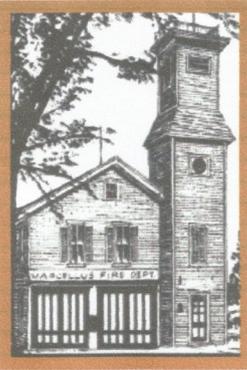


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Dear Village Residents,

As the summer ends and, as we anticipate a beautiful autumn, we would like to provide you with some information. Our 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 25<sup>th</sup>, and continuing until October 9<sup>th</sup>, the Department will pick up brush. Beginning on October 16<sup>th</sup> until November 6<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. After November 6<sup>th</sup>, residents may collect leaves into large brown paper bags and place the bags at the curb for pickup. Only these leaf bags will be picked up after November 6<sup>th</sup>. Residents may also drop off brush and leaves anytime at the Village compost site, located next to the Village D.P.W. garage. If you have any questions regarding this, please call the Village Office (673-3112). The Town of Marcellus scheduled two weekends for trash transfer earlier this fall – in September. The next trash pickup will not be until the spring of 2018.

### SCHOOL'S OPEN!!!

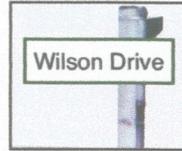
Please watch for school children walking and remember that there are pedestrian crossings on Main Street, as well as 20 mph speed limits in school zones and a 25 mph speed limit on First Street, a route that is heavily traveled by schoolchildren. Please slow down.

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".



### ROAD WORK DELAYED

We are sorry to notify residents that road reconstruction of Wilson Drive and Dunlap Ave, originally scheduled for completion this summer, has unfortunately been delayed. The contractor is unable to complete the repairs during this construction season because of weather and a backlog of paving operations all summer. This appears to be a universal problem for all such contractors. The contractor has promised that Wilson and Dunlap will be the first asphalt projects on his list in the spring of 2018. We sincerely apologize for the delay, knowing that residents have long waited for this reconstruction. 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.

### NEW BUSINESS IN THE VILLAGE

Pizza Boise is a new business in town, located at the site of the former J & J Pizza, 24 West Main Street. A favorite hometown pizzeria and Marcellus original as it likes to call itself, Pizza Boise offers pizza, wings, calzones, appetizers, subs, wraps and salads, burgers and seafood. For more information, click <http://thepizzaboise.com>



### UTILITY BILLS

The Board realizes that residents of the community, particularly its sewer users, are very concerned about the potential for increased sewer bills. We have received a number of comments regarding the increases in sewer rates and the concern that they will continue to rise. We think that we have explained the reasons for these rate increases, attributable mostly to the unfunded phosphorus removal mandate imposed by the NYSDEC. Our hope is that additional funding will NOT be necessary to further escalate the cost of sewer usage, than they are at present, but this will depend on our ability to secure more funding.

### 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



### CLOSE ON EFC FINANCING

At its August meeting, the Board authorized the Mayor to close on EFC financing for the mandated phosphorus removal and WWTP upgrades. This involved getting the funding lined up with our Bond

Counsel and with Environmental Facilities Corporation and closing on the loan by September 14, 2017. This was done. This closing date will guarantee that the Village will be able to obtain interest free financing for a 30-year loan of \$4,220,100 as well as an EFC grant of \$1,379,900 for a total expenditure of \$5.6 million. We continue to look for more funding so as not to overburden Village, Town and School District sewer users with hefty sewer rents. With the design package in place, plans for the WWTP upgrade project call for bids to be solicited and received in November, with a review and awarding of those bids in December 2017. Construction should begin the spring of 2018, and completion of the project should take about a year.

### NEW EMPLOYEE

At its September meeting, the Board approved the appointment of Mallory Reedy as a WWTP operator, replacing Ryan Riefler who left the Village for employment in the Marcellus School District. Mallory comes to us from Onondaga County Metro WWTP, with excellent qualifications. We are delighted to welcome Mallory to Village and wish Ryan the best of luck in his new position with MCS.

### CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY



As was mentioned at several Board meetings, the Village of Marcellus has been designated a

Clean Energy Community by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). A \$100,000 grant has been reserved for the Village of Marcellus to implement clean energy projects this fall and winter. This will include a retrofitting of several existing Village lights, including the historic lights on Main, North and South Streets as well as the coach lights on Kinderwood Drive to direct wire LED type fixtures. Other LED lighting retrofits have already or will occur in the Village Hall, the Village garage and the Water Pollution Control Plant. The Village is delighted not only with this designation and continues to be most appreciative of the tireless efforts of former employee Ryan Riefler in helping to secure this funding.

### 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



### PAUL STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT

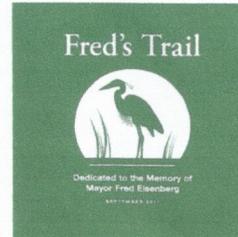
The construction of 450 feet of new concrete sidewalk along the north side of Paul Street, between North Street (NYS 174) and Austindale Ave is now complete, along with minor drainage improvements such as cleaning existing drainage pipes and replacement of a catch basin by Village D.P.W. The new sidewalk eliminates a gap in the existing Village sidewalk system, connecting existing sidewalks at North Street and Austindale Ave. Pedestrians, including Seniors who live at Nine Mile Landing and school children once had no choice but to walk on the pavement of the roadway. We are pleased that the project is complete and most grateful for the efforts of the offices of Sen. John De Francisco for helping the Village of Marcellus to secure funding for it.

### NYSDEC GRANT

Also mentioned at earlier meetings, the Village was notified by the NYSDEC that it has been awarded a rebate of \$16,000 for its infrastructure application relative to the 2016 Municipal Zero-emission Vehicle Rebate Program and the installation of an Electric Vehicle charging station in the Village parking lot. This grant money has not only enabled the Village to install an EV charging station in the lot, but also to add lighting, cameras and asphalt paving to the site. Since this is a 20% match, the Village will accomplish about \$20,000 worth of work for a \$4,000 investment and we again credit and congratulate Ryan Riefler for his continued efforts on behalf of the Village.



### "FRED'S TRAIL"



The Village Creek Walk along Nine Mile is now officially open, and a ceremony was held on Saturday, September 16th, in the rear of the McClurg parking lot, to dedicate what is now called "Fred's Trail" in memory of former Mayor Fred Eisenberg – to the man whose vision has

now been realized. Most of you know of or knew Fred Eisenberg, a long time Mayor of our Village whose much-too-early passing left a void in our community. Fortunately, Fred will live on in our memories and with those who walk this trail. It isn't as long as originally intended and has had 15 years of delay, but Fred would be proud of what has been done. Scott McClurg and company employees were most significant in organizing the celebration and we would like to publically thank them. The entire Eisenberg family was in attendance and all of them were most pleased. If any are interested in more information about the trail, please check the Village website, <http://www.villageofmarcellus.com/creekwalk-news.html>, where a short movie showing the extent of the path can be viewed.

### 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 DPW crew, whose attention to their care all summer was exceptional and enabled all in the community to enjoy their beauty. We call your attention to the

green space on the corner of Scotch Hill and North Street. Village DPW employees continue to showcase the use of compost to the residents of Marcellus and its visitors.

### OTHER REMINDERS

The Village Office will be closed on the following dates and trash pick-up will vary according to the following schedule:

- Columbus Day - October 9<sup>th</sup> – normal trash pick-up this week
- Veterans Day - November 10<sup>th</sup> – normal trash pick-up this week
- Thanksgiving Day - November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – normal trash pick-up
- Christmas Day - December 25<sup>th</sup> – trash pick-up delayed one day
- New Year's Day - January 1<sup>st</sup> – trash pick-up delayed one day



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