



From the Desk of the Supervisor *Peter Ingalsbe*

Welcome to summer, as I write this school is coming to an end, the temperatures finally feel like summer and hopefully the rain will be less than the two previous months.

We are trying to get this newsletter out prior to our big July event, Farmington Fireworks are always held on July 3rd and again this year located at the Town Park. We will have 5-6 food trucks, and a band, the fireworks will go off at dusk. We are grateful to the Farmington Chamber of Commerce for their donation towards the cost of the fireworks and we thank the summer recreation workers & staff who help the Town Board park cars each year. Come early and enjoy the evening.

Our summer recreation program starts June 30 and continues until August 8th. Some park locations are full, but if you have missed registering your child you have until July 11th. Sign up forms are available at the Town Hall.

2025 highway projects are under way including the rebuild of Cranberry Drive, with a new waterline as part of the project. Work should start in July. See the highway department section for more information on other road work projects in July.

Our senior citizen group is always looking for new members. They meet on the first and third Mondays of the month (noon) at Mertensia Lodge, stop down and check them out.

Swap Shop hours are Monday/Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. and Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday from 9 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Feel free to stop by and support keeping items out of local landfills.

The 2026 budget season has started with department heads getting 5-year capital plan worksheets to update. Later in July they will get individual budget worksheets to project their expenses, equipment replacement and personnel needs for the 2026 season. I can tell you the first sales tax and mortgage tax receipts for this year are flat from last year. I am hoping for a slight increase the rest of the year. More on the 2026 budget in the next newsletter.

In this newsletter you will find information on new commercial projects under review, new housing and an update on the Brick-yard water tank project. The Town Board also added new and updated regulations. This information is also in this newsletter.

I hope you can enjoy this summer and as usual my office is always open for any questions that you may have. I can be reached at 315-986-8100 ext. 2 or pingalsbe@farmingtonny.org.



From the Desk of the Town Clerk

Michelle Finley

Services offered in the Town Clerk's Office:

- Dog Licenses
- Marriage Licenses
- One-Day Officiant Certificate
- Marriage Transcript copies
- Parking Permits for Persons with Disabilities
- Death Certificates
- Home Birth Certificates
- Genealogy applications
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Water and Sewer payments
- Park Reservations
- FOIL Requests
- Peddler Permits
- Notary Services
- Receiver of Town and County Taxes
- Friendly and helpful staff

How to obtain a Marriage License

It is not necessary to obtain a Marriage License in the municipality in which the applicants are being married and you do not need to be a resident of the Town of Farmington to apply in our office. Marriage Licenses applied for in any Clerk's Office are valid for ceremonies held within New York State. Marriage Licenses must be obtained at least 24 hours before the ceremony and the license is valid for sixty (60) days following the 24-hour waiting period. The cost is \$40.00. For more information on getting married in New York State, including who can perform a marriage ceremony, please visit the New York State Department of Health website.

How to obtain a Marriage Officiant License

Any person eighteen years of age and older can solemnize a Marriage Ceremony in New York State after obtaining a One-Day Marriage Officiant License from the Town Clerk. A One-Day Marriage Officiant does not have to be a resident of New York State. The Officiant has the authority to solemnize a marriage anywhere in New York State. An application for a One-Day Marriage Officiant License may only be submitted after the parties to be married have obtained their Marriage License from the Town of Farmington and has paid the \$25 fee.

Paper Shredding Pilot Program:

The Ontario County Department of Sustainability and Solid Waste Management will be piloting a paper shredding bin for

residents at the Farmington Town Hall. The bin is located just inside the main entrance to the Town Hall and will only be available during Town Hall hours. Please note the following rules for usage of this bin.

- For residential use only, no businesses.
- Paper must be loose; binder clips must be removed (staples and paper clips are fine to leave in).
- No other types of materials/waste in bin.
- Only 1 legal box per month per resident is allowed.
- Bin remains locked, once papers are placed in the bin, it cannot be retrieved.

