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The Villager

A Message from the **MAYOR**



Dear Residents,

As we prepare for winter and the holiday season ahead, I want to share with you some Village highlights from this past fall:

- Our Senior Citizen Center is now fully open with newly renovated bathrooms and an updated HVAC system. The bathroom renovations include touchless amenities, and the HVAC update will make the Senior Center heating and cooling more efficient.

- The Village of Colonie launched a new contact system that you can subscribe to for Village news and updates. For more information, please visit our website www.colonievillage.org or

call Village Hall at 518-869-7562 for assistance in signing up for this program.

- In the coming months, the Village will purchase a woodchipper and sewer camera for our Department of Public Works. These purchases will keep our equipment up to date and efficient.

- The recently announced Village Heroes Program, will post banners in recognition of our Village servicemen and women throughout Cook Park. You can see pictures of the official unveiling of the first banner inside this edition, with more information on the program.

- An evergreen tree was recently planted near the entrance to Village Hall and will be the official Christmas Tree for our annual tree lighting ceremony. The date and time of this year's ceremony is listed inside this edition. The tree was generously donated by Village resident Chris Dennis.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Village staff and employees, I extend best wishes to all for a safe and joyous holiday season. Thank you.

Tom Tobin, Mayor



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

— YOUR CALENDAR —

December 5, 2023

Tree Lighting

December 9 & 10, 2023

Santa Parade

December 16, 2023

Breakfast with Santa

February 20, 2024

Grievance Day

March 19, 2024

Village Election



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Village Directory

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Chris Ciota, Assistant Superintendent
Dan Light, Water/Sewer Foreman
Vincent Krzykowski, Highway/Sanitation Foreman

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Trustee Patty Schwarz Lockart, Liaison
Chrissy Lanza, Recreation Leader
Ginny Ritz, Office Administrator

FAMILY RECREATION CENTER 518-218-7782

Brian Casey, Youth Monitor
Katie Ciota, Creative Coordinator

OUTREACH CENTER 518-218-1030

Trustee Patty Schwarz Lockart, Liaison
Joan Rueckert, Outreach Worker

FIRE COMPANY 518-869-9306

Trustee Jim Rubino, Liaison
Jeffrey Kayser, Fire Co. Chief
Lou Van Buren, Fire Co. President

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www.colonievillage.org OR:



SCAN ME

Visit the Village Website at:

www.colonievillage.org

• Message from Department of Public Works

Did you know that shoveling, snow blowing or plowing snow into the roadway is a violation of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law?

Section 1219(a) of the law states: No person shall throw or deposit upon any highway glass bottles, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, snow or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle upon such highway.

In addition to the issuance of a summons by the Colonie Police Department, if an accident is caused by your action, you may be held responsible for the injuries or damage caused.

The Village of Colonie takes great pride in maintaining our roadways. We are asking for your cooperation in this matter. Please help the DPW keeping Village roadways safe place for those who use them.

Chris Ciota, Asst. Superintendent of Public Works



SNOW EMERGENCIES

A snow emergency in the Village goes into effect after 6 inches or more of snow accumulates or there is enough snow, sleet or ice accumulation that it creates or is likely to create dangerous conditions for driving and walking. Vehicles cannot be parked on the street during a snow emergency. By keeping vehicles off the street this allows plowing, salting and snow removal to happen in a safe and timely manner. Notice of a snow emergency will be posted to local media, our posting boxes, and on our website www.colonievillage.org. Snow emergencies remain in effect for 48 hours or unless it is deemed safe to suspend one earlier. If a snow emergency is declared during the hours of 11:00 pm to 7:00 am, the snow emergency will not be enforced until 7:00 am. If your vehicle remains parked on the road during a snow emergency, it will be towed and the fines with the towing company will be the responsibility of the vehicle's owner.

