

Town of Waterford, NY

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Letter from the Supervisor



As our Bicentennial Year comes to a close, I hope everyone had an opportunity to participate in one of the many celebrations that were held throughout the town showcasing our rich heritage. Many thanks to those individuals who spent countless hours organizing these events, which proved once again that the Town of Waterford is truly a wonderful place to live and raise a family!

Construction on the Town's new Community/Senior Center is completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house planned for November 5th. All are invited to attend. The new facility located at 125 Second Street is not only the new home for our senior community but it will also provide our community with a much needed location to hold various public events.

We encourage you to stop by and see the new building.

The Town is investing time and resources into upgrading our Town Parks. New playground equipment was installed at Clement and Catallo Parks over the summer, and plans are underway for additional improvements to other parks next year. The demand for using the recreational fields at Middletown Road has grown to the point where a reservation process for field use has been implemented. Anyone wishing to reserve a field must complete a Field Reservation Application Form which can be found on the Town's website, and should then be submitted to the Town Clerk. All approved reservations will be posted on the Community Calendar on the Town's website.



I am very pleased to announce the results of two recent reviews of the Town's financial practices completed by the New York State Comptroller's Office. The first review involved an audit of the management of government resources and accountability of tax dollars, and the second review involved the determination of fiscal stress level of the Town. The Comptroller's Office commended the Town Board for its fiscal management practices. In their review of financial stress levels for communities throughout New York State, the Comptroller's Office determined that the Town's financial stress level was well below the threshold that would identify a community susceptible to future financial difficulties. The results of the reviews clearly show the effectiveness and professionalism of our financial management of your tax dollars. My thanks again to the Town Board and all town employees for their continued hard work and efforts in finding ways to ensure that we deliver quality services at a reasonable cost.

As Veterans Day approaches, please remember that this is a day that we honor the men and women of our military for their current and past service. The freedoms we experience every day are protected by these brave individuals and they deserve our thanks and appreciation. Please take a moment on Veterans Day to express your appreciation for that service.

A friendly reminder that parking vehicles on certain streets from November 1 through March 31 is prohibited. These restrictions allow town highway department employees to quickly and efficiently plow the streets designated as no parking. The affected streets are clearly marked and we ask for your cooperation in assisting with the snow removal process.

On behalf of the Town Board members and all our employees, we wish you and your family the warmest of holiday seasons and a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

The Town of Waterford Police Department is giving out free gun locks.

Instilling awareness about firearm safety and proper storage is the first step toward preventing firearm accidents, theft and misuse. The Waterford Police Department is providing free gun locks to help Waterford residents responsibly store their firearms when not in use.



The locks are being provided in conjunction with Project ChildSafe, a Nationwide program. Residents are being urged to stop by the Waterford Police Department and pick up their free gun lock.

“S.A.F.E.” serves as an acronym for **Store** your firearms responsibly when not in use; **Always** practice firearm safety; **Focus** on your responsibilities as a firearm owner; and **Education** is key to preventing accidents. The effort is focused on providing resources to help gun owners take actions and share information that will help keep their families and communities safer.

Adults who own guns and have children in their homes have a responsibility to protect those children by sensibly storing their guns. Guns need to be locked and out of reach of children when they aren't in use. Adults need to also teach the children in their lives about being safe around guns and that they are not toys. The Town of Waterford Police Department supports Project ChildSafe because its goal is to help adults talk to their kids about guns and teach them safe handling practices.

For more information on this topic, please visit www.projectchildsafe.org

Building Permits... Do I Need One?

The Town requires a building permit for all new construction, most home remodels, and accessory structures such as pools, porches and fences. For the complete listing and the required fees please visit the Town website or contact Building Inspector Greg Knorr at 235-3802 or by email: knorrg@town.waterford.ny.us. The Waterford Town Code is now online.



Waterford's Bicentennial Celebration

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This year the Town of Waterford celebrated its 200th birthday. The celebrations began with a Founder's Day event on April 16 that included a well attended ceremony at the Waterford Halfmoon School followed by a cocktail party at McGreivey's restaurant. The highlights of our Bicentennial celebration were the painting of several store front windows by the art students at WHHS, an open house on Peebles Island, a Strawberry Social at Grace Church, Family Night Out in Northside, a 5K run, a car show at the Waterford Library and an Oktoberfest held at Kavanaugh Hook & Ladder. Many thanks to the organizations who helped out with these activities: The Waterford Halfmoon School, the Library, the Museum, Grace Church, the Wesleyan Church, the Waterford Runners Club, and McGreivey's restaurant as well as our fire departments, EMS and the police department. We had a dedicated committee and all their hard work was greatly appreciated.

The first annual Tug Boat Chug 5k took place on Sunday September 11, 2016 during Waterford's annual Tug Boat Round Up weekend celebration. Beginning and ending at Lock 2, 140 runners ranging in age from 8 years to 70 years looped through the historic village and Peebles Island State Park. Prizes were awarded to the overall top male and female finishers, and also to the top male and female finishers within seven age group categories. Numerous volunteers from the community, including the girl scouts, fire departments, and EMS were on hand to ensure a safe and successful event.



