Hello from the Village of Tivoli Board of Trustees,

Another busy Yard Sale Day was followed by another lovely Tivoli Community Day which led right into the successful return of the Tivoli Children's Recreation Camp! Under the leadership and tremendous hard work of Trustee Christopher Murphy, 30 kids enjoyed a two-week camp based in Memorial Park. But this year's camp also took participants on Village "field trips" to Kaatsbaan International Dance Center to watch a ballet rehearsal and Tangent Theater to learn how to script, act and direct their own play. Special thanks to the Camp's counselors Ari Spiesberger and Abe Etkin, and all the parents and children who helped make the return of "Tivoli Rec" a success. We hope to do it all again, bigger and better, in the summer of 2018!

As you read this, the improvements to Pine Street await the final touches (striping). Most of the Community Development Block Grant funded project has been completed: new sidewalk, granite curbing, drainage, a new bus shelter, benches and recycling receptacles and an improved parking shoulder eastward along Pine Street. The convenience and safety benefits are already apparent now that buses can get out of the lane and allow for more space and better sight lines for pedestrians and motorists. It was unfortunate that some trees had to come down for this project but the Tivoli Tree Committee will be planting some new ones along that stretch this fall. The Village Board is applying in October for another CDBG grant for a "Pine Street Phase II" which would allow for further drainage improvements and a new sidewalk all the way eastward along Pine St. to North Road. Keep your fingers crossed that Tivoli wins the grant!

There are two other construction projects which will happen in September/October. Firstly, the north end of Friendship Street will be repaved (a recent state audit of our Village roads gave Friendship St. the poorest grade of all our roads!). Secondly, the Village will reconstruct 200' of sidewalk along Broadway between the bridge and the pizzeria. When this project is completed, pedestrians will have a safe, clear path along a stretch which has been deteriorating and overgrown for too long. We know walkability is one of our Village's greatest assets and the Village Board aspires to continue sidewalk replacement and expansion in the coming years.

Pull out your calendars, here are several events upcoming in Tivoli this fall:

Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM will be the 17th annual Tivoli Street Painting Festival! This fabulous event is free and open to all. Enjoy live music and great art in the heart of our Village. This year you can register on-line at the Tivoli Street Painting Facebook page or get a traditional form at the Village Clerk's office. (Remember this event is first come-first serve.) Thank you to the many sponsors and donors who make this wonderful event possible including Arts Mid-Hudson, The Bard College Center for Civic Engagement, and many local businesses and individuals.
On October 21st, Saint Paul's and Trinity Parish will celebrate its' 200th anniversary! The public is welcome to join in the events planned for this day. At 2:30 PM, former rector Father Elliot Lindsley will lead a tour of the historic cemetery where many of the great figures of Tivoli history lie buried. At 4:00 PM will be an evensong service followed by a banquet at 6:00 PM. For tickets to the banquet please call (845) 757-3131 ($15 for adults, $10 children under 12). Congratulations to the congregation of Saint Paul's and Trinity Parish!

On October 28th, Provoost Park (23 Woods Rd.) in concert with Walgreens will be holding a free flu shot clinic at 10:00 AM. Call 845-757-4567 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays between 11:00 AM-3:00PM to schedule an appointment. The deadline to sign up is October 18th. Walgreens will donate 25 vouchers for people without insurance, otherwise they will bill one's insurance company.

The Village Board of Trustees will hold a final Water and Sewer forum on Thursday, November 16th at 7:00 PM on the third floor of Village Hall. All users of Village water and sewer are encouraged to attend. This is your last opportunity to discuss with the Board and fellow residents whether the Village should transfer the water & sewer systems to the Dutchess County Water & Wastewater Authority or maintain ownership and tackle the many repairs and upgrades necessary ourselves. We want to hear from as many people as possible before we make this difficult decision. Tivoli is facing $9.5 million in necessary repairs and upgrades in the next 20 years. Most of that cost must be incurred in the next five years!

If you have not followed these discussions so far, please, please, please, get up to speed. There are three important reports to be read: the Water System Evaluation Report, the Wastewater System Evaluation Report, and the Transfer Feasibility Report. You can read these reports online at the Village website, or you can read a hardcopy at the Village Clerk's office or the Tivoli Free library. If you go to the Village Website and go to "government" in the blue main menu and then click on "document center" you will find the reports. Or this link will take you there: http://tivoliny.org/document-center/

You can watch a video of the May 16th reports presentation on the home page of the Tivoli Website or at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAr1EPpKXPE to learn about the water and sewer evaluation reports and some of what has been discussed already on this critical topic and this crucial decision.

Tivoli's 80 year old Water & Wastewater systems are in dire need of many costly repairs and upgrades. This community can no longer put off facing this reality. Whether we keep or transfer the systems, your quarterly bill will increase significantly. We must all inform ourselves, and think carefully and clearly about which path will lead us to improved and sustainable systems in the most cost-effective manner possible. See you at the Water and Sewer forum on Thursday, November 16th at 7:00 PM!

Please follow what your Village government is doing every month. We have to make decisions which affect all of us and we'd rather make them in concert with as many residents as possible. Our monthly board meetings are on 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm and meeting minutes and other announcements can be found at http://tivoliny.org. Remember, if you have a concern, problem, or great idea about life in the Village, please contact us!