




## VIBRANT VILLAGE POST FALL 2013

1. A reminder that brush pick-up in the Village takes place every first and third Monday of the month through November. Please restrict the size of brush piles to 6'x6'x6' with tree limbs 8" or less in diameter. Please do not include tree trunks or debris from private contractor tree removal. These will be the responsibility of the property owner. Residents not honoring these restrictions/recommendations may be charged a fee for removal by the Village of Red Hook.
2. 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.
3. The "Hugs from Home" (**Local Citizens Sending Care Packages to our Troops**) program has ended. Thank you to all who have contributed to this program!
4. **A RED HOOK HALLOWEEN** – Saturday, October 26, 2013 (trick or treating from 3:00 to 5:00 pm) – Village Center – Costume Parade included. Activities, Snacks & Pumpkin Decorating. Hay Rides following the parade.



5. 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 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
6. Sunday, November 3rd - daylight savings time ends. **Reminder:** clocks are turned back one hour.  
**"remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors"**
7. **WINTERFEST** – Friday Evening, December 6, 2013 (**exact times to be announced**) - Village Center. Entertainment & Tree Lighting at the Key Bank Lot. 
8. The **Red Hook Rotary** will be hosting a "**Citizen of the Year**" dinner on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 to be held at the Red Hook Firehouse at 6:15 pm. This year we will be "**Honoring Ruth Oja**". *For tickets and further information please contact your local Red Hook Rotarian.*
9. 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.
10. 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.

11. In observance of Columbus Day, Monday, October 14, 2013, Village Offices Will Be Closed.  
Garbage pick-up will be Tuesday, October 15, 2013.  
In observance of Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11, 2013, Village Offices Will Be Closed.  
Garbage pick-up will be Tuesday, November 12, 2013.  
In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday – Village Offices Will Be Closed Thursday, November 28, 2013 and Friday, November 29, 2013. ***“Have a Happy Thanksgiving!”***  
In observance of the Christmas Holiday – Village Offices Will Be Closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2013.  
In observance of the New Year - Village Offices Will Be Closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2014.



12. VILLAGE GREEN ANNOUNCES FALL TREE PLANTING – **NOVEMBER 2, 2013 (tentative)** - Village Green invites you to join in the annual fall tree planting scheduled (tentatively) for **November 2, 2013**. All volunteers to meet at 9:00 a.m. at Abrahams Park. To volunteer or to get more information, send an email to [brendacagle@yahoo.com](mailto:brendacagle@yahoo.com). Lunch will be provided after the planting. Families welcome!

#### WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

13. Water System Upgrades – Phase I of the Village's Water Improvement Project has been completed. Phase II of the Project is under consideration for the Spring of 2014 and involves water main upgrades and a new storage tank.

#### OTHER NEWS

14. **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 2014. Applications are available on the Rebuilding Together Dutchess County website: [www.rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org](http://www.rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org). The application deadline is October 31, 2013.
15. STAR Property Tax Exemption – On August 20, 2013, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance announced that all local homeowners will have to re-apply for their Basic STAR property tax exemption this year. Letters with details for online and phone applications for the 2014 exemption were being mailed to all 2.6 million STAR recipients in the state. It is stated that the new applications will not affect 2013 exemptions or seniors who received Enhanced STAR exemptions. For more information, residents may call (518) 457-2036 or go online to [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov).
16. Lifeline Discount Telephone Service Program – The New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) is joining other state agencies, local human service organizations, and local telephone programs to focus attention on this important program. This program is designed to make basic telephone service more affordable for income-eligible consumers. Consumers may qualify by participating in one of a number of federal assistance programs or by having income at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines. For more information or for any questions please contact Lorna Gillings at (518) 474-1788 or at [lorna.gillings@dps.ny.gov](mailto:lorna.gillings@dps.ny.gov).
17. Wedding Bells in your future? Our Village Judges and Mayor can perform wedding ceremonies. If you would like Judge Triebwasser, Judge Martin or Mayor Blundell to perform your wedding, please call the Court at 845-758-4113. For full details please visit our website at: [www.redhooknyvillage.org](http://www.redhooknyvillage.org).

**“The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention.”**