

# Town of Waterford, NY

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## Letter from the Supervisor



Welcome to Fall. It's a great time to gather with friends and family in a cozy setting. It's also time to begin preparing for the winter and the upcoming holidays. Please remember parking restrictions on many roads go into effect throughout the Town beginning November 1. These restrictions help our Highway staff to maintain safe roads throughout the winter months and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

The current economy is presenting a struggle for communities to maintain funding for town services while also keeping the taxes below the State mandated 2% tax cap. I am very proud to say that once again we will continue our long standing practice of providing quality services without exceeding the 2% tax cap. The main reason why we are able to do this is the strong and trusted working relationship between the Town Board and its employees in sharing a common goal to provide these services in the most economical and efficient way. I would like to personally thank the Board Members and all our Town employees for their hard work in achieving this goal.

It goes without saying that our seniors and our community in general deserve a facility that provides pleasant amenities to gather and hold events. I am very pleased to announce that we recently held the ground breaking ceremony for the start of construction of the new Waterford Community/Senior Center. The new facility is located on the corner of North Second and Columbia Streets, directly behind the Waterford Library and adjacent to the Waterford Water Works Building. We expect the building will be completed early spring 2016. I would like to thank Councilwoman Laurie Marble and all the individuals that helped make this Center happen. Please visit our website for updates on the ongoing construction.



The Town of Waterford will be celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday next year. There are many events being planned for the upcoming Bicentennial celebration, including a Founders Day Celebration and Cocktail event on April 16<sup>th</sup>, a Waterford 5K run, Family Day Fair & Festivities, Fireworks, Music in the Parks, and much more. As the dates and event details become finalized they will be placed on the Town website calendar. Please consider being a part of these events by participating and volunteering. Waterford Bicentennial Calendars will be on sale in time for the holidays. Please check our website for locations where they can be purchased. If you are interested in becoming involved in the Town of Waterford Bicentennial Celebration, please contact Councilwoman Laurie Marble at [marble@town.waterford.ny.us](mailto:marble@town.waterford.ny.us) or call 235-8184.

The Waterford Police Department has been recognized in the past by numerous State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies for their high level of professionalism and accountability. The Department's recent re-accreditation by the Division of Criminal Justice Services is a testament to their dedication to Waterford and its residents. We would like to congratulate all of the members of the Department and Public Safety Commissioner John Tanchak for this outstanding achievement. The Department prides itself on the quality of police service it provides to our residents by utilizing state of the art technology to ensure its officers are fully trained and equipped to do their jobs. The Town Board recently approved the purchase of body camera technology to improve communications and safety of our officers. The cameras will be operational in the coming months.

Replacement of the NYS Route 32 Cohoes-Waterford Bridge has been confirmed by NYSDOT. The work is scheduled to begin this fall. The plans are to keep the current bridge open as they construct the new one, minimizing the need for re-routing traffic during construction. The expected project completion is December 2017. Please check the town website for project updates.

This year Veterans Day will be celebrated on Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please take time to honor the men and women who have sacrificed so much protecting this great nation of ours.

**On behalf of the Town Board and all our employees, we wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.**

## Waterford Residents Who Make A Difference

Neil Quantock, a lifelong resident of Waterford, has been the Town of Waterford's Medical Van Driver for the past 14 years. Neil is responsible for the scheduling and transportation of residents to and from their medical appointments Monday thru Thursday. Neil also oversees the maintenance schedules of the senior vehicles and was instrumental in the purchase earlier this year of our new handicap accessible lift bus. His compassion and commitment to his work allows every passenger to feel safe and cared for. Neil has often expressed his enjoyment for his work throughout the years and is committed to the betterment of Waterford and its residents.



Neil and his wife Cenny have been married for 51 years and have two daughters, Laurie and Julie, and three grandchildren. Neil is a veteran of the US Army retiring after 37 years as a Command Sergeant Major (CSM). During his time in the Army, Neil was an Aviation Brigade CSM and spent hundreds of hours performing test flights of army rotary wing aircraft such as Hueys and Cobras. He was also employed by the National Guard for 27 years in the Army Aviation Support Facility #3 as an Aircraft Repair Foreman at the Albany Airport.



