



## VILLAGE HALL

518-869-7562

Mayor Tom Tobin

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# The Villager

## A Message from the **MAYOR**



As warmer weather approaches, I would like to share some highlights from this past winter and information about upcoming spring events:

- A new wood chipper, sewer camera, dump truck and pick-up truck were purchased for the Department of Public Works. These items completed our 5-year replacement plan for 2023.

- In January, 2024 we purchased a specialty combo truck that will allow us to clean drainage and maintain sewer and water lines efficiently.

- In the coming months, the process of renovating the Shaker Creek Pump Station will begin.

- The Village Heroes Program in Cook Park continues to be a great success. Nearly 40 Veterans' banners grace the walkways throughout the park with additional spots still available. For more information about this program, please visit our new webpage [www.colonievillage.org/heroes-banner-program/](http://www.colonievillage.org/heroes-banner-program/)

- In the late fall, the Department of Public Works put the finishing touches on newly-installed pickle ball courts at the Sharon Drive entrance to Cook Park. They also renovated the playground in that area. A date for the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony will be announced in the near future.

After many years of contributing articles and news to the Villager, this is my final message as your Mayor. It has been a pleasure for me to share new initiatives, report progress, and to celebrate our Village with all of you. Together we worked to ensure that our Village will always be "A Place to be Proud of."

Thank you and best wishes to all.

Tom Tobin, Mayor



Photo L to R: Patty Schwarz Lockart, James Rubino, Tom Tobin, Ed Sim, Frank Prevratil.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

— YOUR CALENDAR —

**March 19**

*Village Elections*

**March 23-24**

*Easter Bunny Hops  
Through Village*

**April 13**

*Scouts Bottle Drive*

**April 20**

*Colonie Little League  
Opening Day*

**Save the Date:**

**FAMILY  
FUN DAY**

**June 8, 2024**



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## Village Directory

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 518-869-6372

Deputy Mayor Ed Sim, Liaison  
Chris Bisognano, Superintendent  
Chris Ciota, Assistant Superintendent  
Dan Light, Water/Sewer Foreman  
Vincent Krzykowski, Highway/Sanitation Foreman

### VILLAGE HALL 518-869-7562

Jamie Blot, Clerk  
Christina Secor, Treasurer  
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Victor Caponera, Attorney

### BUILDING DEPARTMENT 518-869-7562

Trustee Patty Schwarz Lockart, Liaison  
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Code Enforcement Officer, 518-857-3654

### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER 518-869-7172

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



Visit the Village Website at:

**www.colonievillage.org**

## • Message from

## Department of Public Works

### Heavy Item Pick-Up Procedures for 2024

The Village of Colonie Heavy Item Program will begin on Monday, June 3rd and run until Monday, August 19th. Pick-ups will be each Monday, excluding holidays. Each residential address will be eligible for one pick-up per year. There is a non-refundable fee of \$25. Reservations must be made in person at Village Hall, 2 Thunder Road on weekdays during normal business hours 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Residents are required to fill out a Village of Colonie Heavy Item Form and coordinate the date for their assigned pick-up. Proof of residency will need to be provided (driver's license, cable bill, utility bill or tax bill). Upon your reservation, you will receive a copy of the completed Village of Colonie Heavy Item Form, along with a list of rules of the program. You can check our website at [colonievillage.org](http://colonievillage.org) for a list of items that will and won't be accepted for Heavy Item Pick-Up. Please note that this list is subject to change without notice. If you have any further questions, please direct them to the Department of Public Works at 518-869-6372.

### Leaf and Brush Recycling Will Start for the Season March 25th, Weather Permitting

1. Leaf/brush pickup rotates continuously around the Village from spring until fall.
2. Put leaves/grass clippings in brown recycling bags or labeled barrels ONLY, not to exceed 40lbs. 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 4ft or less and securely tied with string in bundles not to exceed 40lbs. The diameter of the branches to be bundled MUST BE 3 INCHES OR LESS.
4. If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works, Monday through Friday, 7:00 am until 3:30 pm at 518-869-6372
5. Yard waste stickers for \$3.00 each are available for purchase at Village Hall.

