

CENTENNIAL EDITION

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The Villager

A Message from the **MAYOR**



Dear Residents,

100 +1 Years! What a unique and special moment in the history of the Village of Colonie. Our Centennial Celebration has officially begun, and every resident, business, friend and employee of our Village is invited to participate and enjoy all activities and special events we have planned for this milestone year.

The Centennial Celebration Committee has worked for many months to organize our recent Open House, and our upcoming Centennial Picnic, Mayor's Cup 5K and Fun Run, the Centennial Parade and a Centennial Dinner reception.

Each of these events are described in more detail within this issue of The Villager. Please take a few moments to read about them and add the dates to your calendar so you won't miss out.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open House at the Village Complex on May 14th. It was so good to see everyone enjoy our first official Centennial event. Soon we will welcome the Centennial Carnival, hosted by Gillette Shows, in Cook Park from June 9th to 19th. Plan to join in the festivities and bring "kids of all ages" to enjoy the rides and refreshments. Also, our first concert for our Tuesday Nights in the Park concert series will be on Tuesday, June 14th with The Lustre Kings performing.

There are many events to enjoy in the coming months, and together with the Board of Trustees, I look forward to celebrating the Village of Colonie's Centennial 100+1 Anniversary with all of you!

Sincerely,

Tom Tobin, Mayor



Photo L to R: Patty Schwarz Lockart, Art White, Tom Tobin, Ed Sim, Jim Rubino.

UPCOMING EVENTS

— Your Calendar —

June 9-19

Centennial Carnival

June 14-Aug 30

*Tuesday Nights
in the Park
Concert Series*

July 4

*Village closed in
observance of
Independence Day*

July 16

Centennial Picnic

August 13

Mayor's Cup 5K & Fun Run

September 17

Centennial Parade

October 8

Centennial Dinner



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**For a complete list of
all Village board and
commission members,
please visit the Village
Website.**



Visit the Village Website at:

www.colonievillage.org

• Message from Department of Public Works

Yard Waste Pick-Up

Place your yard waste in biodegradable paper bags or in your reusable containers. Containers MUST NOT be over 32 gallons in volume or 40 pounds in weight and be identified by a special sticker. Brush no larger than 3" in diameter must be cut in lengths no longer than 4 feet and bundled with string (no wire) in a bundle that one man can lift. Place the bags and/or containers at the curbside for pick-up. There is no set pick-up day. Yard waste is picked up each week on a continual cycle.

Biodegradable paper bags can be purchased at supermarkets, hardware stores and home centers. Stickers to identify your 32-gallon reusable containers are \$3.00 each and are available at the Village Hall.

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ!

In person scheduling at the Village Hall for Heavy-Item Pick-Up is now available Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30am. Any questions regarding the program, please call Village Hall at 518-869-7562

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF PROGRAM:

- Each residence is allowed one pick up per Heavy Item year; 2022 pick-ups will begin June 6, 2022 and end August 22, 2022.
- Reservations will be made, and forms filled out at the Village Hall office, in person weekdays. (8:30am-4:30pm)
- There is a \$25 non-refundable fee per pick-up.
- Residents must show proof of residency with a utility bill, driver's license, cable bill or tax bill.

COST CONCEPT:

There will be a \$25 fee for each heavy item pick-up this year. The fee is required due to the increased costs at the landfill and the price of fuel. The pick-ups will start the 1st Monday in June through August 22nd. Please remember this program is for Village residents only. In order for the program to continue yearly, we must all work together to maintain success.

• Message from Village Hall

Sewer bills were mailed June 1, 2022 and are due by July 15, 2022, U.S Post Office postmark is accepted.

Village tax bills were mailed out June 1, 2022 and are due by July 1, 2022, U.S Post Office postmark is accepted.

If you do not receive your bills by June 15, 2022, please contact Village Hall at 518-869-7562. If you have an escrow account for your Village tax bill, those bills will be sent to your bank, upon their request. If you receive your Village tax bill, and it should have gone to your bank, please forward

the bill to them as soon as possible to ensure payment is made in a timely manner.

We are accepting credit cards as a form of payment for all Village bills and invoices. Credit card payments must be made in person, at Village Hall. There will be a 3% fee for credit card transactions.

We will also continue to accept cash or check as a payment method.

If paying by check, please make sure to note in the memo field the service address or account number. You may write one check for multiple payments, but please note if there is an error made on the check, neither bill will be processed, which may cause processing delays and late fees.

Village Hall is unable to hold credits on accounts, so please only pay the amount due or your payment will be sent back.

