



VIBRANT VILLAGE POST SPRING 2013



1. Street sweeping will begin in late April, weather permitting. Please sweep sidewalk/lawn edge sand into the street. Please do not push sand into piles, the sweeper is not designed for mounds of materials.
2. NEW – Brush Pickup system, the Village will do the Spring pick up in April and now be picking up brush every other Monday from April through November, on garbage days. Brush includes yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, plant materials and tree limbs less than 8” in diameter. **Brush will not include tree trunks or stumps, nor any garbage, building materials or construction debris. No extra fee is required.** The old brush landfill is being discontinued to prep for a water production project there.
3. A reminder to change batteries in your smoke detectors. Carbon Monoxide Detectors are now mandatory so make sure you have a properly working detector installed to keep you and your family protected.
4. The Village of Red Hook’s Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2012 has been completed and is available for viewing on the Village Hall’s Bulletin Board and on the Village website (www.redhooknyvillage.org).
5. A swearing in ceremony will be held on April 8th, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall for our newly elected officials. Congratulations to Village Trustee Jen Norris and Village Trustee Steve Zacharzuk.
6. **Apple Blossom Day** will be held on May 11, 2013 from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Vendors Needed. Any questions please contact Nickelin Weaver at (845)-756-5381 or David Wright at (845) 758-6149.
7. Keep the village wonderful for all of us, dog walkers must remove all dog feces and deposit in a sanitary manner.
8. 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 (any donations would be greatly appreciated).**
9. Village Offices will be closed on:
Friday, March 29, 2013 – in Observance of Good Friday (**Garbage pick-up will be on Mon., April 1, 2013**)
Monday, May 27, 2013 – in Observance of Memorial Day (**Garbage pick-up will be on Tues., May 28, 2013**)

The Red Hook Public Library

10. The Red Hook Public Library has the following events for April:
 - Sunday, April 7th, 1-5 p.m. at The Elmendorph: Yarn Swap – bring your needles and yarn stash, trade or sell what you don’t want. Bring something delicious to share!
 - April 12-14: Read Local Red Hook Literary Festival – free and open to the public.
 - Friday, April 12th, 6-8 p.m.: Word Works Art Exhibit Opening @ RHCAN Gallery.
 - Saturday, April 13th, 7-9 p.m.: “Stories on Stage: Hudson Valley Actors Read Hudson Valley Authors,” an evening of short stories at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 7412 S. Broadway. Oscar-nominated actor David Strathairn (Lincoln, Bourne Legacy), Giancarlo Esposito (Breaking Bad, Usual Suspects) and Nicole Quinn (Racing Daylight), will read selections from John Sayles, TC Boyle, and Abigail Thomas. Donations welcome; free and open to the public.
 - Sunday, April 14th, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Full day of workshops, panels and discussions at Red Hook Public Library, Red Hook Village Hall and RH CAN Gallery.
 - Saturday, April 27th, 7 p.m. at the Firehouse: Sonando Concert Fundraiser for Friends of Red Hook Public Library.
 - Sunday, April 28th, 3 p.m. at Elmendorph Inn: The Red Hook Public Library: Eight Sides to a Story.” Historic preservationists Olivia and Chris Brazee uncover the history of the octagon house fad popularized by local phrenologist Orson Squire Fowler. Followed by a tour of the library. Free and open to the public.
11. **Red Hook Fire Company** is seeking helpful hearted volunteers for membership. The next generation of heroes are needed to add to our experienced veterans. Train with the experienced members, become an EMT or Firefighter, and help your neighbors in times of need. Stop by the firehouse on Mondays between 7-9pm for a tour!

VILLAGE GREEN

12. It's that time of year again....Village Green's Spring Planting Day is just around the corner. We will be planting street trees and doing some park maintenance on **April 27th**. If you would like to work with us, please e-mail the Village Clerk at info@redhooknyvillage.org or call 758-1081. Volunteers will meet at 9:00 a.m. at Abrahams' Park. Please bring hand pruners, rakes, shovels and gloves if you have them. All are welcome!

We are often asked, **“When is the best time for pruning trees?”** It mostly depends on why you are pruning. Pruning during winter when trees are dormant results in a vigorous burst of new growth in the spring. Pruning trees in the summer reduces vigor. Prune spring flowering trees in the spring after blossoms fade. But fall pruning....don't do it!

To learn more, visit <http://www.arborday.org/trees/tips/pruning.cfm>.

RESOURCE RECOVERY NEWS

13. Reminder – the Village of Red Hook is now doing single stream recycling. All recyclables (paper, comingled and newspaper) can now be placed together in a proper plastic container for pick up. Recycling is free with the purchase of garbage tags. ***Please do not over fill containers.*** Tags are on sale at Village Hall from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and always at Red Hook Natural Foods and Mac's Agway.

Frequently Asked Questions about Red Hook Village Resource Recovery:

- Q: Why should I use Village Garbage? I can put so much more garbage in a big private hauler.
A: Village Garbage is a much better deal than private haulers. Blue tickets, which are for kitchen sized bags, are \$2.50, and red tickets, for black contractor bags, are \$5.00. A typical company costs about \$40 a month. Most families can get away with one blue tag per week—that's only \$10 a month for garbage and recycling! Even using one large red tag per week, a family can save \$20 per month—that's \$240 a year!!!

Not only does Village Garbage help your wallet directly, it helps with the big picture. The Village owns its own garbage and recycling trucks, and we employ our own highway department. These are costs that we incur throughout the year. The best way to offset these costs is to sell our garbage tickets. The more tickets we sell, the less the costs have to be taken from other sources, like taxes.

- Q: I like my private hauler. I can put all my recycling in one bin.
A: You can do that with Village Garbage too! We now have single stream recycling, which means all your recycling can go into one bin—no more sorting! We only ask that the bins not be overloaded, but you can put out as many bins as you need.
- Q: OK, that sounds good, but I work during the week and can't buy tags at the Village Hall. What can I do?
A: Aside from buying tags at the Village Hall during our office hours from 9-4, you can also purchase tags at Mac's Agway and the Red Hook Health Food Store, both of which are open on nights and weekends.
- Q: When is garbage pickup?
A: Monday morning at 6:00 a.m. You can put your garbage and recycling bins out any time after 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening.

RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN DONATING SCRAP METAL CAN CONTACT HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, DAN STREIB, AT 845-758-8600 OR VILLAGE CLERK CINDI COLE, AT 845-758-1081 TO ARRANGE FOR PICK-UP. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF SCRAP METAL WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF RED HOOK HIGHWAY AND WASTE RECOVERY DEPARTMENTS.

VILLAGE COURT NEWS

Wedding Bells in your future? Our Village Judge and Mayor can perform wedding ceremonies. If you would like Judge Triebwasser to perform your wedding, please call the Court at 845-758-4113. For further details please go to: www.redhooknyvillage.org.



Wishing Everyone a Wonderful Spring!

A smile is a light in the window of your face that tells people you're at home. *Author Unknown*