Chris Ciota, Asst. Superintendent of Public Works

• Message from Village Hall

EXEMPTION INFORMATION:

If you are a Senior Citizen, a Veteran, or a person with a disability, the Village of Colonie provides property tax exemptions for Village Taxes. For more information, or to apply for any of these exemptions please contact the Village Hall at 518-869-7562.

Village residents who are 65 years of age by 1/1/2024 and whose total annual income is less than \$37,400 for the 2023 calendar year, may be eligible for a senior citizen exemption.

If you believe you are eligible for a disability exemption and your 2023 income was less than \$37,400, please contact Village Hall for more information or to apply for a disability exemption.

Senior citizen exemption renewal and disability renewal forms were mailed out in November 2023. Please fill out all required fields and turn in your 2022 tax information with your submittal.

All exemption applications, renewals and supporting tax information must be returned by Grievance Day, Tuesday, February 20, 2024, by 8:00 p.m., to the Village Hall office. Any forms received after this date will not be accepted.

If you are currently receiving a Veteran's exemption with the Village, there is no renewal necessary. However, if you are receiving a disabled Veteran's exemption, and your disability level changes, please contact Village Hall, and provide us with proof of your new percentage level so we can update our records. If you do not currently have a Veteran's exemption and you would like to apply for one, please call the Village Hall and we will gladly provide you with the forms. With your application we will also need a copy of your honorable discharge papers and if disabled, a copy of your military disability papers.

SEWER BILLS

Sewer bills will be mailed the first week in December and are due by January 15, 2024 (we will accept them on January 16, 2024, since the 15th is a Holiday). If you do not receive your bill by December 8, 2023, please contact the Village Hall at 518-869-7562. Cash or check is acceptable;

we also accept credit card payments in-person with a 3% service charge added. Payments may be mailed to Village Hall or deposited in the drop-box located at curbside. The drop-box is checked daily. Please do not staple checks, as they go through a check reader. Please do not post-date checks. If your June 2023 sewer bill is still unpaid it will be included on the December sewer bill. The Village Hall is open 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday.



Join us for our Santa Parade!

We are continuing our 40 plus-year-old tradition of driving the Village's residential streets bringing Christmas Magic! Santa and his elves will be out and about on the weekend of December 9th & 10th. Bring your Christmas cheer!

If you are new to the Village or have new family members for Santa to greet, you can call the Family Recreation Center at 518-218-7782 to get an estimate on the day and time Santa will be coming around to your neighborhood.

VERY IMPORTANT: On the days of the parade, keep an eye out for the music truck playing Christmas tunes, grab your coats and head outside so we can see you, because Santa Claus is on his way!



Village Election

The Village of Colonie Election will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205.

POSITIONS AND TERMS:

- **One (1) Mayor position – 4-year term**
- **Two (2) Trustee positions - 4-year term**

A note about Registration Day:

Village of Colonie Voter Registration Day will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, 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, March 8, 2024, to be eligible to vote in the Village Election. If you are a resident of the Village and 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 by which you requested. The last day for the Village Clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots to be mailed to qualified voters is Tuesday, March 12, 2024. The last day for the Village Clerk to receive absentee ballots in person or by mail is Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

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.

REMINDER

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

- **Monday, December 25th for Christmas**
- **Monday, January 1st for New Year's**

All garbage and recycling pick ups will remain the same.

HAPPY
Holidays!

• Message from Code Enforcement

Well, another summer and fall have come and gone, and were extremely busy for the Code Enforcement/Building Department. In addition to all the new businesses and home renovations, we have been working diligently on updating some of our existing codes. So, be on the lookout for some updates. They will be posted on our website, and I will mention them in future Villagers.



With the holidays fast approaching, let's get back to being "good neighbors". Let's take a moment before making anonymous complaints about our neighbors. How about a passing conversation or a knock on their door? No one knows what someone could be going through. Maybe they couldn't get to rake those leaves or shovel that driveway because they were sick or injured, or even worse lost a loved one. A kind gesture goes a long way. As always, know your limitations and only do what makes you feel safe and comfortable.

