



THE TIVOLI VILLAGE NEWS

SPRING 2013

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

MEMORIAL PARK RENOVATION

This summer, under the direction of Trustee Robin Bruno, Tivoli broke ground at Memorial Park to begin the construction and the much needed improvements to refurbish our park to once again make it a welcoming and friendly space for our community.

Thanks to a \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant secured by Dutchess County Legislator Benjamin Traudt, the bulk of this work has not been at the expense of the Village. In addition, volunteerism has also played a major part in the improvements.

Trustee Bruno is to be commended for her efforts to ensure this project is a success. She has spent countless hours meeting with engineers, plumbers, construction workers, paving companies, and volunteers. If you have walked through the park lately, you can see the results of her determination to ensure our park is once again standing as the center of our Village.

In an effort to ensure that the park is welcoming to all, newly paved paths which will allow for those individuals who use wheelchairs have been laid through the park. In addition, the pavilion, which has been completely resurfaced, is now wheelchair accessible. The rotted and deteriorated poles that held up the pavilion have been replaced and the entire structure has been reinforced with new poles. The bathrooms which had for over a decade been out of order, are now working. New fixtures have been placed inside and the restrooms are also handicapped accessible. A new water fountain has been installed as well. The existing equipment was sanded and repainted and this year’s budget will include funding for new equipment. The dugouts are being repainted this spring and new benches will be installed as well. Tivoli’s DPW will install French drains in the softball field to reroute the water off the fields.





All of this work; which will culminate with a grand reopening of Memorial Park this spring, will be a welcomed change and a great way to welcome Tivoli's children back for yet another Summer Rec Program, which will be back once again this year after it was eliminated three years ago.

Trustee Bruno reinstated Tivoli's Summer Rec Program two years ago and is working with the Dutchess County Department of Health to expand the program this summer to be able to offer even more for our Village's children. The fact that they will have a "new park" this summer is exciting.

As the father of two young sons, I know firsthand how important our park is to them. But I am also aware that our park plays a major role in the character of our Village. It houses our water tower which will be repainted this spring as well to cover the graffiti and the damage by vandals. It has been the site our summer movie. It is the spot for pickup soccer games. It is where so many play softball under the lights on summer's night. It is where we memories and friends have been made during the Summer Rec Program. And it is ours, and it's about time we took pride in it. Thanks to Trustee Bruno, the support of the Village Board, and some dedicated volunteers, it's coming back!

SIDEWALK GRANT

Just as construction will be finishing up at Memorial Park this spring, new sidewalks will be laid throughout the Village; replacing some of the older, broken, and in some instances, hazardous ones. Once again, due to second \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant secured by Dutchess County Legislator Benjamin Traudt, most of the costs associated with this much needed project will not be at the expense of the Village.

The Board of Trustees recently authorized me to solicit bid requests from companies in an effort to obtain the most reasonable and best price for the project. It is my hope to present a company to the Board of Trustees soon for their consideration, so that this project may get underway.

In addition, Tivoli was awarded a design grant by the New York State Hudson Valley Greenway in the amount of \$15,000. This is allowing the Village to design a sidewalk down to the river, complete with benches and lighting.

As a Tivoli is a walking Village, I want everyone to be able to travel safely throughout our Village. It is my hope that these new sidewalks will not only address those concerns, but also provide the Village with a fresh and improved look.

Mayor Bryan F. Cranna



GREEN COMMITTEE NEWS

The Green Committee is beginning to organize this season's Community Garden! Tivoli residents interested in applying for a plot should contact Trustee Joel Griffith at 845-757-4214 or via email at

jrobertgriffith@yahoo.com. The deadline to submit your name is April 1st, after which there will be a lottery to determine who gets a plot for the 2013 season. There is a \$30 fee for an 8' x 12' plot and availability is limited. Consider sharing a plot with a friend!

EXCESS WATER IN TIVOLI ACRES

Following the large amounts of water that pooled in Tivoli Acres following the recent storms and the obvious need for adequate drainage, Mayor Cranna and Village Engineer Ronald Evangelista have begun reviewing the problem and developing a plan to address this situation to properly redirect the water. Both Mayor Cranna and Mr. Evangelista are also looking at outside funding sources to offset the costs that may be associated with any work that is necessary. Mayor Cranna and the Board of Trustees plan to make these infrastructure repairs a priority this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ELECTION DAY

Village Elections are scheduled for March 19, 2013 from 12:00 PM- 9:00 PM at Village Hall.

This year there are elections for two seats on the Village Board of Trustees and the Mayor.



Easter Celebration 2013

The Annual Village Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Tivoli Firehouse on Saturday, March 23, 2013. The Easter Egg Hunt starts at 2:00pm – doors open at 1:30pm. Ages 0-12.... Lots of fun activities and a bake saleCome meet the Easter Bunny!

RESIDENT INFORMATION

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10, 2013...

A reminder to set the clock ahead one hour and check your smoke alarm batteries.

Garbage and Recycling Bins

With the large number of private waste haulers coming in and out of the Village lately, and the equally high number of garbage bins being left out in front of homes, please note that in accordance with Village Code, Section 184.3, Section D“...*Empty containers shall be removed from the curbside before the end of the day on which collection is made...*”.

Violations of this code will be referred to the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Water/sewer bills are mailed on a quarterly basis on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 and are due the last day of the month. When sending in your water/sewer payment, please include the payment stub with your check. If you cannot, please note the account number or service address on your check. Remember, you may use the drop mail box for your payments!

Residents sometimes tell us that they did not receive their bill and ask us to waive the late fee. Unfortunately, villages are not authorized to "forgive" delinquent water and/or sewer charges, as this would constitute a gift of public funds, which is prohibited by the state constitution.

Drop Mail Box at the Village Hall

If you need to mail something to the Village, it might be easier (and less expensive) to drop it off at the Village Hall. There is a "Drop Box" located in the front door of the Village Hall at 86 Broadway. The box is checked daily by the Clerk's Office.

Garbage tags

May be purchased at the Clerk's office between the hours of 9:00 and 4:00. If these hours are not convenient, you may buy tags by sending us a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check to Village Clerk, PO Box 397, Tivoli, NY 12583 and we'll send you the tags.

Overnight Parking Regulations

On street parking is prohibited from 1 am to 6 am from November 15 to April 1 in the Village. Overnight parking permits are required for all municipal lots and may be purchased in the Village Clerk's Office.

The Village of Tivoli's website, www.tivoliny.org

The website 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.



SNOW AND ICE AND SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall (after snowfall). Snow cannot be thrown or left in a public right-of-way (i.e. streets, sidewalks, etc).

Tivoli Code Section states: 171-5. Village to perform work in certain cases.

"In an effort for the Village of Tivoli to comply with predetermined guidelines for the homeowner concerning public health and safety, it may become necessary for the property owner to perform work. When the property

owner is unable to unwilling to perform the needed work, the village will perform it and bill the property owner."

Tivoli Code Section states: 171-6. Fees.

- A. "Fees for snow and/or ice removal, sidewalk clearing and/or repair, lawn mowing and any other work that is determined to be necessary by the Board shall be as set forth, from time to time, by resolution of the Board of Trustees."
- B. "The fees above be billed to the property owner for work done on their behalf by the village and be placed as a lien on the property taxes if not paid within 30 days of due date."

RECENT MEDIA RELEASES
