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The Villager

Tuesday Nights in the Park Concert Series Celebrates Anniversary



During the summer, Tuesday nights in Cook Park are alive with music, laughter, dancing, and community camaraderie.

The Tuesday Nights in the Park Concert Series have entertained us all and showcased a great variety of musicians and artists from Country to Irish Celtic, to Rock and Roll to Bluegrass... something for everyone!

Shortly after the Amphitheater was built in 2003, the concert series was born. Sponsors, benefactors, and individual patrons have faithfully and generously funded this program ensuring that no tax dollars from the Village are used to underwrite the series.

Residents, relatives, and friends from everywhere bring their chairs, blankets, and coolers to Cook Park every Tuesday throughout the summer to enjoy an evening of entertainment under the stars. Who could ask for anything more?

See the full concert schedule for Summer 2024 inside this issue and plan to join us!



UPCOMING EVENTS

— Your Calendar —

June 8

Family Fun Day

June 11-Aug 27

*Tuesday Nights
in the Park
Concert Series*

June 19

*All Village Departments
closed in observance
of Juneteenth*

July 1

Summer Sheds Open

July 4

*All Village Departments
closed in observance of
Independence Day*

August 12

Ice Cream Social



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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

For all Village meetings residents can contact the Village Hall at 518-869-7562 the day of the meeting to confirm the quorum. All agendas and minutes are available on our website, <https://colonievillage.org/agendas-minutes/>

• MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1st & 3rd Monday of the Month6:30 pm

Jim Rubino, Mayor
Patty Schwarz Lockart, Deputy Mayor
Frank Prevratil, Village Trustee
Jason DePaulo, Village Trustee
Mark Stevens, Village Trustee
Jamie Blot, Clerk



James Rubino

• PLANNING COMMISSION

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month.....6:30 pm

Chris Dennis, Chairman
Kenny Hart / Brittany Kendall / John Lemperle
John Martin / Jim Splonskowski
Joan Ruekert, Planning Coordinator
Frank Prevratil, Village Board Liaison



Patty Schwarz Lockart

• TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2nd Thursday of the month6:30 pm

Kevin France, Chairman
John Dombrowski / John Gillivan
George Lashoff / John Lemperle
Michael Normandin / Les Samiof
Hannah Curran, Coordinator
Frank Prevratil, Village Board Liaison

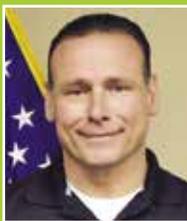


Frank Prevratil

• SIGN REVIEW BOARD

4th Thursday of the month as needed ... 6:30 pm

Bill Levy, Chairman
Cynthia Calabrese / Krysta Dennis
Ann Paro / Marisa White
Christina Secor, Coordinator
Jason DePaulo, Village Board Liaison



Jason DePaulo

• ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1st Wednesday of the month as needed..6:30 pm

Lou Van Buren, Chairman
Les Decker
Phil Minissale / Trevor Normandin
Joshua Rowinski / Chris Larabee, Alternate
Stacie Douglas, Zoning Coordinator
Mark Stevens, Village Board Liaison



Mark Stevens

If you are handicapped and need any assistance to attend a public meeting in the Village of Colonie, please notify the Clerk 24 hours before the meeting.

We would like to introduce our two new Trustees, Jason DePaulo and Mark Stevens.

Jason was elected in the March 2024 Village election. He is a Colonie Police Officer and has served for over 22 years. He is a lifetime Village resident, born and raised.

Mark was appointed as a Trustee in April 2024. He has been a resident of the Village for over 35 years. Mark served as an Albany County Sheriff and on the New York State Court of Appeals for 35 years. He retired as a Captain from the County and a Chief from the New York State Court of Appeals.

Congratulations! We look forward to seeing them contribute to our Village community.



Jason DePaulo



Mark Stevens



Left to right: Trustee Mark Stevens, Deputy Mayor Patty Schwarz Lockart, Mayor Jim Rubino, Trustee Frank Prevratil & Trustee Jason DePaulo.

A Message from the **MAYOR**



As your new Mayor, I am deeply appreciative of the trust so many of you have placed in me. Our Village is a close-knit community where each person's contribution matters. I am committed to working to enhance our quality of life, promote unity and address the needs of every resident.

Together, I would like to maintain an open administration where active participation from all residents is encouraged. Our Village has a rich history, and we need to preserve our cultural heritage. We will explore sustainable practices, support local businesses, and make sure that our growth benefits everyone.