Steve Meservy Code Enforcement/Building Department Head

• Message from the Traffic Committee

Dear Village of Colonie Residents,

As winter sets upon us, the Village of Colonie Traffic Committee would like to remind you all of some safety concerns to consider as you drive throughout the Village. Continue to watch for children at bus stops and in school areas.

The change of season will bring us ice and snow and driving conditions can change very quickly.

1. Drive cautiously and be prepared.

2. Before you drive, clear your entire vehicle of snow and ice. This will keep snow and ice from falling onto your windshield or blowing onto the vehicle behind you.
3. Your vehicle operates differently on snow and ice. Slow down and give yourself extra time when the temperature is at or below freezing.
4. Be extra cautious around snowbanks, driveways, street corners and intersections. All drivers need to be aware that children may be playing near snowbanks.
5. Do not park on Village streets during or directly after a snowstorm. Plow crews need to clear the streets.
6. Even though it is cold outside we still share the roads with bicyclists and pedestrians as well as people in wheelchairs or mobile devices. The sidewalks may be difficult to navigate. So please be extra careful and watch for people walking in the driving lane.

GO SLOW IN THE SNOW!!

The winter in the northeast can be beautiful, so always stay safe and Drive 25 on Village streets unless marked otherwise.

Thank You,
The Village of Colonie Traffic Committee



Stormwater Management in Winter

Keeping our waterways clear from chemicals and pollutants starts right at home. Everything out on your lawn or in our street gets washed down our storm drains into our local waterways.



Keeping your walkways and driveways clear of snow and ice will help you stay safe. However, all the extra chemicals from salt and de-icers, get washed away through our stormwater drains and into our waterways. Only use what you need.

If you have a storm drain in front of your house and you are able, clear it of any large chunks of ice or debris so melting snow can drain. Our DPW crews try to make sure all drains are clear when they plow, but shoveled and blown snow can cover up the drain.

Pavilion Bookings

Pavilion bookings for the 2024 calendar year will begin at 8:00am on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at the Family Recreation Center. You can make your booking over the phone, 518-218-7782 or in person at 3 Thunder Road.



OUTREACH Center

The Village Outreach Center is a resource available to all residents. The Outreach Center can provide information and referrals on community services, support and government programs that will assist individuals and families in need.

The Outreach Center has been relocated to the Senior Center behind Village Hall. The entrance is located on the side of Village Hall, directly across from the Locust Park Playground. The Outreach Center is open 8:00am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday. Please call Joan Rueckert at 518-218-1030 should you have questions or need assistance.

The Village Outreach Center is unable to accept donations of food, toys, furniture, or clothing. Please do not leave anything outside the former or current Outreach building. Donations of food and clothing can be made to Pine Grove Church, 1580 Central Avenue, Colonie. Food donations can also be made to the Capital Church food pantry, 31 Vly Road, Colonie. Your Village Outreach is grateful for the continued support of Village individuals and families.



LIFE-REACH

Attention Village Seniors

The Colonie Fire Company, in conjunction with the Village of Colonie and the Albany County Sheriff's Department is offering a life-safety program to senior citizens and low-income families within the Village of Colonie, called LIFE-REACH.

The LIFE-REACH program will bring firefighters of the Colonie Fire Company to specific residences to conduct a life-safety check, primarily focused on fire safety measures, including the presence of carbon monoxide within the residence.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless and odorless gas that when found in high concentrations can be a serious and sometimes deadly health risk. The presence of CO is undetectable without monitoring equipment and most homes today have a CO detector to warn the residents of the presence of CO. Very often, firefighters are called to homes for activated CO detector calls and they often find the CO detectors to be malfunctioning or to have reached their operational expiration date.

