

# The Villager

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tree Lighting

**Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**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!

### Santa Parade

Santa and his elves will be out and about on the residential streets of the Village on the weekend of **December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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 13<sup>th</sup>**

**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 19<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>. Let's help "Stuff the Bus" and deliver Christmas cheer to many children throughout our community.



**South Colonie**  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## 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!

Jim Rubino, Mayor



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 and Mayor Rubino at the Town Fireman of the Year Dinner at the Watervliet Elks Lodge on October 12.

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
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 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**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, Senior Center & Family Recreation Office will be closed:**

**Election Day - Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**  
\*Garbage & recycling pick-up will remain the same on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

**Veterans Day - Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
\*Garbage & recycling pick-up will remain the same on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

**Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
\*Garbage & recycling pick-up will be picked up on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

**Day after Thanksgiving (Black Friday) Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**  
\*Garbage & recycling pick-up will remain the same on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

**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.