



THE TIVOLI VILLAGE NEWS

Welcome back to our Village News!

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This newsletter is meant to give you the latest and greatest information from around the Village.

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Mayor Cranna's Memorial Day Address

Presented on May 26, 2014 at the Historic Red Church



Upon learning that she had lost her fifth son in the Civil War, President Lincoln penned a letter to Mrs. Bixby. "I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the republic they died to save. "

Just as Lincoln took to ink and paper that day to console Mrs. Bixby, we too stand here today to console, in some way, the mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, children, and communities who have shed tears upon learning that a loved one fell on the battlefield. Because we are allowed to

stand here today, free of war, on the soil beneath our feet, we have a responsibility to take a moment to acknowledge the lost souls who continue to watch over us even after the battle has ended.

Those of you standing here should be proud of yourselves. You found it in your heart to take a moment to pause on this holiday weekend to remember those who carried the ole glory into battle and who fell holding her up. As your Mayor, this collected group never ceases to impress me with the respect and honor you have for the fallen soldier.

Each day as I drive past Memorial Hill, I am reminded that a community came together to do more to honor our fallen. With new monuments on Memorial Hall, that were unfortunately necessary, we did what we could to ensure that their memories would continue to be with us and that we would never forget. The placement of those new monuments is, and will always be, one of the projects I am most proud of as your Mayor.

The word Memorial is from the Latin Memorialis, "serving as reminder". That is the real reason for today. Today must be a reminder that freedom is not free. The price for the freedom that we enjoy as a republic was paid for with the ultimate price. Those of us who live under the flag with these freedoms are the envy of the entire world. As you are enjoying that freedom – pause today, and everyday to acknowledge just how fortunate you are.

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is what you make of it. Whether attending a service like this morning, lowering a flag, wearing a red poppy, placing a flag on a gravestone, or simply, quietly, acknowledging an angel who fell to protect us. We have responsibility just as Lincoln did when he penned his letter to Mrs. Bixby to take a moment to pen our letter whether literally or figuratively.

May God Bless those who fell and may he continue to bless us with his grace and may his army of angles sit at his side knowing that those below remember what they did for us.



RESIDENT INFORMATION

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.

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.

Village Property Taxes were mailed on May 20, 2014 and are due, without penalty, on or before July 1, 2014.

Holidays

The Village Offices will be closed on July 4, 2014 in observance of Independence Day.

Tivoli Yard Sale Day

Tivoli Yard Sale Day will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2014. Applications are available online and outside the Clerk's office on the second floor of Village Hall.



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.

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.

