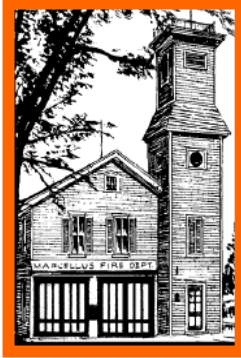


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Dear Village Residents,  
As the summer ends and, as we anticipate a beautiful autumn, we would like to provide you with some information. Our website ([www.villageofmarcellus.com](http://www.villageofmarcellus.com)) is quite well done and offers much information that is kept current by our Village Clerk, Charnley Abbott. 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 Leaf and Brush Pickup**

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 21<sup>st</sup>, and continuing until October 9<sup>th</sup>, the Department will pick up brush. Beginning on October 12<sup>th</sup> until November 17<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 18<sup>th</sup>, residents may collect leaves into large brown paper bags and place the bags at the curb for pickup, weather permitting. Only these leaf bags will be picked up after November 18<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 (315-673-3112).

**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 School 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".

**Notify Police – Call 911**

Chief of Police Bernie Podsiedlik 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.

**Halloween**

Recently Governor Cuomo said that he would not ban Halloween trick-or-treating amid coronavirus. Likewise, the Village Board does not think it can ban trick or treating in the Village. It is certainly up to the parents as to whether or not they want to allow their kids to go trick or treating. What the Board has to do is make sure that the Village and First Street in particular, is safe for the kids. To that end, the Village Board will authorize the Police to close off the street to automobile traffic and assign officers to patrol the neighborhood to ensure that. The Board's thinking is that even if it did not block off the street, the "Halloweeners" and their parents would still congregate on First Street and that would present a very dangerous situation for all concerned. The Governor will probably provide more guidance in the weeks ahead, but at this point, First Street will be closed to traffic on Halloween, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30 pm to 8:30



**Election Results**

Congratulations are extended to Tim Manahan and Jack Murphy on their election as Trustees on September 15, 2020. Elected to complete a four-year term to which he had been appointed in 2018, Tim will serve until 2022 while Jack's election calls for him to serve until 2024. The Board is grateful for the very dedicated service that Sara Tallman, who chose not to run for reelection, has provided our Village for the past eight, almost nine years and hope she enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

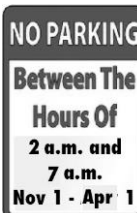


**2020 Town Trash Days – Town and Village of Marcellus**

**Residents**

Fridays: Sept 25, Oct 2, 2020 8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Saturdays: Sept 26, Oct 3, 2020 8:00 am to noon  
Includes E-Waste electronic recycling but **NO** Community Shred Day  
If held it will be at the Marcellus Town Highway Garage  
Permits available at the Town Clerk's Office.

For More Information click on the  
<https://marcellusny.com/town/highway/>



**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 overnight parking.



### New Business in the Village

A new business has opened on the site of the former florist shop at 1 North Street, called Field's Antique Maps and Frames. It is a business that specializes in original, local, regional, United States and World Mid 19th Century Maps, and we encourage residents to patronize this newest business in the Village. Hours: Sat & Sun – 11 am – 5 pm or by Appointment – Please call (315) 415-7967

### WWTP Upgrades

Upgrades to the treatment plant have been completed and on September 21, 2020, we hosted an Open House at the plant, and invited a number of individuals to tour our modern-day facility, as well as take that opportunity to thank so many that have helped the Village prepare for its operation well into the 21st century. This includes our engineering firm, MRB, and in particular, Jim Oberst and Aaron Bissell and Matt M. McKenna, our contractors, Blue Heron, Myriad Electric, SRG plumbing, King & King Mechanical. In addition we also wanted to thank those behind the scenes who helped us secure some funding so necessary to begin and complete this major capital project – New York Rural Water and its President, John O'Connell, our Congressman, John Katko, our County Legislator, Julie Abbott Kenan and our Albany connection, former State Senator John DeFrancisco. Funding for the project will continue to come from sewer rate increases, and while the rates are hefty, they are essential to help maintain our plant well into the 21st century. We recognize and thank Marcellus Town Supervisor, Karen Pollard, and her Board, and MCS Superintendent Michelle Brantner and her Board for their acknowledgment of this need to raise rates and for the confidence they have extended towards those of us in the Village who are responsible for the plant's operation and maintenance by signing long-term agreements with the Village. Finally, we would especially thank our operators, Greg, John, Mallory, and Jim, as well as several others, like Don MacLachlan and Joe Durand who labored unnoticed and without compensation, providing advice and help whenever the Village called.

### 2020 Census – Everyone Counts!

We encourage residents to visit our website and recent news for information on the 2020 Census, particularly “what you need to know” about the census, how this once-a-decade population count affects you and your government, as well as any concerns you may have about your responses to the 2020 Census.

### Highland Flooding

It appears that the Village's efforts regarding the drainage on Highland Drive and related streets – namely, opening the ditches and replacing the driveway culverts along the west side of Highland Drive – have been successful. Preventing storm water from jumping the ditches and flooding those properties below and allowing storm water to move quickly to the 24” catch basin at Reed Parkway seems to be working. Property owners should be aware that the ditches must remain open to allow the water to move north to Reed Parkway.

### Certificates of Public Service

Since 1961, the Conference of Mayors has annually honored public officials who have served a single community for twenty-five years or more by awarding them a “Certificate of Public Service.” Three

employees of the Village of Marcellus have earned such a certificate including Greg Crysler, who has served as an employee of the Village of Marcellus WWTP for the past 25 years and is currently the DPW Superintendent; Sara Tallman whose public service on the Village ZBA and as a Trustee of the Village of Marcellus totals 25 years, and Kathy Welsh, who has served the Village of Marcellus for 35 years in a variety of capacities as custodian, school crossing guard, office worker and Treatment Plant laborer. At its August Board Meeting, the Mayor presented each of these public service workers, on behalf of the Village of Marcellus and the New York State Conference of Mayors, with a Certificate of Public Service in recognition of their distinguished public service to our community.

### Streets and Sidewalks and Trees

Main Street Paving – earlier in the summer, Onondaga County DOT hired a contractor to mill and pave all of Main Street, from Lee Mulroy Road at the flashing light west to the Village line. While there were some interruptions and traffic delays, the contractor completed the project in less than a week and we applaud the firm for the efforts extended during one of the hottest months on record. The County contractor also paved the drainage cut that was caused by the installation of 1,000 feet of storm water pipe by the Village last January. With that completed, the Village completed the process of paving the residential driveway aprons as well as restoring the grassy areas in the Village right-of-way. First Street and the Village Parking Lots were also reconstructed this summer. Also, some tree plantings are expected to take place in late summer or early fall, but the locations have not yet been determined.

### 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 employees Kathy Welsh and Mallory Reedy, 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.

### 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 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> – 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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- John J. Murphy, Trustee
- Charnley A. Abbott, Clerk
- Antonino J. Providenti, Treasurer
- Jeffrey D. Brown, Attorney