



The Tivoli Village News

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Hello from the Village of Tivoli Board of Trustees,

*Wow, March already! We hope everyone has enjoyed this mild winter. After the last two, this one was certainly easier on the Village coffers, Village vehicles and Village DPW. **Spring is at hand, and as always, there is a lot going on in Tivoli's government.***

*First, the Village has seen some personnel changes in the last two months. Long-serving Clerk/Treasurer **Linda Gonnella** has moved on to another career. On behalf of a grateful Village, we thank her for her service and wish her great success!*

Now we have **two new officers** up in Village Hall. Former Trustee and Deputy Mayor, **Robin Bruno** (who left the Board in December) is the new Village Clerk. We also have a **new Treasurer, Bonnie Day**. The Village of Tivoli welcomes our two colleagues and believe us, **they are already hard at work!**

Tivoli recently applied for three grants and is waiting to hear if we will be awarded: a \$1,000 "Quick-Start" Tree Grant, a \$50,000 DEC Estuaries Grant (for drainage improvements of the Village's Riverfront parcel) and \$150,000 Community Development Block Grant (for improvements to Pine St.) **Let's all keep our fingers crossed for Tivoli!**

The **handsome historic school bell** from the Tivoli Free School is now nested on its plinth outside Village Hall. Come take a look if you haven't already, and keep your ears open for the dedication ceremony planned for late-spring. (Details TBA.)

After those recent highlights, let's look ahead to upcoming events...

First, Village elections will take place on Tuesday, March 15th from Noon to 9pm at the Tivoli Firehouse. Voters will choose two trustees and one Village Justice. We want to let you know **things will be run a little differently** this election cycle. Villages in NY State are no longer permitted to use the old lever machines. We were left with two legally recognized means for counting votes: State-approved optical scan machines or **paper ballots**. The previous being more than twice as expensive per voter as the latter, the choice for Tivoli was obvious. Enjoy your "old-timey" experience when you place your paper ballot in the locked box on 3/15!

The ever-active Green Committee has several announcements:

Tivoli is a participant in Solarize Northern Dutchess: a campaign to make it easier and more affordable for households and businesses to go solar. On **Saturday, April 2nd at 3pm on the third floor of Village Hall, there will be a Solarize ND community workshop** where you can learn about free site assessments and purchasing discounts offered by vetted solar installers.

The Green Committee and Tivoli Library are partnering on an **Arbor Day event on 4/30 from 10am-2pm at Village Hall**. On 5/7 there will be a **Tivoli bays Clean-Up** (meet at the canoe launch at noon). And finally, it's time for Tivoli residents to sign-up for plots in the **Tivoli Community Garden!** Send an email to tivolicommunitygarden@gmail.com. \$30 gets an 8' x 12' plot for the season.

Here's some fun: The Tivoli Free Library, with support from the Village of Tivoli, is holding a **Tivoli's Got Talent** night on April 8th. They're looking for singers, dancers, musicians and anyone else who would like to show their unique talent at this community-wide event. **If you're interested**, or know of any other local people who would like to perform, please call the library or contact tivolifriends@gmail.com to **get an application**—or call Linda at 617-759-0230 for more information.

The content of these quarterly newsletters is just the tip of the iceberg! Please remember **Village Board meetings are the third Wednesdays of each month at 7pm** and the minutes of these meetings can be read on the Village website (the new Village website is under construction, and will be ready sometime in May.) 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.**

Out of room again! **Keep your eyes open for the daffodils** which were planted last fall along Broadway. Any day now they should be coming up on Monument Hill!



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 the village officials. Please contact Village Clerk Robin Bruno, website administrator, if you have any questions or comments.

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 - 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.