Hello from the Village of Tivoli Board of Trustees,

We hope you had a lovely autumn and a nice Thanksgiving!

We open this letter with tremendous news! The Board of Trustees has been successful in its pursuit of grant funding toward the necessary improvements to our water and wastewater systems. The NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation administers the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act's grant program (WIIA). WIIA will fund a maximum of 60% of a water project and 25% of a wastewater project. Tivoli was awarded those maximum percentages. That results in grant awards of $2,839,968 for water and $919,150 for sewer. Congratulations Tivoli!

Simultaneously, the transfer process of the water and sewer systems to the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority is proceeding. In September the Village Board of Trustees resolved to sign the transfer agreement and in October the DCWWA's board also signed. This legal process takes months to complete but it can be expected that sometime in the spring/summer of 2019, the DCWWA will take responsibility for the systems which serve the community of Tivoli. And now, when they do, they will be using the aforementioned grant funding for capital improvements, keeping rates lower for system users than if the Village Board had not won these WIIA grants.

We've had a change of Deputy Clerk at Village Hall. Kristen Cleaveland has concluded her tenure. We thank her for her service and wish her well in her future pursuits! Long-time Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson Laura Gail Tyler has accepted the appointment to serve as our new Deputy Clerk. Welcome and thanks to Laura Gail!

This fall the Village Green Committee and a handful of resident volunteers had fun planting another 1,000 daffodil bulbs in several locations on Broadway, Pine St. and at Madalin Court. Thank you to everyone who came out to help. Adding to the last several fall plantings, residents can look forward to over 4,000 blossoms around Tivoli next spring!

2019 is the Centennial of the Tivoli Fire Company! Tivoli wants to throw a party worthy of the Tivoli Fire Company's 100 years dedicated to serving and protecting our fortunate Village. We are looking for volunteers to join a newly-formed committee tasked with organizing the centennial celebration which will take place next August. Interested individuals should send an email to mayor@tivoliny.org. We will need a lot of help! We are planning a Village-wide party which will combine the Annual Tivoli Community Day with additional Fire Company Centennial activities, including the return of a parade on Broadway!
We'd like to share a serious announcement from our friends from St. Paul's Church. St. Paul's and Trinity Parish located on 39 Woods Road in Tivoli will kick off its Recovery Ministry on Sunday, December 9 at 10 a.m. The mission of the Recovery Ministry is to help the addicted, as well as anyone in need of healing and those that love them, with special emphasis on education and prevention. The Recovery Ministry seeks to help individuals not only with substance and other abuses but other maladies in need of healing such as anger, depression, dysfunction, lack of esteem, and temporary problems such as post-traumatic stress. The public is invited to the service and the reception afterwards to hear more about the ministry and listen to speakers share their experiences.

Two wintertime reminders: please note that the Village's Winter Parking Ordinance is now in effect until April 1st. There is no parking on any public road or street between the hours of 1:00am and 6:00am. Parking permits to park in the municipal lots are available from the Village Clerk for $25. Also, all residents are kindly reminded to clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours after a storm.

Tivoli's Annual Winterfest will take place on Saturday, December 8 from 2:30-4:30 pm. This family event unfolds at the Firehouse with crafts, music, food, wagon-rides and more. Santa will be present to hear from children young and old. Immediately after the tree-lighting, at 5:00pm, a theatrical treatment of *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens' classic story about generosity and sharing, will be performed upstairs at Murray's. This interactive family show is produced by Red Hook's Theater on the Road. *Winterfest is free, and co-sponsored by Historic Red Hook, the Tivoli Free Library and the Village of Tivoli with help from the Tivoli Fire Company and the Harris Smith Post of the American Legion.* Thanks to Deputy Mayor Emily Major for spearheading this event and all the businesses and individuals who make donations. We hope to see you there!

Looking ahead to spring, there are several construction projects planned. Pine St. Improvements Phase II will get under way. This work is funded by a $150,000 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) grant won last year, and includes new sidewalk and drainage along the south side of Pine St. from the bus stop east to North Road. Also, another 200' of sidewalk will be constructed east of the bridge on Broadway, continuing the sidewalk replacement started last summer, all the way to Clay Hill Road.

We're out of room for now, but 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://tivolivny.org. All meetings can be watched at http://panda23.org. **Remember, if you have a concern, problem, or great idea about life in the Village, please contact us!**