As always, if you should have any questions, please give us a call at 518-869-7562 or stop in and see us!

• Message from the Traffic Committee

Dear Village of Colonie Residents,

As we are ready to head into summer, the Village of Colonie Traffic Committee would like to remind you that more people will be using our streets and sidewalks during the nice weather. 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. 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.

With children out of school for summer vacation, please do not forget to use extra caution around ice cream trucks, driveway basketball hoops, parks, and playgrounds. Lookout for children playing, people walking their pets and remember to yield to pedestrians in cross walks.

We will continue to place lawn signs reminding people to "Slow Down" in residential areas, promoting safety awareness in the Village. There will be an opportunity for all Village residents to display these signs in the future. We invite you to send requests to the Village Hall; attention "Traffic Committee" as well as attend the Traffic Committee meetings at the Village Hall on the 2nd Thursday of every month beginning at 6:30 P.M.

Again, 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 of Colonie Traffic Committee

2022 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!

20 Petra Lane #2 – WC Smith Installation - Assemble & deliver office furniture

16 Walker Way – Precision Overhead Doors (D. White & S. Humes LLC) - Garage door service

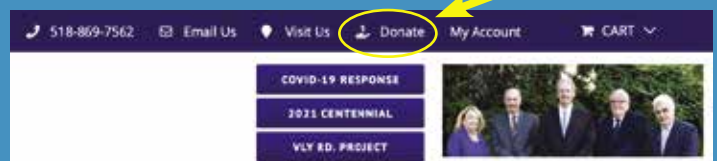
4 Walker Way – Protocol Van Lines - Moving & storage company

1770 Central Avenue – Ecuadorian Multi Services Corporation - Ecuadorian Clothing, souvenirs & money transfer services

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Learn more about Stormwater and how to participate in the development, implementation, and review of the Village's Stormwater Management Program by visiting the Village's stormwater webpage at <https://colonievillage.org/stormwater-management-program/> and the US EPA's site at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/npdes-stormwater-program>. Village Storm Water Management Office/Hotline: 518-857-3654
Randy Rivera, Stormwater Management Officer.

You Can Now Donate On Our Website



With our Centennial Celebration underway, we recently enabled a donation button on our website. If you are interested in donating towards our Centennial Celebration Events, please visit www.colonievillage.org, click on the donate button on the top of the page (see picture.) Any donations made will be used to help sponsor the various events we have planned throughout the year. Thank you for your consideration in donating to this milestone event in Village history!

Miss Colonie Village 1971

In 1971 during the Village's 50th Anniversary, a Miss Colonie Village contest was held.

The contest began with applications sent in from young women across the Village. 30 girls were selected from their applications to go through the interview process. After several rounds of interviews at the Holiday Inn, (currently Howard Johnsons on Central Avenue) the 5 finalists were selected, Miss Donna Flood, Miss Kimberly Link, Miss Karen Knizek, Miss Judith Ellen Dulin and Miss Michele Ann Cross. Miss Donna Flood of Robert Drive was crowned the queen and the four runners up made up the court. As Queen, Donna appeared at many official Village events and ribbon cuttings.

Excerpt from "The Greater Colonie Townsman" paper dated Thursday, September 16, 1971:

"Donna Flood, 18 of 39 Robert Dr., Colonie is "Miss Colonie Village Queen." She was "crowned" Saturday night in ceremonies held in the parking lot of the State Environmental Conservation building on Wolf Road (currently the DOT building at 50 Wolf Road). Her court included Michelle Ann Cross, Judith Ellen Dulin, Karen Knizek and Kimberly Link. Miss Flood, who wants to study fashion merchandising, was a full-time playground superintendent and has been a part-time salesgirl at Korvette's at Northway Mall. She plans

to attend the Fashion Institute in New York City to study fashion merchandising this fall. She began her formal reign Sunday during the parade which attracted some 1,200 marchers in a fitting climax to a weekend celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Village of Colonie and the 40th anniversary of the Village fire department. The parade, which preceded the coronation, included 98-year-old Henry Sabey, Colonie's senior citizen, who rode in a 1932 station wagon, Mayor Cook, Village officials and Town officials,