A LIFE-REACH visit will include firefighters checking for the presence of CO with a multi-gas meter that is much more



reliable than your average home CO detector. The firefighters will check for the presence of CO within the residence, and they will also check any existing CO detectors and smoke alarms to ensure they are functioning properly and are located and mounted correctly. If the residence does not have an operational CO detector and/or smoke alarm, they will be provided to the resident free-of-charge during the visit.



While at the LIFE-REACH visit, the firefighters will also check for other fire safety issues, such as any overloaded electrical outlets or other fire hazards. Prior to leaving, the firefighters will provide the homeowner with a fire

safety checklist they will review and answer any questions.

The LIFE-REACH visit is offered to provide the resident peace-of-mind and it is of no-cost to the homeowner.

The LIFE-REACH visits are scheduled in-advance. If you are interested in having a LIFE-REACH visit at your residence, you can request one from the Village of Colonie Senior Citizen Center or the Village of Colonie Outreach Center at the numbers listed below. Once requested, you will be advised of the date and time of your LIFE-REACH visit.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Call for your LIFE-REACH visit today.

Village of Colonie Senior Citizen Center (518) 869-7172

Village of Colonie Outreach Center (518) 218-1030.

Village of Colonie Tree Lighting



Join the Village of Colonie for our Annual Tree

Lighting Ceremony at 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 5,

2023 in front of Village Hall. Students from Forest Park and Saddlewood Elementary Schools will sing Christmas carols.

Cookies and cocoa with Santa will be served following the lighting in Village Hall. Please follow signs and park behind Village Hall. We hope you will join us for this holiday celebration!



Breakfast with Santa!

One of our most popular holiday events is Breakfast with Santa! It will be held on Saturday, December 16th at the Family Recreation Center with seatings at 8:30am & 10:30am. A pancake breakfast will be served by VFW Post 8692, children will enjoy goody bags, crafts and of course Santa!

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!

Parents/Guardians are required to bring a wrapped gift for each of their children which is clearly marked with the FIRST and LAST NAME OF THE CHILD to receive the gift. We request that you keep your gift around the \$20 range.

Present drop-off begins Monday, December 11th at the Family Recreation Center from 7:30am to 6:00pm.

If you are unable to drop off your gift by Friday, December 15th, we ask that you discreetly bring the gift in a shopping bag and give your "donation" to one of the staff greeters. Remember these gifts are from the big man himself!

Reserve your spot early, this event fills up fast! RSVP by calling 518-218-7782. No reservations will be accepted after December 13th.

2023 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!

Rohan & Associates, PC
18 Computer Drive West, Suite 100
Estate, Business, Real Estate

Korner Bar & Grille
1770 Central Avenue
Restaurant

Brownies Dispensary, LLC
1686 Central Avenue
Dispensary

KES Emergency Services, LLC
14 Walker Way, Section 2
Residential & Light Commercial Contractor focused on water and fire damage.

LOOKING TO SPREAD THAT CHRISTMAS CHEER?!



