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UPCOMING EVENTS

Veterans Day Ceremony The Village invites you to our Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, November 9th at 9:00am at the Cook Park Main Pavilion. The Village Board of Trustees and staff members will pay tribute to those who have served our country and will read the names of those who belong to the Village of Colonie Hometown Heroes Veteran Banner Program. For more information, please visit our website.

Tree Lighting

Tuesday, December 1st
6:00pm on the Village Hall Front Lawn

Students from Forest Park and Saddlewood Elementary Schools will sing Christmas carols at the official tree lighting ceremony. Immediately following, cookies and cocoa will be served at the Family Recreation Center. Santa will be there, please join us!

Santa Parade

Santa and his elves will be out and about on the residential streets of the Village on the weekend of **December 5th & 6th**. You can call the Family Rec Center at 518-218-7782 for an estimate on the day and time Santa will be coming to your neighborhood. On the days of the parade, listen for the music truck playing Christmas tunes, grab your coats and head outside so our volunteers can see you — Santa Claus is on his way!

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 12th
Family Recreation Center
Seatings at 8:30am and 10:30am

Pancake breakfast served by VFW Post 8692
Children will enjoy goody bags, crafts, & visit from Santa!

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!
RSVP early — this event sells out.
RSVP between November 18th and December 9th by calling 518-218-7782

Parents/Guardians are required to bring a securely wrapped gift for each of their children. Clearly mark the tag with the FIRST and LAST NAME OF THE CHILD to receive the gift. We request that you keep your gift within a $20 range. Gift drop-off: Monday, December 7th - Friday, December 11th at the Family Recreation Center from 8:00am to 6:00pm. • If you miss the drop-off dates, please discreetly bring your gift to breakfast in a shopping bag and give it to one of the greeters. If you are unable to afford a gift this year, please contact us to discuss available options.





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2026 Veteran Stand Down Event

















Photos courtesy of Town Supervisor Peter Crummey, Veterans Support Team NY1 and Village Staff.

We are pleased to announce that the 2nd Veteran Stand Down event held on October 17th was a great success! Over 180 Veterans were in attendance, which was an increase from last year. We had over 30 vendors and over 50 volunteers in attendance to make service connections, give out flu vaccines, hand out food/clothing/personal items, serve breakfast and lunch and give haircuts. Whether it was during the delicious breakfast, while getting a haircut, or simply gathering around the coffee corner with a fellow Veteran to catch-up, these Veterans were met with a smile and a kind word. It was obvious to all that were in attendance that this event was one of comradery and kindness. Thank you again to all of the volunteers, sponsors, donors and vendors that helped with planning and making the event such a success. For a complete list of those that made this event possible, please visit our website. We look forward to bringing the community together for the greater benefit of our Veterans, who gave so much for us. If you are interested in being a part of next year's event, please contact Village Hall at 518-869-7562.

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A Message from the **MAYOR**



As the leaves change and the days are getting shorter, I'm pleased to reminisce about the summer and fall seasons we shared in the Village of Colonie.

- Deputy Mayor Prevratil and I attended the New York Conference of Mayor's Fall Training School in Saratoga Springs, where we continued to learn the ins and outs of municipal government;
- Everyone enjoyed another great season of Tuesday Nights in the Park Concerts. While the summer weather may not have always cooperated, some of the concerts were enjoyed on a few crisp fall nights;
- Thanks to our residents, volunteers and community partners, we hosted another successful Veteran's Stand Down event, assisting nearly 200 veterans and their families;
- We completed our fall paving program, with Bick Lane, Vincent Avenue and Furlong Drive having been freshly paved;

Together with the trustees, I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events and holiday celebrations. Enjoy the rest of the fall season!

Jim Rubino, Mayor



Deputy Mayor Frank Prevratil, Mayor Jim Rubino and Trustee Mark Stevens at the Kid's Halloween Party.



Erwin (Dom) Dominguez of Department of Veterans Affairs, Village Clerk Jamie Blot and Mayor Jim Rubino at the Village of Colonie 2026 Stand Down

Reminder

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

Election Day - Tuesday, November 3rd
*Garbage & recycling pick-up will remain the same on Tuesday, November 3rd

Veterans Day - Wednesday, November 11th
*Garbage & recycling pick-up will remain the same on Wednesday, November 11th

Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 26th
*Garbage & recycling pick-up will be picked up on Friday, November 27th

Day after Thanksgiving (Black Friday) Friday, November 27th
*Garbage & recycling pick-up will remain the same on Friday, November 27th

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

Stuff the Bus!

The Village is teaming up again this year with the South Colonie Central School District and the Marine Corps for the 20th Anniversary of "Stuff the Bus" Toys for Tots campaign! We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys at three locations within our complex: Village Hall, Senior Center and The Family Recreation Center. The last day to donate is Monday, December 7th. Let's help "Stuff the Bus" and deliver Christmas cheer to children throughout our community.

TOYS FOR TOTS

South Colonie
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Scouting for Food



Give back to the community by donating canned and dry goods for local food pantries.
Saturday, November 14th
7:00am to 12:00pm at the Village DPW Garage
Contact: Brian Casey, Scout Master at 518-218-7782 or caseyb@colonievillage.org

Halloween Happenings

Trunk or Treat: Our DPW, Family Rec Center & Fire House joined Forest Park and Saddlewood Elementary Schools for their joint Trunk or Treat event. The rain may have pushed the event inside, but the turn out was phenomenal! It was so wonderful seeing so many faces from our community get together for a fun and spooktacular event!

Kid's Halloween Party: Special thanks to all our residents, families, friends and volunteers who made our Kids' Halloween Party a fantastic success! We had an incredible time, and we hope you did too!



A Message from the **Traffic Committee**

Each September, the Traffic Committee invites businesses along the Central Avenue corridor to participate in our "Back to School – Driver Awareness Campaign". This campaign intends to bring attention to safe driving behaviors through the use of the electronic signs. Thank you to all the businesses that participated this year, helping us to remind drivers to slow down and drive with care, especially with increased school bus traffic. Your business and cooperation helps to make the Village "A Place to be Proud of".



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

Leaf Pick-Up

The Department of Public Works will begin using the leaf vacuum on Monday, November 2nd, and will continue until Monday, December 7th, weather permitting. ABSOLUTELY NO STICKS, ROCKS, OR OTHER DEBRIS WILL BE PICKED UP. The leaf vacuum is weather dependent; there is no set schedule or guarantee that leaves will be vacuumed. Residents are encouraged to continue to bag their leaves whenever possible. Weekly leaf bag pick up will continue until Monday, December 7th.

Garbage Pick-Up

The following are a few reminders when you place your garbage out for pick-up:

- Have your garbage out before 6:00am on your pick-up day to ensure it is collected.
- Garbage cans have a 32-gallon size limit. Anything larger is difficult for our DPW workers to lift and maneuver.
- Do not exceed a 40lb weight limit per can, our garbage is still picked up by hand by our DPW workers.
- Garbage pick-up is for household waste only - we do not pick up demolition debris, furniture, electronics and hazardous waste.
- If you have further questions about garbage pick-up, please don't hesitate to call the Department of Public Works at 518-869-6372.



Colonie Fire Company's Annual
TURKEY RAFFLE
NOVEMBER 21st
Doors open at 4:30pm
at the Village
Family Recreation Center
3 Thunder Road

The evening includes a live DJ, door prizes, turkey raffles, food, beverages and lots of fun!