

Town of Waterford, NY

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Letter from the Supervisor:



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

One of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences that I have had as Town Supervisor has been the opportunity to work with my good friend and colleague, Councilwoman Liz Callaghan. Since she was first elected to office in 1995, Liz has worked tirelessly to make Waterford a better and more enjoyable place to live.

So it is with some regret that I tell you my dear friend Liz has announced her resignation from the Waterford Town Board to spend more time on other interests that she greatly enjoys. She has been a great asset to our town board. As Councilwoman and Deputy Supervisor, her hard work, intelligence and great sense of humor will be sorely missed. We are all happy for Liz as she will have more time to devote to the joys of her life, her grandchildren.

Liz, and the entire Callaghan family, have been heavily involved in many of the events that make Waterford such a great place to live. From the Tugboat Roundup and Steamboat Meet, Farmer's Market, Pumpkinfest and community parades, to her work as Liaison to the Museum and Library, Liz has made a lasting, positive impact on our community. Her contributions are too numerous to list, but Waterford is a much better place because Liz gave so much to our community.

Please join me in wishing Liz and her family well as she moves on to this next phase of her life. And if by chance you should cross paths with Liz, please take a moment to say thank you, for all she has done for Waterford.

Thanks Liz, it has been a privilege and an honor to work with you and I hope you find happiness and joy in whatever the future brings to you!

Jack

Town Completes Project to Digitize Records



In June, the Town completed a 4-month scanning project, funded through a NYS Department of Education Records Management Grant, to digitize building permits and associated records. By the end of the project, our Grant Staff had scanned over 37,000 pages of records. Not only does this project make retrieval of records much easier for both staff and residents needing copies of their records, but it also protects the records from the possibility of being damaged or destroyed due to natural disaster. Recognizing the many benefits in converting paper copy to digital format, the Town is considering expanding the scanning initiative to other business functions within Town government. We are grateful to the NYS Dept. of Education for making this project possible.



News from the Town of Waterford Highway Department

This summer the highway crew repaired the tennis courts at Garrett Field. They look great and were used frequently by area students and residents. This year the Town participated in a free computer and electronics recycling program, which coincided with our Trash Drop Off, and the last day for both programs will be October 27th. Please visit our website for details on accepted items. The Household Hazardous Waste Day was held on October 6th and there were more than 50 registrants from both the town and village. Due to the growing interest we plan to make this an annual event.

Yard waste collection occurs every Monday and Friday throughout the year, weather permitting. All grass clippings, leaves and small twigs must be in biodegradable bags and weigh no more than 40 lbs. All brush and branches must be no longer than 4 feet in length and tied in manageable bundles. The Town of Waterford's leaf vacuum collector truck will be out beginning in October and continue until the third week of November, weather permitting. All residents in our developments are asked to bring leaves only to the edge of the roadway, not in the road. This allows the Highway Crew to pick up the leaves in a safe and efficient manner. By following these guidelines we can ensure the Highway Department services are safe for both the workers and residents. **Thank you and have a safe holiday season.**



Reminder to Residents

County Waste follows the regular pick up schedule for every holiday except Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Important Safety Tips From our Building Inspector:

Amanda's Law went into effect on February 22, 2010. It requires new and existing one- and two-family residences to have at least one carbon monoxide alarm installed on the lowest floor of the building having a sleeping area. The alarm must be clearly audible in all sleeping areas over background noise levels with all intervening doors closed.

In addition to installing carbon monoxide alarms, homeowners should take the following actions to help reduce their risk and stay safe:

- Test and/or replace alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions;
- Have heating systems, vents, and chimney's and flues tested, inspected and cleaned by a qualified technician each year;
- Regularly examine vents and chimneys for improper connections, rust, soot or other debris;
- Never run a vehicle, generator or other fuel powered motor indoors, even if garage doors are open to the outdoors;
- Never use a gas oven to heat a home, and only use barbecue grills outdoors- never in a house or garage; and
- Remember that carbon monoxide alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should also be installed on every level of a home as well as in or outside sleeping areas..

