

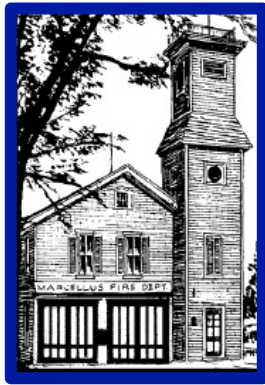
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Dear Village Residents,

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 14th from 9 am to 3 pm - have fun, sell your treasures and remember that no permit is required for this one-day event. Combine with neighbors and have fun at what continues to be an enjoyable event in our Village.

Chrisler Street



The Village Board would like to add some amenities to the Village right-of-way on Chrisler Street this summer. Those features will include the replacement of the overhead cobra streetlights on Chrisler Street with new historic lampposts, similar to those that presently line North, South and Main Streets in the Village. In addition, the Board proposes to extend the Village-owned sidewalk on Chrisler Street, from that where it presently ends at #12 on the south side to the end of the street, and from #9 on the north side to the end of the street, thus completing a pedestrian loop of the entire street. It is also our hope that in the near future, a pedestrian trail might be created at the end of Chrisler Street, on Village owned property, which would connect with and provide access to the Marcellus Free Library.

WWTP Upgrade = Increase In Sewer Rates

Bids for the WWTP upgrade were awarded last January. The General Contract price of

\$5,395,611.00 was awarded to Blue Heron Construction Company of Jordan, New York. The Electrical Contract price of \$739,000.00 was awarded to Myriad Construction of Syracuse, New York. The HVAC Contract price of \$79,263 was awarded to King & King Mechanical, Inc. of Auburn, New York. Construction began in April and the project will take about a year to complete. Funding can only come from sewer rate increases and it is probable that we will have to raise sewer rates once again, this time in excess of 30%. At present, Village sewer users pay, on average \$413.13 annually. A 31% increase would bring that average rate up to \$541.39 - a quarterly increase of about \$32.00, or an annual increase of about \$128.00. This is an average estimate, since sewer rates are based on water usage in the Village. For Town sewer users the increase would be even more astronomical, given that outside users pay an additional 25% over that of the average Village sewer user. An average town sewer user would pay approximately \$676.74 annually, an annual increase of about \$160.00, beginning in 2019.

Creek Walk Project

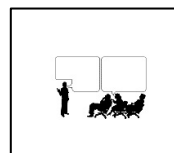


Fred's Trail has reopened officially for the public, and our highway department had to do some limited repair to the trail - it appears to have wintered well. We welcome the summer as well as those who will take advantage of this gem in our community. If some residents are not familiar with the project, we urge them to click on the home page of the Village website <http://villageofmarcellus.com/> and then on Village News.

Community Service Project by McClurg Remodeling and Other Tradesmen

The Marcellus American Legion Ralph Share Post 297 was given a makeover by McClurg Remodeling this spring. With the efforts of McClurg employees and local tradesmen - the Legion was provided much needed updates, including plumbing, electrical, and a new 1st floor bathroom! The main bathroom on the 1st floor was enlarged, allowing it to be handicap accessible. McClurg employees, along with local tradesmen - including Dave Card, Colin Hutchings, and John Cusick were able to take care of many issues that were in dire need of attention. McClurg did an annual employee survey to determine where their community efforts would be focused. Veterans and children were the two most popular responses, therefore, giving way to a Going Gold fundraiser for Griffin's Guardians and remodeling updates for the local Legion.

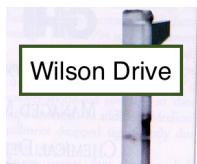
Highland Drainage Information Meeting



We would like to inform residents of the Highland Drive drainage area, particularly those who live on Highland, Meadow, First, Second and Reed Pkwy that the drainage study, which was promised at our January meeting, has been completed, and that the Board will conduct an informational meeting prior to its regular meeting on July 30, 2018. This meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Marcellus Free Library, beginning at 7 p.m. We urge these residents to attend. The study will also be available for inspection in the Village office following the meeting.

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 (315-673-3112) or with Bill Reagan, our CEO (315-430-7927).



Street and Sidewalk Repair, Tree Removal and Plantings

Per the D.P.W. chief's recommendation, Wilson Drive and Dunlap Avenue will be reconstructed this summer - perhaps by the time of this newsletter's publication. South Street and Reed Street will also receive a micro-fiber application.

Budgetary constraints have limited the ability of the Village Board to add other street repairs in this year's budget. Also, sidewalk repairs will be made to selected areas on South Street and Main Street, and the removal of several trees in the Village. Some tree plantings are expected in late summer or early fall, but the locations have not yet been determined.

Brush Pick-up

As was mentioned at earlier meetings, the Village Board and DPW are going to continue a new policy for Brush Pickup. Spring brush lasted from April 2nd to May 7th. During the summer months (June, July and August), brush may also be placed at the curb on Saturdays and Sundays for pickup on the first Monday of each of those summer months. Village residents should 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 Highway garage. Also, please do not sweep yard debris into the road. This often causes 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 10th Annual Teal There's A Cure 5K Run/Walk will occur on July 4, 2018, Wednesday, at 9 a.m. beginning in Marcellus Park. Traffic will be limited on certain streets between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. To see a map of the course or for more information go to gracesgarden.org.

Thank You

The Board would like to thank Kathy Welsh, and her volunteers who grew and planted the flowers that now grace the new Village flower boxes. The Board again commends Kyle Denka for his Eagle Scout Project, constructing all new flower boxes. The new flower boxes are now installed and filled with compost from the treatment plant, and flowers planted by Kathy Welsh. The Board also thanks our D.P.W. for all of the work they did in helping to beautify the Village in time for Memorial Day and Olde Home Days Celebration. Also, there was no vandalism or other serious problems during the Olde Home Days, a tribute to the efforts of our Police Officers.



Summer Community Events

Concerts in the Park will start up on Thursday June 21st and run every Thursday through August 2nd. Market in the Park will start on June 13 and will run every Wednesday until Sept. 12 from 10 to 5 p.m. The market goes on rain or shine. Come to the park to see the crafts, antiques, handmade jewelry, wood working items, and much more! There is a full list of

concert listings and other events and programs available at Marcellusny.com or call the Marcellus Parks and Recreation (315-673-3269, 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 Police.

Clean Energy Community

Having been designated as a "Clean Energy Community," the Village of Marcellus has been awarded a \$100,000 grant to implement clean energy projects and will include a retrofitting of 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 will occur in the Village Hall, the Village Garage and the Water Pollution Control Plant. The Village is delighted with the award, the bid for which has been awarded, but will not be implemented until a contract has been drawn up with NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority), the agency that has awarded the grant.

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.

Some Reminders

Hours at the Village Hall are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If there are emergencies after hours, the number for highway or for sewer problems it is 315-506-9253. If there is an emergency water problem, please call OCWA at 315-455-7061. We also remind you that the Village Office (315-673-3112) will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th. 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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