The Trustees and I will collaborate with our fire department to ensure that they have the personnel and equipment needed to keep our community safe and healthy.

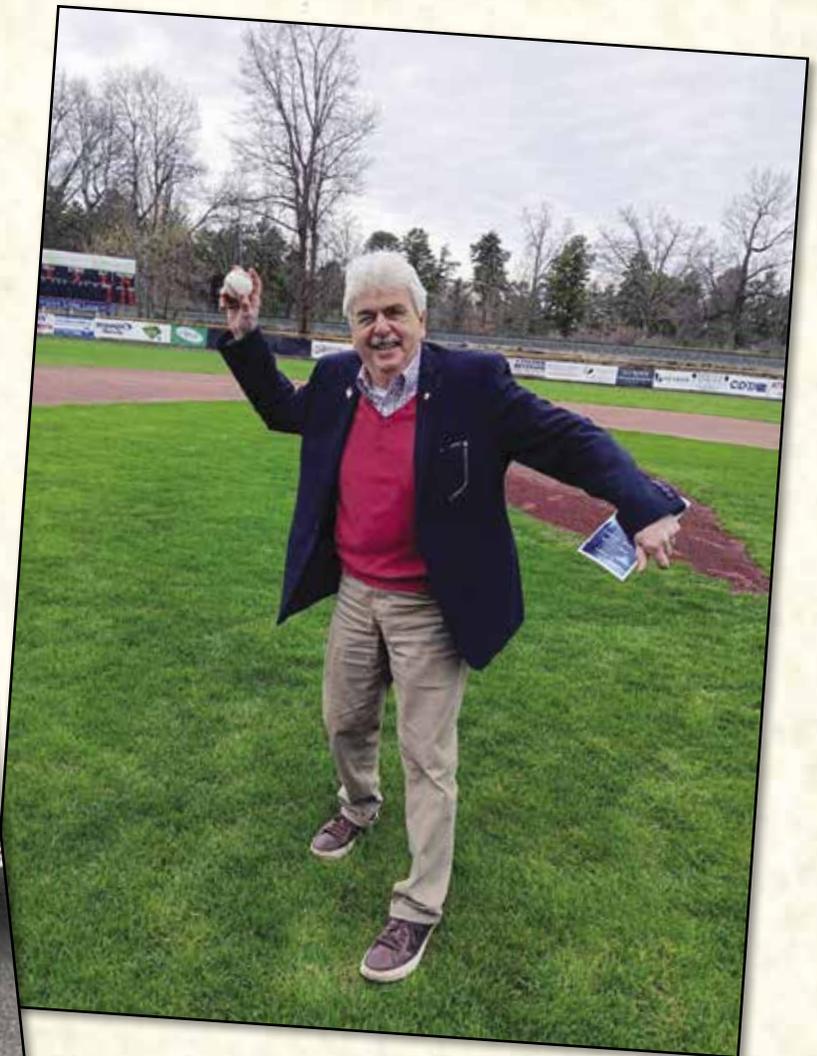
We plan to invest money and time in our youth programs to provide mentorship and opportunities for our young residents. Our dedicated Senior Center staff will continue to serve our seniors and create a family atmosphere for everyone to gather.

As we begin the next chapter of our Village's story...one of progress, compassion, and unity... I invite you all to join me on this exciting path forward. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Rubino

Mayor Jim Rubino



Village Directory

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 518-869-6372

Chris Bisognano, Superintendent
Chris Ciota, Assistant Superintendent
Dan Light, Water/Sewer Foreman
Vincent Krzykowski, Highway/Sanitation Foreman

VILLAGE HALL 518-869-7562

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Christina Secor, Treasurer
Charles Dumas, Attorney
Victor Caponera, Attorney

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Steve Meservey,
Code Enforcement Officer, Head, 518-275-3666
Randy Rivera, Stormwater Management Officer,
Code Enforcement Officer, 518-857-3654

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER 518-869-7172

Chrissy Lanza, Recreation Leader
Ginny Ritz, Office Administrator

FAMILY RECREATION CENTER 518-218-7782

Brian Casey, Youth Monitor
Katie Ciota, Creative Coordinator

OUTREACH CENTER 518-218-1030

Joan Rueckert, Outreach Worker

FIRE COMPANY 518-869-9306

Trustee Jason DePaulo, Liaison
Jeffrey Kayser, Fire Co. Chief
Frank Cuoiccio, Fire Co. President

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www.colonievillage.org OR:



BREAKING NEWS

SCAN ME

Visit the Village Website at:

www.colonievillage.org

• Message from **Village Hall**

Sewer bills will be mailed June 1, 2024, and are due by July 15, 2024.

