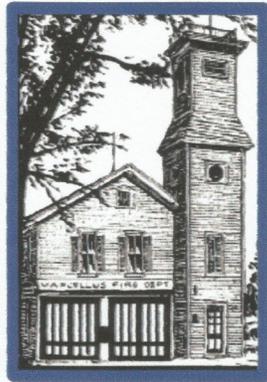


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Dear Village Residents,

The Village Board hopes that you enjoy a wonderful summer. Also, there is more information that we would like to convey to the community at our website address: <http://www.villageofmarcellus.com>. We are in the process of developing a new website, although the domain name will remain the same, as will much of the information. Until we go live with the new site, Bill Reagan, will continue to do the updates, and we would again thank Bill for all that he has done in maintaining our site, without pay, for many years.



Keep Grease and Wipes Out of Sewers

We continue to urge you to keep grease out of your plumbing system. Do not put fats, oils or grease (F.O.G.) of any type down your drain or garbage disposal. Use baskets or strainers to catch grease or food scraps and then empty them into a container for trash disposal. One such container is a liner bag, available at local hardware

stores that can be used for easy disposal of cooking grease and fat. Grease buildup can cause big backup problems for residential sewers. Also, flushable wipes are not flushable. Dispose of these in the trash as well. They too will cause blockage in residential sewers.



Village Garage Sale

The Village garage sale will take place on July 11th from 9 am to 3 pm - have some fun, sell your treasures and remember that no permit is required for this one-day event.

Combine with neighbors and have some fun at what continues to be an enjoyable event in our Village.

Public Hearing and Local Law #1

Following a public hearing held on May 18th before the regular Board meeting, the Village Board passed local law #1 of 2015, amending Chapter 223 (Land Use Subdivision Regulations) of the Village Code, to add a new section entitled "Lot Line Adjustments," to regulate the same. With this new law, a lot line adjustment would not be considered a subdivision and would therefore be exempt from the procedural requirements otherwise imposed upon a subdivision. The criteria for classification as a lot line adjustment include: no new lot is to be created; or the action is intended to adjust, relocate or correct an existing lot line; or the intended conveyance will involve a part of one lot being added to an adjoining lot; and neither of the lots involved would become nonconforming in any response under Chapter 250, Zoning, as a result of the lot line adjustment. Application shall

Planning Board for a final decision.

Creek Walk Moving Ahead

The creek walk project is continuing to move forward, and the advertisement for bids has been published. These bids are due by July 1, 2015, when the bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. At present there are five (5) contractors who have expressed interest, with several more expected. It is expected that construction of the trail, from Marcellus Park to Main Street in the Village will be completed before September. If some residents would like to become more familiar with the project, please check out the home page of the Village website - <http://www.villageofmarcellus.com>

Increase in Refuse Rates

At its June meeting, the Board of Trustees approve a resolution to increase Village refuse rates from \$41.00 per quarter to \$45.00 per quarter, effective July 1st. This is the first such increase in refuse rate in eight (8) years and reflects a need to keep pace with rising costs associated with refuse collection.

Sewer Consolidation Project and Sewer Agreements

The Sewer Consolidation Construction Project is completed and the Village, having negotiated and completed new sewer agreements with the Town of Marcellus and the Marcellus Central School District, has assumed sole control and operation, as well as responsibility of all sewer districts. The Village, which first had to borrow \$720,000 in order to complete the project, has been reimbursed \$600,000 granted by the State as part of a Local Government Efficiency Grant back in 2012 and this reimbursement has certainly lessened the fiscal stress of the Village. The Village, however, is now in midst of a State audit of the project, which should be completed soon.



TMDL and Phosphorus Removal

The DEC mandate that requires removal of phosphorus from our treatment plant's effluent is still a work in progress. Since the Village is under a deadline to implement this mandate by 2016, an engineering design plan was developed in the last year, using a grant of \$30,000 provided by the NYSEFC. The design calls for the expenditure of over \$5 million to treat phosphorus removal as well as make other upgrades to the plant. If monies cannot be found, this mandate could bankrupt the Village, and to that end, have requested the help of our Congressman, John Katko, who visited the Village Hall in early April. We have recently received some welcome support from our Congressman in the form of a letter to the EPA and a subsequent return letter to the Village from the EPA, expressing concern about some of the issues that our engineers, and we have expressed about this unfunded mandate. We have written a letter to the DEC, asking for response to the concerns raised by the EPA. Deadlines might be extended and the mandate might even be revisited, especially in light of the fact that Onondaga Lake, into which our effluent eventually flows, has shown marked improvement in the levels of phosphorus. We are waiting on a response from the DEC.