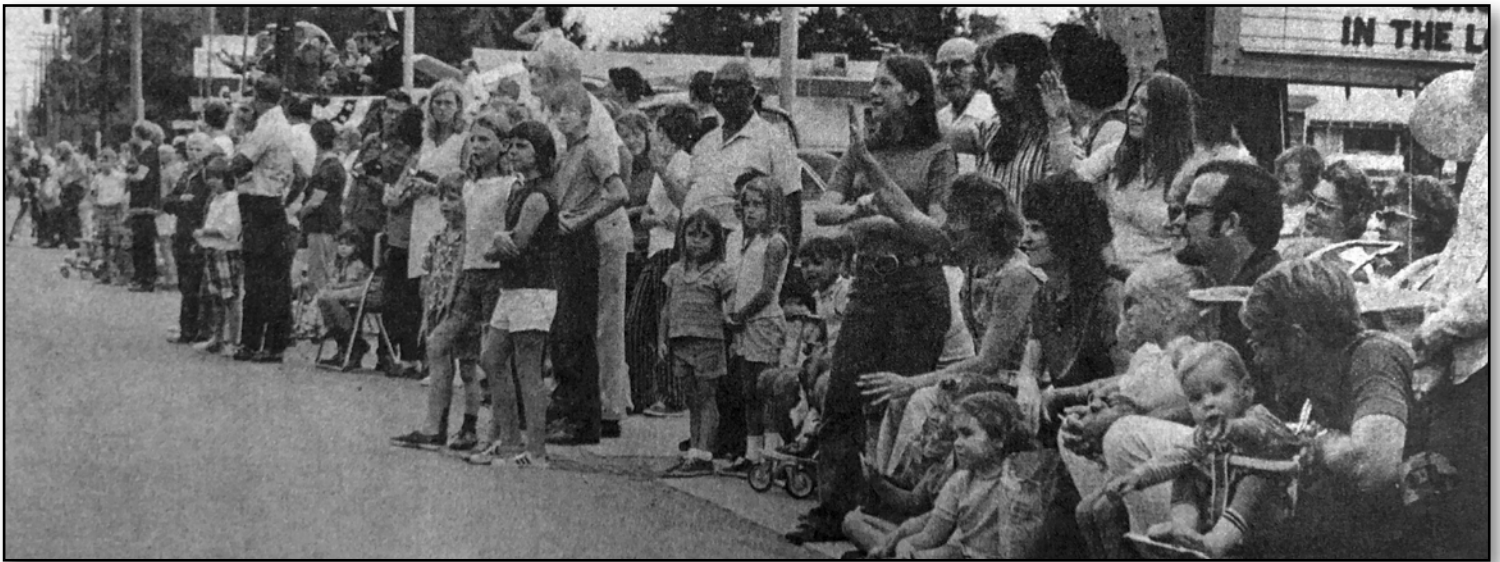
From "The Greater Colonie Townsman" paper on September 16, 1971. "Miss Colonie Village Queen and her court are pictured in the photo . . . just before the announcement of her selection last Saturday at the State Environmental Conservation Building on Wolf Road. The pretty winner was Miss Donna Flood of 39 Roberts Drive. She is pictured at center in the photo. Her court, left to right, are Miss Kimberly Link, Miss Karen Knizek, Miss Flood, the queen, Miss Judith Ellen Dulin and Miss Michele Ann Cross."



Donna Flood, Miss Colonie Village 1971 with her then high school sweetheart and future husband Leo Buda.



The Miss Colonie Village float in the 50th Anniversary parade.



Picture of the crowd during the 50th Anniversary parade, appeared in the "The Greater Colonie Townsman" paper on September 16, 1971.

plus fire trucks, antique autos, horses, floats and numerous bands. The parade ended at Cook Memorial Park."

Donna was born and raised in the Village. She grew up on Robert Drive, her future husband, Leo Buda grew up on Fuller Terrace. Leo and Donna were high school sweethearts when Donna won Miss Colonie Village. They married and left for Binghamton in 1978. Missing family and community, they returned in 2002 and settled on Breeman Street. Donna worked as a Teaching Assistant for South Colonie for 13 years. Leo and Donna have two children, Erica & Matthew, and three grandchildren. Erica Doran is a music teacher for South Colonie, and Matthew is a Village resident on Peter Drive. Donna and Leo have been married for over 45 years

and continue to reside in the Village on Breeman Street. As of today, there have not been any other Miss Colonie Village contests, so Donna is still the reigning "Miss Colonie Village Queen."

Thank you to Donna Flood Buda for sharing her memories and photos.



The Miss Colonie Village float in the 50th Anniversary parade.



The Miss Colonie Village float in the 50th Anniversary parade.