## • Message from Village Hall

### April water bills will be mailed April 1st; payment due May 15th.

If you would like a receipt for your water bill payment, please return the bottom portion of your bill with the "receipt requested" box marked.

If you still have not paid your December 2023 sewer bill, there is still time! We will accept sewer payments until May 15th. Any water or sewer bills left unpaid after May 15th will be added to the June 2024 Village tax bill.

Village tax bills will be mailed out the first week in June 2024. Please contact Village Hall if you do not receive your bill by June 7th. Tax bills are due by July 1, 2024, U.S. postmark is acceptable. If you have your taxes paid through your bank by way of escrow, we will send your tax bill to your bank for payment.

**Reminder:** The dropbox, in front of Village Hall at 2 Thunder Road, can be used to place your payments and/or correspondence. The dropbox is checked daily.

## • Message from Traffic Committee

Dear Village of Colonie Residents,

As we prepare to welcome the spring season, the Village of Colonie Traffic Committee reminds you that spring not only means warmer weather but also that people are venturing outdoors and becoming more active. We are 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 and **be responsible; slow down when driving; remind family, friends, and neighbors to obey the speed limits; and report problem drivers to the police by calling the non-emergency line 518-783-2744.** If you need to report an emergency, please call **911 or 518-783-2811.** Look out for children playing, people walking their pets and remember to yield to pedestrians in cross walks.

School is still in session, so please take note of school buses. **A school bus that is stopped with red flashing lights and a Stop sign extended, means Stop! Do Not Pass or attempt to go around!**

Lawn signs reminding people to "Slow Down" have helped to promote safety awareness in the Village. We are happy to announce that these signs will be placed on lawns again this year. There will be an opportunity for Village residents to display these signs in the future. You may send requests to Village Hall; attention "Traffic Committee." We also invite you to attend the Traffic Committee meetings on the 2nd Thursday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm in Village Hall.

Please remember to **"Drive 25"** through the Village residential streets. This is our community, and we all want to be safe. Thank you.

*The Village of Colonie Traffic Committee*



## Colonie Little League Opening Day April 20, 2024 Cook Park

### Planning Commission Approvals

*The Mayor and Board of Trustees would like to WELCOME the following businesses approved by the Planning Commission.*

#### 18 Computer Drive West

##### Girls on the Run Capital Region

*Nonprofit providing afterschool programming to girls in grades 3-8*

12 Jupiter Ln. Bldg 1

##### Kaba Fusion Holdings

*Pharmaceutical Infusion Services*

1531 Central Ave. Suite 202

##### Velvet & Vogue Visions

*Tailoring*

18 Petra Lane Section 3A

##### Sanico Inc.

*Janitorial Supplies & Equipment*

1620 Central Ave.

##### UMI Buffet of Albany, LLC.

*Restaurant*

1892 Central Ave.

##### Laundry LI 1892 Inc.

*Laundromat*

1510 Central Ave.

##### Styles by Reshma

*Salon*

1814 Central Ave.

##### Mutzz Dog Lounge

*Indoor Dog Park*

1 Park Place

##### MHANYS

*Nonprofit in Mental Health*





# Stormwater

As we look forward to warmer weather and late spring lawn care, we can't forget how our landscaping practices and choices affect our community and the environment around us. Let's use stormwater smart lawncare. When water from rain, snow, or sleet flows over the ground, it's called "stormwater." Stormwater can pick up debris, litter, fertilizer, and pesticides used for lawn care. When stormwater flows into street gutters, storm drains, and drainage, it can pollute rivers, lakes, and streams. Follow these simple pollution solutions to help keep local waterways clean and healthy!



## DON'T MOW TOO LOW

Only remove 1/3 of the grass blade height and leave clippings on lawn to allow nutrients to return to the soil—they act as a natural fertilizer!



## CAREFUL WITH CHEMICALS

Read the label when applying pesticides and fertilizers, use them sparingly, and avoid applying them to pavement. When there is rain in the forecast, any chemicals you apply can wash downstream.



## ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN

Don't rake, sweep, or hose debris down the storm drains. Leaves, yard clippings, and trash can clog storm pipes, causing floods and polluted waterways.