Ontario County Humane Society, 585-396-4590, handles stray dogs, dog bites, and inhumane animal treatment reports.

Nuisance problems with neighbor's dogs, which cannot be settled between the neighbors, are handled through the Town Court. Complete a deposition (available at the Town Hall).

ONTARIO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH 2025 RABIES PREVENTION CLINICS:

Location

Ontario County Public Works
July 12th 9:00 a.m. – Noon
2962 County Road 48
Canandaigua

Ontario County Public Works
September 20th 9:00 a.m. – Noon
2962 County Road 48
Canandaigua

Ontario County Public Works
November 1st 9:00 a.m. – Noon
2962 County Road 48
Canandaigua

Clinics are free but donations are appreciated. Animals must be healthy and at least 3 months old. Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier, one pet per carrier. No more than four pets per person. Please bring your animals past rabies certificate, if any. Preregister at <https://www.ontariocountyny.gov/rabiesclinic>. Any questions should be directed to Ontario County Public Health at 585-396-4343.



Planning & Development
Ronald Brand, Director of Development

2025-2035 Town of Farmington Parks & Recreation Master Plan adopted...

The Town Board, on Tuesday June 10, 2025, adopted the above referenced document which is an update to the past master planning period which ended December 31, 2024. The 2025-2035 Plan represents the Town's ongoing commitment to providing parks facilities and recreation programs in accordance with goals set forth in the Town's

Comprehensive Plan. The planning process began in September of last year and was led by a steering committee made up of town residents and advisory Town officials with facilitation and technical expertise provided by the Town's Engineers, MRB Group. The update built upon a survey of some 500 residents who identified needs for parkland facilities and recreational programs. There were monthly meetings which provided input from local groups and organizations, and a well-attended public information meeting held at the Town Hall. The final draft of the Plan has remained on the Town's website since January of this year. With the adoption, a final version of the Plan will continue to be posted on the Town's website for all to review over the next ten-year planning period. It is the Committee's hope that the Town will use the plan and its strategic actions to help seek, obtain, and deploy funding to advance their community's parks and recreation goals and ultimately continue to improve the quality of life for our entire community.

Park and Ride Lot Rules and Regulations adopted...

Earlier this year the Town Board adopted a local law that established rules and regulations for the public's use of the town owned Park and Ride facility located along Plastermill Road and near the intersection with Loomis Road. Signage is being installed informing all of these rules and regulations which have been established for all users. A copy of these rules and regulations is contained in Chapter 103 of the Town Code and may be viewed on the town's website.

Short-term Residential Rental Regulations adopted...

Also, earlier this year the Town Board adopted a local law that established the rules and regulations for this use of existing single-family dwellings being leased for short periods of time. Short-term residential rentals have the potential to compromise the residential character of neighborhoods and the community, drive up limited affordable housing supply, and may cause disruption to the peace, quiet and enjoyment of neighboring residents. Accordingly, to respect the rights and interests of all residents of the Town, this chapter seeks to thoroughly monitor and regulate those who offer their homes as short-term residential rental properties in order to minimize any potential detrimental impact this commercial enterprise may have upon the residential character of Farmington's neighborhoods. A copy of the regulations is contained in Chapter 155 of the Town Code and may be viewed on the town's website.

Water Rules and Regulations Amendments – Under Review...

Chapter 159 of the Farmington Town Code is currently being updated and will be introduced to the Town Board this summer for scheduling a public hearing and adoption of a local law for amending the current Chapter 159. The purpose of this Chapter is to regulate access to, and the use of public water service provided to the residents of the Town of Farmington who are located within the established Canandaigua Farmington Consolidated Water District, and to ensure such use does not create public safety hazards, pollute the quality of public water being provided, or cause

damage to the public infrastructure investments made by the water service utility.

Town Projects Underway...

