

The Tivoli Village News

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Hello from the Village of Tivoli Board of Trustees,

We hope everyone enjoyed **this beautiful autumn**. There have been a **lot of good things happening in Tivoli** since our last newsletter.

Firstly, we will mention that this has been without question, the most livable, **least noisy, and peaceful semester** in our Village in recent years. The Noise and Nuisance laws passed last summer have been having the desired effect: a calming of late-night noise and partying which had plagued certain areas of our Village for many years. The deterrent they create, **coupled with outreach and engagement with student-residents** in the form of monthly “Pizza-Forums” and recent meetings with representatives from the student government is reestablishing **Tivoli’s standards as a respectful and respected community**. These efforts and these successes will continue, even as the Village turns its attention to our other ambitions and challenges.

On the engineering front, Tighe & Bond is deep into the six month evaluation of our water and wastewater systems. **The preliminary reports are thorough, detailed and brutally honest**. The final report will be submitted by December 31st after which residents of Tivoli will have a lot to think and talk about. There is no escaping the **age and condition of our infrastructure** or the staggering costs of repair and replacement.

In October, following a broad search in which proposals from 13 firms were reviewed, the Board of Trustees selected **our new Designated Village Engineer: Crawford & Associates**. The name may be familiar to you as they were Tivoli’s DVE for 20 years. Their proposal, qualifications, and **invaluable historic knowledge of Tivoli’s needs** made them the best choice. We are excited to have them back with us. C&A has already written and submitted a grant application for improvements to the Pine St. bus stop and will complete a design, funded by Greenway, for a walkway down Broadway to Friendship St. Over the winter C&A will draft plans for **a crosswalk between Village Hall and Pine Street** so we can build it in early spring.

The ever-active Green Committee has added several members, and with Mara Ranville at the chair, has overseen the **planting of new trees** on Montgomery St., North Rd., and Broadway. They directed the Board of Trustees to the NYS Unified Solar Permit, adopted in November, which will make it easier for residents to install home solar. **New recycling receptacles** have been generously donated to Tivoli by Williams Lumber and will be placed in the park. And on a gorgeous fall morning with the help of 15 residents, **1200 daffodil bulbs** went in along Broadway between Clay Hill Rd. and 9G. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped. Surely, after winter, we will all **enjoy the color** when they flower in the spring!

While we’re waiting for the flowers, another ambition of the Board is to redo the Village website this winter. We’re shopping around, have gathered a number of proposals and by the next newsletter we hope to have a **new, nice looking and user-friendly website worthy of Tivoli in 2016!**

Please, please, please, **as the snow comes, help us keep Tivoli’s streets and sidewalks clear and safe**. Residents are required to shovel the walks in front of their houses and keeping your cars off the street allows our DPW to plow thoroughly. If you don’t have off-street parking where you live, or your tenants don’t, **parking permits are available at the Clerk’s office** for \$25 which allow drivers to park overnight in any of the four municipal lots. Don’t get a ticket, or worse, towed. Help us keep the streets and sidewalks clear and **Tivoli open for business this winter!**

Now this letter only comes once every three months. How else can you know what your Village government is doing? **Come to a Board meeting!** If you can’t make that, you can **always read the minutes** on the Village website. Taking just a few minutes a month, you can stay informed about all the hard work and important decision making this Board of Trustees is undertaking to move our Village forward!

Before we sign off, it is with heavy hearts that we announce that Claire Roff will be retiring after over five years as our dutiful Deputy Clerk. **Thank you Claire for your poise, professionalism and committed service to Tivoli and its residents!**

Until the March newsletter, the Village Board wishes you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. **We’ll see you at Winterfest on December 12th!**

Resident Information



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.



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.



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.



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.



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 December 24 & 25, closing at 12:00pm on December 31 and closed January 1.



December 12

Between Village Hall and the Firehouse

On Broadway, Tivoli

Craft Fair from 12:00 to 4:00 at Firehouse

Horse and carriage rides, caroling, crafts for children, entertainment from local musicians, refreshments, tree lighting, and a visit from Santa Claus