## CURB YOUR WATER WASTE

Direct sprinklers toward the lawn and away from pavement to save water and keep chemicals and debris out of storm drains. Check out [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense) for more tips to save water!



# The Easter Bunny is Headed Your Way!



The Easter Bunny will be hopping on through the Village on Saturday, March 23rd and Sunday, March 24th. The Easter Bunny and his friends, along with Mayor Tobin and the Trustees will have a sweet treat for all little Villagers. We hope to see you out and about hopping around!

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

**VERY IMPORTANT:** On the days of the parade, keep an eye and ear out for the music truck playing Easter tunes, grab your coats and head outside so the Easter Bunny can see you!

# Hydrant Flushing

This annual program ensures that all fire hydrants within the Village are functioning in case of an emergency and to ensure that there is no stagnant water within our water system. The 2024 flushing of the water system will begin on March 25th weather permitting. We do not flush hydrants when the temperature is below freezing. All flushing will be done between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am to cause as little disruption as possible to our residents and businesses. During this time, you will see our Village trucks and employees out at night with hoses at the hydrants. If you have any questions about their work, you can contact the DPW office the following morning.

Residents may notice discoloration in their water during this program and should be aware this is normal and not harmful. This discoloration is caused by naturally occurring sediment in the pipes that is stirred up when the high volume of water is run through them during the flushing. Again, this sediment is not harmful. However, residents are cautioned to check and run their cold water before using their washing machine or any other appliance that uses water. If discoloration persists, please notify the DPW at 518-869-6372.





## DPW New Equipment

The DPW acquired several new pieces of equipment to complete their 5-year plan to replace older inefficient machines. Among them is a wood chipper that can chip larger tree trunks at a faster rate, making storm damage clean-up more effective. It also has new safety features that keep our employees safe. A new sewer camera with higher image resolution allows us to inspect pipes and drains to pinpoint and address any issues immediately. Pictured above is our new water vac combination truck. This new vehicle acts as the Swiss army knife of equipment for our infrastructure maintenance. It can jet and vacuum sewer and water lines, clear storm drains and sewer lines, vacuum up messes and small flooding. It can also perform hydro excavation for more delicate projects. The water vac will help DPW employees during water breaks to work quicker and more efficiently to fix the problem and turn water back on sooner.

**CLOSED**

## REMINDER

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

- **Tuesday, March 19th**  
for Village Elections\*  
Garbage & recycling pickup  
will remain the same
- **Monday, May 27th**  
for Memorial Day\*  
Garbage & recycling pickup will  
remain the same on Tuesday, May 28th.
- **Please have all garbage & recycling out by 6:00 am.**

## 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 Month .....6:30 pm

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



Thomas Tobin

### • PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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



Patty Schwarz Lockart

### • SIGN REVIEW BOARD

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

Bill Levy, Chairman  
Cynthia Calabrese  
Jason DePaulo  
Sue Dickinson  
Carole Trifletti  
Christina Secor, Coordinator



Frank Prevratil

### • ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

Lou Van Buren, Chairman  
Les Decker  
Christopher Larrabee  
Phil Minissale  
Trevor Normandin  
Joshua Rowinski  
Stacie Douglas, Coordinator  
James Rubino, Village Board Liaison



James Rubino

### • TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2nd Thursday of the month .....6:30 pm

Kevin France, Chairman  
John Dombrowski / John Gillivan  
George Lashoff / John Lemperle  
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.



# Village Election

The Village of Colonie Election will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 from 6:00 am – 9:00 pm 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 pm 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 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, 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](mailto:jblot@colonievillage.org).



## Village of Colonie OUTREACH

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 8:00 am to 3:30 pm 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 Ave. in 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.

## MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Are you feeling overwhelmed? Would you like to talk to somebody outside your home?