Village tax bills will be mailed out June 1, 2024, and are due by July 1, 2024. Any bills received after July 1, 2024, will be subject to a late fee. U.S. Post Office Postmark is accepted when applying late fees.

If you do not receive your bills by June 15, 2024, please contact Village Hall at 518-869-7562. If you have an escrow account for your Village tax bill, those bills will be sent to your bank, upon their request. If you receive your Village tax bill, and it should have gone to your bank, please forward the bill to them as soon as possible to ensure payment is made in a timely manner.

We are accepting credit cards as a form of payment for all Village bills and invoices. Credit card payments must be made in person, at Village Hall. There will be a 3% fee for credit card transactions.

We will also continue to accept cash or check as a payment method.

If paying by check, please make sure to note in the memo field the service address or account number. You may write one check for multiple payments, but please note if there is an error made on the check, neither bill will be processed, which may cause processing delays and late fees.

Village Hall is unable to hold credits on accounts, so please only pay the amount due or your payment will be sent back.

As always, if you should have any questions, please give us a call at 518-869-7562 or stop in and see us!

• Message from the **Traffic Committee**

Dear Village of Colonie Residents,

As we look forward to summer, the Village of Colonie Traffic Committee wants to remind you that more people will be using our streets and sidewalks during the nice weather. We are very proud and fortunate to live in such a wonderful community where we can enjoy our many parks and well-maintained streets for walking, jogging, and bicycling. Children will be out of school soon for summer vacation, so please use extra caution around the ice cream trucks, driveway basketball hoops, parks, and playgrounds. Many people are also walking their pets and we need to remember to YIELD to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Let's be respectful and responsible; Slow Down and "Drive 25"! Be aware of speed limits and report problem drivers to the police by using the non-emergency line 518-783-2744.

However, if you need to



report an emergency, please dial 911 or 518-783-2811.

We will continue to place lawn signs throughout the Village to help promote safety awareness. The “Slow Down” signs in residential areas have been a great help. There will be an opportunity in the future for all residents to display these signs. We invite you to send requests to the Village Hall; attention “Traffic Committee” to be added to the lawn sign list. You are also welcome to attend the Traffic Committee meetings at the Village Hall on the 2nd Thursday of every month beginning at 6:30pm.

Once again, please remember to “Drive 25” through the Village residential streets. We all want to be safe in our community!

Thank you,
The Village of Colonie Traffic Committee

• Message from Department of Public Works

YARD WASTE PICK-UP

Place your yard waste in biodegradable paper bags or in your reusable containers. Containers MUST NOT be over 32 gallons in volume or 40 pounds in weight and be identified by a special sticker. Brush no larger than 3” in diameter must be cut in lengths no longer than 4 feet and bundled with string (no wire) in a bundle that one man can lift. Place the bags and/or containers at the curbside for pick-up. There is no set pick-up day. Yard waste is picked up each week on a continual cycle.

Biodegradable paper bags can be purchased at supermarkets, hardware stores and home centers. Stickers to identify your 32-gallon reusable containers are \$3.00 each and are available at the Village Hall.



HEAVY ITEM PICK-UP 2024

In person scheduling for Heavy Item Pick-Up is now available at Village Hall. If you have any questions regarding scheduling a pick-up, please call Village Hall at 518-869-7562.

Rules and Regulations of the Program:

- Each residential address will be eligible for one pick-up per year.
- Pick-ups will begin June 3, and end August 26. Pick-ups will be each Monday, excluding holidays.
- Reservations must be made in person at Village Hall, 2 Thunder Road, on weekdays during normal business hours 8:30am-4:30pm.
- Residents are required to fill out a Village of Colonie Heavy Item Form and coordinate the date for their assigned pick-up.
- Proof of residency must be provided at the time of reservation (driver's license, cable bill, utility bill or tax bill.)

- Upon reservation, you will receive a copy of the completed Village of Colonie Heavy Item Form, along with a list of rules of the program. You can check our website at colonievillage.org for a list of items that will or won't be accepted for Heavy Item Pick-Up. Please note that this list is subject to change without notice.

Please remember that this program is for Village Residents only.

