

**Marcellus Village
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Vincent Carnicelli who serves as a School Resource Officer at the Lyncourt Union Free School District, Officer David A. Kimball as a School Resource Officer at KCH Elementary School in Marcellus, and Officer Glen Wintermute, as a School Resource Officer at Tully Central School District.

NEW BUSINESSES IN THE VILLAGE

An ice cream and deli shop is expected to open soon at #2 East Main. We welcome all new businesses to the Village and encourage our residents to patronize them.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION



A community information meeting was held on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at the Marcellus Free Library at which time representatives from Christopher Community and AccessCNY presented updated plans for the project, including an updated project narrative to add a preference for 9 supportive housing units for individuals with a serious mental illness, listened to concerns and comments that residents of the community as well as Board members had. At the end of the session, it was decided that the original narrative and original plans to develop a 60-unit apartment building for seniors aged 55+ at the 8 Paul Street site, approved by the Planning Board and Village Board in February 2022, would be supported by the Village and that original project narrative will accompany the letter of support. We expect that Christopher Community has now re-submitted its original request for funding to the State, knowing that this too might be rejected - in which case, the site might probably be bulldozed and cleared for another development. Prior to the re-submittal, by December 5th, of its original request for funding to the State, it was expected that Christopher Community would copy the Mayor and/or the Village Board on the same, which it was.

FLUSHABLE WIPES and F.O.G. (Fats, Oils, Grease) ADVICE

This is a friendly reminder from your Village Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators: Please continue to be aware of the problems with grease in your sewer system. Grease will stick to household and sewer pipes, and over time, grease buildup can block pipes and cause sewage backups. Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of



the plumbing system – they only shred solid material into smaller pieces. The operators urge you to scrape grease and food scraps from cooking surfaces into a container and put in the trash or compost them. Do not put grease, fats or oils of any kind down your drain or garbage disposal. Do use baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch and empty them in the trash for disposal of food scraps and other solids. During the holidays, there always seems to be an increase of calls from residents who have had sewer backups, and these have been attributable, for the most part, to grease buildup and blockage.

OLDE HOME DAYS 2023 – June 2, 3, and 4

The first meeting of the 2023 OHD Committee will be held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at the Village Hall, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Scheduled

Dear Village Residents,



The Board of Trustees welcomes you to a new year and hopes that the Christmas season has been most enjoyable for you and yours. As we close out the year and begin another, the Board would like to extend its thanks and appreciation to all who helped to make the year a noteworthy one in our history. The Board would also like to

provide residents with some information and reminders as we look forward to a bright new year.



YES, THERE IS CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP!

There will be curbside pickup of Christmas trees again this year in the Village. The Highway Department will begin on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 and will continue through January 23, 2023. After that, residents will still be able to bring their trees down to the area behind the Village Hall and

dispose of them as they do with grass clippings during other times of the year.

FROM CHIEF BERNIE PODSIEDLIK

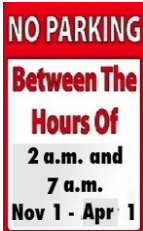
Residents should be aware of the fact that some thieves have been active in the Village and Town, following FedEx and other vehicles delivering and leaving packages unattended at various locations and then stealing such packages – so called “porch pirates.” Chief Podsiedlik urges residents to be vigilant about such activity and to notify the police if they have suspicions. The Chief reminds everyone, once again - Lock your houses and cars. The time it takes for a thief to get inside a vehicle and get out is about 20 seconds. In less than a minute, items may be gone and it isn't until you get into your vehicle that you notice items are missing. In addition, the Chief continues to encourage residents to call the Police Department if they have any concerns about solicitors or contractors they may employ, the Police Department would be happy to do background checks so as to alleviate these concerns. Also, if there are any snowbirds that would like to have their properties checked while they are out of town, please notify the Police Department.



POLICE APPOINTMENTS

The Board recently approved the appointment of several officers to the Marcellus Police Department, including Officer Stephen Smolen, presently a School Resource Officer at Onondaga Central School District, to serve as a Marcellus Village Patrolman as well, Officer

for June 2nd, 3rd and 4th, the Olde Home Days again promises to be another fun filled weekend for our residents.



