

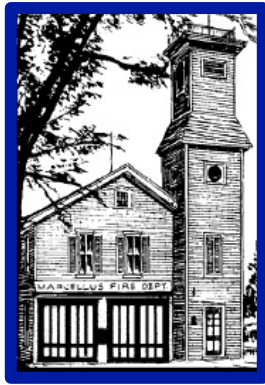
## VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS

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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 13th 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.

### Speed Limits

At its May Board Meeting, following a Public Hearing, the Trustees authorized a maximum speed limit of twenty-five miles per hour (25 mph) at which vehicles may proceed on or along First Street, between Slocombe Avenue and Reed Parkway, and on Maple Street from Orange Street to the end of Maple Street.

### Bridge Work on South Street

There is a planned closure of South Street Road by the Onondaga County DOT beginning in the fall of 2019 - September or October - for approximately six (6) weeks. The closure of the road, from about the intersection of Bishop Hill Road and South Street to Lee Mulroy road is for bridge maintenance - near Nightingale Mills. Local traffic will be allowed onto the road and Nightingale's will still be accessible but the road will be closed going south from there.

### WWTP Upgrade = Increase In Sewer Rates

Upgrades to the plant are still going on, with an anticipated end by the start of September 2019. While it has been a year of construction, we did not experience much inconvenience or interruption in the plant's operation. Funding for the project can only come from sewer rate

increases and those rates were increased over 30% recently. This increase has brought the average annual Village sewer rate up to \$540.00 - a quarterly increase of about \$25.00, or an annual increase of about \$100.00. This is an average estimate, since sewer rates are based on water usage in the Village. For Town sewer users the increase will 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 will pay approximately \$675.00 annually, an annual increase of about \$125.00, beginning in 2020.



### Creek Walk Project

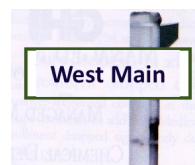
Fred's Trail has reopened officially for the public, and our highway department had to do some limited repair to the trail - it appears to have wintered well. We welcome the summer, as well as those who will take advantage of this gem in our community. If some residents are not familiar with the project,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



### Drop-off Box for Needle and Syringe Disposal

Drop-off Box for Needle and Syringe Disposal - in 2017, we announced that a prescription/drug drop-off box, similar to a mailbox, is now located in the lobby of the Village Hall and is available for use by any residents who would like to dispose of any prescription or other drugs anonymously. The County Health Department stops by monthly to pick up and properly dispose of such items. Now we would like to announce that there is also a drop-off box for needle and syringe disposal. Through the efforts of Reach CNY, utilizing a grant awarded by the NYS Health Department, the drop off box is also located in the lobby of the Village Hall and available for use by residents who wish to dispose of sharps and needles. It is expected that the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department will assume the cost of the safe disposal of such sharps beginning in 2020.

### West Main Street Drainage



West Main Street Drainage - the storm water drainage pipes on West Main Street (a County Road) will need to be replaced this summer. While the road belongs to the County (Rt. 41), the Village has been told that the area on either side of the highway is the responsibility of the Village. Storm water that originates in the Town comes into the Village, often at a furious clip, and the Village then becomes responsible for dealing with it. The pipes on the southern side of the road are either clogged or have collapsed, causing the storm water that comes down the turnpike into the Village along West Main to surcharge and flood the Village. We have decided that this is an emergency and we will need to replace 1,000' of drainage pipes or remove the collapsing pipes and leave this an open ditch, similar to that on the northern side of the road. This is a very expensive project for the Village, one that will require the Village to secure bonds in order to pay for it. We will first have the area surveyed, and the pipes televised as much as possible, and we hope that the County will assist the Village by providing road closure and detours on this well traveled road.

### 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 DPW Superintendent's schedule, repairs were made to Highland Drive (the road and driveway aprons) and Slocombe Ave, in front of the Village Hall. Budgetary constraints have limited the ability of the Village Board to add other street repairs in this year's budget. Also the removal of several trees in the Village will take place and 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 policy established last year for Brush Pick-up. Spring brush lasted from April 3rd to May 8th. 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 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 trash cans during the month of July for the Village hauler to collect.

### Teal There's A Cure

The 11th Annual Teal There's A Cure 5K Run/Walk will occur on July 4, 2019, Thursday, 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](http://gracesgarden.org).



### Thank You

The Board would like to thank Kathy Welsh, who grew and planted the flowers that now grace the Village flower boxes, which are filled with compost from the treatment plant. 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 20th and continue 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](http://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

As a "Clean Energy Community," the Village of Marcellus was awarded last year a \$100,000 grant to implement clean energy projects, including a retrofitting of existing Village lights, including 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 also occurred in the Village Hall, the Village Garage and the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Village was delighted with this award and most appreciative of the efforts of Amanda Mazzoni at the CNYRPB, and others who helped to secure this grant. The project is now complete, and the Village has received full reimbursement by NYSERDA. In addition, NYSEG has recently converted all of their HPS overhead cobra headlights to LED lights. Some residents have expressed concerns that the LEDs are too bright while some think they are not bright enough. Others are pleased because they can see so much more clearly at night while walking. Generally, the feedback is that most folks are happy with the conversion, especially considering the cost savings of 60% to 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.



### 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 Thursday, 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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