• Message from the Code Enforcement

We are excited to announce our new partnership with CloudPermit, a digital software to be used for the Building Department and Code Enforcement. In the near future, residents and contractors will be able to submit building permit applications online. You can still submit building permits in person if you prefer, but this will be an additional option. We are hoping to keep our processes efficient and streamlined. This new software will launch in late summer, so be sure to keep an eye on our website for more information.

2024 Planning Commission Approvals

*The Mayor and Board of Trustees would like to
WELCOME the following businesses approved by the
Planning Commission and wish them much success!*

1595 Central Ave.

Anand Mart, Inc., Gas Station

1770 Central Ave.

Just Smokeshop Inc., Tobacco, Cigars, Accessories, CBD Products

1593 Central Ave.

Cali King, Smoke Shop & Accessories

1730 Central Ave.

Price Chopper/Market 32

20 Wolf Road

Albany Buffett LLC, Restaurant (Capital Buffett)

8 Petra Lane

Cash 4 Cars, Satellite Office Space

1762 Central Ave.

1762 Central Ave. Associates, Electric Charging Stations

14 Jupiter Lane

Resource Environmental Solutions, LLC, Ecological Restoration Firm

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

BE STORM WATER SMART, KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT RAINS

Stormwater is the water that flows over the ground after it rains, snows, or sleet. It can become polluted as it runs over hard surfaces and flows downstream.



Have you ever seen these metal drains on a Village street or in a parking lot? They are storm drains. Any water that drains into them goes through our MS4 system and does not go to the sewers and through a treatment plant! Our MS4 is a system of stormwater drains and pipes that collect and convey stormwater and deposits it back into the environment. To help keep our water clean we have a few tips from the EPA that you may find helpful this summer!

In the Garden:

Rain is great for your lawn, but excess rain can run off from your yard and walkways into the street, where it flows from the storm drain into local rivers, lakes, or streams, taking any chemical you've applied with it.

- Apply fertilizers and pesticides carefully on your lawn or garden and not on pavement.
- Avoid using fertilizers and pesticides completely if rain is in the forecast.
- Don't rake leaves or yard clippings into the storm drain to avoid clogs and debris that could cause flooding.

In the Driveway:

- Wash your car with biodegradable soap to avoid chemicals floating downstream, or visit a carwash.
- Direct water from downspouts and car washing to grassy areas, so it can soak into the ground rather than hit the pavement.
- Don't hose down your driveway and flush dirt down the storm drain.
- When watering your lawn, direct the spray toward your lawn and plants, not the pavement.



- Pick up pet waste and keep trash away from storm drains, where it can contaminate stormwater that flows downstream.

Did You Know:

When you enter Cook Park you may have noticed a small gully and creek to your right. Stormwater from the west side of Central Avenue flows down that creek and into a fenced-in area next to the Little League Tee Ball field. The fenced-in area is where the storm water collects and settles in a retention pond. It then moves through large pipes under the Little League parking lot into the Cook Park Pond. The stormwater continues to flow through another pipe under the Northway and eventually will make its way to Six Mile Waterworks.

Learn more about stormwater by reviewing the Village's Stormwater Management Program at the the Village's stormwater webpage:

coloniavillage.org/stormwater-management-program/ and the US EPA's website at:

epa.gov/npdes/npdes-stormwater-program

Village Stormwater Management Officer/Hotline:
518-857-3654

-Randy Rivera

Stormwater Management Officer



REMINDER

The Village Offices, D.P.W. and Recreation Center will be closed:

• Wednesday, June 19th

Juneteenth observed

* All Garbage & recycling pick-up will remain the same on Wednesday, June 19th.

• Thursday, July 4th

Independence Day observed

* Garbage & recycling pick-up will be picked up on Friday, July 5th.

* Please have all garbage & recycling out by 6:00am.



Earth Day Heroes

In honor of Earth Day on April 22nd, Mrs. Parker's 2nd grade class from Loudonville Christian School participated in a service day outing. They helped clean up and clear Bauer Park trail for the season! Thank you to those students for being excellent citizens and friends of the earth!



Pump Station

This summer the Village of Colonie will be undergoing a renovation project at our Shaker Creek Pump Station, located off Sunset Boulevard. This renovation project will begin in early summer, and be completed by the first week in September. This project will improve a 50+ year old sewage pump system, which will make the operation of sewage maintenance more efficient and safer for our workers. For any questions regarding the project please contact the Department of Public Works at 518-869-6372.