### Saratoga County Revolutionary Run for Veterans

November 7, 2015– Fort Hardy Park, Schuylerville, NY

Registration 8:30am, 5K Run begins at 10:00am

Register for 5K Run online at [www.finishright.com](http://www.finishright.com)

Food, Music and Kids Run

Volunteers and Sponsors contact [veterans@saratogacountyny.gov](mailto:veterans@saratogacountyny.gov) or 884-4115



### New Metal Detector Installed at Waterford Town Court

The Waterford Police Department is responsible for keeping Waterford Town Court a safe and secure environment. There are security measures in place for everyone that enters the courthouse which are not intended to harass, exclude or inconvenience anyone. Cooperation is requested of everyone in order to achieve this goal. This past year, through a grant from the Office of Court Administration, a metal detector was purchased and installed in the courtroom. When you enter the courtroom you must go through the metal detector and security screening procedures conducted by security personnel. You are required to empty your pockets and place the contents in a container for further inspection. In general, any item(s) that could be used to harm or injure another person is not permitted and/or any other item a member of the security staff perceives as a threat to the safety and security of the building and the persons within the courtroom.

#### Prohibited Items Include, But Are Not Limited To:

- Weapons of any type;
- Cutting instruments of any type - including knives, scissors, box cutters, work tools, and large metal nail files;
- Firearms, ammunition and explosive devices;
- Handcuffs, handcuff keys, knitting needles, or anything with a cutting edge, etc.;
- Pepper spray, mace or any other chemical defense sprays;
- Alcohol or illegal substances, including illegal drugs;
- Toy guns, baseball bats, or flammable liquids

Individuals possessing any of the above prohibited items will be required to leave the courthouse and return without them in their possession.



**The Highway Department** would like to remind all town residents that leaf bags are picked up on Mondays and Fridays, as the schedule allows. They must be biodegradable and weigh no more than 40lbs. All brush and branches must be no longer than four (4) feet and tied in manageable bundles.

**With the winter season approaching we would like remind town residents that parking is prohibited on certain streets starting November 1st until March 31st. These streets are clearly marked. We are asking for your cooperation in assisting in the snow removal process and to follow all posted signs.**

**The Town Building Department** would like to remind town residents that building permits are required for all new construction, such as new heating system, kitchens & bathrooms, new windows, and any new electric work. The Town also requires building permits for the following: Swimming pools- above ground and in ground, Sheds, Decks, Signs, Porches, Sun Rooms, Tanks, Solar Panels and Fences. Building Inspector Greg Knorr can be reached at 235-3802 or by email: [knorrg@town.waterford.ny.us](mailto:knorrg@town.waterford.ny.us)  
Please visit the town website for the current fee schedule.



## Meet Your Town Board



The Waterford Town Board has a combined experience of over 70 years serving the residents of Waterford. Each councilperson oversees a specific department or committee in town government. Councilman Frank McClement, who became a Town Board member in 2013, is the Liaison for Canal Development, Grants and Program Funding, Community Groups and is the Village Government Liaison. Councilman Jim Boudreau, Liaison to the Highway Department, Wastewater Treatment, Water Authority and Cemetery, has served as Town Board member since 2007. Councilman Dave Ball has been on the Board for twelve years and is the liaison to Public Safety, Emergency Services and Veterans Affairs. Councilwoman Laurie Marble, Deputy Supervisor, is

currently the liaison for Youth, Seniors, Parks and Playgrounds, Pool and Festivals and has served on the Town Board since 2003. Supervisor John Lawler who has held this position for 22 years, represents close to 9000 residents and oversees a combined operating budget of 6.5 million dollars. As Supervisor, he also a member of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. Town Clerk, Darlene Dziarcak is responsible for all legal notices and bids, issuance of birth and death certificates and maintains town records. She is also receiver of taxes and public registrar. Darlene has been Town Clerk for seventeen years. The monthly Town Board Meeting is held the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm. The Town Agenda Meeting is held the last Tuesday of the month, also at 7pm. The monthly Town Board meeting can be viewed live via our website at [town.waterford.ny.us](http://town.waterford.ny.us) or you can watch the replay the following evening on TWC channel 14 at 7pm. To contact a member of the Town Board, please visit our website or see the directory listed in this issue.

