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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tree Lighting

Tuesday, December 2nd 6:00pm on the Village Hall Front Lawn

Students from Forest Park and Saddlewood
Elementary Schools will sing Christmas carols at the
official tree lighting ceremony. Immediately following,
cookies and cocoa will be served at the Family
Recreation Center. Santa will be there, please join us!

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Santa Parade

Santa and his elves will be out and about on the residential streets of the Village on the weekend of **December 6th & 7th**. You can call the Family Rec Center at 518-218-7782 for an estimate on the day and time Santa will be coming to your neighborhood. On the days of the parade, listen for the music truck playing Christmas tunes, grab your coats and head outside so our volunteers can see you — Santa Claus is on his way!

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 13th
Family Recreation Center
Seatings at 8:30am and 10:30am

Pancake breakfast served by VFW Post 8692 Children will enjoy goody bags, crafts, & visit from Santa!

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!

RSVP early — this event sells out.

RSVP between November 19th and December 10th by calling 518-218-7782

Parents/Guardians are required to bring a securely wrapped gift for each of their children. Clearly mark the tag with the FIRST and LAST NAME OF THE CHILD to receive the gift. We request that you keep your gift within a \$20 range. Gift drop-off: Monday, December 8th - Friday, December 12th at the Family Recreation



Center from 8:00am to 6:00pm. • If you miss the drop-off dates, please discreetly bring your gift to breakfast in a shopping bag and give it to one of the greeters. If you are unable to afford a gift this year, please contact us to discuss available options.



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Veteran Stand Down Event



Serving those that served us has been a mission of the Village of Colonie, and this was illustrated at the 2025 Veteran Stand Down event held on October 4th. The VA Medical

Center, Village administration and a myriad of volunteers and organizations worked tirelessly to offer a full day of services to Veterans in need.

Over 125 Veterans attended the event, and enjoyed breakfast, a boxed lunch, coffee and pastries. They also had the opportunity to receive a haircut, clothing, boots and toiletries. Vendors offered legal services, medical screenings, and other resources including burial information and therapy animal connections. The event was a great success, and everyone felt great pride and a sense of community. Special thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who made the day possible. Many months of preparation and organization went into the planning of the event, and seeing the smiling faces of the Veterans

was a clear reminder of how the Village of Colonie is "a Place to be Proud of."



Veterans Day Ceremony

The Village invites you to our Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, November 10th at 9:00am at the Cook Park Veterans Memorial. The Village Board of Trustees and staff members will pay tribute to those who have served our country and will read the names of those who belong to the Village of Colonie Hometown Heroes Veteran Banner Program. For more information, please visit our website.



Stuff the Bus!



The Village is teaming up again this year with the South Colonie Central School District and the Marine Corps for the 2025 "Stuff the Bus" Toys for Tots campaign! We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys at three locations within our complex: Village Hall, Senior Center and The Family Recreation Center. The last day to donate is Monday, December 8th. Let's help "Stuff the Bus" and deliver Christmas cheer to many children throughout our community.



South Colonie CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



A Message from the **MAYOR**



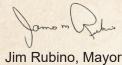
As we prepare for the winter and begin to plan holiday gatherings, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to live in the Village of Colonie with residents and businesses that value service, support and community.

Below are several activities and events that occurred over

the summer months that helped to move our Village forward.

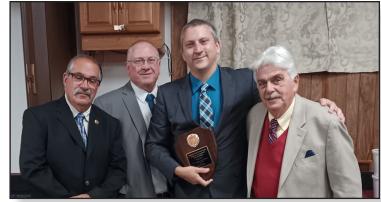
- we successfully held our first Veterans Stand Down and assisted over 125 veterans and family members connect with a variety of services and resources;
- everyone enjoyed another great season of Tuesday Concerts in the Park. This summer we had Colonie Youth Baseball do the snack shack concessions. Special thanks to the athletes and to all our sponsors and participants;
- · during the concert series, we collected items for the VA and we will also have a clothing/food drive to help veterans get through the winter;
- a new pick-up truck for DPW's Water Foreman was purchased as well as a black top trailer;
- the Mini-park Shed Program enjoyed a great summer season;
- we continued to make tremendous strides cleaning up the Village and we paved Birch Avenue and Peter Drive; and,
- I attended the Town of Colonie Fireman Dinner at Watervliet Lodge.

