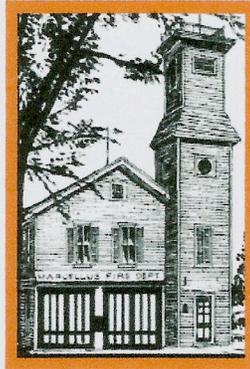


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Dear Village Residents,

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](http://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 26<sup>th</sup>, and continuing until October 10<sup>th</sup>, the Department will pick up brush. Beginning on October 17<sup>th</sup> until November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>, and October 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 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. Tires and items containing Freon require an additional permit fee. The next trash pickup will be in the spring of 2017.

### 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

Senshi Dojo is a new business in town, is located at Ja Spa Fitness Center, 16 West Main Street There are classes for kids and adults, which teach Ninjutsu as well as other forms of martial arts and self-defense, and are currently held on Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Please click on <https://senshidojo.sites.zenplanner.com/page.cfm> for more info.



**Senshi Dojo**  
Ninjutsu Self Defense & Fitness

### UTILITY BILLS

Following the most recent delivery of Village utility bills, we have received a number of comments regarding the increase in sewer rates. The Board would like to explain the reasons for what appears to be a significant increase in the rates charged each quarter. Rather than publish a rather lengthy explanation in this newsletter, we urge residents to check the Village website to read a letter of explanation. [http://www.villageofmarcellus.com/uploads/5/3/9/5/53954069/sewer\\_increase.pdf](http://www.villageofmarcellus.com/uploads/5/3/9/5/53954069/sewer_increase.pdf) If a resident has no access to the internet, please call the Village Office (673-3112) and a copy of that letter will be mailed.

### NOTIFY THE POLICE – CALL 911

Chief of Police Robert Wicks reminds residents that it is essential that they report incidents of crime or vandalism in their neighborhoods by calling 911. Sometimes, residents 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 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5 pm to 8:30 pm



### SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

A Village resident recently expressed some concern about several individuals who are on the Sex Offender Registry and living in the Village. There is little that can be done to alter this situation, but residents should be aware that these individuals are living in the neighborhood, and that there may be conditions attached to their supervision. Our Police Chief and Department are monitoring the situation and constantly aware of any individual who may be a threat to the community. Residents, especially parents, should make sure that members of the family are conscious of any situation and to go to a neighbor's house if they feel threatened. Residents are able to examine each individual on the registry and the conditions of their supervision by going to the website below and entering the zip code of any community they wish to review. If parents feel that the terms of a sex offender's supervision have been violated, they should immediately call the Village Office (673-3112) or Village Police Department (673-2079) and file a report.

Click on: <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/>

### NEW EMPLOYEES

The Board recently approved the appointment of two new officers in the Marcellus Police Department. Officer Sean Clere will serve as a School Resource Officer at Marcellus High School, following his

retirement and a distinguished career at the Onondaga County Sheriffs Department and Officer Ray Herrick's departure to serve as an SRO at Tully High School. Officer Rich Curran was appointed as a part-time patrolman in the Department, following his retirement' and a distinguished career at the Syracuse Police Department. In addition, David Weber was appointed as the Deputy Codes Enforcement Officer for the Village, following the retirement of Kurt Field who served the Village in that capacity for ten years. We welcome our new employees to the Village and wish them well.

### HAROLD MUNCY

After almost 25 years of service in the Highway Department, the last several as Chief, Harold Muncy has decided to retire. Harold has served the Village and its residents faithfully and both his experience and concern for the Village will be sorely missed. We wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

### ROADS, SIDEWALK, and TREES

Road reconstruction on Orchard Street and Austindale 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. Some sidewalk reconstruction on South Street and smaller areas on



Bradley and First Streets have also taken place. Several tree stumps have been removed 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.

### LOWER MILL IS NO LONGER

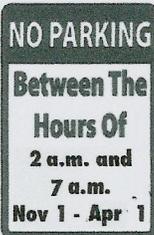


Following a public hearing, the Village Board authorized, as a public emergency and at the behest of the Code Enforcement Officer, the immediate demolition of the lower mill on the property at 71 North Street. The Village also

approved a resolution to finance the demolition, retained a demolition contractor and assigned the expenses of such demolition as a charge against the property owner and land on which it is located. The mills gave birth to Marcellus, dating back to the very beginning and they nurtured the community for over 200 years. The lower mill is the last of hundreds that used to line the banks of Nine Mile Creek. Many view its demolition with nostalgia, as well as a sense of loss.

### 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



### HomeServe USA®

Owning a home has its challenges and dealing with emergency repairs is one of them. Not knowing who to call or how much the repair will cost can be overwhelming and frustrating. HomeServe USA is a company that offers Emergency Repair Service Plans for

your exterior water service and for the drainage system that removes sewage from your house to Village sewer main in the street that are **not typically covered by basic homeowners insurance, a local utility or a municipality.** If these lines fail, repair or replacement can be expensive. HomeServe offers an exterior water service Line coverage as well as an exterior sewer line repair plan. If you are interested, we urge you to contact HomeServe at 1-888-752-6740 or [info@homeserveusa.com](mailto:info@homeserveusa.com)

### 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 (453-2866) 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 12<sup>th</sup> – Normal trash pick-up this week  
 Veterans Day - November 11<sup>th</sup> – Normal trash pick-up this week  
 Thanksgiving Day - November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – Normal trash pick-up  
 Christmas Day - December 25<sup>th</sup> – Normal trash pick-up this week  
 New Year's Day – January 1<sup>st</sup> – Normal trash pick-up this week



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