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Upcoming Event

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Saturday, August 8th

10am to 2pm

Cook Park

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

Come out for music, food, ice cream, bounce
houses, crafts, and community fun!



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This summer exciting improvements have been made in the Village. We would like to highlight a few of our most prominent ones! A new digital sign has been installed on Central Avenue between the Colonie Fire House and the Village Center Bus Stop, giving residents another way to stay informed. Shambrook Parkway has been repaved, making a smoother road to drive and walk on within Cook Park. Our DPW installed fencing to designate a safe walkway for pedestrians between the Cook Park Playground and the roadway. We hope all our residents are enjoying these improvements.



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A Message from the **MAYOR**



Dear Residents and Friends,

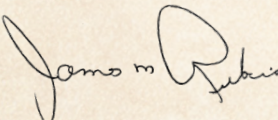
As we enjoy the remaining days of summer, our Village continues to come alive with residents gathering, families enjoying our parks and concerts, and our children participating in youth programs and recreational activities.

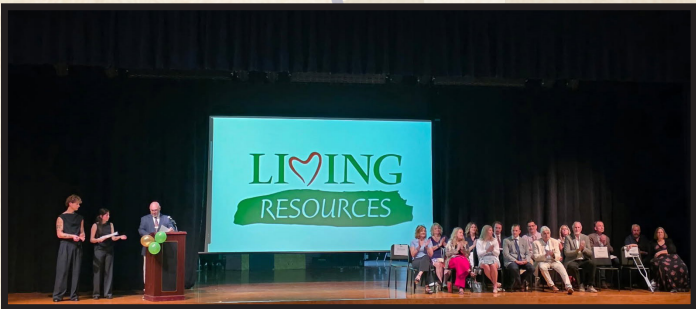
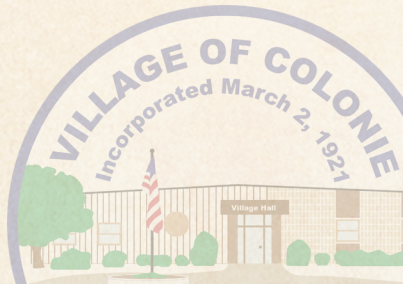
While there is always something to do, we remain committed to maintaining the high quality of life our residents deserve.

Here are just a few highlights of recent activities:

- Conducted the first “State of the Village Meeting” at the Recreation Center;
- Attended the NYCOM Annual Meeting with Deputy Mayor Prevratil;
- Attended the Annual Living Resources awards ceremony and presented the Frank A. Leak Award along with Tom Breslin;
- Attended the VFW Loyalty Day;
- Purchased a new traffic/speed counter;
- Installed a digital sign to keep the community informed; and,
- Attended the Fire House’s Open House

The Board of Trustees and I look forward to seeing you all at future events and continue to wish you a safe, enjoyable, and memorable summer.


Jim Rubino, Mayor



Mayor Rubino and Tom Breslin attending the Living Resources Awards to present the Frank A. Leak Community Enrichment Award to 3 businesses across the state.

A Message from the **Traffic Committee**

It’s great to see residents out enjoying the summer weather. However, it’s important to remember a few tips regarding the use of e-bikes and e-scooters. No one under the age of 16 may operate an e-bike or e-scooter in New York State. Regular bicycles average 10-13 miles per hour; e-bikes and e-scooters can go double or even triple that speed. These vehicles have varying types of control for speed, gear selection and braking. Knowing how to use these controls is crucial for safe operation. Helmets are required for 16 and 17-year old operators, and are recommended for all others to improve overall safety. E-bikes and e-scooters should not be ridden on sidewalks, multi-use paths, or through the parks. It is important that we all work together to promote traffic safety.



Business Spotlight



Mayor Rubino wishes to recognize long-time businesses for their continued service and commitment to the Village of Colonie. Fuller’s Printing Corp. is located at 1682 Central

Avenue in Colonie, specializing in thermography, digital, and offset printing. James P. Fuller and son, Jim, started Fuller’s Printing in 1974 in their basement. Jim is still running the family business 52 years later.

Fuller's
PRINTING CORP.

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.



Summer in Full Swing!

Our Summer Playground Sheds are open, and fun is in full swing! The sheds are located on the playgrounds in Locust Park and Cook Park. Children can come and enjoy additional crafts and games while they visit our playgrounds. All forms and information are available at the Family Recreation Center at 3 Thunder Road, 518-218-7782.

2025 Water Report

The 2025 Village of Colonie Annual Drinking Water report is now available on our website at www.colonievillage.gov/departments-of-public-works/. Click on the “Annual Drinking Water Report 2025” blue quick button to view the report. If you have any questions, please contact Village Hall at 518-869-7562 or Superintendent of Public Works Chris Bisognano at 518-869-6372. Thank you.

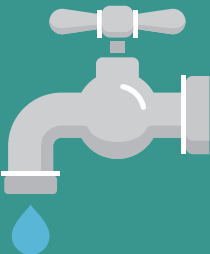
Living Resources Awards

On July 15, 2026, Mayor Jim Rubino presented the Mayor Frank A. Leak Community Enrichment Award to Living Resources during its annual Day Service Awards. Named in memory of Mayor Leak, this award recognizes his dedication to creating stronger, more inclusive communities. The award is presented to four different areas of the state honoring a community organization, business, or individual whose efforts have enriched the lives of people with disabilities by promoting inclusion and opportunity within the community.



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

The EPA requires all water systems to maintain an inventory of water service line materials. This requirement ensures a community’s water service is safe and up to code. The Village of Colonie is required by law to identify and inventory water service pipes as they enter a house/building. If you have not yet had your water service line identified, please call 518-869-6372 to set up an appointment. A Village Water Department representative will check your water service and take a picture of your pipes. Failure to have your service line logged in may result in penalties. Thank you for your cooperation.



A Message from the **Fire Chief**

Swimming Pool Safety – It seems almost every summer we suffer the tragic loss of a child drowning in a swimming pool within the Village. These instances are a horrible loss for the families involved as well as the entire community. All it takes is one moment; please never leave a child unattended near water without adult supervision.



Outdoor fires - It’s summer and that often means an increased frequency of open burning. A major cause of fire loss is due to unattended flame, whether from a candle or other sources of ignition. An ember may easily float away from your fire and land on a combustible item causing an unintended fire condition that could grow into a serious fire loss. Please remember to completely extinguish any outdoor fires.

Your community needs you! - Over the years, our members have saved countless lives doing what we do for our community. You can be a part of that proud tradition. 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 summer.

Chief Jeff Kayser
Colonie Fire Company