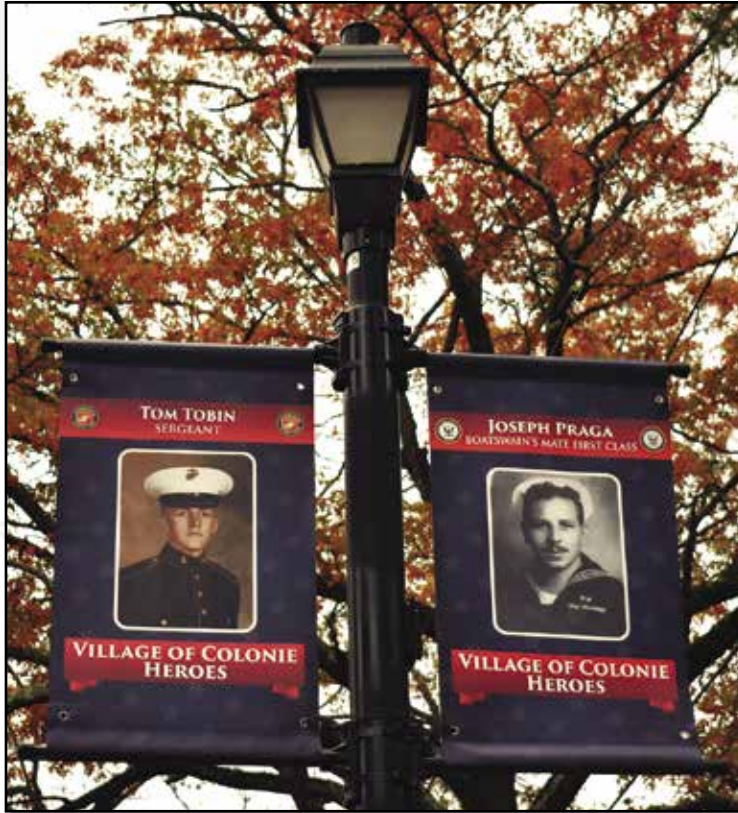
Toys for Tots donation boxes are located at the Village Hall and the Family Recreation Center until December 18th.

Village Hall
2 Thunder Road
518-869-7562
Monday-Friday
8:30am-4:30pm

Family Recreation Center
3 Thunder Road
518-218-7782
Monday-Friday
8:00am-6:00pm



VILLAGE OF COLONIE HEROES BANNER PROGRAM



The Village of Colonie has created the Heroes Banner Program to honor and recognize our servicemen and women who have served or are serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Residents of the Village and/or family members of Village veterans may purchase a banner that will be displayed in Cook Park. Each banner includes the veteran's photograph, name, branch of service and rank. The cost of each banner is \$126.90. Applications are available at Village Hall.

Application Requirements

The veteran to be recognized, must meet the following requirements:

1. Currently lives or has lived in the Village of Colonie. Proof of residency or previous residency is required. (Examples: driver's license, tax/utility bill, etc.)
2. Served in one of the following branches of United States Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, National Guard, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines
3. Meet one of the following criteria: currently on active duty, honorably discharged veteran, or has died in the line of duty.

Banner Design & Location

Banners are double sided, vinyl and measure 30" x 18" and include service person's name, branch of service and photograph. Banners will be placed in Cook Park, in the Village of Colonie. Banner locations are selected randomly, and specific display locations are not available. In addition, once a banner is hung up, it cannot be moved to another location.

The Village of Colonie is not responsible for banners that are stolen, damaged, or destroyed due to age, vandalism, or acts of nature including high winds. Banners shall be displayed all year, as long as the integrity of the banner remains intact. (lifespan is approximately 3 to 4 years). It will be the purchaser's responsibility to request and pay for a replacement.

Banner Photograph

A 5 x 7 high quality photograph of the veteran, preferably in uniform, should be submitted with an application form. There may be no additional people in the photograph. Please do not send an original photo; it will not be returned. Digital images are preferred and can be emailed to jblot@colonievillage.org. Please include your name and the veteran's name in your email.

Application Process

Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are available at the Village Hall, 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205.

An application package must include:

- A completed Application Form.
- Proof of Military Service (DD214, military ID, etc.)
- A 5 x 7 high quality photograph or digital image.
- A check made payable to "Village of Colonie" in the amount of \$126.90; please reference "Heroes Banner Program"
- Mail or drop off completed applications to Village of Colonie, 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205.

Once your application has been accepted and processed, you will receive a proof of the banner for approval. The Village of Colonie is not responsible for any errors once approval has been received. Any application package that is not accepted will be returned to the applicant.

