

Town of Waterford, NY

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Waterford, NY 12188



FALL WATERFORD NEWS 2010



Letter from the Supervisor:

With the updating of our town website, we are pleased to announce the creation of our bi-annual town newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter will be to inform residents about upcoming events, information about town departments, and other newsworthy information. I hope that you will find this first newsletter informative and you will look forward to others as they develop.

I am especially proud of our ability to send the newsletter electronically. Just by providing your email address to us at emailaddress@town.waterford.ny.us, you can have the newsletter delivered right to your inbox. The newsletter will also be available on our website, where you can access it anytime.

Since this is a new feature of our website, we are open to suggestions as to how to make it better and more useful to our residents. Please feel free to email us at emailaddress@town.waterford.ny.us and let us know what you would like to see in our newsletters and/or on our website. We will look forward to hearing from you!



Sincerely,

www.town.waterford.ny.us

Our updated website will go live on 1/1/11

From the Assessor's Office:

The Final 2010 Assessment Roll has been completed and forwarded to the County. It will serve as the basis for the County and Town Taxes to be collected in January 2011. The tax rates for the County and Town are yet to be set by the County Board of Supervisors and the Waterford Town Board. Once set, the tax rate applied to the assessed value of a property determines the tax due for that property.

The Assessor will be continuing his regular practice of "Collecting Data" in the next few weeks. In this activity (required by State Law) he will be visiting (1) new construction (house, garage, deck, etc.); (2) properties now only partially assessed; and (3) properties for which only partial information is currently on file in his Office.

Based on the information collected, assessments for 2011 will be set or revised as necessary.

New applications for the STAR Exemption (owner-occupied) and for SENIOR STAR (Enhanced STAR) Exemptions (owner-occupied and over 65) must be submitted by **March 1st**. For SENIOR (Enhanced) STAR, a new application is required every year (**by March 1st**) unless alternate arrangements have been approved ("Enhanced STAR Income Verification" – call the Assessor for details: 235-9907).

Applications for the other categories of exemptions (Veterans, Aged, Disabled, Agricultural, IDA, Non-Profit Organizations, etc.) must also be submitted to the Assessor by **March 1st**.

At the Harbor:

The Waterford Harbor Visitor Center was the scene of several spring, summer and fall activities. Kicking off with the **Canal Festival** in May followed by **Steamboat Meet** in July, **Tugboat Roundup** in September and finally **Pumpkinfest** in October. In addition to these major events, the waterfront also was the venue for Waterford Museum's popular "**Concert Under the Stars**" in August. This was the third year for the **Waterford Harbor Farmers Market** which was held every Sunday from the first week in June until mid-October and has attracted a large number of loyal attendees who make the market their regular Sunday morning destination. In addition to purchasing fresh produce, flowers, local wines, honey and a wide variety of other goods, visitors enjoy listening to music and taking in the ambiance of the waterfront while enjoying their morning coffee at the café tables.

The Visitor Center sponsored a "thank you" dinner for all the volunteers who man the dock office throughout the season. The dinner, held at the Senior Center, was attended by 34 of the volunteers who meet and greet the boaters that come from around the country and around the world. The town is grateful for the dedication of these volunteers who make it possible for our dock office to be open daily without expense to the town.



A note from our building inspector about Amanda's Law:

Amanda's Law, named for 16-year-old Amanda Hansen of West Seneca, New York, who died on January 17, 2009, due to a carbon monoxide leak, requires 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, chimneys and flues tested, inspected and cleaned by a qualified technician each year;
- Never leave a car running in an attached garage;
- 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 all sleeping areas.



Reminder

Town Code Law Section 158-20.2 prohibits any vehicle being parked on the street during the following dates: NOVEMBER 1 – MARCH 31

This applies to the streets where signs are posted

Failure to comply with this law could result in a parking summons.

More Life Saving Devices Coming to Waterford

On Sunday, August 22nd a vehicle veered off Middletown Road. The operator of the vehicle had suffered a heart attack and was found to be unconscious and not breathing. Members of the Town of Waterford Police Department along with the assistance of a Registered Nurse who stopped to help, and the Waterford Rescue Squad were able to resuscitate the individual who has now fully recovered. A huge part of the resuscitation effort was an **Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)** that is installed in each unit of the Waterford Police Department vehicles.

Town Supervisor John Lawler and the members of Town Board authorized the purchase of five additional **AEDs**. The **AEDs** will be placed into service after Town employees receive AED training and complete CPR certification. The **AEDs** will be located in Town Hall and various other locations including the Town Highway Department and the Waste Water Treatment Facility. The **AEDs** are a valuable piece of equipment and as noted above can assist in saving a life.

Dog Days

On June 22, 2010, the Governor signed into law a measure that moves all dog licensing functions from New York State Department of Agriculture to the individual Towns. All municipalities **must** assume these functions on January 1, 2011. The Town Board will sign into law new dog licensing rules in the month of December. The State Law requires that all dogs over the age of four months be licensed in each municipality. Proof of rabies vaccination must be presented to the Town Clerk at the time of licensing. Some of the changes will include:

- Changing from a one year license to a two year license.
- Fee increases to cover the mandated costs.
- An enumeration of dogs, basically a door to door survey.

There will be a \$50.00 special assessment on any dog in the Town of Waterford over 4 months old who is unlicensed.

Please contact the Town Clerk's office at 235-8282 for any questions

CDTA Announces New Route

CDTA has introduced a new bus route. The #432, is now operating between Mechanicville, Waterford, Cohoes and Troy. The route will replace a former Northway Express trip that followed I-87. The new route will operate primarily on routes 4 & 32, while operating express on I-787 between Cohoes and Troy. The route will operate Monday through Friday, once in the morning and afternoon.

New bus stops will be installed at the following locations:

Route 4/32 at Columbia Street & Public Library

Route 4/32 at Division Street

Route 32 at Van Ness Street

Route 32 at Clifton Street and Museum Lane

The bus will also stop at all existing bus stops along the route.

Holiday Lights

The Town of Waterford Highway Department has changed the look of the holiday lights at Soldiers and Sailors Park with the help from the following community groups; Waterford Youth Council, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Girl

Scouts and Daisy's, Waterford Halfmoon School, Waterford Seniors, and local church groups. The Town will be provided a lighted tree for each participating group to decorate. This year the Town will be has switched to LED lights on all the holiday displays. These lights are more energy efficient and very durable. The Highway Department wishes all the Waterford residents a happy and safe holiday season.



Waterford Town Justice Galarneau Announces Retirement



Town Justice Raymond Galarneau has announced he is retiring from his position as Town Justice. In his 35 years of service Justice Galarneau has earned a reputation for maintaining a highly professional and fair court. He has also performed over 1,000 weddings as Waterford Town Justice. "It has been an honor to serve the people of Waterford, and I truly appreciate their confidence in me over these past 35 years." said Judge Galarneau. He is looking forward to devoting more time to his family and enjoying retirement. Waterford Supervisor Jack Lawler stated "Ray has been a pillar of our community for decades and it has been a privilege to work with him over these many years. We all wish him well in retirement."

Check our website for more details about these upcoming events in Waterford:

Winterfestival at Sugarloaf Pond will be in February. The date to be announced.

Check our website for senior news too!

The seniors are always on the go with their activities and shopping trips and always welcome new members!

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