Together with the trustees, I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events and holiday celebrations. Peace, joy, and good health to all!





Albany County Legislators present Village of Colonie with a grant for Cook Park



Colonie Fire Company President Frank Cuoccio, Fire Chief Jeff Kayser, Fire Fighter Kyle Beaubien an

A Message from the **Fire Chief** Seasonal Safety Tips......

It is that time of year for residents to have their heating systems checked for proper operation. It is also a perfect time to have your chimney cleaned if you use a fireplace or wood burning stove.

Time change - Remember to check battery-operated smoke detectors to insure they are in working order; change batteries each spring and fall when you change your clocks. With the holidays ahead, please refrain from over-loading electrical outlets or power strips; they are a very common cause of fire!

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

Colonie Fire Company's Annual

TURKEY RAFFLE NOVEMBER 22nd

Doors open at 6:00pm at the Village **Family Recreation Center** 3 Thunder Road

The evening includes a live DJ, door prizes, turkey raffles, food, beverages and lots of fun!

Scouting for Food

Give back to the community by donating canned and dry goods for local food pantries.

Saturday, November 15th 7:00am to 12:00pm **Family Recreation Center**

Contact: Brian Casey, Scout Master at 518-218-7782 caseyb@colonievillage.org

Village Election

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 6:00am – 9:00pm Village Hall 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205

Two (2) Trustee positions – 4-year term each

For questions about the Village Election, please contact Jamie Blot, Village Clerk 518-869-7562 jblot@colonievillage.org.



Halloween Happenings

Trunk or Treat: Our DPW, Family Rec Center & Fire House joined Forest Park and Saddlewood Elementary Schools for their joint Trunk or Treat event. It was a fun and spooktacular party!

Kid's Halloween Party: Special thanks to all our residents, families, friends and volunteers who made our Kids' Halloween Party a fantastic success! We had an incredible time, and we hope you did too!

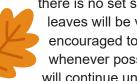
Pumpkin Patrol: A Village tradition! It was great seeing so many friends and families out enjoying a safe and fun Halloween while trick-or-treating in the Village.

A Message from the

Department of Public Works

Leaf Pick-Up

The Department of Public Works will begin using the leaf vacuum on Monday, November 3rd, and will continue until the weather permits. ABSOLUTELY NO STICKS, ROCKS, OR OTHER DEBRIS WILL BE PICKED UP. The leaf vacuum is weather dependent;



there is no set schedule or guarantee that leaves will be vacuumed. Residents are encouraged to continue to bag their leaves whenever possible. Weekly leaf bag pick up will continue until Monday, December 1st.

Reminder

The Village Hall, DPW, Senor Center & Family Recreation Office will be closed:

Election Day - Tuesday, November 4th

*Garbage & recycling pick-up will remain the same on Tuesday, November 4th

Veterans Day - Tuesday, November 11th *Garbage & recycling pick-up will remain the same on Tuesday, November 11th

Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 27th *Garbage & recycling pick-up will be picked up on Friday, November 28th

Day after Thanksgiving (Black Friday) Friday, November 28th

*Garbage & recycling pick-up will remain the same on Friday, November 28th

Please have all garbage & recycling out by 6:00am

A Message from the **HBK Senior Center**

The HBK Senior Center offers Village residents 55+ and Senior Center members a calm place to gather and enjoy activities, meals and each other's company. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Homemade lunches are available daily for purchase from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm. Menus are available weekly on our website, and orders must be placed one week in advance. If you are shut-in at home, arrangements can be made to have lunches delivered. For more information regarding our meal program and activity calendar, please contact the Center at 518-869-7172, or visit colonievillage.org. With the flu season upon us, please stay safely home if you are not feeling well. Check our website — we will be announcing our upcoming holiday luncheons.