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Easter Parade Recap

It was wonderful to have so many residents of the Village come out to welcome us and the Easter Bunny. Special thanks to our employees and volunteers for helping to make the Easter Parade another success! Over the weekend many Village families and neighbors came together to celebrate the arrival of spring!



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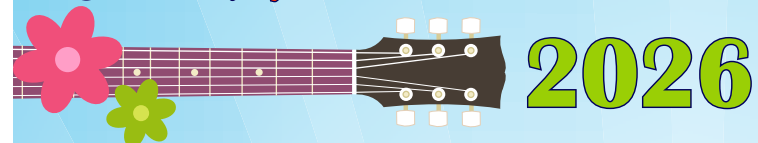
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COUNTDOWN TO SUMMER!

TUESDAY NIGHTS in the PARK



- June 9th **The Lustre Kings**
Rockabilly
- June 16th **Funk Evolution**
Funk/R&B
- June 23rd **Big Fez & The Surfatics**
1960's Surf Rock
- June 30th **Skeeter Creek**
Country
- July 7th **TS Ensemble**
Sinatra to Today
- July 14th **Lucid Street**
Rock, Pop & Beyond
- July 21st **Grand Central Station**
Dance Hits
- July 28th **Electric City Horns**
Dance/Pop/Swing
- August 4th **The Accents**
Greatest Hits
- August 11th **One18**
60's to 80's Classic Rock Hits
- August 18th **Joe's Boys**
60's, 70's, 80's & Beyond
- August 25th **New York Players**
Jazz/Funk/Disco

Tuesday Evenings
JUNE 9th to AUG 25th
@ 6:30pm
Frank A. Leak Amphitheater
Cook Park
Village of Colonie

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

SAVE THE DATE PICNIC IN THE PARK

Saturday, August 8th
Cook Park

We are combining our Family Fun Day and our Ice Cream Social into one fantastic event!

Summer Playground Sheds

When: June 29th to August 14th
Monday-Friday 8:45am-11:45am & 12:45am-3:45pm
Where: The brown sheds on the playgrounds in Locust Park and Cook Park.
What: Summer Staff at the sheds provide children with additional crafts and games while they visit our playgrounds.
Extra Fun: We are planning pool trips, field trips and other fun events this summer! More details will be included in our Summer Flyer, which will be mailed out in late May. Field trip sign-ups will begin mid June.
The Important Stuff: The Sheds close during lunch, when field trips occur, severe weather and/or 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. To ensure that everyone has a safe and happy experience this summer, we want to strongly remind residents that our Shed Program is NOT childcare.



A Message from the **MAYOR**



Dear Residents and Friends,

As we welcome the summer season, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy spring throughout our Village. From seasonal clean-up efforts to meetings, events, and planning for the months ahead, there has been

no shortage of activity, including the following:

- Visited Village residents with the Easter Bunny and friends;
- Threw the first pitch at the 2026 Colonie Baseball Opening Day;
- Celebrated the achievements of our volunteer firefighters at the Colonie Fire Company Installation Dinner; and,
- Attended the VFW's Loyalty Day.

Now, as warmer days arrive, we look forward to all that summer brings to our Village — outdoor concerts, youth programs, recreational activities, and opportunities to gather together with family, friends, and neighbors.

I encourage everyone to take part in the many events and activities planned this summer — enjoy our parks, local businesses and the strong sense of community that makes our Village such a special place.

On behalf of the Village Trustees and staff, I wish you all a safe, enjoyable and memorable summer season.

Jim Rubino, Mayor



Mayor Rubino and his wife Sue at the Colonie Fire Company's Installation Dinner.

Stand Down

Save the date! The Village of Colonie is proud to host our 2nd Stand Down Event for Veterans on Saturday, October 17th from 9 am to 1 pm. Preparations are underway to make this event even better than last year, where nearly 150 Veterans received services and resources from community partners. More information will be available later in the year. If you are interested in participating, please contact Village Hall.