Banner Cost

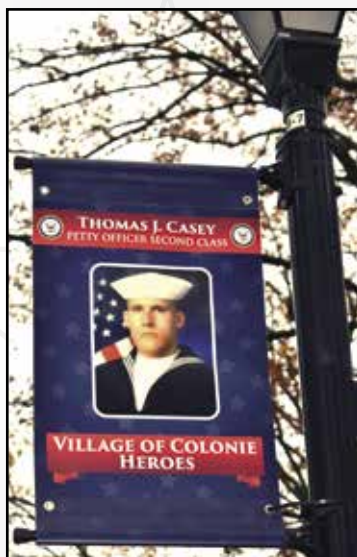
The Village of Colonie has contracted with a local sign company to print the banners.

The total cost of each banner includes hardware and installation.

Custom Banner Cost: \$126.90

Contact & Questions

For additional information, please contact Jamie Blot at 518-869-7562 or email jblot@colonievillage.org





DPW crew members from left to right. Back row: Highway/Sanitation Foreman Vincent, Cory, Mechanic Joe, Diego, Tim C., Kyle, AJ, Corey, Cody, Chris H., Water/Sewer Foreman Dan, Asst. Superintendent Chris C. Front row: Kevin, Steve S., Scott, Bill, Steve B., Hunter, Kalen, Superintendent Chris B. Not Pictured: Brian, Lance, Tim R, & Mike.

Employee Tribute

The Department of Public Works

Our employees are the heart of our Village. They are the people that keep our municipality going. They make the tough times easier and the good times even better. This is our tribute to our employees in recognition of all their hard work and dedication. This season we are featuring our Department of Public Works (DPW).

These are the dedicated crew who keep this Village operating at its very best. But do you really know how much they do to keep us going day to day? They pick up our trash, recycling, brush and heavy item. They keep our sewer mains and pipes flowing so we all have access to clean water. They fill the potholes, remove the trees from roadways during storms, plow and salt the streets and sidewalks. They maintain our Village facilities and grounds and even build playgrounds. Each crew member is on call 24/7 every other week of the year, regardless of holidays. This small crew of men does it all!

These men work incredibly hard in all weather conditions, but northeast winters can be particularly rough on them. We wanted to highlight some aspects of their job in the winter you may not see or know about.

Picture those cozy winter evenings, where you are all snuggled at home, and those big, beautiful snowflakes are floating down outside. Unfortunately, that is not a usual snowy winter's night for our DPW employees. These men are typically out at all hours making sure our streets are safe to drive on. They are the first

line of defense to clear the roads for first responders in the winter, no matter the weather conditions.

Our DPW crews are the ones who are called back in several hours after a full workday or awakened with a call at 3:00 am to come in and salt. After plowing around the clock, they must go home and clear their own driveways that they just plowed in. They are the ones who missed out on that holiday concert or family dinner yet again. They are your dedicated neighbor, friend, or family member and keeping the Village streets safe is what they do.

When the plow trucks come around this winter, just as you finish shoveling the end of your driveway (as they often do), take a moment before you throw up your hands at them or pick up the phone to complain. Our employees don't go home at the end of a storm, they go home when the job is done. They'll be going home to dig their own driveway out before they can take a rest and wake up to do it all again, while still maintaining all the other DPW services we have come to expect from the Village.

Our DPW employees are the most dedicated and hardworking people we know. This winter, why not show your appreciation for all their efforts and give your plowman a wave. Your show of support will mean a great deal.

Village DPW workers, you don't get enough recognition for how incredible you all are and how hard you work. To our DPW, we salute you!

• Message from the Fire Chief

Fire Prevention School Visits & Open House....

Our members had a great time visiting Saddlewood and Forest Park Elementary during Fire Prevention Week this year. The children listened intently to our presentations, and they asked some very smart questions. We gave out twenty \$25 gift cards to students who won our coloring contest at our Open House that we held on Saturday October 21st. The Open House was a great success and we really enjoyed meeting so many Village families who came to the firehouse to spend some time with us. Parents, please remember to have Exit Drills in The Home with your children so everyone knows where they should meet outside the house in the event of a fire. This is an extremely important exercise for the entire family!



