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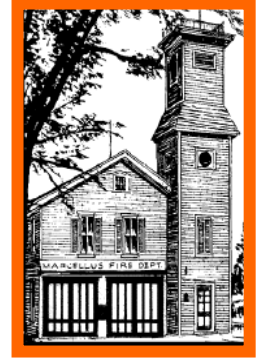
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Dear Village Residents,
As the summer ends and, as we anticipate a beautiful autumn, we would like to provide you with some information. Our website



Officer at Lyncourt Union Free School District and Officer David Kimball will serve as a School Resource Officer at the KCH Elementary School of the Marcellus Central School District.



Village Hall Siding and HVAC

In early August, a proposal was received from and awarded to JK General Contracting in the amount of \$88,500.00, a substantial part of which amount is to be reimbursed to the Village from the Onondaga County ARP Municipal Grants Funding Program. A pre-construction meeting was held late August and in September work began soon after that. The project involves 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 and the installation of aluminum wrapping around the windows as needed will complete the project and preserve 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 project.

The Board also approved the estimate of Straight-Line Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$23,780.00 to provide HVAC services for the Village Hall. The scope of services includes the removal of existing heating units in the building and installation of two (2) furnace/forced air units and installation of appropriate duct work

Halloween

Last year, the Governor said that she 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 Monday this year.



2022 Town Trash Days – Town & Village of Marcellus Residents

Fridays: Sept 23, Sep 30, 2022	9:00 am to noon
Saturdays: Sept 24, Oct 1, 2022	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/>

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 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 19th, September 26th, and October 3rd. Fall leaf pickup will take place weekly, on Mondays, beginning October 11th (Tuesday, due to holiday) through November 14th. 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 14th, 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 14th. 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".

New Police Officers Appointed

Two new officers have been appointed to the Marcellus Police Department. Officer Vincent Carnicelli will serve as a School/Resource



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.

Business in the Village

It is with much regret that we join with others in lamenting the closing of the Main Street Pharmacy. After 20 years at his location at #9 East Main Street, Pharmacist and Owner Jamie Cataldi has decided that he can no longer operate the business and has decided to close his establishment. He does



want to thank all in the community for their loyal support over the years and wishes to ensure his patrons that their prescriptions have been transferred to Rite-Aide of Camillus - 5335 West Genesee Street, Camillus, NY (315-487-0435).

YOUR WWTP NEWS

During the month of August, we noticed a lot of FOG (fats, oils, and grease) flowing into your Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). As a reminder to all residents FOG can not only disrupt the sensitive biology at your WWTP but is also one of the main causes of sewer backups and overflows within your sewer districts. Cooking byproducts from homes and restaurants in our Village get washed down kitchen drains. The fats, oils, and grease build up in sewer pipes over time and create blockages. Those blockages can cause backups and overflows inside your homes or onto public streets and into Nine Mile Creek. Garbage disposals, hot water, and liquid soap do not grind up and wash away the byproducts. The "hot soapy water" only serves to carry byproducts a few feet down your drain – usually somewhere between your foundation and property line. Village Residents are responsible for maintenance and repairs to their sewer lateral from their home to the sewer main. Once the water starts to cool, fats, oils, and grease also cool and collect on the top and sides of the pipe. Here are steps you can take to help prevent a clog: Keep dairy products, fats, grease, or greasy foods out of the sink and the garbage disposal. Garbage disposals only break up food into smaller pieces that easily stick to the grease that collects on the inside of your sewer pipe. Pour cooking fats, oils, and grease in a container with a tight-sealing lid and dispose of it in a trash receptacle on your designated trash day. For greasy pans that need to be soaked, first pour off the grease into a container as mentioned above, then dry wipe the pan with a disposable paper towel or napkin before placing in the sink to soak. Are your gardens ready for their top dressing yet? Compost is still available at on a first come first serve basis. To check availability please call 315-673-4491. Pick up times are 8am-3pm M-F.

Slocombe Ave and Kinderwood Drive Road

Improvements to Slocombe Ave and Kinderwood Drive were completed during the summer. Bids were received and that bid submitted by Hanson Aggregates NY LLC was awarded the contract in the amount of \$99,445.00. We have had some nice compliments from residents regarding these improvements.

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 is ongoing, and we hope will result in an environmentally positive gateway entrance to our Village – at the site of the former woolen mill on North Street. In recent months, in cooperation with the NYSDEC and the US Fish and Wildlife Agency, two sets of creek vanes and two toe-wood structures have been installed to restore the creek to a more natural flow and improve fishing areas. Also, at a special meeting held in September, a contract was awarded to Crossroads Highway Supply in the amount of \$117,364.71 to purchase a prefabricated pedestrian steel truss bridge to be installed by the Village and Town employees at the Green Gateway Park. The bridge will create an easy and safe manner for MCS students to cross directly from the school campus to the outdoor classroom, the bridge design and details for installation having been prepared by MCS students in coordination with Village and Town employees. Funding for this part of the project has been secured through the office of NYS Sen John Mannion, for which the Marcellus residents and students are most grateful. 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 10th – normal trash pick-up this week
- Veterans Day - November 11th – normal trash pick-up this week
- Thanksgiving Day - November 24th and 25th – normal trash pick-up
- Christmas Day - December 26th – trash pick-up delayed one day
- New Year's Day – January 2nd – trash pick-up delayed one day



- John P. Curtin, Mayor
- Timothy P. Manahan, Trustee
- John J. Murphy, Trustee
- Charnley A. Abbott, Clerk
- Antonino J. Provvidenti, Treasurer
- Jeffrey D. Brown, Attorney