



The Tivoli Village News

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Hello from the Village of Tivoli Board of Trustees,

We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving!

You will find in this quarter's water bill a copy of the **Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2015**. New York State regulations require that you be sent this report and we hope you will read its contents carefully so you may understand the quality of your water.

The Village of Tivoli Board of Trustees has been active as ever this fall. Here is a sampling of the many projects we've seen completed in the last few months.

At Village Hall the **new rails at the front steps** were installed and the **court room was re-plastered and re-painted**. In the basement the old rusty fuel tanks were removed and **new double-walled fuel tanks** have been installed. Their outer wall is seamless fire-resistant steel and their inner walls are blow-molded, high density, seamless polyethylene that is leak proof and will never corrode. **They have a lifespan of 30 years**, so hopefully nobody will have to worry about them for a while! Our next ambitions include addressing the leaking windows which join the addition to the original building and attending to the roof where some of the slate shingles have been damaged in the 22 years since the Watts de Peyster Hall was renovated.

Outside Village Hall the new chess table donated to Tivoli in honor of the late Bernie Tieger is installed and ready for play! Up on Broadway east of monument hill the Village "Welcome" sign has been repainted and reinstalled. It will soon be tastefully lit so that even in the dark of winter, people can see that **Tivoli is open for business and welcoming visitors and residents into the Village.**

Following the summer painting of the building's exterior, this fall **the bay floors of the Tivoli Firehouse were re-coated with high-strength epoxy paint**. We will continue to maintain our vital emergency assets and it can never be said often enough how grateful this community is to the men and women of our Fire Department and Rescue Squad!



Nearly all of Tivoli's **60 fire hydrants** have received a **bright new coat of paint** thanks to the leadership of the 2016 James Starr Clark Citizen of the Year, Jackie Szatko, her boon companion Margaret Lemon, and a number of resident volunteers and individuals completing community service. We thank them all for contributing their time to the maintenance and beautification of our hydrants.

The Green Committee and Tree Committee have both pitched in this fall as well, overseeing the planting of **another 600 daffodil bulbs and 11 new trees** around town. The trees were funded through donations and a \$1,000 NYS Urban Forestry Grant won by Tivoli last year. Thank you to the many residents who helped get these flowers and trees in the ground and are going to help us keep them watered.

The Village Board applied in October for a **2017 Community Development Block Grant for \$150,000 to complete "Pine St. Improvements, Phase II."** Last year we secured a 2016 CDBG and work on Phase I will be carried out in June 2017. This includes expansion of the bus stop, new benches, plantings, garbage

and recycling receptacles, and shoulder improvements eastward from the bus stop. PHASE II would see new drainage infrastructure and a new sidewalk eastward all the way to North Road. It's rare to win a CDBG two years in a row but let's all keep our fingers crossed for this second grant!



Surely everyone has noticed Tivoli's **new solar-powered radar speed sign** on Broadway, which will be moved about the Village from time to time. The Village Board is serious about addressing speeding and in addition to continued ticketing of speeders throughout the Village, this sign will alert everyone entering Tivoli of our speed limit. It also captures data including traffic speeds, counts, and times of day to help us be more strategic with our patrols. It even says "Thank You" when motorists stay under the limit!

The Village, Tivoli Free Library, and Harris Smith Post of the American Legion collaborated on a very fun halloween party for Tivoli children of all ages. Special thanks to Trustee Chris Murphy for leading this effort and even participating in the full-costume lip-sync battle held at Legion Hall!



Tivoli Winterfest will take place on Saturday, December 3 at 2:30 pm. This family event unfolds at the Firehouse with crafts, music, food, wagon-rides and more. Immediately after the tree-lighting we have a further treat this year! **At 5:00 pm a theatrical treatment of *A Christmas Carol***, Charles Dickens' classic story about generosity and sharing, will be performed upstairs at Murray's Restaurant, 73 Broadway. This interactive family show is produced by Red Hook's Theater on the Road, is free and co-sponsored by Historic Red Hook, the Tivoli Free Library and the Village of Tivoli. Thanks to Deputy Mayor Majer for spearheading this event. We hope to see you there!

The content of these quarterly newsletters is just a taste of the many projects and pursuits underway by the Board of Trustees. Please remember **Village Board meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm**, and the minutes of these meetings can be read on the Village website. There is never an excuse not to know what is happening in your Village government. Taking just a few minutes a month, you can stay informed, and better yet, **help this Board of Trustees make the best choices for Tivoli.**

Happy Holidays!