- ***Phase 1, Sidewalk/Trail Connection/Bike Lane Capital Project...*** Completion of this project was placed on hold late last fall due to weather conditions. Remaining to be completed this spring are sections of sidewalk along the west side of Mertensia Road, near Elizabeth Way, construction of the stone dust trail connection between the sidewalk along County Road 41 and the Auburn Trail, and installation of a section of blacktop trail near the pedestrian bridge crossing of Beaver Creek at County Road 41. With the installation of the guardrails over the winter, the pedestrian bridge crossing was opened. Still remaining is the ongoing coordination with Marrano Homes for two proposed access easements across the rear portions of three lots along Osburn Lane. Once a decision is reached on this need, the stone dust trail will be completed. When this new length of sidewalk is added to the existing length of sidewalk installed [since 2018 a total of 115,261 lineal feet (lf) has been installed by developers] there is a total of 122,790 lf [2.64 miles] of five-foot-wide concrete sidewalk will have been constructed. This is in addition to 3-miles of hiking/biking trail [The Auburn Trail Extension] and 1.5 miles of nature trail [Hickory Rise Conservation Area Project]. Finally, there is approximately 1,500 lf of private sidewalk that has been installed within the townhouse portion and the Villa's portion of the Hathaway's Corners Incentive Zoning Project.
- ***Brickyard Road Water Tower Replacement and Water Transmission Line Project...*** Work continues on this Canandaigua/Farmington Consolidated Water District project that began construction in 2024. The partially completed new 2-million-gallon water storage tank is shown in the photo below. Current construction involves welding together the water storage portion of this new tank project. The next phase of this project involves the placement of a large curtain around the lower half of the tank extending down to the ground, approximately 200 feet below, which will contain the sand blasting operations scheduled to take place over the next few months. Then the water holding portion shown will be painted and stenciled. The anticipated completion date for this facility is scheduled for late 2025.



- ***Town Hall Lower-Level Renovation Project...*** Work is nearly complete in the lower level of the of the Farmington Town Hall which includes new offices for the Town's Construction Inspectors, the Stormwater Inspector's Office, two new meeting rooms, a new heating/cooling system, a new rear entrance, renovations to two restrooms, a new training room and renovations to the employee breakroom. This work is scheduled to be completed in July.

Applications under Review...

- ***Sky Solar Project...*** This project involves a total of 15 acres of land to construct two separate solar array sites that are to be connected to an on-site battery storage unit for distribution of electricity to RG&E and the State's Electric Grid. The project provides for the construction of the missing link between Commercial Drive North & South, along with a 60-foot-wide strip of land for a future east/west town road by others between Corporate Drive East and Commercial Drive. The project also provides for the connections of public sidewalks and a public water line. This project has been made possible by the owner of the adjacent New Energy Works, Jonathan Orpin, who graciously agreed-to give up a portion of his land to allow the Commercial Drive alignment to shift further away from the nearby Redfield Grove Townhouse Project. Currently, the applicant is revising the Preliminary Site Plan drawings for Town Signatures and then will be proceeding with a Final Site Plan for the Planning Board's review and approval. Construction is tentatively scheduled to commence this fall with inter-connect with RG&E scheduled for next spring.
- ***Victor/Farmington Volunteer Ambulance Corps Station #2...*** Renovations are underway to the interior of the former URMC medical building site located at the southwest corner of State Route 96 and County Road 8. Final Site Plan Drawings are being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and later this year construction of a three-bay garage addition to the former buildings will commence. The scheduled completion date of all these improvements is scheduled for the spring of 2026.
- ***Villager Construction Project...*** The Town Planning Board, at its June 4th meeting granted final site plan approval for the development of a portion of the 33-acre site, formerly known as the Loomis Industrial Park Project. The site is located along the north side of Loomis Road, south of the New York State Thruway (I-90) and east of the former Hill-Top-Inn site. The proposal involves the construction of approximately 38,600 square feet for a single-story office and another 9,000 square foot equipment maintenance building. In addition, a drive-way will be constructed to Town Standards for potential dedication to the town at a later date, water and sewer line construction and on-site

parking for employees, customers and guests and related site improvements. Construction is scheduled to commence later this year.