Summer Playground Sheds

WHEN:

Beginning Monday, July 1st
Monday-Friday

8:30am-11:45am & 12:45am-4pm

*Locust Park Shed Closes on Pool Days & Field Trip Days

WHERE:

The brown sheds on the playgrounds in
Locust Park and Cook Park.

WHAT:

Summer Staff trained in CPR and First Aid are present at the sheds to provide children with additional crafts, games, and fun while they visit our playgrounds. We have crayons, paints, hula hoops, jump ropes, bubbles, beads, balls, and so much more stocked up in our sheds ready for summer!

EXTRA FUN:

We are planning outings to the Town Pool and field trips this year! We hope you will join us for our End of Summer Party in August! More details will be available soon. Summer Flyers including field trip information will be mailed out in late May, field trip sign-ups will begin mid-June. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Family Rec Center at 518-218-7782!

THE IMPORTANT STUFF:

The Sheds close during lunch hour from 11:45am-12:45pm, pool trips, field trips and during severe weather. While we try to plan for every situation, we reserve the right to close the sheds due to staff shortages and other unforeseen circumstances. This is a service provided by the Village of Colonie to enhance you and your children's summer experience within our parks and playgrounds. Let's ensure that everyone has a safe and happy experience this summer. We want to strongly remind residents that this is NOT an all-day camp nor an alternative to daycare or childcare. Our staff does not monitor children entering or leaving the playground. They do not baby-sit children on duty.





Easter Parade Recap

A little bit of snow didn't stop the Easter Bunny! It was wonderful seeing everyone who braved the weather for our Easter Parade! Thank you all for coming out to greet us and the Easter Bunny. Another big thank you to the DPW for maintaining a safe bunny trail for the Easter Bunny and our staff to make it through to you! We made over 200 stops around the Village that weekend with many families and neighbors gathering at each other's homes and celebrating the start of the "spring" season together. We helped the Easter Bunny print and mail complimentary photos to all the Village residents who had their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny. Remember, if you would like digital copies of the photos you received in the mail, you can email us at publicity@colonievillage.org!

We love being able to bring a smile to our Village family's faces!



Veterans' Corner

The Village of Colonie Hometown Heroes Veteran Banner Program is well underway, honoring many of our veterans along the paths in Cook Park. This summer, during the Concerts in the Park series, applications for Banners will be available, along with a close-up view of what the banners look like. Applications are on our website, colonievillage.org/heroes-banner-program. Completed applications and any questions can be directed to Village Hall.

In support of our veterans, the Outreach Center will be accepting donations at the Tuesday Nights in the Park Concert series. Nonperishable foods, personal toiletries, socks, and underwear will be appreciated. Come and visit us near the 50/50 table! The Outreach Center will also be accepting these donations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Please feel free to reach out to Joan Rueckert, Outreach Coordinator, at 518-218-1030, if you have any questions.



"They Marched for Us, Let's Walk for Them" Walk-A-Thon NYS. Sponsored by Albany County American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion.



Photo credit: VFW Post 8962 Member Gene Loparco

Employee Tribute

Our employees are the people that keep our municipality going. They make the tough times easier and the good times even better. In recognition of their hard work and dedication, this season we are featuring our Code Enforcement/Building Department staff.

Department Head Steve Meservey, along with fellow code officers Randy Rivera and Joe Lennox take care of all the code enforcement and building department needs for the Village of Colonie. They oversee the needs of more than 3,000 residential buildings and 500 businesses. In addition to processing everyday items such as fielding calls, performing fire inspections and issuing building permits (shed, fence, pool, addition, etc.), this team of three handle



Left to right: Code Officers Steve Meservey, Joe Lennox and Randy Rivera

all the property maintenance concerns within the Village. They make sure that all Village property owners stay within the confines of the code and maintain their properties to the standards set by

Village law. These department employees are the ones on the streets day in and day out keeping the Village "a place to be proud of".

• Message from the Chief

Summer is quickly approaching and that means an increased frequency of open burning. A reminder that a major cause of fire loss is due to unattended flames, whether from a candle or other sources of ignition, such as outside open burning. Please remember to completely extinguish any outdoor fires. An ember may easily float away from your fire and land on a combustible item causing an unintended fire condition that when unchecked, may grow into a serious fire loss.

Also, a reminder that **NYS law prohibits open burning of rubbish or trash**, as it releases dangerous compounds including arsenic, carbon monoxide, benzene, styrene, formaldehyde, lead, hydrogen cyanide and dioxin, among others. It should also be noted that open burning is also the single greatest cause of wildfires in New York.

