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Dear Village Residents,

As the summer ends and, as we anticipate a beautiful autumn, we would like to provide you with some information. Bill Reagan continues a great job updating our Village web site. We thank Bill very much for his efforts, and urge residents to visit the site for more current information on Village matters as well as calendar events – (www.villageofmarcellus.com).

FALL PICK-UP / TRANSFER SITE

The time for fall pick-up of leaves and brush is here and the Village Highway Department would like to remind everyone of its schedule. Beginning the week of September 29th, and continuing until October 13th, the Department will pick up brush. Beginning on October 14th until November 9th, the Department will pick up leaves. Please remember to put brush and



leaves on the grass between the sidewalk and the road. Please, do not put leaves in the ditch or in the road. Leaves left in the ditches or in the road are very hard to clean up, clog the storm sewers and make the job very time-consuming. If you have any questions regarding this, please call the Village Office (673-3112). In addition, the Town of Marcellus has scheduled two weekends for trash transfer this fall – that of September 26th – 27th, and October 3rd – 4th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Fridays and from 8:00 a.m. to Noon on Saturdays. A permit is required to enter the transfer site and can be obtained at the Town Office on Main Street. The fee is the same as last year. The next trash pickup will be in the spring of 2015.

SCHOOL'S OPEN!!!

Please watch for school children walking and remember that there are pedestrian crossings on Main Street, as well as 20 mph speed limits in school zones and a 25 mph speed limit on First Street, a route that is heavily traveled by schoolchildren.

Please slow down. Tickets will be issued for speeders. In other school-related news, the Village and Marcellus Central School District have agreed to continue a contract that provides for three Police Resource Officers, one at each of the schools in the district.



DOG ORDINANCE

Please remember that a leash law in the Village prohibits dogs from running at large and that barking dogs can violate a noise ordinance. Also, residents must pick up after their animals, a local law "prohibiting unsanitary deposits," including "animal excrement".



DRAINAGE ISSUES

Following some rather torrential downpours this past summer, the Village and the Town met with a representative of Onondaga County



Soil & Water Conservation recently. We hiked two areas of much concern in particular – the Meadow-Highland-Limeledge watershed, as well as the Flower Lane-New Seneca Turnpike watershed in an effort to understand more fully the situation as well as look for potential solutions to the flooding that occurs

in the Village following heavy rains. We expect a report from the County Soil & Water Conservation group in a few weeks. Initially, we can report that this will not be an easy fix, and will first require a costly update of the Drainage Study that was conducted back in 1977. It will also require the full cooperation of those residents whose properties are affected by the heavy rains. The areas of great concern are on private property and, as such, neither the Village nor the Town is able to provide much assistance without proper easements. A long-term solution would include not only an updated Drainage Study, but also the deepening of ditches, the installation of retention ponds, as well as the installation of properly-sized storm water pipes, and perhaps the creation of neighborhood drainage districts – a proposal that might, because of the cost involved, be objectionable to those residents affected. The Soil & Water Conservation representative noted that the large pond above Highland Drive, on Limeledge Road, has been satisfactorily secured recently and fears, on the part of residents below the pond, that heavy rains will overflow and flood their properties do not seem to be warranted. Following the report back from Soil & Water Conservation, we intend to schedule an informational meeting for Village and Town residents to more fully explain the report and to discuss what might be some solutions to this long-standing problem. A letter inviting residents to that meeting will be forthcoming and we urge that you make every effort to attend.

SEWER CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

This project is just about complete and there has been a final walk-through by our engineering firm, MRB. We expect a final meeting of the Consolidation Committee to be held soon, so as to coordinate plans to close out all paperwork for the project and submit to the NYS Department of State for reimbursement of the \$600,000, awarded the Village in October 2012 – an amount that the Village first had to borrow before reimbursement.



VILLAGE-TOWN SEWER AGREEMENT

The Village and the Town are discussing a new sewer agreement, whereby the Village will take over control and responsibility of the Town Sewer Districts – hopefully by January 2015. The agreement will relieve the Town of having to deal with sewer main issues and allow the Village to maintain control of the entire sewer system.

