonie in partnership with the Colonie VFW Post 8692 will be holding it's first annual Easter Egg Hunt. We welcome families and children to participate in an egg hunt for children up to 4th grade. Reservations are required to make sure there are enough treats and eggs for all enjoy. Please call the Family Recreation Center at 518-218-7782 for more information and to sign-up. Incase of inclement weather, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held inside at the Family Recreation Center.

## REMINDER to all Residents:

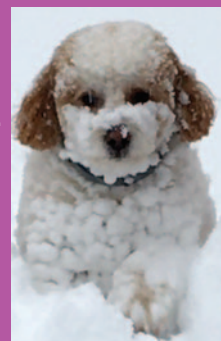
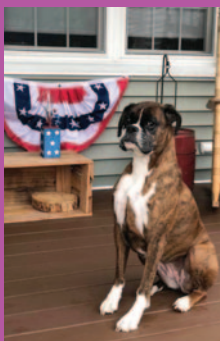
All dogs are required to be on a leash at ALL times in Cook Park, (unless they are in the Dog park), Bauer Park and all other village parks.

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.





# A Message from the Village Traffic Committee

Dear Village of Colonie Residents,

Let's get ready to shed the heavy coats, hats and gloves and embrace the longer days. I'm sure that most of you are looking forward to the spring season. With that being said, the Village of Colonie Traffic Committee would like to remind you that spring also means warmer weather and warmer weather means more people being outdoors and active. We are very proud to live in such a wonderful community where we can enjoy our many parks, trails and well-kept streets for walking, bicycling and other outdoor activities. So we are asking that you help us all and **be responsible, 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 518-783-2744.** However, if you need to report an emergency please call 911 or 518-783-2811.

Please remember the following tips to help us enjoy a safe spring season;

Look out for children playing and people walking their

pets. Remember that school is still in session so please take note of school buses. **School Buses that are stopped with Red Flashing lights and a Stop sign extended mean Stop! Do Not Pass or Attempt to Go Around!** There have been many instances recently where children have been hit and killed by motorists not obeying that law. Please do not let that happen here in Colonie. Be aware of children around bus stops and near schools.

You may have noticed the many lawn signs reminding people to "Slow Down", that were placed along some of our Village streets this past October and November. There will be an opportunity for all Village residents to display these signs in the future. For information on lawn signs and anything traffic related, we invite you to attend the Village Traffic Committee meetings held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Village Hall located at 2 Thunder Road at 6:30 P.M. Also please remember to **"Drive 25"** through the Village residential streets. After all, this is your community and we all want to be safe.

**Thank you – The Village Traffic Committee**

## SENIORS Corner

*Come Join Us!*

We celebrated the holidays with great cheer with our members. We hope you will join us for our future parties such as our St. Patrick's Day luncheon on March 17th and our Bingo Luncheon on April 23rd. If you would like to come and see what we are all about, we hope you will join us for an OPEN HOUSE on Friday, March 27th at 10am. A free lunch will be available to all new residents 55 years and older during the event. If you find you are unable to attend our scheduled Open House, please call and we will try to schedule another date.

A reminder to all members, the Senior Center will be closed on the following dates: Wednesday, March 18th, and Monday, May 25th (Memorial Day)



**Senior Cookie Exchange**  
*16 participants this year!*



**Santa's Singing Elves**  
*Preschoolers who entertain every year.*



**Seniors helping Santa's Elves**  
*Preschoolers & Seniors making ornaments.*



**Senior Holiday Party**  
*Members waiting for their delicious meal.*

**Our Senior Center is FREE to join for all VILLAGE residents 55 years plus!**



# The Villager

## VILLAGE HALL

2 Thunder Road  
Albany, NY 12205  
518-869-7562  
villagehall@colonievillage.org

Visit the Village website at...  
[www.colonievillage.org](http://www.colonievillage.org)

## MAYOR

Edward Sim

## TRUSTEES

Tom Tobin  
Jack Murphy  
Patty Schwarz Lockart

## YOU'RE INVITED

Village of Colonie  
Trustee Meetings held  
1st & 3rd Monday  
of each month  
at 6:30 pm,  
Village Hall

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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 Month.....10:00 AM

### Planning Commission

1st & 3rd Tues. of Month.....6:30 pm

### Zoning Board of Appeals

1st Wed. of Month.....7:00 pm

### Sign Review Board

4th Thurs. of Month.....7:00 pm

### Youth Commission

When Scheduled

### Traffic Advisory Committee

2nd Thurs. of Month.....6:30 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 .....518-869-6372  
*Superintendent of Public Works*

Chris Bisognano.....518-869-6372  
*Assistant Superintendent of Public Works*

Stormwater Hotline.....518-869-6372

Chris Ciota .....518-869-6372  
*Recycling Coordinator*

## OUTREACH CENTER

Sue Bredice .....518-218-1030

Joan Rueckert .....518-218-1030

## YOUTH AND FAMILY

## SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Brian Casey .....518-218-7782  
*Youth Monitor*

Katie Ciota .....518-218-7782  
*Youth Monitor*

## SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Chrissy Lanza.....518-869-7172  
*Recreation Leader*

Ginny Ritz .....518-869-7172  
*Office Administrator*

## FIRE COMPANY

Fire Company.....518-869-9306

Jeffrey Kayser.....518-869-9306  
*Fire Co. Chief*

Ronald Coy.....518-869-9306  
*Fire Co. President*

## IMPORTANT VILLAGE NUMBERS

Kathleen Haas .....518-869-7562  
*Treasurer*

Jamie Blot.....518-869-7562  
*Clerk*

Henry DeCotis .....518-869-7562  
*Attorney*

Victor Caponera .....518-869-7562  
*Attorney*

Christopher Dennis .....518-869-7562  
*Planning Commission*

Lou VanBuren.....518-869-7562  
*Zoning Board*

Frank Prevratil .....518-869-7562  
*Traffic Committee*

Jim Rubino .....518-869-7672  
*Sign Review Board*

Mike Cerone .....518-275-8770  
*Building Department Head*

Randy Rivera .....518-857-3654  
*Assistant Code Enforcement Officer/  
Stormwater Management Officer*

Steve Meservy .....518-275-3666  
*Code Enforcement Officer*

Krysta Dennis .....518-669-2636  
*Farmers Market Manager*