

Town of Waterford, NY

65 Broad St.
Waterford, NY 12188



FALL WATERFORD NEWS 2011



Letter from the Supervisor:

I would like to thank all the volunteers, community organizations, emergency personnel and employees for their countless hours of work and assistance to ensure residents safety and well being during the recent flooding caused by Hurricane Irene. Their unselfish dedication, hard work and compassion for those affected by the flooding truly exemplifies the very best of our community. Thank you all.

Veterans Day will be celebrated this year on Friday November 11th. This is a day we honor the men and women who have served in the military to protect our freedom. Please take a moment on this day to reflect on their sacrifices, and maybe visit Soldiers and Sailors Park, located at the corner of Broad Street and First Avenue. This is a great place to read the names of some of our local men and women who have served our Country and to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice they made for our nation.

November traditionally marks the beginning of the holiday season. The Town will kick off the season with our annual holiday parade on Saturday, November 26th beginning at 7PM. This is a fun event for all involved, especially for our youngest residents who will have a great opportunity to watch Santa arrive on a fire truck decorated for the parade. I encourage all to come and enjoy the holiday festivities. For a full listing of all the activities planned please visit our website at www.town.waterford.ny.us.

New York State recently passed legislation that establishes a 2% property tax cap that a local government or school district tax levy can increase each year. The new law limits the amount of taxes that can be raised through property taxes charged on taxable assessed value to 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. The town board recognizes that these are very difficult economic times for many of our residents, and is committed to complying with the 2% tax cap. To meet this challenge, the Town Board will continue to look at ways to deliver services more efficiently and to reduce operating costs at every opportunity. I encourage all residents to reach out to Town Board members and discuss any suggestions you have for helping us meet this goal and to improve town government. A directory of Town officials and their contact information is included in this newsletter.

Happy holidays to you and your family

Sincerely,

Highway Department Receives Valuable Donation

The Town of Waterford has been gifted a new garbage truck/compactor unit as the result of a generous donation from Mr. Scott Earl. Earlier this year, the Town's old truck was in need of some desperate and costly repairs. Highway Superintendent Harry

Martel contacted Mr. Earl to ask if he had a truck the Town could borrow while we were contemplating the replacement or repair of our old truck. Mr. Earl provided the Town with a loaner and in August of this year, gifted the Town a 1998 International truck that was completely refurbished and ready to go at no cost to the Town. This vehicle will serve a broad need for our Town residents and special thanks should be made to Mr. Martel and his staff for procuring this wonderful gift.



WINTER PARKING

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



CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Christmas and the holidays are an exciting and busy time but with all the joys of the holiday season come potential safety hazards that can cause injury or even death. Help prevent injuries at Christmas and during the holidays by following these tips.

- When buying a live tree, be sure it is fresh and keep it hydrated
- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant".
- Never run electrical cords under carpets or rugs, over nails, in traffic areas, or where there is a chance of water.
- Never overload an electrical receptacle with extension cords or three-way adapters. If you need to plug a lot of things into a single receptacle, use a power strip.
- Keep holiday plants away from children and pets. Mistletoe, holly berries, and Christmas cactus are poisonous if swallowed.

* For a complete list of holiday safety tips, please visit the Town website at www.town.waterford.ny.us



HOLIDAY PARADE



Step off will be at 7pm from 7th Street and Broad

The parade will proceed down Broad Street to Soldiers and Sailors Park, where you can help Santa count down the lighting of the park.

Parents, please use extreme caution when allowing your child to step into the parade route when retrieving candy.

Happy Holidays to All!
Shelly Tanchak
Recreation Director

ELECTION DISTRICT CHANGES

The Town of Waterford was notified that the management at Strawberry Ridge will no longer allow their clubhouse to be used for elections for District Number 8. This created some difficulties for us as we have used it for years and had to find an alternate election polling place that was large enough to accommodate the number of voters in this district and was in close proximity. The Waterford Halfmoon School will now be home to both District 7 and 8. If you always have voted at the school, you will continue to do so. If you have voted at Strawberry Ridge, you will now vote at the Waterford Halfmoon High School. If you have any questions, you can call the Town Clerk's Office at 235-8282. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this decision by the Strawberry Ridge management has caused.

STAR UPDATE

Since "School Tax Relief" (STAR) began in 1998, Basic STAR has been available to virtually all resident homeowners regardless of their income. Enhanced STAR has been available to senior resident homeowners (age 65 or older) whose incomes do not exceed a specified "income standard," currently \$79,400.

A provision in the new State Budget limits eligibility for STAR to those with incomes of \$500,000 or less. Beginning this year, when the Department of Taxation and Finance determines that a homeowner's income is greater than \$500,000, the property will no longer be eligible for Basic STAR. This will not affect many Waterford residents.

The new law defines income as the following:

- Income of all owners who reside primarily on the property as of taxable status date July 1);
- Income of any owners' spouses residing there;
- Income from two years prior to the levy date (for example, for the next school year, 2012-13 school levy, 2010 income will be used);
- Income is the federal "adjusted gross income," less the taxable amount of total distributions from IRAs.

TOWN SERVICE SAFETY

Please adhere to the following guidelines to ensure that the Town of Waterford Highway Department Services are safe for workers, staff and residents:

Yard waste collection occurs every Monday and Friday throughout the year. All grass clippings, leaves and small twigs must be in biodegradable bags and weigh no more than 40lbs. All brush and branches must be no longer than 4 feet in length and tied in manageable size bundles

The Town of Waterford's leaf vacuum collector truck will be out beginning in October and run 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.

DOG LICENSING REMINDER



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 had to assume these functions on January 1, 2011. The Town Board has signed into law the new dog licensing rules. 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 and 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 that is unlicensed. Enumeration Officers are going door to door to determine the number of dogs in the Town and that each dog is vaccinated against rabies and licensed. Please cooperate with the Officers and if you have any questions, you can reach police Commissioner John Tanchak at 237-3341 or Town Clerk Darlene Dziarcak at 235-8282.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WATERFORD? STAY INFORMED....

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

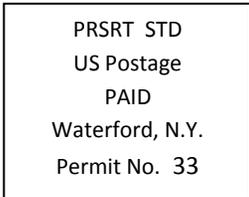
Town Planning Board - 2nd Monday of every month 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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 Laurie Marble 237-7348

Town Clerk:

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 Darlene Dziarcak 235-8282

Town Justices:

Judge David Fusco 237-6788
 Judge Nancy Sunukjian 237-6788

Assessor:

James D. Early 235-9907
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Zoning Board Chairman:

Charles Fusco 235-8282

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Recreation Director:

Michele Tanchak 527-1740

Building Inspector:

Raymond Carmel 235-3802

Police Commissioner:

John Tanchak 237-3341

Highway Department:

Harold Martel 235-3413

Village Of Waterford 235-9898
 Police: Emergency Calls: 911
 Non-Emergency Calls 237-3341
 Animal Control 237-3341
 Library 237-0891
 Post Office 235-1733
 Senior Center 235-8500
 Sewer Plant 235-2033
 Visitor's Center 233-9123
 Water Works 237-0422
 Waterford Swimming Pool 235-4414
 Waterford Historical Museum 238-0809
 Waterford Youth Council 238-2562
 Waterford Rural Cemetery 237-5512