

The Tivoli Village News

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Hello from the Village of Tivoli Board of Trustees!

We hope everyone had a great summer and we want to thank everyone who attended **Tivoli Community Day!** Special thanks to the many individuals who pitched in to prepare this wonderful event. Further thanks to the Tivoli Fire Department, Monumental Lodge #374, the Sons of the American Legion and Harris Smith Post 525. If you want to see how the community photograph came out, it will be framed and hung in Village hall for all to see. **There will be a Tivoli Day 2016** and we've got 12 months to plan this one!

By the time you read this, the Village Board **will have chosen an engineering firm** to complete the evaluation of our water and wastewater systems. We had nine firms submit proposals. The study is funded by an \$80,000 grant from Dutchess County. We all know our systems are old and troubled. When the evaluation is complete in late December of this year, we will have a much **more detailed picture of the challenges we face**. We will have a prioritized list of repairs and we will have painful price tags for each. And don't forget, this study is to prepare the Village to make the choice between maintaining these systems ourselves or transferring them to the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority. **The DCWWA is a not-for-profit public benefit corporation** established in 1991 which currently owns and operates nine water systems, three sewer systems and one water transmission system, located within ten different municipalities. Essentially, they take over troubled systems from municipalities and operate them. But whatever we as a Village decide to do, there is no getting around the fact that our **77 year old systems must be addressed, and it won't be cheap!**

While we're on engineering, the Village Board has **issued a Request for Qualifications to hire a new designated engineering firm**. We believe Tivoli can find a superior firm who will help the Village Board of Trustees address our infrastructure needs and **win the grant dollars necessary** to fix sidewalks, repair streets, and maintain our buildings. We expect to select a **new firm by the end of October**. Tivoli has a lot of work to do and this Village deserves the best.

A very important change in the Village was the passage in July of several **new laws** designed to address the chronic late-night noise and partying on our residential streets which have disturbed too many of our fellow residents for too long. **The Village Board increased the fines for noise violations and passed a Nuisance Gathering law to address house parties and their associated disruptions**. This law is complex and everyone should know how it works. Visit the Village website to read it. In addition to stiff penalties for nuisance gatherings, **landlords can now be held accountable for the disruptive parties of their tenants**, so read the law! If you want help understanding it, please contact Mayor Griffith at mayor@tivoliny.org. And, if your family is disturbed by noise after 10pm, call the **Dutchess County Sheriff's office at 845-486-3800**.

Also in July, following on the momentum provided by the RPI students' work on a pedestrian overpass last spring, **Tivoli applied for a \$50,000 state grant**. If we win, and we don't find out until October, the Village can finalize a design for the park, complete the several necessary permitting reviews, and engineer a plan for shoreline stabilization. Let's all keep our fingers crossed!


Dutchess County Department of Public Works has finally **repaved the worst stretch of Broadway** between the bridge and our main intersection. Refurbishment of the bridge itself is still scheduled for summer of 2017.


Some time in September, the **original school bell from the Tivoli Schoolhouse** will be installed just west of Village Hall near the gazebo. Come see this handsome piece of Village history which will be on permanent display for all to enjoy!


Now this letter only comes every 3 months. **How else can you know what else your Village government is doing?** Come to a board meeting! The board has workshops the second Wednesdays of every month at 7pm. There is another workshop the third Wednesdays at 6pm followed by the formal board meeting at 7pm. **ALL these meetings are open to the public**. And if you can't come to any of these, there are excellent minutes of every monthly board meeting posted on the Village website. Taking just a few moments a month, you can keep up with all the hard work and important decision-making this Board of Trustees is undertaking to move our Village forward.


So that's all we have room for now, but we'd be remiss if we didn't announce in parting that the **15th annual Tivoli Street Painting Festival will be held on Saturday, October 3rd!** See you there!


Resident Information


 **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.


 **Leaves and Grass Clippings** - Only leaves and grass clippings in plastic bags placed at the end of your driveway will be picked up by the Village DPW. Please--no branches or trash.

 **Storm Sewer Grates** - Be sure to check the storm sewer grates on the street by your house and in your yard. Grates clogged with leaves and trash can cause flooding. Please remove the debris away from the grate.

 **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.

 **Holidays** The Village Offices will be closed on Labor Day (September 7), Columbus Day (October 12), Veteran's Day (November 11), and Thanksgiving (November 26 & 27).

 **Garbage tags** - 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.

 **Street Painting Festival** October 3, 2015...9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Registration: 9:00 am.....Squares and Chalk: Free..... Location: First Come, First Serve.....

Facebook Page: Tivoli Street Painting.