VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS Newsletter Volume 28 – Issue 2 Summer 2023

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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: villageofmarcellus.com. It provides much information that can be very helpful.

### Keep Grease and Wipes Out of Sewers

We 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 will cause blockage in residential sewers.



## Village Garage Sale

The Village garage sale will take place on July 8th from 9 am to 3 pm - have fun, sell your treasures, and remember that no permit is required for this one-day event.

# New Business in the Village - 2023

We welcome new businesses in the Village at #3 North Street, a





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Holy Cow
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East Main Street, called The Ice Cream Sandwich. Also, Stack Construction & Design at 6 West Main Street has opened for business. We welcome new businesses to the Village and encourage our residents to patronize them.

### **Tefft Meadows Senior Housing**



The Village has recently been informed by Christopher Community, Inc. that the Tefft Meadows Project has not been awarded funding from the State of New York and, as a result, will not be moving forward with another

resubmission of the project.

### Streets, Sidewalks, Trees

Monies have been set aside from the budget to complete some highway resurfacing, particularly Old North and Bradley Streets, as well as to share in the cost of brush and tree removal and street

sweeping with the Town of Marcellus. The DPW budget also calls for starting a design for capital improvement project on Paul St, along with sidewalk repairs on First St and other various locations in the Village, and repainting of crosswalks, assisting MCS students in the development of the Green Gateway Project and working with students on a design for Flower Lane improvements. Also, tree and stump removals are planned, per the DPW Superintendent's schedule, pending budgetary considerations. Also, preparing and initiating another dredging plan and dredging maintenance schedule for Coon's Pond will take place this summer.

#### **Brush Pick-up**

The Village Board and DPW are going to continue the policy established previously for Brush Pickup. Spring brush pickup has ended, but during the summer months (June, July and August), brush may 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 yard waste 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 and creates a serious danger for motorcyclists.

### **Battery Collection**



A reminder to residents that July is usually Battery Collection Month. While OCRRA has decided to end this program, it has been determined that batteries can be dropped off locally at Nightingale's Mills on South Street Road without charge. We are grateful that Nightingales is providing this service to the

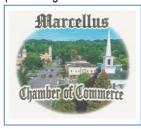
community and applaud the company for its community spirit.

#### **Summer Community Events**

A series of summer concerts held during June, July and August at Marcellus Park Annex Pavilion, Thursday nights from 7 – 8:30 p.m., are free and appropriate for the entire family. A full list of concert listings and other events and programs available on the Town website at Marcellusny.com or call the Marcellus Parks and Recreation Department (315-673-3269, ext. 2) for more information. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

#### **Marcellus Chamber of Commerce**

We would like to thank the Marcellus Chamber of Commerce for purchasing the beautiful hanging flower baskets from Nightingale's.



These can be seen hanging on the historical lamp posts along Main Street. They have also restarted the Banner Program in the Village. As Mayor, I encourage all Village Businesses to join the Marcellus Chamber of Commerce as their dedication to creating vibrant and sustainable business environments

has already been instrumental in creating job opportunities and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents.

#### 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. Also, there has been little disturbance in the Village during the warmer weather, a tribute to the efforts of our Chief and his Officers.

#### **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.



### **Banner Update**

It has been over 20 years since the banners that hang throughout the Village have been updated and starting to show their age. As part of ongoing efforts to beautify the Village Downtown Business District, the Chamber of Commerce, in working with the Village, would like to update these banners. The new banners will be hung along North Street and South Street only. Since there are limited spots, it wil be first come-first serve. If you are interested in sponsoring a banner, please

contact Nancy Calley at Calley's Hardware (315-247-3194) or Mallory Zabinski of the Village DPW (315-673-4491).

#### Call 9-1-1

The Police Department reminds residents that they should call 911 if they have any concerns or questions of what appear to be criminal or suspicious activity in the Village. By using 9-1-1, our local officer will be notified and 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 call the Village Hall to alert our staff.

### 2023 Main St Grant Program

The Village Board is again pleased to announce that the Village was awarded almost \$500,000 for the 2022-2023 Main St Grant Program. There are 11 projects included in the Village Center and this is sure to make a significant impact on the community. These projects will have to follow all normal application and permitting requirements, and some may be referred to the Planning Board as the process unfolds. The Village is most grateful to County Executive Ryan McMahon as well as the Onondaga County Legislature for providing funds to help revitalize and beautify many parts of the Village of Marcellus, as they did in previous years under the County Main Street Façade Grant program.

#### Olde Home Days

Its return was a rousing success, and we commend Marcellus Rotary, and the OHD committee and its exceptional leadership for conducting such a positive and popular celebration.

### **Paint Disposal**

As the weather is warming up and the daylight hours are long, many residents are sprucing up their homes. This is your friendly reminder to NOT to pour paint down your drains. Paint is highly flammable and dangerous to add to your plumbing system. Paint will coat the insides of your pipes causing material to build up and clog your drains.

Not only will it damage your pipes, but it can also wreak havoc at your wastewater treatment plant. When cleaning up after painting, follow the directions on the side of the paint can. Usually for water-based or latex paints, it's safe to wash the brushes with warm soapy water. With enough water running to dilute it, the paint can be washed down safely. However, oil-based paints aren't soluble with water and require a paint thinner to clean. Follow directions on the side of the can. If you have excess paint that is still fresh enough to use but you'd like to dispose of it, try finding someone who could use it. Check with your neighbors, local businesses, a church, or youth group etc. Visit paintcare.org to find your closest drop-off site.

### **Baltimore Ridge Development**



The Baltimore Ridge Development continues to move along quite well, and as of this date, all permits have been issued, and more development at the site has begun with building construction on seven lots, with one homeowner having already moved in. In addition, sight distance conditions on South Street Road, as required by Onondaga County DOT, have been met while utilities, roads and sewer infrastructure have not yet been turned over to the Village, which will probably take place this summer.

#### **Appointments**

Following some training by our Codes Enforcement Officer, Bill Reagan, the Village is pleased to announce the appointment, as a part time Codes Official, Paul Stacey to fill the position. Paul has been sworn in as Code Enforcement Officer/Building Safety Inspector on a part-time basis, for approximately 20 hours per week. The Village also appointed Paul Stacey as a part-time Records Management Clerk on a part-time basis, for approximately 15 hours per week. The Board also appointed Percy Clarke, recently retired from the NYS Police, as an alternate member of the Village Planning Board, following the resignation of Hugh White, whose employment has necessitated that notification. We thank Hugh very much for his service and welcome Percy to this position in which he will serve until March 31, 2025

#### 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 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 Tuesday, July 4th. There will be **A DELAY** for trash collection because of the holiday 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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