

Town of Waterford, NY

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SPRING WATERFORD NEWS 2016



Letter from the Supervisor



This past winter we experienced one of our worst utility crises with the disruption of the delivery of our municipal water. I can't thank those individuals and organizations enough who came to our aid and donated their time and resources to enable us to continue to provide adequate water quality and quantity during this crisis. The Town, along with Waterford Water Commissioners, are pursuing other sources of water delivery to improve our water delivery system and ensure in the future we will be able to meet daily water needs. As information becomes available on this subject, we will provide such at our monthly Town Board meetings and on the Town's website. If any resident has questions or concerns please feel free to contact my office at 235-8184 or email me at lawlerj@town.waterford.ny.us.

This year marks the 200th birthday of the Town of Waterford. Our Founders Day ceremony was held on April 16th at the Waterford Halfmoon High School. Many dignitaries and residents who joined us celebrated the exciting history of Waterford and were entertained by the very talented Waterford Halfmoon JS

Band and Choir. Students from Waterford Halfmoon High School were invited to paint several storefronts, such as the one shown here, to celebrate Waterford's Bicentennial. There are more events planned throughout the year in celebration of our 200th birthday including: Waterford 5K run, Family Day Fair & Festivities, Fireworks, and Music in the Parks series. Please visit the town website for event details.

Earlier this year, the town's Assessor, James Early retired after serving in this position for over 10 years. Jim's service and expertise will be missed. Sue Otis was appointed by the Town Board as our new Acting Assessor. Sue can be reached by phone at 235-9907 or by email at assessor@town.waterford.ny.us.

Our new Community Center/Senior Center, located at 125 Second Street, is almost finished. I hope you have the opportunity to visit the location and view the progress. I am sure you will agree the architecture of the new building is beautiful. This new facility will allow us to offer new activities and events that were not possible in the old building. A dedication and opening ceremony is planned for early summer.

Memorial Day is the day we honor those who have died while serving in the United States military. This year our annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at 7pm. Immediately following the parade a memorial service will be held at Soldiers and Sailors Park. Please join us as we pay tribute to those that sacrificed their lives in service to our great nation so that we may enjoy and experience the freedoms we have.

NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) has begun construction of the new Route 32 Cohoes-Waterford Bridge. The newly constructed bridge, which will be located 80 feet east of the existing bridge, is expected to be completed by the end of 2017. DOT officials say the existing bridge will remain open with alternating one way traffic when needed, providing access to businesses and residences throughout the construction period. Updates on the construction schedule and progress will be posted on the town website.

On behalf of all of the elected officials and Town employees, I wish you and your family a wonderful and safe summer!

Sincerely,

RESIDENTS CAN SIGN UP FOR 9-1-1 EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS



Saratoga County utilizes an emergency notification warning tool used to make rapid emergency telephone notifications to residents and businesses in precise geographic areas. The 9-1-1 emergency notification tool is used by Saratoga County emergency officials, during emergencies only, to deliver incident-specific information or potentially life-saving instructions to those in the affected area(s).

The 9-1-1 emergency notification tool integrates mapping technology with phone databases, and calls listed and unlisted landline telephone numbers of Saratoga County residences and businesses. Cellular phone numbers are not automatically included in the system database, nor are Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone systems. If you would like to receive these emergency telephone notifications on your cellular or VoIP phone, **you must first register these phone numbers.** Please go to the "Area Links" section on our Town website and click on the link under Public Safety to register.



Waterford Residents Who Make a Difference...