NYS Encon law provides that open burning is prohibited in New York, with these several exceptions:

- Campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter are allowed.
- Small cooking fires are allowed.
- Fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished.
- Only charcoal or clean, untreated, or unpainted wood can be burned – **NO BURNING OF ANY PRESSURE TREATED WOOD!**
- Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires are allowed.

Due to the population density of the Town of Colonie (including the Village), in accordance with the NYS Encon Law, you MAY NOT BURN tree limbs, brush, leaves or grass. A reminder that if you will be burning outside, please do so responsibly.

Swimming Pool Safety – Most unfortunately, it seems almost every summer we suffer the tragedy of a child drowning in a swimming pool within the Village. These instances are truly tragic and a horrible loss for the families involved. These tragedies are most often preventable. **If you have a swimming pool in your yard, please do not leave children anywhere near the pool without adult supervision.** All it takes is one simple moment away from your children that can lead to tragedy. Please, please never leave your child unattended in your yard.

Your community needs you! The Colonie Fire Company located at 1631 Central Avenue is the volunteer fire department that serves your neighborhood in the Village of Colonie. We are always in need of active volunteers to join our ranks and we would very much like the chance to meet you and explain the volunteer fire service in this community. The Village of Colonie is a great community to live or work in and part of that charm is how we look out for one another, especially our neighbors. Joining the Colonie Fire Company is a great way to serve your neighbors as well as provide Mutual Aid fire service assistance to the surrounding communities. Come and join our “family” here at the firehouse where you will learn life-saving skills and also make new friends. There is no cost to you, we provide all your equipment and training for free. There is a property tax break, a NYS Income Tax credit and a retirement financial incentive plan provided to all of



Our team at work at a structure fire in December



Our team at work at a restaurant explosion on Everett Rd last month.

our active volunteer firefighters. In addition, our members are afforded the full use of our modern facility, including our impressive physical fitness room. Over the years, our members have saved countless lives doing what we do for our community, and you can be a part of that proud tradition yourself. Seize the opportunity to truly make a difference in our Village and join us today! We accept applications for volunteer firefighters from the age of 16 and older and you can find us at www.coloniefire.com.

Have a safe and enjoyable spring and summer.

Chief Jeff Kayser
Colonie Fire Company



Boy Scout Troop 278 Drive-Up Bottle Drive

A BIG thank you to all the Village residents who helped in another community bottle drive. Over 15,000 bottles and cans were collected.

CAR TEMPERATURE PET SAFETY CHART

How long does it take for a car to get HOT?

VEHICLE TEMPERATURE		
Outside Temp (F)	Inside Temp (F)	
	10mins	30mins
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

WITHIN MINUTES INTERIOR CAR TEMPS CAN BE DEADLY!

VeterinaryClinic.com

Dear Village Neighbors,

I know we are all looking forward to a long, beautiful summer with great weather! With these warmer days ahead, it is important to remember that for our furry friends it can be dangerous. Leaving your pet out in the yard without shelter from the heat or access to water can be deadly. Even more dangerous is leaving your pet in your car while you tend to errands or shopping, cracking a window is usually not enough! Dogs and cats do not sweat the same way as humans and are unable to cool themselves down as easily as we do. This chart shows how quickly things can go bad for your furry friends. Pets are an important part of our families; help keep them safe and avoid a tragedy! Enjoy the summer!

Patty Schwarz Lockart, Deputy Mayor

Can I Recycle This in The Village?

Need a reminder on what you can recycle in the Village? We have that information for you!

YES – Paper, cardboard, junk mail, newspapers, magazines, egg cartons, paper milk and juice cartons. All Plastics #1-7, glass bottles and jars, clean aluminum foil, clean aluminum and steel cans.

NO - Plastic bags and Styrofoam, shredded paper, straws, paper napkins and towels, batteries, light bulbs, electronics, clothing, medical waste, or needles.

If your plastic item does not have the recycling symbol on the bottom with a number 1-7 on it, it should be thrown out!

- **BREAK IT DOWN**

Break down and flatten all cardboard boxes.

- **KEEP IT CLEAN!**

Rinse all items of food and liquids.

- **SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING**

There is no need to sort or separate your recyclables in the Village, they can all be placed in one container.

- **WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!**

If you're unsure if something is recyclable, it's best to throw it out instead of contaminating all the recyclables in the truck.