REMINDER



The Village Offices, D.P.W. and Recreation Center will be closed:

- **Monday, July 4th**
Independence Day observed

CENTENNIAL EVENTS

Open House

Saturday, May 14, 2022
Village Complex 12pm-4pm

Thank you to all our residents, families and friends who came out to kick start our Centennial Celebrations with us!

Centennial Carnival

Saturday, June 9-19, 2022
Cook Park

To help celebrate our Centennial, we've asked Gillette Shows Carnival to come back to Cook Park! Enjoy rides, games and fair food for ten days of fun!

Centennial Picnic

Saturday, July 16, 2022
Cook Park, 12pm-5pm

Come one, come all to a seriously fun Centennial Picnic at Cook Park. With vibes of our annual Family Fun Day, this picnic will incorporate even more than the usual delights of food, fun, and games! There will be live music, a bike rodeo for kids, giveaways, raffles, demonstrations, crafts and plenty of fun for residents of all ages!



Diamond Jubilee Open House, 1996



Gillette Shows Carnival, 2017



Diamond Jubilee "Best Ever" Family Fun Day Picnic, 1996



Diamond Jubilee Parade, 1996



Diamond Jubilee Mayor's Run, 1996



Diamond Jubilee Grand Ball Dinner, 1996



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Mayor's Cup 5K & Fun Run

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Cook Park, 5K at 9am & Fun Run at 9:45am

In celebration of the Village's Centennial, the Mayor's Cup 5K & Fun Run is back! Come out to enjoy our fast and flat scenic route through Cook Park and surrounding neighborhood for our 5K. Event to be timed by AREEP. Age division awards for top men and women. The Fun Run is for folks and kids who want to keep it fun and easy with a shorter route. Sign up online at <https://colonievillage.org/centennial-celebration/> or https://www.zippy-reg.com/online_reg/?e=1490

Centennial Parade

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Central Avenue from Jupiter Lane to Lincoln Avenue & into Cook Park - 1 pm

Be witness to our Centennial Parade! The route is set to parade from Jupiter Lane down two lanes of Central Avenue and turn down Lincoln Avenue on our way to a finale in Cook Park. There will be fire departments, local business representation, local dignitaries, social organizations, bands, and floats. We invite you to come out and celebrate with us.

Centennial Dinner

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Italian American Community Center

6pm, Reservations Required

Our grand finale to our year-long celebration of our 100th birthday will culminate with our Centennial Dinner Celebration. It will feature a Roaring 20's theme in recognition of the year we were founded. We hope to celebrate with friends, family and neighbors with good food, drinks and dancing. 20's dress style optional, but always encouraged. What better way to celebrate then putting on your best shoes and dancing the night away to all those classic big-band hits!





Boy Scout Troop 278 Drive-Up Bottle Drive

Scout Troop 278 would like to thank the Village community for their donations. They were able to collect over 14,480 bottles and cans. The bottles and cans will help support Troop activities.



Left to Right, Eagle Scouts: Aiden Drebitko, Trent Stone & Justin Ault

Eagle Scouts from Village Scout Troop 278 were honored by the South Colonie Board of Education for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting. Congratulations from the Mayor and Board of Trustees, all your hard work has paid off with this incredible achievement.

Recycling Reminders for Summer:

- Single use masks are not recyclable, please throw them away. Remember that any other single use personal protective equipment such as gloves, should go into the trash and not be thrown onto the ground.
- With warmer weather, we all tend to partake in a bit of cleaning and clearing out at home. As you clean out your house, remember to donate items that can be used again. There are also some fantastic groups on Facebook and Next-door where you can give away or sell your gently used items.
- To help save on waste, use a reusable water bottle when you can this summer. When you can't use your own bottle, please remember to recycle, or return plastic bottles and cans.

Keep it Green, Keep it Clean

Chris Ciota, Recycling Coordinator



CAR TEMPERATURE PET SAFETY CHART

How long does it take
for a car to get HOT?

Outside Temp (F)	Inside Temp (F)	
	10mins	30mins
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°



DOGS DIE EVERY SUMMER
In minutes your
car temps are deadly!

VeterinaryClinic.com

Dear Village Neighbors,

I know we are all looking forward to a long, beautiful summer with great weather! With these warmer days ahead, it is important to remember that for our furry friends it can be dangerous. Leaving your pet out in the yard without shelter from the heat or access to water can be deadly. Even more dangerous is leaving your pet in your car while you tend to errands or shopping, cracking a window is usually not enough! Dogs and cats do not sweat the same way as humans and are unable to cool themselves down as easily as we do. This chart shows how quickly things can go bad for your furry friends. Pets are an important part of our families; help keep them safe and avoid a tragedy! Enjoy the summer!