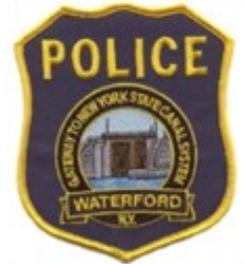


If you have recently driven by Town Hall you hopefully have noticed our new LED message board installed in the Town Clerk's office window. This new sign replaces our old letter mounted sign near the entry door. The new LED sign provides better visibility and allows us to display more detailed messages to the residents about upcoming meetings and events.

### Useful Tips...

#### If you are involved in an auto accident -

- 1. Keep an Emergency Kit in Your Glove Compartment.** Drivers should carry a cell phone, as well as pen and paper for taking notes. It is also a good idea to carry a set of cones, warning triangles or emergency flares in the trunk of your vehicle.
- 2. Keep Safety First.** Drivers involved in minor accidents with no serious injuries should move cars to the side of the road and out of the way of oncoming traffic. Leaving cars parked in the middle of the road or busy intersection can result in additional accidents and injuries.
- 3. Exchange Information.** After the accident, exchange the following information: name, address, phone number, insurance company, policy number, driver license number and license plate number for the driver and the owner of each vehicle. If the driver's name is different from the name of the insured, establish what the relationship is and take down the name and address for each individual. Also make a written description of each car, including year, make, model and color — and the exact location of the collision and how it happened. **Finally, be polite but don't tell the other drivers or the police that the accident was your fault, even if you think it was.**
- 4. Photograph and Document the Accident.** Use your cell phone to document the damage to all the vehicles. Keep in mind that you want your photos to show the overall context of the accident so that you can make your case to a claims adjuster. If there were witnesses, try to get their contact information; they may be able to help you if the other drivers dispute your version of what happened.
- 5. File An Accident Report.** Although law enforcement officers in many locations may not respond to accidents unless there are injuries, drivers should file a state vehicle accident report, which is available at police stations and often on the Department of Motor Vehicles Web site as a downloadable file.



Remember – if you are involved in an auto accident:

- \*Call 9-11
- \*Take photos of both vehicles and the scene of the accident
- \*Get contact information of all witnesses
- \*Keep track of injuries and see a doctor as soon as possible
- \*Contact an attorney
- \*Do not sign any documents from the other driver's insurance company
- \*Do not speak to other driver's insurance company without an attorney present
- \*STAY CALM AND DOCUMENT EVERYTHING**



The Friends of the Waterford Public Library are looking for new members who would like to support their library. Their mission is to work with the director and library trustees to support and advance the goals of the library. Do you have a few hours a month to spare? Why not volunteer for your library and become a friend.

For information please email the friends at: [folwatlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:folwatlibrary@gmail.com) or inquire at the library.

## Waterford Christmas Parade November 28th

The parade begins promptly at 6 PM at 7th Street. It will proceed down Broad Street ending at Soldiers and Sailors Park. Please join your friends and neighbors as we celebrate the holiday season and welcome a special guest who will help fill the park with a beautiful display of holiday lights. We ask that you please take extra caution along the parade route and keep children on the sidewalks. This will help to ensure the safety of the participants and parade attendees. **Happy Holidays.**



### Help Shovel Out Fire Hydrants

Fire Officials ask residents to please clear snow away from fire hydrants in your neighborhood. Every minute counts when the fire company needs them; the house you save may be your own.

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Waterford Swimming Pool 235-4414  
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