Waterford Parks, Playgrounds and Ball Fields

The Town Board has adopted a new procedure for the use of the softball and soccer fields on the Middletown Road Fields. (St. Mary's Ball Fields)

Due to the increase in use and demand of these fields over the years, interested teams are now asked to fill out a Field Reservation Application Form which can be found on the Town's website. This form must be accompanied by a team roster, proof of insurance and a schedule of dates and times requested. The form is to be submitted to the Town Clerk and the applicant will be notified once the information has been reviewed.

New playground equipment is being installed in various Town Parks. Most recently, Clement Park and Catallo Park had two new pieces added. The Town Board has allocated funds in the 2017 budget so that additional parks will see equipment upgrades during the spring of 2017.



Clement Park located in Northside

Waterford Residents Who Make a Difference



Joe Avarello, or "Papa Joe" as he is more affectionately known throughout Waterford, has been a resident for 57 years. Born and raised in Brooklyn, Joe was a longshoreman before being drafted to the Army where he was stationed in Iceland. In 1959, Joe and his wife Rita moved their family to Waterford and Joe's passion and career for tugboats soon began. Joe's first job was as an oiler working for Diesel Vessel Operators. Throughout the years, he worked his way up to deckhand and then mate, with deckhand being his more favored role. Each spring his work took him to the Great Lakes, Detroit and Chicago then back to New York in the fall. Joe had been "on the water" for 33 years when he retired from Hess. After retiring Joe was approached to fill the position of Crossing Guard for the Town and has been doing so for the past 24 years. "Papa Joe"

can be seen five days a week, in the sun, snow, rain and cold making sure the parents, students, and teachers of St. Mary's can safely get to and from school each morning and afternoon. During recess, "Papa Joe" keeps watch of the students while they play outside and ensures their safety. *"Papa Joe is the best crossing guard ever. He's out there in rain, snow or blazing sun and he's irreplaceable."* (Maddie Swinton 8th grader). *"Papa Joe is the grandfather that everyone wants because you can always count on him to greet you with a smile and protect you."* (Mrs. Carrie Connelly Devin-faculty & Class of 1991). *"Papa Joe epitomizes everything good about our culture. He has an unbeatable work ethic and a resoundingly optimistic attitude. Our community is blessed to have Papa Joe with us every day!"* (Mrs. Mary Rushkoski, Principal).

Joe continues his public safety work as he is often stationed as traffic control for Town events and festivals. Through the years Joe has kept his passion for tugboats in the forefront while working alongside a group of local tugboat enthusiasts restoring the Tug Buffalo. Joe is responsible for making the bow fender you now see on the Tug Buffalo. Joe has three children, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Please take the time to say hello to "Papa Joe" when you see him.

If you would like to tell us about a Waterford resident you know who makes a difference in our community, please email us at carriganm@town.waterford.ny.us or stop by Town Hall.

Election Day is November 8th- Designated Polling Places for the Town of Waterford

District #1	Waterford Visitors Center
District #2	Kavanaugh Fire House
District #3	Ford Hose Fire House
District #4	Northside Fire House
District #5	Emergency Team Building
District #6	United Methodist Church
District #7	Waterford Halfmoon High School
District #8	Waterford Halfmoon High School



From the Town Clerk's Office

Coats For The Community



Gently used and clean adult and children's coats, snow pants, and winter accessories are being gratefully accepted and then distributed to families in Waterford, NY.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED FROM OCTOBER 23RD TO NOVEMBER 13TH AT:

Waterford Rescue Squad Building, 46 4th Street, Waterford, NY 12188
(Please leave items inside the first set of large brown metal doors to the rear of the parking area)

WATERFORD DISTRIBUTION DATES AND TIMES:

Sunday, November 13th 3pm to 5pm and Monday, November 14th 6pm to 8pm
Waterford Rescue Squad Building, 46 4th Street, Waterford, NY 12188



IN COORDINATION WITH COHOES "BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY" AND THE LADIES OF CHARITY OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT

****Proof of Residence is REQUIRED for each person receiving a coat****

If you have any questions, the Waterford contact is Debbie Saxby at deborahmary1207@gmail.com or 518-469-8475 or Darlene Dziarcak 518-235-8282. Thank you very much!



The Town Highway Department would like to remind all town residents that leaf bags will be 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 in length and tied in manageable bundles.

The Town of Waterford recently purchased a new 2016 Toro Grounds Master 4WD Mower for use in maintaining the town parks.

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

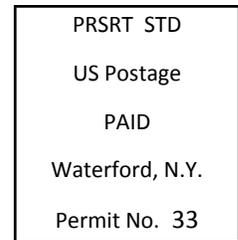
We are fast approaching the winter/snow season. All Town residents are reminded that parking is prohibited on certain streets starting November 1 until March 31. These streets are marked and we are asking for your cooperation in assisting with the snow removal process and to follow the posted signs. 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.

**Waterford Christmas Parade
November 26th**

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.

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Darlene Dziarcak 235-8282
- Town Justices:**
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- Highway Superintendent:**
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- Assessor's Office** 235-9907
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
Waterford Community/Senior Center 235-8500
Waterford Harbor Visitor Center 233-9123
Water Works/Water Dept. 237-0422
Waterford Swimming Pool 235-4414
Waterford Historical Museum 238-0809
Waterford Youth Council 238-2562
Waterford Rural Cemetery 237-5512