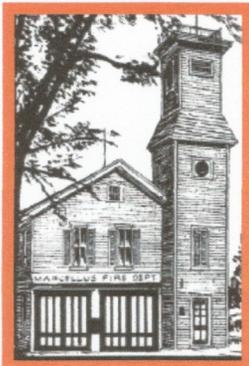


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Dear Village Residents,

As the summer ends and, as we anticipate a beautiful autumn, we would like to provide you with some information. Our new website (www.villageofmarcellus.com) is quite well done and offers much information that is kept current by our Village Clerk, Dawn O'Hara. We urge residents to visit the site for more current information on a variety of Village matters as well as calendar events of interest to all residents and to use the email address above to enter any comments or questions that you may have.

FALL PICK-UP / TRANSFER SITE

The time for fall pick-up of leaves and brush is here and the Highway Department would like to remind everyone of its schedule. Beginning the week of September 28th, and continuing until October 12th, the Department will pick up brush. Beginning on October 13th until November 8th, 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 25th – 26th, and October 2nd – 3rd, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Fridays and 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 next trash pickup will be in the spring of 2016.



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.

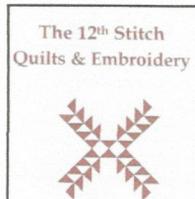
Please slow down. Tickets will be issued for speeders. In other school-related news, the Village and Marcellus Central School District have agreed to continue a contract that provides for three Police Resource Officers, one at each of the schools in the district.



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".

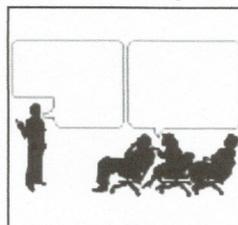
NEW BUSINESS IN THE VILLAGE



In addition to the recently new businesses on Main Street, Papa's Express Marcellus and EMS Bakery, the Village welcomes another new business. The 12th Stitch Quilts & Embroidery shop, located at 19 North St (673-7161) offers "Long Arm" Rental and "Long Arm" Services, Custom Embroidery and Educational Services for those interested in quilting. Please check out their website (<http://www.the12thstitch.com>) and stop in and give a warm Marcellus welcome to owner Mary Oaksford.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Village Board conducted a public hearing on September 28, 2015 at the Village Hall to adopt a resolution, increasing Sewer Rents in the Village from \$51.91 to \$63 per quarter, the first such



increase since 2007. In order to pay for looming costs, particularly to plan for major upgrades to the treatment plan because of unfunded State mandates imposed on the Village, including the removal of phosphorus to an acceptable DEC level, the Board has found it necessary to build up its sewer fund

balance and plan for this State directive. This increase in sewer rents is the first of several projected increases that will be necessary in the next few years. The increase, effective October 1, 2015, will cause the average residential customer to pay an additional \$15 per quarter, from approximately \$300 per year to approximately \$360 per year. More detail on the public hearing can be found on the Village website, under Monthly Updates and copies of supporting documents are on file at the office of the Village Clerk.

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.

Chief Wicks has also informed the Board that a new type of scam is in operation and that residents should be aware if they are selling something on Craig's List or similar sites. The scam involves a situation whereby a buyer offers to purchase an item and sends a

check in excess of the amount (e.g. \$500 item and a check for \$1,500 is sent). The buyer will then ask the seller to cash the check and send the excess to an out-of-state moving company. The buyer will then text back and indicate that he no longer wants to buy the object. The check ends up being cancelled and the seller is out the excess money that was sent to the moving company. If you feel you are being scammed, call the Police Department.

ROADS, SIDEWALK, and TREES

Road reconstruction on Hillside Drive and Baker Ave, as well as part of Beach Road has recently been completed, and we are certain that the residents of these areas are pleased. Unfortunately, budget considerations limited our ability to include additional repaving on other streets. Sidewalk reconstruction on South Street and smaller areas on



Bradley and First Streets will occur in the next few weeks. Several tree stumps need to be removed this fall and several new trees will be replanted as well. We are very grateful to Village employees for all of their efforts this summer in having this reconstruction work completed.

SCOTCH HILL SIDEWALKS

After a concerted effort by the Village and involved residents, Community Development notified us that our application for sidewalk reconstruction on Scotch Hill Road was accepted. This means that new five-foot sidewalks will be installed on Scotch Hill Road, from North



Street to the Village line – approximately 700 feet. Together with the new curbing installed last year, and the repaving of Scotch Hill Road this summer by the County, this important gateway to our Village will certainly be enhanced. It is hoped that bids, which are due by October 7th, will be awarded at a special meeting of the Village Board on October 9th. Construction can then begin by the middle of the month.

PARKING and BASKETBALL HOOPS



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. In addition, we ask those residents who have placed basketball hoops in

front of their homes, in the road, to please remove them – get them off the street. Plowing the streets in the winter is difficult enough for our highway crew, without having to contend with such obstructions.

LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM

Southern Hills Preservation Corporation provides outreach to communities in southern Onondaga County to let residents know of the County's Lead Hazard Reduction Program, a program to reduce lead paint hazards in privately owned, residential structures throughout Onondaga County. Lead hazards are often found on painted window frames, wood siding, and painted doors. Common repairs provided by the program are new windows, doors, and siding.

Onondaga County Community Development Division and the US Department of HUD fund the program. Eligible repairs are determined by a thorough lead paint inspection of the home. The Community Development Housing Inspector, along with an independent contractor hired by Community Development, will perform the inspection according to established standards. Owners of rental units may also be eligible for help. For more information go to <http://www.ongov.net/cd/leadReduction.html> or call Onondaga County Community Development Division, (315) 435-3558.

HOUSEHOLD & HAZARDOUS WASTE

Do not pour hazardous waste or grease down the drain. Household



hazardous waste products (such as paints, cleaners, oils, and pesticides) dumped down the drain are most often not removed by the wastewater treatment process. Harmful chemicals from these wastes end up

in rivers, creeks, and lakes where they can eventually enter the natural food chain. Additionally, pouring hazardous waste down the drain can endanger the health of municipal workers, disrupt the treatment process, and accumulate pollutants in aquatic ecosystems. Residential users can rid their homes of dangerous chemicals lurking around by dropping off such waste at Environmental Products and Services of Vermont, 532 State Fair Blvd, Syracuse, NY, Monday through Friday, 6:30 am to 6:00 pm, WITH AN APPOINTMENT. Appointments must be made (451-6666) five days in advance of your drop-off date. We also remind residents to cover garbage cans since those uncovered often attract crows and other pests. Washing out garbage cans and recyclable bins every so often, also helps promote a healthier environment.

THANK YOU TO OUR EMPLOYEES

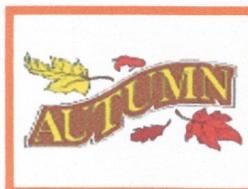


The Village would like to thank all who participated in the work they did on the flower boxes this year, particularly Village employee Kathy Welsh, and our highway crew, whose attention to their care all summer was exceptional and enabled all in the community to enjoy their beauty. In addition, we call 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 just great!

OTHER REMINDERS

Trash pick-up will not be delayed for the remainder of the calendar year, and the Village Office will be closed on the following dates:
 Columbus Day - October 12th – Normal trash pick-up this week
 Veterans Day - November 11th – Normal trash pick-up this week
 Thanksgiving Day - November 26th and 27th – Normal trash pick-up
 Christmas Day - December 25th – Normal trash pick-up this week
 New Year's Day - January 1st – Normal trash pick-up this week



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