- **Farmington Market Center Incentive Zoning Project...** The Town Board, in July, anticipates receiving a revised Overall Preliminary Site Plan from the developer for the first phase of site improvements at the former Wades Plaza site. No longer is Tops proposing a gasoline kiosk. Instead, now being proposed is a standalone coffee shop building with drive through window service to go in this location. Still being proposed in the first phase is a new Mavis Tire building, a new branch office for Canandaigua National Bank and an 11,000 square foot addition to the Tops Market facility. Additional phases involve two additional standalone commercial buildings to be located along the south side of State Route 96.

Projects under Construction...

- **Farmbrook Sections 7A & 7B...** Two (2) model homes have been constructed within the last two sections of the Farmbrook Planned Neighborhood Project. These units will serve as sales offices for the development of seventy (70) single-family dwelling lots located along the recently completed sections of Meadowbrook Lane and Alfalfa Crescent. Currently, three (3) new homes are under construction and nine (9) additional homes have been sold with construction to begin this summer.
- **Route 332 Signal Improvements underway ...** You may have noticed the State Department of Transportation's highway information signs identifying Construction as you approach State Route 332. This work involves the installation of new traffic signals and intersection lighting improvements along this major highway corridor.

Town Code Updates...

The Town Board continues to review and update some of the Chapters of the Town Code which include an overlay zoning district for conserving prime and unique classified agricultural soils, Land Subdivision Regulations and amendments to the Town Zoning Law. Each of these updates will involve public hearings by the Town Board and the filing of the local laws with the New York Secretary of State's Office in Albany before taking effect. Legal notices will be published and posted identifying the dates and times of the public hearings. Copies of these local laws will be posted on the Town's website prior to the public hearing dates.



Building Department

Dan Delpriore, Code Enforcement Officer

Happy summer Farmington residents! The building department has been busy rolling out a new permit software that makes us 100% paper free. All permits are applied for

online through the Town of Farmington website. Once you're on the town website go to the building/ planning/ zoning department, from there you can apply for building permits, file complaints, and conduct parcel searches! We are more than happy to assist anyone who may have some trouble navigating this new system just give us a call! Along with applying for permits online we now take all payments online as well! After a permit has been approved you will receive an email with a link that takes you to the payment processor. Not that we don't want to see your smiling faces, but our goal was to make our process easier for the residents that may not be able to get to the town hall during the day.

To apply for a building permit:

1. Go to the Town of Farmington website.
<https://farmingtonny.gov/home>
2. Click on departments and go to building/ planning/ zoning.
3. Click apply for a building permit at the top of the page.
4. Select whichever application suits the project you are doing the best.

To pay for a building permit:

1. After the permit has been approved you will receive an email with an invoice attached.
2. On the bottom of the invoice there is a "click here" button that will take you to the payment processor.

To check on building permit status:

1. Go to the Town of Farmington website.
<https://farmingtonny.gov/home>
2. Click on departments and go to building/ planning/ zoning.
3. Click apply for a building permit at the top of the page.
4. Scroll down on this page and find the "Search or pay for an existing permit"
5. Once here you can search by permit number, parcel address, contractor, ect.
6. You can pay for the permit and requests inspection at this screen as well.

Yard Maintenance

Please remember that no growth of weeds or grass shall exceed six inches in length or height and to ensure that there is no accumulation of dead weeds, grass, or brush. Also, **STOP** discharging your grass into our roadways. It is illegal to discharge any materials other than stormwater into Town streets and gutters. If we see that your parcel is in violation of either of these items one of our Code Officer's may leave you a door hanger. This door hanger is meant as a reminder and is not an official violation. If, however, you continue to not follow these Town Codes you will receive an official violation of Town Codes that may result in an appearance ticket. Please feel free to contact myself or any one of my staff members if you have questions at (315) 986-8100 option 3.