Business Spotlight



Mayor Rubino wishes to recognize long-time businesses for their continued service and commitment to the Village of Colonie. In this issue, the spotlight is on Krause's Homemade Candy. Krause's Homemade Candy, at 1609 Central Avenue, moved its store from downtown Albany to Colonie in 1996 and relocated its candy-making operations next door in 1999. The family business traces its roots back to 1929, to a candy-making tradition started by Alfred Krause in Germany. Ian Krause is the fourth generation to follow in his great-grandfather's footsteps. Recently, Krause's donated chocolates for all the Veterans at our Veteran Stand Down event in October. We thank this business for their success in helping to make the Village "A Place to Be Proud Of". If you would like to recognize a Village business that has been a dedicated contributor to our community for more than 20 years, please contact Village Hall.

A Message from **Village Hall**

Reminder:

Village Tax Bills will be mailed June 1st and payment is due July 1st.

Village Sewer Bills will be mailed on June 1st and payment is due on July 15th.

Congratulations to Patty Schwarz Lockart and Mark Stevens on their reelection on March 18th as Village Trustees.

A Message from the **Fire Co.**



On April 25th, the Colonie Fire Company hosted their 95th Annual Installation Dinner at the Desmond Hotel/Crowne Plaza. The Mayor, Trustees, and representatives of many community partners joined together to celebrate the achievements of the Fire Company.

All civil and line officers were sworn in at the event.

Congratulations to all returning and newly elected officers! Special congratulations to John Baker, who was chosen as 2025 Firefighter of the Year!



Chief Kayser, John Baker & Kyle Beaubien

New Garbage Truck



The Village is proud to show off our new garbage truck - a 2027 Peterbilt with a 25-yard capacity packer. This truck replaces our 2005 International garbage truck.

A Message from the **Department of Public Works**

Brush Pick-Up

1. Leaf and brush pick-up will continue until fall.
2. Place leaves/grass in brown recycling bags or labeled barrels ONLY; up to 40 lbs. ROCKS, GARBAGE, SOD OR PLASTIC MAY NOT BE PLACED IN LEAF BAGS.
3. Cut branches in lengths of 4 feet or less and securely tie with string in bundles not to exceed 40 lbs. The diameter of branches MUST BE 3 INCHES OR LESS.
4. Yard waste stickers are available for purchase at Village Hall; \$3.00 each.



Heavy Item

If you wish to sign up for Heavy Item disposal, you must make the request in person at Village Hall. Proof of residency is required with a utility bill, driver's license, cable bill or tax bill. At the time of sign-up, a date and time will be assigned. This year each residence is allowed one Heavy Item Drop-Off or Pick-Up. The fee for Drop-Off is \$25 and the fee for Pick-Up is \$200.

Drop-Off Rules:

- You may select Saturday or Monday as a drop-off date (June-July)
- Drop-off time is between 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Items may be dropped off at the DPW on your assigned date.
- Oversized vehicles, trailers and/or rented vehicles are not allowed for drop-off. Items discarded must be from Village households.
- A copy of your Heavy Item form must be provided at Drop-Off.

Pick-Up Rules:

- You must select a Monday for a pick-up date (June-July)
- Items must be outside at the curb by 6:00am on the Monday of your pick-up.
- Items discarded must be from Village households.

Items That Will Not Be Accepted:

- Televisions, car batteries, car tires, paint, hazardous liquids (pool chemicals, fertilizers, gasoline, oils), construction materials (siding, shingles, bricks)
- Note: The D.E.C. will issue a fine for the disposal of televisions through non-storage facilities.



Reminder

The Village Hall, DPW, Senior Center & Family Recreation Office will be closed:

Memorial Day - Monday, May 25th

*Garbage & recycling pick-up will be picked up as usual

Juneteenth - Friday, June 19th

*Garbage & recycling pick-up will be picked up as usual

Independence Day (Observed) - Friday, July 3rd

*Garbage & recycling pick-up will be picked up on Monday, July 6th

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