



Vibrant Village Post Summer 2018

- * A reminder to residents, on extreme heat days our building is open and air-conditioned.
- * Village Offices will be **CLOSED**:
 - o Wednesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day
 - o Monday, September 3rd, in observance of Labor DayGarbage pick-up dates will be on the following Tuesday.
- * **Brush pick-up will continue on the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month** through November. Please limit brush to ONE pile per house, not to be larger than 6' x 6' x 6' with branches or tree limbs no greater than 6" in diameter. Grass clippings must be kept separate from brush, or they will NOT be picked up. Thank you for your cooperation.
- * Village garbage customers taking advantage of our single stream recycling please note: **please do NOT place recyclables in plastic bags, as recycled items will then be ruled contaminated.** Please DO recycle: paper, cardboard (no pizza boxes), phone books, magazines, aluminum/tin cans, glass bottles, jars, and plastic bottles. Our Village system is one of the best, and our residents recycle at 50-60% rates! However, we may have to return to the commingled system in the coming months, due to changes in the world recycling market. Private haulers are experiencing the same dilemma. The recycled market now has single stream costs rising from \$0 to \$43 per ton, and likewise for the private haulers. We still have the most affordable, quietest and most effective program - so join us and keep the big trucks off our streets! Be on the look-out for updates.
- * **Hardscrabble Day will take place Saturday, September 15th.** For more information, please visit <http://www.hardscrabbleday.org> or send an e-mail to info@hardscrabbleday.org.
- * **Red Hook and the Chocolate Festival will take place Saturday, November 4th.**
- * **Rhinebeck/Rheinbach Musical Exchange Program presents a free choral and band concert Tuesday, July 17 at 7 pm** at Abrams Park. The rain location is the Red Hook Community Center, 59 Fisk Street. Bring a chair and enjoy.

WATER & OTHER DEPARTMENT NEWS

- * **FIRE HYDRANTS** will be flushed in July. During flushing, there may be a brief interruption of water service. Official notifications of flushing locations and times will be posted in the Daily Freeman and on the Village twitter account, @villageredhook.
- * **Phase II Water Improvement Project Funding:** Phase 2 of the project was completed last Summer and new storage, new pipes and more sophisticated monitoring equipment are in place. The project cost was \$3.8 million but the Village recently closed on a \$2.28 million grant that was received at the very end of the work. That reduced all costs by 60%, which also significantly reduced the amount needed to borrow from USDA-RD. Currently, the Village Board is looking at options for Phase 3 which will upgrade the rest of the Village.
- * EV Charging Station - A few years ago the Village was awarded a grant to purchase the municipal parking lot. Recently, another grant was obtained to put in an electric vehicle charging station in the lot, which is now being installed.
- * **Sewer Project Update:** Currently, legal aspects with service area property owners are being finalized. This project is essential to the protection of our aquifer and our local economy. It also was the recipient of a secondary grant. This \$4.9 million project originally received a \$1.2 million grant, but an additional \$925,000 was awarded which will be used to reduce the capital costs.
- * Senior Guidance is now offering a website that provides helpful resources for senior living. Please visit: <http://www.seniorguidance.org>, where there is a section dedicated to detailed information on assisted living in New York. A link has also been posted on the Village website. Also, check out our RH Community Center for interesting programs.
- * Join us in the Village on first Friday of each month for **Friday Night Lights!** Enjoy local eats, shops, and events open until 9 p.m! We have wonderful shops and restaurants but they can only survive if we all support them.
- * Tying the knot? Mayor Ed Blundell and Judge Triebwasser are authorized officiants! For more information, please call 845-758-1081.



“The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest wilderness.” – **John Muir**