Tom Doin is a lifelong resident of Waterford and has been involved in many aspects of our community. Tom is a Vietnam Veteran, being honorably discharged as a Recon Sergeant E5. When he returned to Waterford, Tom resumed his job with the NYS Department of Canals, now known as the NYS Canal Corporation, where he worked for 37 1/2 years, retiring in 2002. During that time he worked on the Steam Drudge and Steam Tug and was Operator of the SPS60. Tom was Captain of both the Tug Urger and the Grand Erie, then sole Captain of the Grand Erie. While Captain, he had the opportunity to escort many dignitaries including Governor Mario Cuomo and his wife Matilda as well as Governor George Pataki, to various state functions. When he retired, Tom was the Floating Plant Supervisor, in charge of all tugs and dredges in the Albany division. Tom continued his love of tugboats when he became part of a group of dedicated men who worked tirelessly for years to rehab the Tug Buffalo which the Town acquired from the NYS Canal Corp in 1992. The Tug Buffalo, now operational, can be seen at the Waterford Visitor Center and is highlighted during our annual Tugboat Roundup each fall. Tom was the first Waterford Animal Control Officer and has been the Town Building Superintendent for 27 years. Tom has been involved in the Waterford Memorial Day Parade since 1982 and has been Parade Chairman for several years. Tom is Quartermaster of the VFW Waterford Post 5800 and is a member of their Color Guard. He is also Captain of the Lansingburgh Vets Color Guard. Tom has been in charge of organizing the placement of flags for Memorial Day on the graves of veterans in both the Waterford Rural Cemetery and St. Mary's Cemetery throughout the past thirty years. Tom has two daughters and a son and several grandchildren. Tom's mother, Bettye Doin, is a former Town Councilman.



WHHS art students were invited to paint several storefronts in town to celebrate Waterford's 200th birthday. Look for their designs around Town.

What you may have missed...



Wesleyan Church Egg Hunt



Town of Waterford Founder's Day Ceremony

Waterford Town Park Program and Pool Schedule:

The Town of Waterford Department of Parks and Recreation is excited to announce revitalization efforts at Clement Park in Northside which will include restoration of current playground equipment, the baseball field, and the restrooms. New playground equipment will be installed in the Spring. Clement Park will serve as a second location for the Youth Recreation Summer Program.

Camp Counselors will be hosting activities for Waterford youth at Clement Park, Monday-Friday from **10am-2pm**, beginning on **Monday June 27, 2016**. Activities will include group sports and team play, crafts, and educational skill building. There will also be an opportunity for children to participate in off premise field trips. A calendar of scheduled field trips and youth recreation events will be made available on the Town of Waterford website.



As with the Village Program at 4th Street Park, Clement Park is also a "come-and-go" program with no formal attendance structure. If you have any questions please contact Georgia Wohnsen at 527-1740 or by email: wohnseng@town.waterford.ny.us

The Town Pool is located on Ballston Street and is open 7 days a week. Hours vary by day so please check the Town website for the complete schedule. Swim Lesson sign ups will be held on June 18th and 25th from 10am –12pm. Proof of residency is required at the time of sign up.

Please note that registration for upcoming sessions can also be done during public swim hours. The pool is surrounded by a well maintained lawn area with picnic tables, perfect for spending a relaxing day at the pool. The building is equipped with bathrooms and showers and a small concession stand which is open daily.

Town Yard Waste Collection

Branches, leaves, and grass clippings will be picked up on Mondays and Fridays as the schedule allows.

All brush and branches must be no longer than four (4) feet in length and tied in manageable bundles.

All grass clippings, leaves, and small twigs must be in biodegradable bags no more than 40 lbs. in weight.

Applying for a Building Permit.....

With the nice weather approaching the Town would like to remind you that building permits are required for the following: Home Additions, Alterations and Repairs, Swimming Pools (above ground and in ground), Sheds, Decks, Signs, Porches, Sun Rooms, Tanks, Solar Panels, Fences, Patios, Slabs, and Retaining Walls. A Zoning Verification Form needs to be filled out by every applicant before applying for a building permit. This form can be found on our website or can be picked up at the Building Department located on the first floor in Town Hall. The Town Building Inspector, Greg Knorr, can be reached at 235-3802 or by email: knorrg@town.waterford.ny.us. Please visit the town website for the current permit fee schedule.

The **Annual Waterford Memorial Day Parade** will be held on Wednesday May 25th at 7pm. The Parade will step off from Grace Street and proceed to Saratoga Avenue and end at Soldiers and Sailors Park on Broad Street. A wreath laying ceremony will be held to honor those who sacrificed their lives in service to our great nation.