- **DONATE, RESELL, REUSE**

As you clean out your house, basement or garage, remember to donate items that you no longer need but can be used again. There are many groups on Facebook and Nextdoor where you can give away or sell your gently used items.

- **STAY HYDRATED**

To help save on waste and stay hydrated, utilize a reusable water bottle when you can this summer. When you can't use your own bottle, please remember to recycle, or return plastic bottles and cans. You can always donate and drop off your redeemable bottles and cans to the Family Recreation Center for Scout Troop 278.

For more information about recycling in the Village, visit www.colonievillage.org/recycling

Questions? Contact the DPW at 518-869-6372 or cciota@colonievillage.org

Keep it Green, Keep it Clean



Senior Corner

For Village Residents 55+ and Village Senior Center Members:

We are here for you Monday-Friday 8:30am to 2:30pm.

Delicious lunches are served Monday-Friday 12pm-12:30pm.

Homemade lunches are available for our Village Residents and Senior Center Members. Dine-in meals are \$6 each, take-out meals are \$7 each, cash & checks are accepted. To pick up a take-out meal, you must come into the building for pick up. Parking for the Senior Center is located behind Village Hall in front of the main Senior Center Entrance. Seniors, you **MUST ORDER MEALS A WEEK IN ADVANCE** at 518-869-7172 so we are able to honor your lunch request, we frequently sell out! Menus and order tickets are currently released weekly, check out our website at www.colonievillage.org/senior-citizens/ You can order and pay in advance! If you are shut in and can't leave your home, we can arrange for accommodations.



The Center also has many great activities and classes to participate in!

ACTIVITIES:

- Billiards – Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:30pm
- Wii Bowling – Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:30pm
- Bingo – Monday & Wednesdays 9am-12pm & 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Mah-jongg – Thursdays & Fridays 11:00am-2:30pm
- Village Singers – Fridays 10am-11:15am

EXERCISE:

- Workout Room – Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:30pm
- Qi Gong – Mondays 9am-9:45am
- Tai Chi – Mondays 9:45am-10:30am
- Body Fitness with Theresa – Thursdays 10:15am-11am
- Chair Yoga – Fridays 10:00am-11:00am
- Functional Movement with Isadore – Tuesdays 11am-11:45am
Wednesdays 12:45pm-1:30pm
Fridays 11am-11:45am

THIS SUMMER:

Look forward to an indoor summer BBQ! Floating Ice Cream Days are back this summer! As always, the Senior Center is air conditioned, please come in and cool off!

Let's do our part to keep our Center open! Everyone is welcome, but if you are not feeling well, be mindful of others and **PLEASE STAY HOME!** We want to keep our Center and our Seniors as safe as possible!

Not a member yet? Our Senior Center is **FREE** to join for all **VILLAGE** residents 55 years plus! Call 518-869-7172 today for more information. We would love to have you join our Center Family!



Village of Colonie Outreach

The Village Outreach Center is a resource available to all residents. The Outreach Center can provide information and referrals on community services, support and government programs that will assist individuals and families in need.

The Village of Colonie Outreach will be collecting donations for Veterans, such as nonperishable foods, personal toiletries, socks, and underwear. This will be an ongoing collection. You may drop off at the Outreach Office (inside the Senior Center) weekdays between the hours of 9:00am - 2:00pm. Please enter through the side of Village Hall, directly across from the Locust Park Playground. Please do not leave any donations outside Village Hall. Thank you for your support of this ongoing project to help our local veterans, and your continued support of Village individuals and families. Please call Joan Rueckert at 518-218-1030 should you have questions or need assistance.

Mental and Emotional Health Support

Are you feeling overwhelmed? Would you like to talk to somebody outside your home?

- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255, 24/7 availability**

- **Albany County Mobile Crisis Team: 518-549-6500 (ask for Mobile Crisis)**

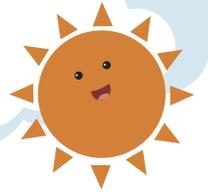
- Monday to Friday 8:00am to 12:00 midnight, Saturday, and Sunday, 11:30am to 9:30pm
- Emergency mental health assessment in the community access to Child and Adolescent Mobile Crisis Team

- **Parsons Child and Adolescent Mobile Crisis Team: 518-549-6500 or 518-447-4550 (ask for Child and Adolescent Mobile Crisis)**

- Monday to Friday 11:00am to 9:30pm
- 60 Academy Road, Albany, NY 12208
- Crisis Assessment, Intervention & Stabilization; Consultation and Information; Facilitation of Alternate Levels of Care
- Responds to calls in Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, June 8th • 12pm-5pm • Cook Park



Let's kick off the summer together, Village style!