Fire Safety Reminders from our Fire Marshal Augie Gordner

There's nothing better than a cookout with family and friends to kickoff summer, however it is important to recognize all grills as a fire hazard if not used properly. Always keep grills a minimum of 10-feet from combustible construction and

only use in well-ventilated areas. You can obtain more information on safe grilling tips at:
<https://dos.ny.gov/news/consumer-alert-nys-division-consumer-protection-provides-safety-tips-follow-when-using-gas-or>

In addition to cookouts, we all enjoy sitting around a campfire, making a S'more and relaxing on the weekends, but before you light any fire remember to keep fire pits a minimum of 20- feet from any building/ structure or combustibles, not to burn any wood that has been chemically treated, and most importantly, never leave a fire unattended. All fires need to be fully extinguished when you are finished for the evening. Additional information on open burning and campfires can be found by visiting the DEC link below.

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/air-quality/open-burning>

I hope you all have a healthy and safe summer, and as always if you have any questions or concerns never hesitate to call.

Updates from the Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition

A healthy lawn can improve water quality by filtering, purifying, and reducing stormwater runoff. Here are some tips to keep our lawns and waterways healthy:

- Test Before You Treat: a simple soil test can determine if fertilizer is necessary. If your lawn is lacking certain nutrients, try to use a fertilizer with slow-release nitrogen and make sure it contains zero phosphorus.
- If you need to add any sort of fertilizer or chemical to your lawn, make sure the forecast is clear! Rain will wash those extra nutrients and/or chemicals into our waterways.
- Not all bugs are bad: inspect your lawn and gardens regularly to catch a problem early. If you find a pest, identify them to see if they are harmful or helpful. Try non-chemical controls first.
- Plant disease-resistant grass species.
- Cut grass no less than 3 inches in height.
- Keep mower blades sharp. Shredding grass blade tips invites disease.
- Water early in the morning to conserve water and promote plant health.
- If possible, leave a buffer of vegetation between storm drains, streams, or any other water bodies.
- Encourage infiltration of runoff water from your roof and driveway. Direct down spouts to a rain garden or infiltration point where vegetation will filter nutrients from the water.
- Use native plants that require less frequent care after establishment and have deeper roots.
- Use a rain barrel to collect water from your gutters to use on your lawn and gardens. This is also a great way to save money!
- Keep lawn clippings, leaves, and any other yard waste out of our storm drains, roadside ditches, and waterways. These add unnecessary nutrients into the water and clog up systems which creates flooding issues. You can compost this waste or see if your town/village has a disposal program.

Check out our website, www.owsc.org to learn more about the Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition.

WE ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO CONTACT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT (315) 986-8100 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING POTENTIAL PROJECTS OR CODE ENFORCEMENT.



From the Assessor's Office

Donna LaPlant

Hello Farmington,

I hope that you are enjoying this beautiful time of year! Summer definitely is my favorite season.

The 2025 townwide revaluation project has been completed and the final assessment roll has been filed. I am happy to report that the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance has given us our equalization rate and it is 100%. The final assessments on the roll will be used to produce your 2025/2026 school tax bill, as well as your 2026 County/Town tax bill.

Sales in Farmington are still very strong with most sale prices coming in higher than the 2025 assessments. If, at any time, you would like a copy of the sales to keep up with the market in our town, please do not hesitate to contact my office and either Carolyn or I can email you the sales that we have received.

If you are currently on the Basic STAR and are turning 65 by the end of December 2026, you may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption. The application will be due by March 1, 2026. There is an income maximum to qualify but as of this writing New York State has not released that amount. Last year your income had to be less than, or equal to, \$107,300 on your 2023 tax return. This year we will be looking at your 2024 income tax return. When looking at income for this exemption it is your adjusted gross income minus the taxable portion of IRA distributions.

If you are currently receiving an exemption that you have to renew yearly, those renewal applications will be sent to you in the fall. As with the Enhanced STAR, all exemption renewals will need to be returned by March 1st 2026. More information regarding exemptions will be in the next newsletter.

As always, don't hesitate to call my office at 315-986-8100 (option 4) or email me at dlaplant@farmingtonny.org with any question that you have. I hope that you have a great summer!