Seasonal Safety Tips...

- A reminder that with the heating season upon us, residents should get their heating systems properly maintained and if you utilize a fireplace or wood burning stove then you should have your chimney cleaned on an annual basis.
- Time change - If you have battery operated smoke detectors, please change your batteries with the time-change each spring and fall.
- With the holiday season approaching, please refrain from overloading electrical outlets or power strips. Overloaded electrical outlets and power strips are a very common cause of fire!

A reminder that we are approaching 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.

Colonie Fire Company is always looking for volunteer firefighters so be a part of something special, join the Colonie Fire Company today. Find us at www.coloniefire.com and volunteer today!



Tips to Help Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Here are a few reminders to help you reduce, reuse, and recycle, while you celebrate the holidays.

- Don't forget your reusable bags for all your holiday shopping.
- Wrapping paper belongs in the trash. Please, DO NOT recycle wrapping paper, it has plastics, foil and finishes on it that are not recyclable.
- The holidays are one of our biggest times for cardboard recycling. Please remember to break down all your boxes flat.
- Make sure you pay attention to your garbage and recycling day pick-ups during the holidays. Check this Villager to see if your pick-up day is affected. We also post on our website, colonievillage.org when our garbage and recycling days change.
- Old Christmas tree lights? Consider mailing them to be recycled. Check out these great programs: www.holidayleds.com/free-light-recycling or www.christmas-light-source.com/pages/christmas-lights-recycling-program for more information.

• What should you do with your old Christmas tree? The Village has a fantastic service where if you leave it by the curb, we will pick it up and have it chipped (please remove all lights, decorations, tree stand and bags). All the chipped trees are delivered to a local recycling facility to be composted. This service is for real trees only, your artificial trees can be bagged if possible and placed in or next to your trash.

Happy Holidays, Keep it Green, Keep it Clean!

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 Month.....6:30pm

Chris Dennis, Chairman
Kenny Hart / Brittany Kendall
John Martin / Jim Splonskowski
Mark Stevens
Joan Rueckert, Coordinator
Patty Schwarz Lockart, Village Board Liaison



Patty Schwarz Lockart

• SIGN REVIEW BOARD

4th Thursday of the month as needed6:30pm

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



Art White

• ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1st Wednesday of the month as needed...6:30pm

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
George Lashoff
Michael Normandin
Les Samiof
Hannah Curran, 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.

• Message from the Boy Scouts



Troop 278 would like to thank the Village community again for their support in the Fall Bottle Drive and in Scouting for Food. The food collected was delivered to a local food pantry in the Village that serves over 200 families, which is over 1500 people in the Colonie area.



Scout Troop 278 in the Village of Colonie was chartered on 11/1/81 with the Pine Grove Church on Central Avenue and has been established for over 35 years. The Troop is open to all boys and girls in 5th through 12th grade (11-18 years old). The mission of the Scouting Program in America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The Scout Oath is: *On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.*

Our troop currently serves kids that come from a wide range of socioeconomic levels. Some struggle to pay dues, some





come from single parent families, some have learning disabilities – yet all are able to participate in Scouting trips. Our troop goes on outings once a month and has a one-week summer camp. All interested kids are able to participate, regardless of their financial ability to pay.

Part of the oath these children take involves them helping others. Scouts interact with community members and Scout troops from surrounding communities. For example, Troop 278 has conducted an annual food drive for the past 14 years in the Village and distributes the collection to 4 different non-profits in the community.

If Scouting is something you or someone you know would like to participate in, please give us a call, Troop 278 is currently recruiting new members and we would be proud to have you become a part of our Scouting Family. Come visit us, we currently meet at the Village Recreation Center on Wednesdays from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

Brian Casey, Scout Master
518-218-7782



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.

Homemade lunches are available for our Village Residents and Senior Center Members. Dine-in meals are \$6 each, take-out meals are \$7 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 currently released weekly, 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.

