

The Villager

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Fall 2020

Your Participation **MATTERS!**

- You must fill out your 2020 Census by September 30th for it to be counted.
- Please contact us if you need assistance in completing the Census: Village Hall (518) 869-7562 or villagehall@colonievillage.org
- Each individual counted in the 2020 Census provides vital funding for our Village of Colonie Community!
- This Census will provide our community's funding for the next ten years!
- The best case is to get 100% response rate, our goal is 95-100%.
- The Census has a few short questions such as how many people are living or staying at each address.
- For each person, they ask about name, sex, age, date of birth, relationship, Hispanic origin and race. They also ask whether the housing unit, such as the house, apartment or mobile home, is owned or rented.
- They will ask for contact information in case additional information is needed.

**VILLAGE OF
COLONIE
2020
CENSUS**



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COVID-19 Response Updates

- As per the Governors executive order, the Village Election that was supposed to take place on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 was postponed and rescheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2020. 6am to 9pm at the Village Hall.
- All Village Board, Commission and Committee meetings are now being held at the Village Hall at their regular times, following CDC guidelines for distancing, attendance, and masking.
- The fall and winter events, including the Kids Halloween Party, the Haunted House, the Santa Parade, Christmas Tree Lighting and Breakfast with Santa have been postponed.
- All park rentals, and Family Recreation Center gym rentals have been cancelled until December 31st, 2020.
- The Village Hall is open from 8:30-4:30pm, Monday to Friday. Anyone entering must abide by CDC guidelines for social distancing and masks.
- The HBK Senior Center will remain closed until December 31st, 2020. The drive thru lunch program will continue to be available to our Village members.
- The DPW is open from 7am-3pm, Monday to Friday. Anyone entering must abide by CDC guidelines for social distancing and masks, only one person allowed in the DPW office at a time. Depending on extreme weather, DPW hours may be adjusted, please call for questions at 518-869-6372.
- The Family Recreation Center offices only, are open 8am-4pm, Monday to Friday. The gym, computer room and game room remain closed until December 31st. Anyone entering must abide by CDC guidelines for social distancing and masks.
- The Outreach Center is open 8am-3:30pm, Monday to Friday or by appointment. Anyone entering must abide by CDC guidelines for social distancing and masks.
- The Village Firehouse continues to respond to calls, if you have any specific questions call 518-869-9306.
- The Parks remain open for socially distanced recreational activities, restrooms are closed.

Water Bills

October Water Bills will be mailed on October 1, 2020 and are due by November 15, 2020.

We will be sending receipts back on a “requested receipt” basis only, make sure to mark the box on your bill if you would like one. Please do not use staples on your checks. Village Tax bills can be paid up until the 31st of October. Anything left unpaid after the 31st will be sent to Albany County for collection. For your convenience, there is a drop box located at curbside outside Village Hall. Please utilize this to leave payments after-hours, it is checked daily. We are currently only taking credit cards as payment in person, with a 3% processing fee.

Outdoor Boy Scout Bottle Drive

Watch for an upcoming flyer that will be delivered to your door with more information on the Village Boy Scout’s socially distanced drop off fall bottle drive.



Reminder:

The Village Hall, DPW, Rec Center, Outreach Center and Senior Center (Drive up lunch pick up will not be available on the following dates) will be CLOSED:

Village Election Day – Tuesday, September 15th – Tuesday garbage and recycling will be picked up on Monday, September 14th

Columbus Day – Monday, October 12th

Election Day – Tuesday, November 3rd – Tuesday garbage and recycling will be picked up on Monday, November 2nd

Veterans Day – Wednesday, November 11th – Wednesday garbage and recycling will be picked up on Thursday, November 12th

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 26th

Day after Thanksgiving (Black Friday) – Friday, November 27th

Garbage and recycling will be picked up for both November 26th and 27th on Friday, November 27th

The Village of Colonie Election

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Village Hall

2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205

Positions and Terms:

- ✓ Mayor 4 year term
- ✓ Trustee 4 year term
- ✓ Trustee 4 year term



There will also be a proposition regarding the Service Award Program for the Fire Department. This proposition would increase the Service Award payment to each volunteer fire fighter. The amendment would be effective January 1st, 2021. The Service Award program is an annual monetary

contribution that volunteer fire fighters receive when they complete a certain number of points from fire calls, drills and training. If you are interested in a copy of the entire proposition, it is available by contacting Village Clerk Jamie Blot (518) 869-7562 or email JBlot@colonievillage.org

COVID Precautions:

We ask that all eligible voters who plan to vote in-person, wear a facial covering and follow all the Center for Disease Control and Health Department guidelines for social distancing. Our inspectors and poll watchers will also be wearing facial coverings and following all guidelines, as well as, disinfecting commonly touched areas. Hand sanitizer will be available upon entry/exit to the building, as well as, in the voting room. Pens will be made available for voting or voters are welcome to bring their own pen if they feel more comfortable (black ink only please).

A Note about the Ballot:

Voter's please note: any ballot or absentee ballot will display the date of the originally scheduled election, March 18, 2020 for the Village of Colonie Election. In accordance with Governor Cuomo's executive order 202.26, any village election in which the ballot was fully determined when the election was postponed, the election will proceed with the same ballot. Additionally, if ballots were already printed, those ballots may be used at the September 15, 2020 election, despite displaying the original date of the election.

A Note about Registration Day:

Village of Colonie Voter Registration day will be held on Saturday, September 5, 2020 from 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205. You may also register to vote with the Albany County Board of Elections before Friday, September 4, 2020 to

be eligible to vote in the Village Election. If you are already registered to vote in Albany County, you are eligible to vote in the Village of Colonie Election.

A Note about Absentee Ballots:

If you are interested in obtaining an absentee ballot, please contact Village Clerk Jamie Blot at 518-869-7562 to request an application. Once the application is received, the Village Clerk will deliver your absentee ballot in the manner to which you requested. The last day for the Village Clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots to be mailed to qualified voters is Tuesday, September 8, 2020. The last day for the Village Clerk to receive absentee ballots in person or by mail is Tuesday, September 15, 2020. If you are requesting an absentee ballot due to COVID-19 concerns, please select section D.

Temporary/Permanent Illness or Physical Disability on your application and write in "COVID-19 concerns".

For any questions related to the Village Election please contact Village Clerk Jamie Blot at 518-869-7562 or by e-mail jblot@colonievillage.org.



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www.colonievillage.org

MAYOR

Edward Sim

TRUSTEES

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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.

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Sue Bredice518-218-1030

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YOUTH AND FAMILY

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Fire Co. President

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Code Enforcement Officer