Donna



Highway Department

Tim Ford, Highway Superintendent

Spring Cleanup was a success. 522 households took advantage of the Freon unit and electronic drop off and got rid of "stuff" that collected in the garage, shed and basement. The shredding truck destroyed old papers for 139 households. The Fall Cleanup is scheduled for October 17th & 18th. Mark your calendars!

Road sweeping and roadside mowing have begun. Please use caution when passing these slower moving vehicles.

Summer road maintenance is underway and once again this summer's list includes but is not limited to those listed in this article. There will be 3000 gallons of crack fill material put on several Town roads. This is a process that fills spidering cracks on road surfaces. It is one of the most economical surface treatments to help with the longevity of your roads and avoid more costly surface treatments as well as total rebuilds.

Followed by a slightly more costly surface treatment is chip sealing. We have 5 miles of chip seal planned for this year, which will include: Gateway Drive, Hunts Park Road, Cline, Pannell, North Bowerman, Latting, and Plastermill Roads. Next, we have mill & fills, one of which has already been completed is Allen Padgham Road from County Road 8 to the Macedon Town line.

The following roads are scheduled for July: Wood Drive, Running Brook Road, Calm Lake Drive and Lake Run. Hook Road from Allen Padgham to Curran Road will be paved with a 2" overlay. Hook Road and Allen Padgham are CHIPS Projects which is money funded by New York State to improve and pay for those improvements to our roads.

Our Capital Project this year is Cranberry Drive in the Farmbrook subdivision. This will be a complete rebuild along with a new water main. This project should begin late June early July.

We will publish time frames on the Town website and social media for each of the projects as they become available and scheduled with outside vendors, with the understanding that weather often becomes a factor in previously scheduled work. As always, we will try to minimize any inconvenience in your commute and apologize for any that we might cause.

Please be mindful of your speed when driving; walkers and children are playing in our neighborhoods. Have a safe and fun summer.

PARKS

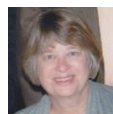
Our Parks' employees keep very busy all summer with mowing our parks and trails along with grooming and striping baseball and soccer fields. They stripe the crosswalks in Town as well. Building maintenance is another task that the parks department handles, which includes the Town Hall, Court house, Mertensia Lodge, Parks shop and the Highway facility.

2 new playgrounds have been ordered for this year one for Farmbrook Park and one for Farmington Grove Park. These will be installed late summer early fall. Pumpkin Hook Park tennis/pickle ball courts and basketball court will be resurfaced sometime this summer.

For more information call the Town of Farmington Highway Department at 315-986-5540 or visit our website at http://farmingtonny.gov/highway_parks for more information. Email: tford@farmingtonny.org

Help Keep Our Town Parks Enjoyable for Everyone

We're proud to make our parks available for all to enjoy. Our Town employees work hard to maintain these spaces for sports, activities, play and gatherings. We appreciate your help in keeping parks clean and safe – please remember to carry out or properly dispose of waste. Thank you for helping us keep our parks ready and welcoming for our whole community!



Town Historian

Donna Herendeen

Dear Readers,

Does time seem to be flying by since our last newsletter? Your historian has been very busy since my last article. Several genealogical requests have been received and completed. It's interesting how many people who are searching surname history on Ancestry.com find that what they thought was factual is really a "miss mash" of several different family lines with the same surname attached to one tree. How confusing and not factual! Believe it or not readers, all same surname lines are not connected. If you are doing your own search and find yourself in a quandary, I or one of my Daughters of the American Revolution "sisters" would be happy to help you.

Moving on to another topic, let's have some fun and take this short quiz. Can you.....

1. Name the four historical buildings existing in Farmington?
2. Which two reside in historic districts?
3. What makes them historical?
4. Why only four?

The correct answer is the Hathaway House (Lyons National Bank/LNB), South Farmington Chapel, the Grange building and 1816 Quaker Meetinghouse.