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:**  
**1-800-273-8255, 24/7 availability**

**Albany County Mobile Crisis Team:**  
**518-549-6500 (ask for Mobile Crisis)**

- Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 midnight, Saturday, and Sunday, 11:30 am to 9:30 pm
- Emergency mental health assessment in the community access to Child and Adolescent Mobile Crisis Team

**Parsons Child and Adolescent Mobile Crisis Team:**  
**518-549-6500 or 518-447-4550**

**(ask for Child and Adolescent Mobile Crisis)**

- Monday to Friday 11:00 am to 9:30 pm
- 60 Academy Road, Albany, NY 12208
- Crisis Assessment, Intervention & Stabilization; Consultation and Information; Facilitation of Alternate Levels of Care
- Responds to calls in Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties

## NEWS from Scout Troop 278

On Saturday April 13th in the Village of Colonie - Boy Scout Troop 278 will be back with their Spring Drive-Up Bottle Drive. We respectfully request that if you are able, please drop off bottles to the DPW Garage at 1 Thunder Rd between 7:00 am and 12:00 noon. For residents that are unable to drive, we will have a small crew of scouts and parents doing pick-ups. Leave your bags of bottles in front of your door in a spot that is visible from the street. This process may take us longer, so please have patience if they are not picked up by noon. It is your generous support that helps fund the troop's community service and activities throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact Scout Master Brian Casey at 518-218-7782.

**We thank you for your continued support!**

**BOTTLE  
DRIVE!**  
**Sat., April 13**  
**Village of Colonie**  
**Boy Scout**  
**Troop 278**



# Employee Tribute

In recognition of their hard work and dedication, let us introduce the Village Hall Office staff that serve our residents and visitors every day. Aside from day-to-day operations, each of our four staff members are assigned to a Village board or commission to coordinate meetings and minutes.



*Stacie Douglas, Hannah Curran, Christina Secor & Jamie Blot.*

**Jamie Blot**, the Village Clerk, has worked for the Village since 2003. She serves as the Human Resources Officer and Registrar of Vital Records and Assessor of Property Values.

**Hannah Curran** is the Deputy Clerk and has written grants

on behalf of the Village. She coordinates municipal and tax searches and is assigned to the Traffic Advisory Committee.

**Christina Secor**, Treasurer, coordinates budgeting, auditing, and payroll for the Village. She is the Deputy Registrar of Vital Records and Deputy Assessor of property values. Christina has been an employee of the Village since 2018.

**Stacie Douglas**, Deputy Treasurer, handles accounts payable and maintains the inventory of Village assets. She also serves as the coordinator of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Village Hall staff is a talented group of women who are at the ready to assist residents with their questions, requests, and/or problems. We thank them for their efficient, friendly service.

## Welcome Aboard!

We would like to introduce our newest Trustee, Frank Prevratil, who was appointed in November. Congratulations to Frank, a long-time resident of the Village. We look forward to seeing him contribute to our Village community.



## Sand Creek Road Study Update:

In the spring of 2023, the Village of Colonie began the process of conducting a study of Sand Creek Road. This study not only allowed the Village to apply for grant funding for much needed improvements, but it also allowed us to get public input from our residents of their wants, needs and concerns in the Sand Creek Road area. After almost a yearlong study, which consisted of the street advisory committee routinely meeting, several public input sessions, and numerous engineering surveys taken, we have gathered the much-needed information to review the overall plan for the future of that area. We want to stress that nothing will be done without further studying and notice to the public. We also want to inform our residents that nothing is planned in the coming months. There is still much thought and consideration that must take place before any changes can be made. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please visit the Sand Creek Road Study tab on our website or call Village Hall at 518-869-7562.





# Tuesday Night Concerts in the Park Celebrates Anniversary!

*The summer of 2024 marks the  
20th Anniversary of our  
Tuesday Nights in the Park  
Concert Series!*

This series, entirely funded by business and individual sponsors, has brought thousands of residents and friends together for two decades to enjoy evenings in the Park being entertained by a great variety of musicians and artists.

This summer, the lineup will bring back many favorites along with a few new bands for everyone's enjoyment.