Town of Waterford Bicentennial Events

June 18- Strawberry Festival -Grace Church
August 24—Waterford Night Out– Sugarloaf Pond
September 11– Waterford 5K Race
October 1– Fordian Fever Weekend– Parade, Block Party, Bonfire, Fireworks

Town of Waterford Summer Events

June 5 Farmer's Market Opens– Sundays 9am -1pm Visitor Center
July 2 Steamboat Meet– Fireworks
September 9,10,11– Tugboat Roundup– Fireworks Saturday
Visit us on Facebook or
www.tugboatroundup.com
Check our calendar for additional events as they are scheduled.

Volunteers are needed for the Waterford Visitors Center. We have openings during the day, evenings & weekends. Spend a few hours meeting people from all over the world. Contact Dick Hurst at 518-233-9123.



Town of Waterford Trash Drop Off Program 2016

8am-1pm

Town Highway Garage

Every Saturday April 2nd thru May 21st

June 4th, July 9th, August 6th

Every Saturday Sept 17th thru October 29th

CARS \$15.00 VAN & PICK UP \$30.00

PASSENGER CAR, TRUCK OR VAN w/trailer \$40.00

Waterford Residents Only—Proof Required

For more information contact the Highway Garage at 235-3413 and visit the Town website for the complete listing of accepted items.

Electronic Recycling Collection Available– October 22, 2016 8am to 1pm



Waterford commemorative merchandise is now available for purchase at the Waterford Harbor Visitor Center.

From the Office of the Town Clerk- Marriage License Requirements

It is necessary to make an appointment with the Town Clerk for the license, call 235-8282

Things to bring with you:

Proof of Identification: Current Drivers License or Non-Driver ID card AND a sealed copy of original birth certificate.

If divorced, you will need a copy of all your original divorce papers, sealed or stamped.

It is recommended, but not necessary, that you have already chosen the last name you wish to be known as legally. This saves time and arguments at the counter. There is a \$40 fee for the license.

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

There is a twenty-four (24) hour waiting period from the time we issue your license until the time you may get married. For example: if you receive you license at 10:00am today, you may be married at 10:01am tomorrow.

Your license is good for 60 days from the day you receive it. This is called the solemnization period.

There is no longer a blood test requirement.

The appointment for the license should take about 30 minutes.



PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL FAQ'S

What is a private sewer lateral? A private sewer lateral is the pipe which connects a business or home's plumbing system to the Municipal wastewater collection system.

Who has ownership/responsibility of the private sewer lateral? The property owner is responsible for the entire length, including the connection to the Municipal main, both on private property and the Municipal street right-of-way.

What can cause sewer laterals to overflow? Tree and/or brush roots wrapping around the sewer line, disposal of items into sink and or toilet that can clog the drain, feminine hygiene items, baby wipes and diapers, paper towels, hair, dental floss, disposable towels, foods not meant for garbage disposal such as chicken bones, corn cobs, and egg shells, cooking grease, children's toys.

What should the owner do if they are experiencing problems with their sewer lateral or a sewer overflow in the street is noticed?

Please contact the Town Highway Department at 235-3413 during work hours: Mon-Fri 7am to 3:30pm. After work hours please contact the Waterford Police Department at 237-3341

More detailed information regarding private sewer laterals can be found on the Town website.

Phone Scams, Be Aware.....This is worth repeating – Recently a resident in the Town of Waterford received a phone call from someone purporting to be an IRS Agent. The caller told the resident that back taxes were owed and the resident would be arrested if monies were not sent immediately. The resident sent in \$8,000.00. This was a SCAM and had nothing to do with the IRS. The monies will never be recovered.



The IRS will never:

Call to demand immediate payment over the phone, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you several bills.

Call or email you to verify your identity by asking for personal and financial information.

Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.

Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.

Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone or e-mail.

Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money or to verify your identity, here's what you should do: If you don't owe taxes, or have no reason to believe that you do: Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.

For more information, visit "[Tax Scams and Consumer Alerts](#)" on IRS.gov.

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Post Office 235-1733
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