The Hathaway House (front section of LNB) is the oldest standing building in Ontario county. It was owned by Isaac Hathaway, a Revolutionary War veteran from Massachusetts, a Baptist and earliest pioneer. Isaac was involved in establishing local county and town government laws and procedures. He became the town's first clerk in 1796. The South Farmington Chapel was built in 1895 as a "temperance house" to teach all public-school children of all ages without regard to religion. All members belonged to the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Non sectarian Sunday sermons were held in the building for decades. Both buildings are currently open for public use. To schedule meetings in either building, you can reach out via their websites: LNB/ www.bankwithlnb.com and SF Chapel/www.sffca.org. The SF chapel is also available for half or full day rentals. The other two buildings reside around the Pumpkin Hook area, and they are not open to the public. Although reconstruction work of the 1816 meetinghouse will soon be under way, no plans have been made by the Town for the Grange structure. There are two National and NYS registered historic districts in Farmington. The 1816 Quaker Meetinghouse is located in the district of the same name. The South Farmington chapel is found in the South Farmington Cemetery and Meetinghouse Park district. The South Farmington Meetinghouse Park was the first park

established in Farmington and remains the smallest. Many Revolutionary veterans are buried in the cemetery.

In the next newsletter you will discover why Farmington does not have a "main" street and other historic buildings. Until then, enjoy your summer!

Donna Hill-Herendeen
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Recreation News

Summer Recreation dates are June 30th – August 1st at Town Park, Pumpkin Hook Park, Mertensia Park, Farmbrook Park, and Beaver Creek Park

Fireworks will be held at Town Park on Thursday, July 3rd. Com and hear folk music by Paulsen Baker and food from a variety of vendors!



Water & Sewer Department

Aaron Bissell, W&S Superintendent

Hello residents and Happy Summer! With better weather than at the time of our last newsletter our field crews are busy performing various tasks around Town such as restoring areas disturbed by watermain leaks, lawn mowing/trimming, flushing hydrants, exercising valves, cleaning pump-stations and conducting various preventative maintenance tasks on vaults and pump-stations. Our treatment plant operators are performing various mechanical repairs to equipment, maintaining the facility grounds, preparing disinfection equipment for the season and making process control changes to improve & optimize performance at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

I wanted to begin this editions article with an update on our Brickyard Road Water Storage Tank project. In several hours on April 7, the 2-million-gallon tank section, which was assembled/welded at ground level over a period of months, was raised and secured in place atop the concrete shaft. Since that time steel crews have been placing and welding steel panels for the floor & roof. As many of you may have noticed the tank can be seen in the skyline from several different locations including Route 332, New Michigan Road and even Route 444 between Victor and Bloomfield. It's quite an impressive sight! With the welding process now complete, the tank is being tented for the sandblasting and painting procedures to begin. These tasks are highly weather dependent and are anticipated to be occurring throughout the remainder of the summer months. During this time other trades will be working inside the tank shaft on various other items such as inlet/outlet piping, the tank mixer and disinfection byproduct reduction equipment. We are still anticipating that the new storage tank will be placed into service late in 2025 with demolition of the existing tank to follow shortly thereafter.

In the category of upcoming projects, there are a few items to update you on:

- The Cranberry Drive Road Reconstruction & Watermain Replacement project will be getting underway soon. Watermain replacement work will be some of the first construction activity taking place on this project so please be aware that there will be disruptions to normal

traffic flow along Cranberry Dr. as this project gets underway and progresses.

- Currently out to bid is the NYS Route 332 Watermain Replacement project. This project involves the installation of new watermain in 2 locations to connect existing watermains on County Road 41, Hathaway Drive & Lake Run. This will result in the abandonment of approximately 3300ft of existing watermain along Route 332 from County Road 41 north to the approximate location of KFC. Bids will be opened at 2:00pm on June 24th and construction would be anticipated to get underway later this Summer or in the Fall.
- In July, the Water & Sewer Dept. in cooperation with T. Farmington, T. Canandaigua and Ontario County Highway Departments will be replacing a section of watermain and repaving at the intersection of County Road 8 and Townline Road. A watermain break at this location during 2024 has resulted in damage to the asphalt road surface and sub-base. To ensure a lasting repair to the road surface and base it is necessary to replace the old cast-iron watermain with new PVC pipe. This will result in the west side (between CR-8 and Route 332) of Townline Rd. being closed for a couple days yet to be determined.

