




VIBRANT VILLAGE POST FALL 2012

1. **VILLAGE LANDFILL** – The Village brush landfill is only available to Village residents. Hours of operation are Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., **by PERMIT ONLY**. The landfill is for small piles of brush and leaves. It is not intended for the disposal of large trees or any household garbage. The landfill will be closing in early December for the winter. A landfill permit costs \$20.00 and can be purchased at the Village Hall.
2. Brush pick-up from the September storm will begin on **Wednesday, September 26, 2012 and end on October 5, 2012**, additional after leaf pick-up.
3. Leaf pick-up shall begin in October, *weather permitting*. Please be sure to separate leaves and branches. **Please be sure to rake leaves into rows not piles. BRUSH PICK-UP WILL RESUME AFTER ALL LEAVES ARE PICKED UP, weather permitting. Brush consists of branches and small clippings.** Brush is to be piled at the curb and not in the road. Please check local newspaper for a schedule.
4. Please remember it is the homeowner's responsibility to keep all sidewalks and fire hydrants clear of snow & ice during the winter season. If snow is not removed within 24 hours from the end of the storm, the Village Highway Department will be permitted to remove snow at a cost of \$2.00 per linear foot at the homeowner's expense. We ask that you please do NOT shovel snow into the roadways.
5. Please note our new cross-walks - reminder to please stop for pedestrians in all cross-walks anywhere in the State.
6. 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**).
7. In observance of Columbus Day, Monday, October 8, 2012, Village Offices Will Be Closed. Garbage pick-up will be Tuesday, October 9, 2012.
In observance of Veteran's Day, Sunday, November 11, 2012, Village Offices Will Be Closed **on Monday, November 12, 2012**. Garbage pick-up will be Tuesday, November 13, 2012.
In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday – Village Offices Will Be Closed Thursday, November 22, 2012 and Friday, November 23, 2012. **"Have a Happy Thanksgiving!"**
In observance of the Christmas Holiday – Village Offices Will Be Closed on Monday, December 24, 2012 and Tuesday, December 25, 2012. **There WILL be garbage pick-up on Monday, December 24, 2012.**
In observance of the New Year - Village Offices Will Be Closed on Monday, December 31, 2012 and Tuesday, January 1, 2013. **There WILL be garbage pick-up on Monday, December 31, 2012.**



8. **RED HOOK HALLOWEEN** – Saturday, October 27, 2012 (**exact times to be announced**) – Village Center – Costume Parade included. Activities, Snacks & Pumpkin Decorating. Hay Rides following the parade.



9. Residents are reminded of the 2 hour parking within the business district. The Red Hook Police Department will be strictly enforcing this law. There is NO parking permitted along any Village streets from November 1st through March 31st between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
10. Sunday, November 4th - daylight savings time ends. **Reminder:** clocks are turned back one hour.
"remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors"
11. **WINTERFEST** – Friday Evening, December 7, 2012 (**exact times to be announced**) - Village Center. Entertainment & Tree Lighting at the Key Bank Lot. 
12. The **Red Hook Rotary** will be hosting a **"Citizen of the Year"** dinner on October 23, 2012 to be held at the Red Hook Firehouse at 6:15 pm. This year we will be **"Honoring Loretta Campagna"**. *For tickets and further information please contact your local Red Hook Rotarian.*
13. A reminder to residents that items in the Village's right-of-way (basketball hoops, pots, etc.) need to be removed for leaf and snow season. Village is not liable for damage to any items.
14. Residents interested in donating scrap metal can contact Village of Red Hook Highway Superintendent Dan Streib at 758-8600 or Village 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.
15. **Rebuilding Together Dutchess County** will once again be providing home repairs for low-income homeowners in Dutchess County through their **Rebuilding Day** program scheduled for April and October 2013. Applications are available on the Rebuilding Together Dutchess County website: www.rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org. The application deadline is October 31, 2012.

RESOURCE RECOVERY NEWS

16. **Reduce – Reuse – Recycle and Save 10%:** Our village has its own resource recovery operation and it actually saves you tax money. However, garbage tag sales are declining as residents move to private haulers that use heavy trucks with high noise levels on our village streets on several different mornings each week. Our trucks are quieter, our rates are better and we need your help. Our curb-side pick up is weekly on Monday mornings. Our Pay as You Throw system actually offsets tax dollars since it pays for our joint function garbage/leaf truck and one day's wages for our highway staff. To re-focus attention on the benefits of our program, we are making a great offer. Bring this newsletter to Village Hall and get one free garbage tag for every 10 you purchase at one time. This offer is good all next quarter (Oct., Nov., Dec.) for either tag. Promotion rate is not available at Mac's Agway or Red Hook Natural Foods.

VILLAGE GREEN NEWS

17. **VILLAGE GREEN ANNOUNCES FALL TREE PLANTING - OCTOBER 27, 2012 (tentative) - Village Green** invites you to join in the annual fall tree planting scheduled (tentatively) for **Saturday, October 27, 2012**. To volunteer or to get more information, send an email to brendacagle@yahoo.com. Lunch will be provided after the planting. Families welcome!

Fall is also a great time to plant trees in your yard. The roots have time to get established before the ground freezes and your new tree will be off to a good start by the time the hot days of summer arrive. Visit this

website to access tree care resources from Cornell University - <http://www.hort.cornell.edu/uhi/outreach/index.htm>.

WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

18. **Village Water System Update** - Our 1,961 village residents and businesses, along with some adjoining town residents, businesses and the schools, are supplied with water by the village owned and operated Water Department. Wells in the village provide clean water to all of these customers. We work with the Dutchess County Health Department and NYS Water Department to monitor and provide the best water and excellent service. We are in the midst of finalizing a \$1.3 million low interest loan from the USDA-Rural Development to upgrade our wells and other parts of our system so that we can best continue to pull water from the ground and pump it out to customers. One aspect of the job is to replace all of the customers' water meters in the next few months. There will be no cost to the homeowner or business owner since money will come from the loan. The village has put all aspects of the job out to bid and is in the process of selecting the lowest responsible bidder for phases of the job. However, once selected, the private contractor will notify residents of their scheduling options and seeking access to the interior meter. The job is quick and easy and will involve new meters that do not require outside read-out gauges. The new system will utilize automated systems that allow our meter readers to gather data from the street. Over the next 90 days, expect to be contacted by field workers who can properly identify themselves, and be asked for a scheduled time to install the new meter at your home or business.

Once we select the contractor we will place information on our website with the firm's name and contact data. If you want access to our new updates system, send an email to info@redhooknyvillage.org with the subject matter 'Update' and we will add you to our email list.

This water upgrade project is part of the Mayor and Village Board's effort to update infrastructure and the continuing effort to make sure Red Hook is a great place to live.

If you have any questions please contact Village Hall at 758-1081.

OTHER NEWS

19. **New E-Mail Updates:** If you are interested in receiving e-mail bulletins from the village with up to the minute information on items ranging from emergencies to local updates, please e-mail the clerk's office at info@redhooknyvillage.org with the subject matter as "Update". We will assemble a list and communicate major items directly.
20. Please note: Prescription drug drop-off is no longer available at the Village Hall.
21. Wedding Bells in your future? Our Village Judges and Mayor can perform wedding ceremonies. If you would like Judge Triebwasser or Judge Coon to perform your wedding, please call the Court at 845-758-4113. For full details please visit our website at: www.redhooknyvillage.org.

“The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.”