SCOTCH HILL PROJECT

Following a bid opening on September 18, 2014, the Board awarded the contract for granite curbing on the south side of Scotch Hill Rd, from North St to the Village line to K. Fellows Excavation at its September Board meeting. In early October, it is expected that the curbing will be installed eliminating roadway and drainage deficiencies, as well as creating additional green space and snow storage between the street and the sidewalk. It is also hoped that

monies will be available next year from Community Development so as to install new 5-foot sidewalks on Scotch Hill Road from North Street to the Village line. It has become necessary to split this project into two separate phases because of the uncertainty of funding.

NOTIFY THE POLICE – CALL 911



Chief of Police Robert Wicks reminds residents, especially at a time of year when mischief makers are more active, that it is essential that they report incidents of crime or vandalism in their neighborhoods by calling 911. Sometimes, residents are not making these calls because they

feel that an issue might not warrant it. Some might be calling the Police Department and will often listen to an answering machine because the officer is out on patrol. Residents must call 911. If you are still not satisfied, please contact the Village Office during business hours, at 673-3112, and express your concern. The Chief would also encourage residents to call the Police Department if they

have any concerns about contractors they may employ. The Police Department would be happy to do background checks so as to alleviate these concerns. Residents should also be aware that First Street will be closed to traffic on Halloween, October 31st, from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



ROADS, SIDEWALK, and TREES

Road Reconstruction on Highland Circle and Orchard Circle has been completed, milled and then repaved with 4" of asphalt. Sidewalks on Slocombe Avenue and First Street should be completed by the end of September and additional sidewalk on Bradley Street will occur in the next few weeks. Several trees have been



removed this summer and several new trees will be replanted in the coming weeks. We are very grateful to Village employees for all of their efforts this summer in having this reconstruction work completed. Weather has caused much delay in the construction season this summer.

OLD NORTH STREET

We are still in the process of transferring, at an appropriately-appraised value, part of Old North Street, abandoned by the State to the Village to the property owners of Daniel's Grill at 69 North Street. This should finalize the boundary lines for both Old North Street and the property at 69 North Street, a process that began back in 1966, when Nine Mile Creek was rerouted by the State of New York and a plan to abandon the street to the Village was contemplated



PARKING

As we approach the winter months, we remind residents that there is no overnight parking (from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.) on Village streets from November 1st to April 1st. If ticketed by Village Police, the fee will be \$35.00. We urge residents to use the Village parking lots for any overnight parking situations.

SUMP PUMP REDIRECTION PROGRAM

This Program, which is now over a year old, has attempted to address the matter of high flows at the Treatment, not only in the Village, but also in the Town Sewer Districts. Village and Town employees continue to visit homes in the sewer districts to inspect for illegal sump pump connections so as to reduce high flows at the plant and Village Code Enforcement Officers have also begun business inspections. However, there are still about twenty residences that need to be inspected and these property owners have not complied. The Board has authorized the Village Attorney to send another letter to these property owners, with the notation that surcharges may soon be levied on those who refuse an inspection. These surcharges will double the sewer rent each quarter, until an inspection takes place. We urge those who have so far refused an inspection to contact the Village Inspector (414-8229) or the Village Office (673-3112) to arrange for an inspection and avoid a surcharge on their sewer rents each quarter.

COMPOSTING PROJECT

The composting project continues to be very successful, as many residents have visited the plant. Composting continues all year round even though the demand obviously lulls through the fall and winter. A consideration that may make spring plantings easier for many is to secure compost this fall. Compost can be stored outside, without cover, through the fall and winter for its intended use next spring. Also, you might want to visit the facility on Facebook to get updates on compost availability. It can be found by searching for Village of Marcellus Compost Facility.



THANK YOU TO OUR EMPLOYEES

The Village would like to thank all who participated in the work they did on the flower boxes this year, particularly Village employee Kathy Welsh, and our highway crew, whose attention to their care all summer was exceptional and enabled all in the community to enjoy their beauty. In addition, we call your attention to the green space on the corner of Scotch Hill and North Street. Village treatment plant employees continue to address landscaping there and provide another advertisement of the benefits that natural fertilizer can bring. Compost is mixed in with the plantings in the flowerbeds and broadcasted over the lawn area – showcasing the use of compost to the residents of Marcellus and its visitors. It looks great!

Thank You!

OTHER REMINDERS

The Village Office will be closed on the following dates:
Columbus Day - October 13th – Normal trash pick-up
Veterans Day - November 11th – Normal trash pick-up
Thanksgiving Day - November 27th and 28th – Normal trash pick-up
Christmas Day - December 25th – Normal trash pick-up
New Year Day – January 1st – Normal trash pick-up



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