Patty Schwarz Lockart, Trustee

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Monday, August 8th

6pm - 8pm

Cook Park

**Join us for the fun filled evening of
ice cream & music by the
Colonie Town Band and more!**

Senior Corner

For Village Residents 55+ and Village Senior Center Members:

We are here for you Monday-Friday 8:30am to 2:30pm. Delicious lunches are served Monday-Friday 12pm-12:30pm. We end the week (Friday) with popcorn and a movie during lunch and serve a special brunch luncheon monthly. We offer great group exercise classes daily and a workout room with gym equipment. There is Bingo, billiards, and Friday Mahjong games. Come join us!

Homemade lunches are available for our Senior Center Members. Dine-in meals are \$5 each, take-out meals are \$6 each, cash & checks are accepted.

To pick up a take-out meal, you must come into the building for pick up. Parking for the Senior Center is located behind Village Hall in front of the main Senior Center Entrance. Seniors, you MUST ORDER MEALS A WEEK IN ADVANCE at 518-869-7172 so we are able to honor your lunch request, we frequently sell out! Menus and order tickets are released monthly, check out our website at www.colonievillage.org/senior-citizens/ You can order and pay in advance! If you are shut in and can't leave your home, we can arrange for accommodations. We hope to see you soon!



The Summer Playground Sheds are back!

Starting Monday, June 27th the Summer Playground Sheds will be open at Locust Park and Cook Park playgrounds from Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 11:45am & 12:45 to 4pm. Our staff are at the sheds to provide additional fun with games, toys, crafts and more that children can use within the park. The sheds close during the lunch hour from 11:45am-12:45pm and during severe weather. This is a service provided by the Village of Colonie to enhance you and your children's summer experience within our parks. We want to remind residents that this is NOT an all-day camp nor an alternative to day care or childcare. Our staff do not keep track of children entering and leaving the playground.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

For all Village meetings residents can contact the Village Hall at 518-869-7562 the day of, to confirm the quorum. All agendas and minutes are available on our website, <https://colonievillage.org/agendas-minutes/>

• Mayor and Board of Trustees

1st & 3rd Monday of the Month6:30pm

Thomas Tobin, Mayor
Edward Sim, Village Trustee/
Deputy Mayor
Patty Schwarz Lockart,
Village Trustee
Art White, Village Trustee
James M. Rubino, Village Trustee
Jamie Blot, Clerk



Thomas Tobin

• Planning Commission

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month6:30pm

Chris Dennis, Chairman
Peter Chudzinski / Kenny Hart
Dan Judge / Mark Keegan
John Martin
Jim Splonskowski
Joan Ruekert, Coordinator
Patty Schwarz Lockart,
Village Board Liaison



Patty Schwarz Lockart

• Sign Review Board

4th Thursday of the month as needed ..6:30pm

Bill Levy, Chairman
Jason DePaulo
Sue Dickinson
Cynthia Calabrese
Carole Trifiletti
Christina Secor, Coordinator
Art White, Village Board Liaison



Art White

• Zoning Board of Appeals

1st Wednesday of the month as needed. 7:00pm

Lou Van Buren, Chairman
Christopher Larrabee
Phil Minissale
Trevor Normandin
Frank Prevratil
Joshua Rowinski
Stacie Douglas, Zoning Coordinator
James M. Rubino,
Village Board Liaison



James Rubino

• Traffic Advisory Committee

2nd Thursday of the month6:30pm

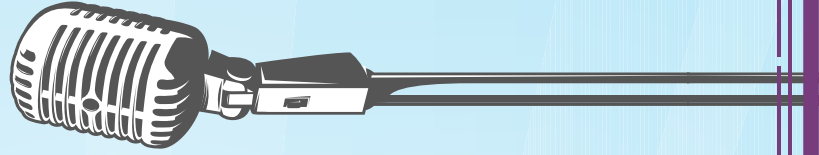
Frank Prevratil, Chairman
John Gillivan / Daniel Hornick
Dan Judge / George Lashoff
Les Samiof
Stacie Douglas, Coordinator
Edward Sim, Village Board Liaison



Edward Sim

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.