PARKING

We remind Village 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. In addition, there is no parking on the village right-of-way (from the sidewalk to the road), nor on the sidewalk. We would urge residents to use the Village parking lots for any overnight, not long-term, parking situations. There are two (2) municipal parking lots that can be used - one is behind the Village Hall on Slocombe Ave and the other is off West Main Street, west of the Catholic Church.

STREET and SIDEWALK PLOWING

We remind residents that during the winter months, our Village DPW plows not only the streets of the Village, but also the front sidewalks. It is the responsibility of residents to keep their own sidewalks clear of snow and ice. In addition, independent snow plow drivers must clear the Village sidewalks after plowing. It is not permitted to plow snow into the street, nor across the street onto the Village right-of-way. It is also illegal to park vehicles on Village sidewalks, some of which are broken because of illegal parking. We welcome input from residents regarding broken sidewalks so that repairs can be scheduled. Please notify the Village Clerk (315-673-3112).

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

The Village Board will schedule a public hearing before its January Board meeting on January 23, 2023, for the purpose of proposing a local law updating the Code Enforcement Program in the Village of Marcellus. The proposed law will be designed to repeal the existing Code Enforcement Program within the Village of Marcellus and replace it with a Code Enforcement Program in compliance with the State's most recent regulations.

2023 VILLAGE MAIN STREET GRANTS

The Village Board agreed to apply, once again, for the 2023 Onondaga County Main Street Funding Program, whereby Onondaga County will again provide additional funding for local revitalization efforts in the Main Street areas in the Village in the 2023 calendar year. All projects will have to follow all normal application and permitting requirements, and some may be referred to the Planning Board as the process unfolds.

HEALTH CARE AND PENSION COSTS

Health Care Costs continue to rise, and both the Village and its employees will be required to pay, on average, an increase of about 7% for health coverage and 3% for dental coverage, beginning in January 2023. Coverage is similar to last year, with some increase in premiums, and some changes in benefits offered. At this time, there appears to be no increase in pension costs because the State Pension fund is almost fully funded, and this has allowed the State to lower pension contribution rates significantly.

VILLAGE HALL SIDING

After over 130 years, the Village Hall needed a facelift, and in early August, a contract was awarded to JK General Contracting to side the Village Hall, a large part of which amount was reimbursed to the Village from the Onondaga County ARP Municipal Grants Funding

Program. The project involved the removal of existing siding from the building, wrapping the building with Tyvek weather seal, installing new vinyl siding on the entire building to include soffit and fascia. In addition, the installation of aluminum wrapping around the windows completed the project and preserves an historic structure in the Village of Marcellus for future generations. The Village applied for and was granted approximately \$56,000 by the Country to help fund this \$90,000 project.



VILLAGE HALL HVAC UPGRADE

The Board also approved necessary upgrades in the amount of \$23,780.00 to provide HVAC services for the Village Hall. The scope of services included the removal of existing heating units in the building and the installation of two (2) furnace/forced air units as well as the installation of appropriate duct work and air conditioning units.

MARCELLUS HEALTH/LOAN CLOSET

The Marcellus Loan Closet, an organization whose origin dates back to World War II, and which group provides medical equipment on loan to residents in the Marcellus community, has found it necessary to relocate its storage facility because of the closing of the Marcellus Pharmacy. Marcellus Village & Town employees agreed to construct a shed next to the Village DPW Barn to house the Loan Closet equipment. The Loan Closet has agreed to provide all material cost. If you have an emergent need to borrow from the Loan Closet, please contact the Village Clerk at 315-673-3112 Ext 1 to make arrangements for access. Hours of operation, policies & procedures will be posted by the new year and we expect to be up and running in early January. Thank you for your patience.

NEW VILLAGE WELCOME SIGNS

New welcome signs at each of the four entrances to the Village will be installed in the spring, following generous donations from the Olde Home Days Committee, Reagan Companies and MRB Group. The Board is most grateful for the civic response of the community to this endeavor. In addition, new signs are to be installed in the spring at the Green Gateway entrance, these provided by the Village.

SOME REMINDERS

The Village Office will be closed on Friday, December 30, 2022 but there will be **NOT BE A DELAY for trash collection**. On Monday, January 16th, the Office will be closed to honor Martin Luther King Jr. and also closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 for Presidents' Day. There will be **NO** trash delays on these days either. Thank you for reading this newsletter and we hope that the New Year is a bright and happy one for you and yours!

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