



THE TIVOLI VILLAGE NEWS

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Welcome back to our Village News! This newsletter is meant to give you the latest and greatest information from around the Village.

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FROM MAYOR CRANNA'S DESK

April 1 marked my one year anniversary as your Mayor and what a year it has been! Together, we have accomplished much and Tivoli is again a village on the move.

I am proud of the accomplishments that we together have seen over the last year. Improvements to infrastructure, more environmentally sound practices, a more open form of government, five new businesses now call Tivoli home, a community garden in Memorial Park, and stronger fiscal procedures are moving Tivoli forward. However, while we should all be proud of these accomplishments, the work continues and the challenges, especially the financial ones, demand our government to make some difficult decisions. On April 30th, by a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees, the 2012/2013 operating budget was adopted. As you are surely aware, New York State mandated a 2% tax cap. While other municipalities overrode the tax cap to cover costs, I didn't feel that this was an option. To balance our budget on the backs of young families, seniors, and so many living pay check to pay check was unacceptable to me. Therefore, the 2012/2013 operating budget was adopted after several close reviews and considerations of the budget proposals submitted by department heads. Reductions in several budget lines were made, which will require new practices and procedures to be put in place to ensure that the essential services you rely upon continue to be administered.

Not in recent years have the fiscal challenges facing all municipalities been so great. With increasing costs and demands being placed upon our village, this year's budget is tighter than any budget in recent years. In the end, the Board of Trustees adopted a budget that includes just under a 2.00% increase in taxes. It was a difficult decision, but I applaud the Board of Trustees for doing what they felt was right to ensure the Village of Tivoli continues to have the resources necessary to manage the village. My sincere thanks to Clerk/Treasurer Gonnella, Accountant Rae D'Achille, the Board of Trustees, and all department heads for their assistance to this year's budget process. However, the work continues with this budget and all must be involved to ensure we continue to carefully monitor the Village's finances.

As mentioned, certain practices will need to be amended in an effort to cut costs. For example, the **Annual Water Quality Report** traditionally included in this quarter's water bill will be available on the Village's webpage www.tivoliny.org, the Village Crier, and in the Clerk's office and posted throughout the village. Not printing hundreds of these is an excellent way to save funds.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me.

Regards,
Bryan F. Cranna

Mayor

AN UPDATE FROM THE GREEN COMMITTEE



What began as an idea back in November has materialized this May. The Tivoli Community Garden now stands on Pine Street at the east end of Memorial Park. Drop by and take a look! Special thanks to Marty Clarke, Ginny LaBarbara, Joel Weinberg and all this year's gardeners for making this garden a reality.

On Sunday May 6th, a handful of resident volunteers got down and dirty for Village Clean-Up Day and gathered a huge haul of trash from our streets and waterfront. Having worked up an appetite, the volunteers enjoyed a lunch generously provided by Broadway Pizza, Tivoli Bread and Baking, and Subway. Thanks!

The Green Committee's next project will be establishing a decent bike path through the Tivoli Bays connecting the Village with Bard College. The Green Committee welcomes new members, if you are interested in serving, or just sharing a good idea, contact Trustee Joel Griffith at jrobertgriffith@yahoo.com.

DID YOU KNOW..... **????????????????**

- ✓ Tivoli Code Section 92.1 states:
Every owner of any lot of ground in the Village of Tivoli shall be required to keep said lot clear of trash, tall grass, rubbish and weeds.

- ✓ Village offices will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

- ✓ The Village of Tivoli's website, www.tivoliny.org has village news, events, a community calendar, the village's code, agendas and minutes from all board meetings and contact information for village officials. Please contact Deputy Clerk Claire Roff, website administrator, if you have any questions or comments.

- ✓ Village of Tivoli Board Meetings are broadcast on PANDA Channel 23 (Public Access Television Northern Dutchess) on Fridays

- ✓ The drop box located in the front door of Village Hall can be used for water/sewer payments.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND EVENTS

- ❖ Tivoli Yard Sale Day will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2012.

- ❖ The Tivoli Rec Summer Program and Tivoli Day 2012 are upcoming – dates to be announced.

- ❖ Join the Children of Tivoli at Children's Play Day at Clermont State Park. Learn about the lives of children 200 years ago. Try out their clothes and games. Recommended for children 6- 12. Program is free to all.

- ❖ Tivoli Free Library
 - ✓ 86 Broadway, Tivoli, NY 12583 ~ 845-757-3771
 - ~ www.tivolilibrary.org ~ tivolilibrary@gmail.com

- ✓ Expanded Summer Hours Starting! We will be open Monday through Friday 10am-8pm, and Saturday 10am-2pm, from June 1 through August 31.

- ✓ Dream Big – Read! We have many exciting night-themed programs planned for children, teens, adults, and families. We will be adding many new programs. Check our online calendar for up-to-date program information: <http://www.tivolilibrary.org/calendar.html>

- ✓ Join our Summer Reading Program, where you can track books you've read, give reviews, and win prizes! Details will be on our website in the near future.