Our new bathrooms and HVAC system have been installed!

The Center also has many great activities and classes to participate in!

ACTIVITIES:

Billiards	Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:30pm
Wii Bowling	Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:30pm
Bingo	Monday & Wednesdays 9am-12pm & 12:30pm-2:30pm
Mah-jongg	Thursdays & Fridays 12:30pm-2:30pm
Village Singers.....	Fridays 10am-11:15am
Exercise:	
Workout Room	Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:30pm
Qi Gong	Mondays 9am-9:45am
Tai Chi	Mondays 9:45am-10:30am
Body Fitness with Theresa.....	Thursdays 10:15am-11am
Functional Movement with Isadore.....	Tuesdays 11am-11:45am
	Wednesdays 12:45pm-1:30pm
	Fridays 11am-11:45am

SPECIALS:

Keep an eye out this winter for these fun events! A Fish Fry Luncheon, Afternoon Cookies & Tea Party, Winter Holiday Luncheon and our New Years Eve Party! Call the Center for all the information and make sure you order early, quantities are limited (and always delicious)!

Let's do our part to keep our Center open! Everyone is welcome, but if you are not feeling well, be mindful of others and **PLEASE STAY HOME!** We want to keep our Center and our Seniors as safe as possible!

Not a member yet? Our Senior Center is **FREE** to join for all **VILLAGE** residents 55 years plus! Call 518-869-7172 today for more information. We would love to have you join our Center Family!



Kids Halloween Party

Special thanks to our residents, families, and friends for the success of our Kids Halloween Party! We had an incredible time, and we hope you did too! We also had the opportunity to join both Forest Park Elementary and Saddlewood Elementary Schools for their Trunk or Treat events. Thank you so much for including us. Everyone enjoyed seeing so many friends dressed up in costumes. It may have been chilly, but everyone had a safe and Happy Halloween.



Veteran's Day Dedication

In observance of Veterans Day, the Village of Colonie held a recognition ceremony in honor of all the men and women who have served our country in the armed forces. Mayor Tom Tobin and the Board of Trustees also took this opportunity to introduce a new and special initiative, the Village of Colonie Heroes Banner Program. The first banner, displayed in Cook Park, was unveiled in honor and recognition of former Mayor and Navy WWII veteran Frank A. Leak.



Robert L. Weininger VFW Post 8692 Members lay a wreath. Photo credit: VFW Post 8962 Member Gene Loparco



Trustee Art White, Trustee Patty Schwarz Lockart, Mayor Tom Tobin, Deputy Mayor Ed Sim and Trustee Jim Rubino. Photo credit: VFW Post 8962 Member Gene Loparco



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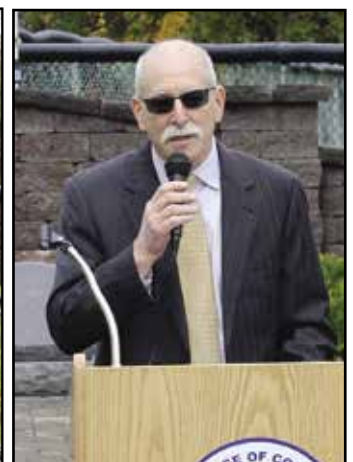
Former Mayor Frank A. Leak's family stands with his newly unveiled Heroes Banner. Frank's daughter Joanne Seguin-Hellijas & her husband Kurt Hellijas. Frank's wife Mae Leak and Frank's grandson Scott Seguin.



Robert L. Weininger VFW Post 8692 Member Jim Haas



Mayor Tom Tobin



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New Village Christmas Tree

A new evergreen tree has been installed in front of Village Hall and will serve as our official Christmas tree! We will light it for the first time on December 5th and hope that all residents will join in the celebration. Special thanks to Village resident Chris Dennis for donating the tree to the Village.