We will be resuming our efforts towards the goal of replacing all water meters in our system in the coming months. This has become necessary as many of the existing meters in our system are outdated and cannot be read. The new units being installed **are not** a smart meter! They are an ultrasonic meter with a cellular endpoint. Ultrasonic technology has no moving parts to wear out and uses the velocity of a fluid (water) to calculate volume of flow. This technology is widely used in the water industry and offers improved reliability/accuracy, decreased maintenance and increased longevity. The endpoint has a 20yr battery life and utilizes the existing cellular infrastructure for two-way communication of the meter reading data over a secure, private network. In addition to the advantages this meter type has for the Town, it offers positive features for the consumer as well. The free EyeOnWater website and App, that customers with the new meters have access to, gives the ability to monitor everyday water usage and see the same meter data as the Town. This allows consumers to detect leaks that would otherwise go unknown and result in a larger than expected water bill. The ability to view water usage in real time also gives consumers the ability to track in-home water conservation efforts and/or evaluate the volume of water being saved by high efficiency/low flow appliances. Temperature alarms are also configurable to warn of potential freezing of the meter thus avoiding costly replacement. If you receive a door knocker or letter in the mail regarding meter replacement, please contact the Water & Sewer Department to schedule. The meter change-out takes only minutes and as described above, the new meters have consumer friendly features not available on the existing meters.

In the next issue, I will offer some insight into how the Wastewater Treatment Facility works to treat the wastewater and make it safe to discharge to Mud Creek. If you have any questions, concerns or issues about your Town water or sewer please contact us at (585) 924-3158 or email abissell@farmingtonny.org

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

The Farmington Chamber of Commerce says

"Welcome to Farmington!" Whether you are brand new to the area or have relocated from within the town, the Farmington Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate you on your new home purchase.

At your convenience, please stop in and visit our Chamber office located within Mrs. Brakes Spices at 1560 Route 332 to pick up your welcome bag.

Get Involved in Our Town

All Town of Farmington board and committee meetings are posted on the Town website's calendar. You can sign up on the website to receive email notices, as well.

If you are interested in becoming a committee or board member, please send your resume and letter of interest to:

Marcy Daniels
1000 County Road 8
Farmington, NY 14425

Or via email: mdaniels@farmingtonny.org

Town of Farmington Boards & Committees

Town Board: Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Supervisor: Peter Ingalsbe

Planning Board: Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Chairperson: Ed Hemminger

Zoning Board of Appeals: Meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Chairperson: Tom Yourch

Conservation Board: Meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson: Bryan White

Agricultural Advisory Committee: Meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Chairperson: Henry Adams III

Historical Preservation: Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Chairperson: Donna Herendeen

Recreation Advisory Board: Meeting the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Mertensia Lodge Chairperson: Julie LaRue; Recreation Director: Mark Cain

Meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please check with the Town Clerk's office to confirm.

A MESSAGE FROM RG&E:

We work diligently to meet the needs of our communities while keeping everyone safe. However, every year, there are dozens of incidents involving third-party damage to our underground natural gas and electric facilities. These incidents not only put people's lives in danger but are also costly and can interrupt essential utility services.

If you're planning an outdoor project that involves digging, you must have all underground utilities marked **before** you start to dig. The marking service is free and requesting it is easy!

Contact **UDig NY** by calling **811** or entering a ticket at **UDigNY.org** between two and 10 working days before you start your digging project to have all underground utilities marked.

Thank you for taking the time to review this information. You can also visit rge.com/DigSafe for more safety information.

Brickyard Road Tank – old and new