Come out and enjoy our Village community at its best in one of our favorite places, Cook Park! We are planning for tons of fun, including face painting, bounce houses, giveaways, raffles, demonstrations, crafts, games, food, and plenty of enjoyment for residents of all ages!

We look forward to seeing you there!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Monday, August 12th

6pm-8pm • Cook Park

Join us for a relaxing and sweet summer evening at the Frank A. Leak Amphitheater in Cook Park.

Music performed by the Colonie Town Band and complimentary ice cream sundaes served by our summer staff at the Snack Shack.

We look forward to seeing you at the park!

Celebrating 20 years of music!

TUESDAY NIGHTS in the PARK



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Tuesday
Evenings

JUNE 11th
to **AUG 27th**

@ 6:30pm

Frank A. Leak
Amphitheater

Cook Park
Village of Colonie

Refreshments sold
by Mike's Hot Dogs

- June 11th **The Lustre Kings**
Rockabilly
- June 18th **Joe's Boys**
60's, 70's, 80's & Beyond
- June 25th **Electric City Horns**
Rock/Pop/Swing
- July 2nd **Lucid Street**
Pop, Rock & Beyond
- July 9th **TS Ensemble**
Sinatra to Today
- July 16th **Skeeter Creek**
Country
- July 23rd **Triskele**
Celtic
- July 30th **The Accents**
Greatest Hits
- August 6th **Capt. Squeeze & the Zydeco Moshers**
New Orleans Cajun Blues
- August 13th **Soul Session feat. Garland Nelson**
Multi-Genre Soul Session
- August 20th **Hair of the Dog**
Celtic/Americana
- August 27th **New York Players**
Jazz/Funk/Disco/Motown

Brought to you by the Village of Colonie
Mayor James Rubino,
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Any questions, please contact
the Family Recreation Center
3 Thunder Road, Colonie, NY 12205
(518) 218-7782

Rain dates will be on the following Wednesday at the Amphitheater, weather permitting. If there is inclement weather on the rain date, the concert will be cancelled.



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Frank A. Leak Amphitheater for the Arts



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GOLD SPONSOR

- *\$1000 Donation
- *Corporate Name in Tuesday Night Programs
- *Corporate Name on Season Event Signage
- *Opening Night Recognition



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- *\$500 Donation
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BRONZE SPONSOR

- *\$250 Donation
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PATRON OF THE ARTS

- *\$100 Donation
- *Corporate Name in Tuesday Night Programs



FRIEND OF THE ARTS

- *\$25 Donation
- *Name listed in Tuesday Night Programs



DONATION

- *I/we are unable to become a sponsor, but enclosed is a contribution of \$_____ in support of the Amphitheater Arts Program

PLEASE FILL OUT BELOW:

Contact Name: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

NAME/BUSINESS _____

PRINT EXACTLY HOW YOUR NAME/BUSINESS SHOULD APPEAR ON THE PROGRAM

Please address all checks to "Village of Colonie - Amphitheater"

Return this paper with your payment to:

Christina Secor, Village Hall

2 Thunder Road, Colonie, NY 12205

If you have any questions please call Brian at the Family Rec Center, 518-218-7782

Thank you for your generosity, without your donations these concerts would not be possible.

The Villager

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Remember When...

Back in 1967, the “Mosquito War” was prominent in the Village of Colonie. Residents within the Gail Avenue, Vics Court and Rapple Drive neighborhoods voiced their concerns about the pesky pests that inhabited the swampy area between the streets. Mayor Cook, amongst other Village officials, deployed a mosquito control program in efforts to improve the conditions. The Village sent surveys to 57 residents within the immediate vicinity to ask for feedback regarding which enforcement efforts they would like to see taken. Despite the mosquito spray truck being a fun pastime for Village children to follow and run through, residents claimed that it was not adequate. Mayor Cook argued that the success relied on perfect atmospheric conditions. He pointed out that when the wind was greater than four miles per hour, the spray could not be as effective. Village officials considered filling in the swamp to

Mosquito War



reduce the mosquitos' breeding ground. Fortunately, this problem seemed to dissipate, but many current residents often reminisce on the mosquitoes, and the mosquito sprayers we don't see anymore!

-Hannah Curran, Village Historian