



**VIBRANT VILLAGE POST**  
**WINTER 2011-2012**

1. The Village would like to give a sincere **“thank you”** to Mary Kelly, Kim Gomez and the Red Hook Fire Department for their work in decorating the Village Building for the holidays.
2. A reminder to all residents to shovel all fire hydrants clear of snow and ice.
3. **SIDEWALKS** - BUSINESSES & RESIDENTS HAVE 24 HOURS TO REMOVE ANY SNOW OR ICE FROM SIDEWALKS. If walks are not cleared the Village Highway Department will remove the snow at a cost to the resident of \$2.00 per linear foot.
4. The Village Board and the Highway Department are aware of lingering high ground water and wet basements since Irene and Lee hit the area with heavy rains. Many residents are still pumping to protect their property. Please be sure that the pump discharged water does not accumulate on the village street pavement since we are approaching freeze conditions and the unsuspecting motorist may hit ice patches unrelated to our maintenance after snow storms. Kindly direct the discharge so it cannot cause ice on our roads
5. Residents are reminded that there is **“NO-PARKING”** along any Village streets effective November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 11:00pm-6:00am.
6. In the event of major storms we have no option but to create snow piles on the edges of each street. Corner lots are particularly subject to snow piling where plow paths intersect. We will attempt to move them with small equipment, but are limited by space and weather conditions. Snow clearing and movement are a part of winter in the Northeast so we all have to work together and help keep our streets and hydrants clear. After it snows, make some snowmen, take a walk for some exercise and enjoy the village life.
7. A reminder to have all Christmas trees curbside by January 31<sup>st</sup> for removal.
8. The landfill is closed effective December 17, 2011 and will re-open in the spring.
9. “Red Hook Winter Market” – The Elemendorph Inn is hosting their third annual Red Hook Winter Market. The Market will be open between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Fresh produce, meats and products, all grown, raised and produced in the Town of Red Hook, will be offered. “Come enjoy the bounty and support our local farmers”.  
Dates: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> - January 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> - February 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Remember to shop local first for as many things as possible.
10. A reminder that the Village of Red Hook Building is a drop-off location for donations for “Hugs From Home” (**Local Citizens Sending Care Packages to our Troops**).
11. Please visit the Red Hook Library website at <http://redhooklibrary.org> or by calling 758-3241.
12. Residents interested in donating scrap metal can contact Village of Red Hook Highway Superintendent Dan Streib at 758-8600 or Clerk Cindi Cole at 758-1081 to arrange for pick-up. Proceeds from this program go toward purchasing tools/equipment for the Red Hook Village Highway Department.
13. Wedding Bells in your future? Our Village Judges can perform wedding ceremonies. If you would like Judge Triebwasser or Judge Coon to perform your wedding, you may call the Court at 845-758-4113. For full details please visit our website at: [www.redhooknyvillage.org](http://www.redhooknyvillage.org).
14. A reminder to residents that on March 11, 2012, Daylight Saving Time Begins. A reminder to check the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
15. The Village of Red Hook **must receive in writing**, from the property owner, any request for the turn-off of water service.



16. **NOTICE OF VILLAGE OFFICE CLOSING DATES:** Monday, January 16, 2012 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) & Monday, February 20, 2012 (President's Day).
17. We ask that residents remember to remove all basketball hoops/equipment from the roadways during the winter (plowing) season. The Village of Red Hook will not be responsible for any damage if the basketball hoops/equipment are not removed.

**RED HOOK VILLAGE ELECTIONS**  
**MARCH 20, 2012**  
**Place: Village Hall – Time: 12:00-9:00pm**  
**1 Trustee position – 4 year term**

**\* VOTING WILL BE AT THE VILLAGE HALL \***

**RESOURCE RECOVERY NEWS**

18. Did you know? The best deal around for garbage removal is the Village Resource Recovery Program. If you compost, recycle and use our system you can deal with your household waste for \$10.00 per month! Tags are on sale at Village Hall from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and always at Red Hook Natural Foods and Mac's Agway.
19. A reminder to residents if Monday is a holiday, garbage pick-up will be the next day. Tagged bags should be curbside by 6am and comingle is to be placed curbside in a proper plastic container. Comingle is **NOT PERMITTED** to be placed curbside in paper bags. Do not mix paper and comingle. Papers are to be in paper bags; cardboard can be flattened and tied. **NO** plastic shopping bags should be used for loose items. Please do not overfill containers.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

20. The Village of Red Hook Police Department will be conducting a **Public Safety Open House** on **Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Village Hall**. Please see enclosed flyer for details.

**VILLAGE GREEN NEWS ITEMS**

21. **Happy New Year from Village Green!** As we look back on 2011, Village Green has lots to celebrate. With many thanks to our wonderful volunteers and supportive village, the Village of Red Hook was designated as a Tree City USA for the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row. We planted 26 trees, dedicated a "Liberty Tree" at the Elmendorph to Bob and Barbara Bielenberg, held a poetry contest for Arbor Day, sponsored a pruning workshop, and responded to residents' tree concerns. If you would like to get involved with Village Green, either on planting days or on the committee, please contact the Village Clerk.

We wish you a new year filled with the beauty and joy and all the benefits that trees can bring.

*"The wonder is that we can see these trees and not wonder more."*

*- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

22. **Did you know?** This year we have poets using Village Hall for readings and meetings, Scout groups have had tours and civics lessons. Bard College off-campus groups hold orientation sessions for student life issues and meet with our Judge, elected and police officials. Let us know if your group is interested.
23. **Did you know?** The trend in American lifestyle is moving toward village and city living. Community lifestyle with essential services is back in demand. The Village has police protection, road and curbside services, close fire and emergency services protection, celebrations, walk-ability and a friendly office staff and elected officials who work for you.
24. Do you watch PANDA TV 23?? Call us at 758-1081 and let us know if you use PANDA to watch our meetings and other local events.

*"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is time for home."*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**