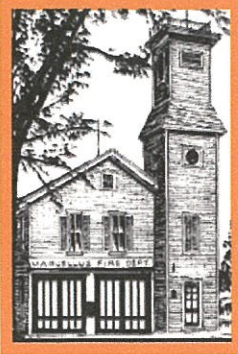


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Dear Village Residents,

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) is quite well done and offers much information that is kept current by our Village Clerk, Chamley Abbott. We urge residents to visit the site for 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. Fall brush pickup will take place on Mondays, September 20th, September 27th and October 4th. Fall leaf pickup will take place weekly, on Mondays, beginning October 12th (Tuesday, due to holiday) through November 15th. Please remember to put brush and leaves on the grass between the sidewalk and the road. Please, do not rake leaves or brush into the street, but keep them in the Village right of way. 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 15th, residents may collect leaves into large brown paper bags (NO PLASTIC) and place the bags at the curb for pickup, weather permitting. Only leaves bagged in paper leaf bags will be picked up after November 15th. Residents may also drop off brush and leaves anytime (NO PLASTIC) at the Village compost site, located next to the Village D.P.W. garage. If you have any questions, 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".

Chief of Police Appointed

Having received a certification list of those eligible for the title of Police Chief (Type A) from Onondaga County Civil Service Technical Unit, the Mayor appointed Bernard Podsiedlik, whose scoring rank on the Civil Service examination test was No 1, as Chief of Police of the Village of Marcellus Police Department, effective September 27, 2021. Congratulations, Chief!



Halloween

Last year, the Governor said that he would not ban Halloween trick-or-treating amid the pandemic. Likewise, the Village Board did not think it could 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. It might be a good idea for those residents who do not want to be exposed to potential hazards, to turn off the lights and retreat to a back room or go out for the night. There are some residents who do that as a general rule every Halloween. The State might provide more guidance in the weeks ahead, but at this point, the Board will again close First Street between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Halloween for trick-or treating, subject to conditions on Oct 31st, which is a Sunday this year.



Baltimore Ridge

The Baltimore Ridge Development has moved along quite nicely, and as of this date, all permits have been issued, and development of the site has begun with the construction of an entrance road, the clearing of a number of trees, and the building of the required storm water detention pond. In addition, sight distance conditions on South Street Road, as required by Onondaga County DOT, have been met and the installation of utilities (water, sewer, cable, telephone, electric and gas) forthcoming.

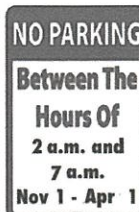
2021 Town Trash Days – Town and Village of Marcellus

Residents

Fridays: Sept 24, Oct 1, 2021 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Saturdays: Sept 25, Oct 2, 2021 9:00 am to noon
Does not include electronic recycling or 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

We had expected an early summer opening of new businesses in the Village at #2 and #4 E. Main Street. Details, however, are still being planned for a Nano Brewery and an ice cream and deli shop on these sites. We welcome new businesses to the Village and encourage our residents to patronize them.

YOUR WWTP NEWS

Between Aug 18-19 over seven inches of rain fell on Marcellus BUT thanks to our Village Residents by previously disconnecting their sump pumps and with the new upgrades at our Wastewater Treatment Plant we successfully handled the increase of flows. We peaked at 2MGD (million gallons per day) for about 12 hours. And yet we were still considerably under our permitted average monthly flow. It could have been a different story without the cooperation of our residents. THANK YOU! The Village has separate systems to convey wastewater and stormwater. Catch basins collect stormwater from rainfall and snow melt from streets, yards and parking lots and then discharge into Nine Mile Creek. Sanitary sewers collect wastewater from toilets, sinks, washing machines, etc. and transport it to our wastewater treatment facility where it is treated. Rainwater and groundwater are considered clean water and do not need to be treated at the wastewater treatment facility. Make sure your sump pump is properly installed. When downspouts and sump pumps are connected to the Village sewer system, their flow is taking up space needed to carry sewage to our treatment plant. These incorrect and illegal connections can cause sewage to back up into your basement as well as water pollution and higher taxes. Reminder: Compost is still available for pickup. Please call the Treatment Plant at 315-673-4491 to make an appointment with one of the operators. We encourage Village residents to take advantage of this opportunity and visit the plant to obtain free compost. Normal hours are 8am-3pm.

Meadow Street

This major project, to provide storm water drainage and road improvements to the Meadow Street area, is now complete. Mapping and design have been completed and both NYSEG and OCWA have replaced gas mains and installed new hydrants and replaced the water main prior to repair of the sanitary sewer line, with cured-in-place relining, and improvements to roadside swales and road re-paving. Improvements have also extended north onto Second Street. It has been a summer of much inconvenience for the residents, but we expect that the disruption will have been worth it.

Village Parking Improvements

In August, bids were received and opened for reconstruction of parking in front of 2-6 East Main Street from a perpendicular to a parallel configuration. The bid submitted by Hanson Aggregates was awarded the contract in the amount of \$136,917.00 and a pre-construction meeting was held September 2, 2021 in the Village Office, with work expected to begin at the end of September. Businesses have been notified of the construction schedule, which is expected to take 2 to 3 weeks, with little interruption.



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 because the officer is out on patrol, often

listen to an answering machine. Residents must call 911. If you are still not satisfied, please contact the Village Office during business hours, at 315-673-3112, and express your concern. The Chief also encourages residents to call the Department if they have any concerns about contractors they may employ. The Department would be happy to do background checks so as to alleviate these concerns.

Green Gateway Project

This project is one that we hope will result in an environmentally positive gateway entrance to our Village – at the site of the former woolen mill on North Street. Handouts of a project summary are available in the Village office, as well as on the Village website. The health crisis interrupted plans during the previous school year, but the project has continued with students, Village and Town employees and many others involved in a variety of projects. These projects include the building of an excellent outdoor classroom space that not only blends in with the park but provides a relaxed outdoor learning area for students to enjoy nature, the development and installing of historical signs for an educational walk through the site, in cooperation with the NYSDEC and the US Fish and Wildlife Agency the placing of two sets of creek vanes and two toe-wood structures to restore the creek to a more natural flow and improve fishing areas. Other activities include fishing access sites in compliance with the Americans Disabilities Act, and the use of reclaimed asphalt millings rather than standard asphalt for parking at the site. To restore a more natural ecosystem an arboretum is planned and the planting of a multiple species of trees that would best suit the natural environment, and to design and construct a bridge to span the creek from school property to the Village site. The Green Gateway Project is a constant work in progress and one that it will continue as students return in the fall.

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 Zabinski, 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.



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 12th – normal trash pick-up this week
- Veterans Day - November 11th – normal trash pick-up this week
- Thanksgiving Day - November 26th and 27th – normal trash pick-up
- Christmas Day - December 25th – trash pick-up delayed one day
- New Year's Day – January 1st – trash pick-up delayed one day



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