

## VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS

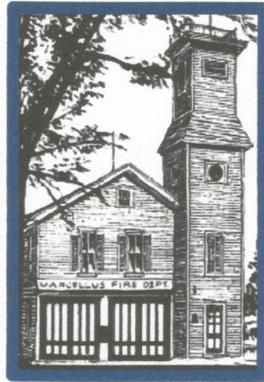
Newsletter

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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: <http://www.villageofmarcellus.com>. It provides much information that can be very helpful.



### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 on Lower Mill

A public hearing was held on June 27<sup>th</sup> before the regular June Board meeting to consider the demolition and disposal of the remaining portions of the former Crown Mill located at 71 North Street. The Code Inspector issued a report at the Board's May meeting in which he stated that the north and south wings of the remaining mill building, in his opinion, have become dangerous and unsafe to the public due to age, lack of maintenance, being open to the elements and general deterioration. It was the recommendation of the Code Officer that the building be demolished as soon as possible. At its July meeting, the Board will probably, because of the emergency nature of the situation, pass a resolution to bypass the usual procurement policy of the Village in order to demolish the structure as soon as possible.

### Creek Walk Project

We continue to consult with our engineers and NYSOT to determine if part of the trail could be constructed at this time, and the remainder constructed when more funds become

available. We are also looking into having some of our highway department members complete some of the clearing involved. We remain hopeful that construction of the trail can begin this summer. If some residents are not familiar with the project, we urge them to click on the Village website <http://villageofmarcellus.com/> and then on Village News.

### Paul Street Sidewalks

Community Development has notified us that our sidewalk project on Paul Street will be eligible for some funding. The project will include the construction of 450 feet of new concrete sidewalk along the north side of Paul Street, between North Street (NYS 174) and Austindale Ave. Minor drainage improvements such as cleaning existing drainage pipes and replacement of catch basin grates are also included. The new sidewalk would eliminate a gap in the existing Village sidewalk system by connecting to existing sidewalks at North Street and Austindale Ave. Pedestrians, including Seniors who live at Nine Mile Landing and school children now have no choice but to walk on the pavement of the roadway. It is expected that design would take place over the winter of 2016 and construction completed by July 2017.

### Boy Scout Troop 66 - Thank You

On behalf of the Village Board, we would take this opportunity to publicly thank Marcellus Boy Scout Troop 66 and its troop members, for their efforts at cleaning up Main Street after the Olde Home Days Parade on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>. Organized by Edward Plogman, the event was part of a community service project. The trash pickup covered all of the village streets and when finished about 50 pounds of trash was collected. The efforts of the scouts in completing this project are most appreciated by the Village of Marcellus and its residents.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

### WWTP Improvements - Engineering Design - Phosphorus Removal

The Board approved a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the design proposal for WWTP Improvements as submitted by MRB Group, up to a level of \$300,000. The proposed design will begin to address the DEC mandate to remove phosphorus from the WWTP effluent to a 1.0 mg/L (12 month rolling average) limitation, which will require extensive and very expensive upgrades to the existing WWTP. In anticipation of this expense, the Village Board has increased the sewer rents significantly within the last year. It is expected that the sewer rate increases will begin to offset the cost of design while the Village continues to search for new funding for the project.



**NORTH STREET**  
DINER



### New Business in Town

We would like to call attention to a new business in the Village, which will open soon. The North Street Diner at 3 North Street, under the ownership of Ashley and Zach Hass is most welcome and we urge our residents to patronize this wonderful addition to our Village. In addition, the same building at 3-5-7 North Street houses a number of new apartments, beautifully renovated by McClurg Remodeling.

### 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 Village Office (673-3112) or with Bill Reagan, our CEO (430-7927).

#### Street and Sidewalk Repair, Tree Removal and Plantings

Based on recommendations of the Highway Chief, repairs have been made this summer to several streets in the Village, including Orchard Street and Austindale Avenue. Also, sidewalk repairs will be made to selected areas on South Street, First Street and Bradley Street, and the removal of several trees on South and Bradley Streets, some tree plantings are expected to take place in late summer or early fall, but the locations have not yet been determined.

#### Brush Pick-up

Cut-off for brush pick-up by the Highway Department ended on May 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Teal There's A Cure 5K Run/Walk will take place on Monday, July 4, 2016, 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 [gracesgarden.org](http://gracesgarden.org).

#### Thank You

The Board would like to thank Kathy Welsh, the Marcellus Garden Club and her many volunteers who grew and planted the flowers that now grace the 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 Annex. There is a full list of concert listings and other events and programs available on the Town website at [Marcellusny.com](http://Marcellusny.com) or call the Marcellus Parks and Recreation Department (673-3269, ext. 2) for more information.

#### 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.



#### Trucks in the Village

We have received complaints about the many trucks, loaded with gravel, stone and dirt, have been coming through the Village for the last several years and residents often ask - when will it end? After speaking with the County DOT Commissioner, we were put in contact with Honeywell, the company behind the cleanup of Onondaga Lake. Craig Milburn of Honeywell responded that the trucks hauling through the Village along North and Main Streets would be decreasing by the end of June 2016. The majority of the trucks will cease, but they will still be working into July. This is good news and one that we have been anticipating for some time. We are grateful for Honeywell's response and for more information, please call Mr. Milburn at 552-9784. We eagerly wait for the trucks to stop traveling through the Village.

#### 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. We also remind you that the Village Office (673-3112) will be closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a DELAY for trash collection because of the holiday that week, and there will also 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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