*Please consider supporting this  
Concert Series as one of our sponsors.  
If you have any questions, please  
contact Brian Casey at the Family  
Recreation Center at 518-218-7782.*





# The Village of Colonie

Mayor Tom Tobin \* Deputy Mayor Ed Sim

Trustees: Patty Schwarz Lockart \* Jim Rubino \* Frank Prevratil

Frank A. Leak Amphitheater for the Arts



# 2024

## TUESDAY NIGHTS in the PARK

Opportunities to give:



### 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:

**Christina Secor, Village Hall**

**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.***

## • Message from The Chief

Happy New Year to everyone! Colonie Fire Company had a busy year in 2023 – we responded to 524 calls and there were 3,951 firefighter responses to answer those calls. 5,311 firefighter-hours were spent on those fire calls alone – but that number does not count all the dozens of public-service details that we attended over the year or all of the training that we completed. We are a busy fire department, and we are always in need of 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 help your neighbors and the community by joining us today. Your training and equipment are provided at no cost to you and there are several benefits to being a volunteer firefighter. We have a fully equipped gym for our members, you are afforded a tax incentive and there is also a service award program where firefighters earn financial credit for each year of active service provided to the Village. Finally, and most importantly, is the feeling of accomplishment that you get when you know you have made a difference in



someone's life during their time of need.

Colonie Fire Company is continuing to provide LIFEREACH inspections. 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 your residence with one of our multi-gas meters for the presence of CO and we will also check any of your existing CO detectors or smoke alarms in the residence to verify that they are functioning properly. While at the 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 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 to inquire about scheduling a visit.



## Can I Recycle This in The Village?

*Need a reminder on what you can recycle in the Village? We have that information for you!*

**YES** – Paper, cardboard, junk mail, newspapers, magazines, egg cartons, paper milk & juice cartons. All Plastics #1-7, glass bottles & jars, clean aluminum foil, clean aluminum & steel cans.

**NO** - Plastic bags & Styrofoam, shredded paper, straws, paper napkins & towels, batteries, light bulbs, electronics clothing, medical waste & needles.

### **BREAK IT DOWN**

Break down and flatten all cardboard boxes.

### **KEEP IT CLEAN!**

Rinse all items of food and liquids.

### **SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING**

There is no need to sort or separate your recyclables in the Village, they can all be placed in one container.

### **WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!**

If you're unsure if something is recyclable, it's best to throw it out instead of contaminating all the recyclables in the truck.

For more information about recycling in the Village, visit [www.colonievillage.org/recycling](http://www.colonievillage.org/recycling)

Questions? Contact the DPW at 518-869-6372 or [cciota@colonievillage.org](mailto:cciota@colonievillage.org)

**Keep it Green, Keep it Clean**





# Senior Corner

For Village Residents 55+ and Village Senior Center Members:

We are here for you Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Delicious lunches are served Monday-Friday 12:00 pm-12:30 pm.

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/](http://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.

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

## Activities:

Billiards – Monday-Friday 8:30 am-2:30 pm

Wii Bowling – Monday-Friday 8:30 am-2:30 pm

Bingo – Monday & Wednesdays 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
& 12:30 pm-2:30 pm

Mah-jongg – Thursdays & Fridays 11:00 am-2:30 pm

Village Singers – Fridays 10:00 am-11:15 am

## Exercise:

Workout Room – Monday-Friday 8:30 am-2:30 pm

Qi Gong – Mondays 9:00 am-9:45 am

Tai Chi – Mondays 9:45 am-10:30 am

Body Fitness with Theresa – Thursdays 10:15 am-11:00 am

Chair Yoga – Fridays 10:00 am-11:00 am

Functional Movement

with Isadore – Tuesdays 11:00 am-11:45 am;

Wednesdays 12:45 pm-1:30 pm

Fridays 11:00 am-11:45 am

Come enjoy our beautiful new 72" TV generously donated in memory of our beloved member Bernie Callender by her family.

## SPECIALS:

Keep an eye out this spring for these fun events! A St Patrick's Day Party, an Easter Luncheon and a Mother's Day Luncheon! 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!



# Christmas Recap

## What a wonderful time of year!

Thank you to everyone for celebrating the 2023 holiday season with us. We enjoyed having so many residents, families and friends join us at our Tree Lighting, the Santa Parade, and Breakfast with Santa!



# *The Villager*

## **VILLAGE HALL**

2 Thunder Rd, Albany, NY 12205

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[villagehall@colonievillage.org](mailto:villagehall@colonievillage.org)

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## **VILLAGE ELECTIONS**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

**6:00 am to 9:00 pm**

**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**