TUESDAY NIGHTS in the PARK 2022



June 14th **The Lustre Kings**
Rockabilly

June 21st **Joe's Boys**
60's/70's/80's & Beyond

June 28th **Electric City Horns**
Rock/Pop/Swing

July 5th **Jukebox Rebellion**
Top Hits

July 12th **Jim Gaudet &
The Railroad Boys**
Bluegrass

July 19th **TS Ensemble**
Sinatra to Today

July 26th **New York Players**
Jazz/Funk/Disco/Motown

August 2nd **Triskele**
Celtic

August 9th **The Pine Boys**
Alternative Funk

August 16th **Dyer Switch**
Bluegrass

August 23rd **Get Up Jack**
Celtic/Americana

August 30th **Skeeter Creek**
Country

**Tuesday
Evenings
JUNE 14th
to AUG 30th
@ 6:30pm**

**Frank A. Leak
Amphitheater
Cook Park
Village of Colonie**

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Brought to you by the Village of Colonie
Mayor Tom Tobin
Deputy Mayor Ed Sim
Trustees Patty Schwarz Lockart,
Art White & Jim Rubino



Any questions, please contact the
Family Recreation Center
3 Thunder Road Colonie, NY 12205
(518) 218-7782

Frank A. Leak Amphitheater for the Arts

TUESDAY NIGHTS in the PARK



Opportunities to give:

Gold Sponsor

\$1,000 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 & RETURN:

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:

Christina Secor, Village of Colonie, 2 Thunder Road, Colonie, NY 12205

If you have any questions please call

Brian at the Family Recreation Center, 518-218-7782

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

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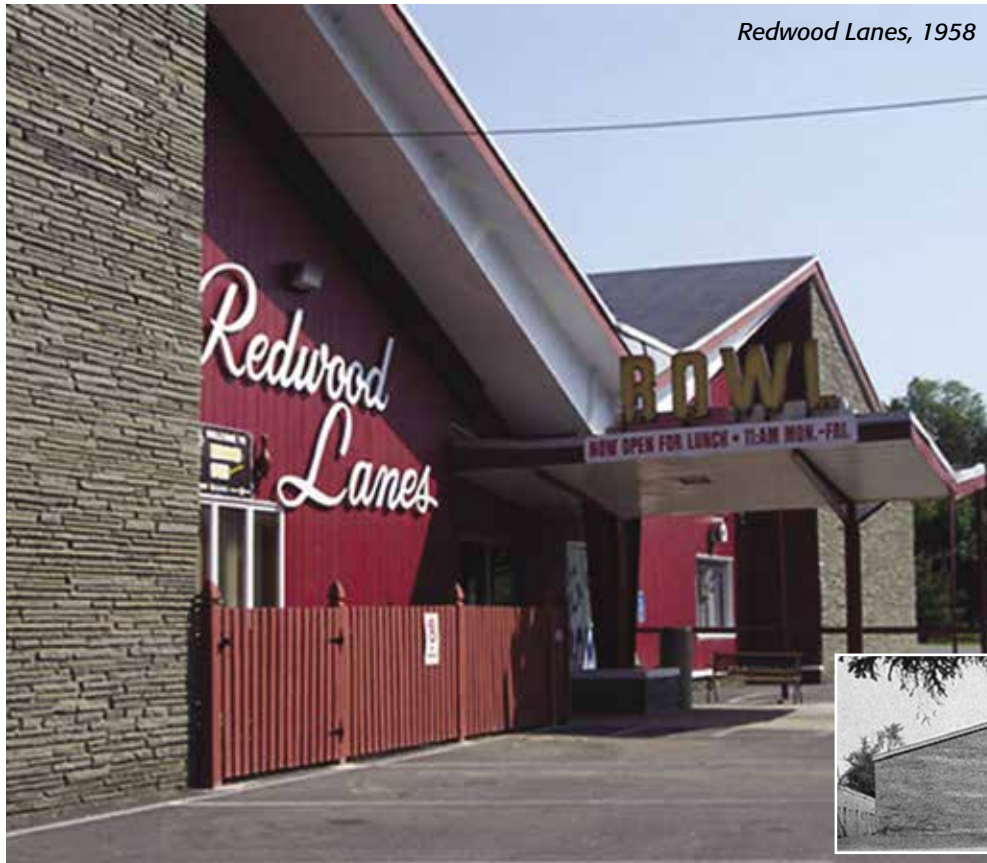
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Redwood Lanes, 1545 Central Avenue

Built in 1957, Redwood Lanes was an Albany Bowling Association center. They hosted the first ever "live" Pro-Bowlers Association (PBA) Tour telecast on ABC in 1962 called the Empire State Classic. **Photo's from Albany Group Archives on flickr*



Ad for Redwood Lanes, 1958



Redwood Lanes interior