Please contact the Building Department at 235-3802 or by email , hebertg@town.waterford.ny.us with any questions or concerns you may have regarding carbon monoxide detectors or any related safety issue.



Veteran's Day is November 11th. Please take a moment to remember the brave men and women, past and present, who have served our nation.

(Town Offices closed on Monday November 12 in observance of Veterans Day)



WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

We are fast approaching the winter/snow season. All residents are reminded that parking is prohibited on certain streets starting November 1 until March 31. These streets are marked and we are asking for your cooperation in assisting in the snow removal process and to follow the posted signs. We are also asking when a snow emergency is declared, residents are to move their vehicles in connection with the emergency and posted signs. Vehicles not moved will be towed at the owner's expense.

Visit the Waterford Youth Council's website for new and exciting things for you and your child to do this winter.
www.waterforyouthcouncil.org

From the Office of the Public Safety Commissioner.....

With the upcoming winter season drawing near, it is time to remind everyone, how to drive in snow. If the roads are bad, or a storm is forecast to be heading your way - stay home. But in reality, there are times that you cannot do this or that you're already out when the weather hits. These tips will help you get to your destination as safe as possible.

Driving safely on icy roads:

- Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
- Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.
- Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
- Keep your lights and windshield clean.
- Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.



If you get stuck:

***Do not** spin your wheels. This will only dig you in deeper. ***Turn** your wheels from side to side a few times to push snow out of the way. ***Use** a light touch on the gas, to ease your car out. ***Pour** sand, kitty litter, gravel or salt in the path of the wheels, to help get traction.



The Town of Waterford pool and summer park program have come to a close and the season was an overwhelming success. We saw an increase in attendance in both programs and want to thank the staff of the pool and park for their dedication in providing the residents of Waterford with a fun and safe summer. Please be sure to visit our website in the spring for the 2013 park and pool schedule.

On Nov 24th the Town of Waterford will officially kick off the holiday season with the annual holiday parade. The step-off will start promptly @ 7pm from 7th Street, down Broad Street to Soldiers and Sailors Park, where the guest of honor, Santa himself, will fill the park with a beautiful display of holiday lights. We hope to see you there!



If your front wheels skid:

- Take your foot off the gas and shift to neutral, but don't try to steer immediately. As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return. As it does, steer in the direction you want to go. Then put the transmission in "drive" or release the clutch, and accelerate gently.

If your rear wheels skid:

- Take your foot off the accelerator.
- Steer in the direction you want the front wheels to go. If your rear wheels are sliding left, steer left. If they're sliding right, steer right. You might have to steer left and right a few times to get your vehicle completely under control.
- If you have standard brakes, pump them gently. If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS), do not pump the brakes. Apply steady pressure to the brakes. You will feel the brakes pulse -- this is normal.

Have a great upcoming Holiday Season, stay safe and please don't drink and drive.

For a complete list of winter driving tips, please visit our website at www.town.waterford.ny.us

STAY INFORMED.....

Town Board Meeting - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00p.m.

The live meeting can be viewed via our website :

www.town.waterford.ny.us

Every month the Waterford Town Board meeting is broadcast the following evening at 7:00p.m. on TWC Ch 14

Town Planning Board - 2nd Monday of every month 7:30p.m.

Town Zoning Board of Appeals -3rd Tuesday of every month 7:30p.m

Town Agenda Meeting - last Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m



Note from Assessor:

**All exemption applications
(STAR, Aged, Veterans, etc.)
must be in the Assessor's
Office by March 1st**

http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/orpts/rp425_fill_in.pdf

Town of Waterford Fun Facts

What is the population of the Town of Waterford?

Do you know how many recorded streets there are in the Town?

Do you know how many stop signs there are in the Town of Waterford?

Do you know how many parks there are in the Town?

For answers to these questions, please visit our website.

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Animal Control 237-3341

Library 237-0891

Post Office 235-1733

Senior Center 235-8500

Sewer Plant 235-2033

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Waterford Swimming Pool 235-4414

Waterford Historical Museum 238-0809

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