Building and Pool Permits

Residents should be aware of the need to obtain permits if any rehabilitation or new construction takes place. This includes the addition of a pool (2 feet and above), or a fence or a deck, or new steps to a residence. Permits are required, as is an inspection by the Code Enforcement Officer. Permits and more information can be found by checking with the



New Businesses in Town

We would like to call attention to new businesses in the Village, which opened just before Olde Home Days. The EMS Bakery at 14 West Main Street, under the ownership of Asia Murphy, and Papa's Pizzeria Express

at 18 West Main Street, under the ownership of Nick Edwards are most welcome and we urge our residents to patronize these welcome additions to the Village. In addition, the Reagan Companies are in the process of adding a second story addition to their building on South Street, adding more space and personnel for their growing business. As one



resident mentioned, it is great to see "cranes in the sky" - indicative of an expanding and vibrant Village center.

Street and Sidewalk Repair, Tree Removal

Based on recommendations of the Highway Chief, repairs will be made this summer to several streets in the Village, including Hillside and Baker Avenues and, pending budgetary constraints, some on repair to Beach Road as well. Also, sidewalk repairs will be made to selected areas on South Street, First Street and Bradley Street, and the removal of several trees on Orchard, South and Bradley Streets as well as a number of tree stumps left over from last year's cutting.

Brush Pick-up

Cut-off for brush pick-up by the Highway Department ended on May 3rd and the next pickup will be scheduled for the fall. Village residents are advised not to put yard waste out to the curb for pick-up until then. They are welcome to bring debris to the compost pile next to the Village Highway garage. Also, please do not sweep yard debris into the road. This can often cause storm sewers to become obstructed.

Battery Collection

During the month of July, household batteries (alkaline and zinc-carbon Only) will be collected from residents. Rechargeable batteries will not be accepted during the collection. Yellow bags have replaced orange battery bags. Residents should place the yellow bags on top of their trashcans during the month of July for the Village hauler to collect.



Teal There's A Cure

The 7th Annual Teal There's A Cure 5K Non/Walk will take place on Saturday, July 4, 2015, at 9 a.m. in Marcellus Park. Traffic will be limited on certain Village streets between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. To see a map of the course or for more information go to grocesgarden.org.



Thank You

The Board would like to thank Kathy Welsh, the Marcellus Garden Club and the many volunteers who

Village flower boxes. The Board would also thank our highway department for all of the work they did in helping to beautify the Village in time for Memorial Day and the Olde Home Days Celebration. In addition, there was no vandalism or other serious problems during the Olde Home Days, a tribute to the efforts of our Marcellus Police Officers.

Summer Community Events

Thursday nights, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., a series of summer concerts are held during June, July, and August at Marcellus Park. We urge residents to attend these wonderful events.

Parking

Overnight parking on most Village streets is permitted during summer months, but we urge residents to use Village parking lots for any long-term parking situations. The Police will be enforcing the two-hour parking limit particularly on North and Main Streets. We also encourage those who have driveways to use them for their own parking needs rather than the public streets. Also, parking on the sidewalks and in the Village right of way - the area that lies between the sidewalk and the road - is not allowed and we urge residents to use Village lots and avoid ticketing by Village Police.



Call 9-1-1

The Police Department reminds residents that they should call 911 if they have any concerns or any questions of what appear to be criminal or other suspicious activity in the Village. By using 9-1-1, our local officer will be notified, dispatched as quickly as possible. Given the fact that our police officers are not on duty 24 hours of every day, using 9-1-1 will cause other police agencies to respond to problems in the Village. In addition, if any resident happens to encounter a door-to-door salesman, please ask that individual to show you the permit that any peddler has to obtain before being allowed to solicit in the Village. If there is no permit, please direct them to the Village Hall and please call the Village Hall to alert our staff of the incident.



Some Reminders

Hours at the Village Hall are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If there are emergencies after hours, the number is 329-1330 for highway problems or for sewer problems it is 506-9253. If there is an emergency water problem, please call OCWA at 455-7061. Regular board meetings are on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. We also remind you that the Village Office (673-3112) will be closed on Friday, July 3rd. There is NO DELAY for trash collection because of the holiday that week, but there will be a one-day delay for trash collection in September because of Labor Day. Thank you for taking time to read this letter and we hope you enjoy a safe 4th of July and a fun-filled summer.



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