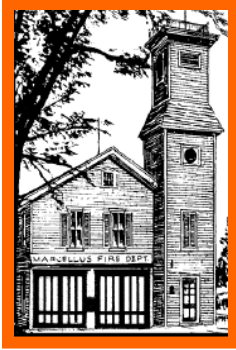


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**Village Business Spotlight: Finders Keepers Mining**  
8 W Main Street

Finders Keepers Mining is a family fun place. They offer mining for gemstones, fossils, minerals, break you own geodes, and birthday parties. They also have jewelry, handmade gifts, unique local products and more. Hours are Wednesday through Friday 10am-7pm Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm. Phone: 315-494-1074



**Your WWTP News**

Going into the Holiday months please remember to dispose of any leftover cooking grease properly. It will help save you unnecessary stress this holiday season. By the time you're done cooking that juicy tender turkey you'll probably have a good amount of leftover fat and grease to deal with. Avoid dumping grease down your kitchen drain as it could cause your home sewer to backup. When greasy wastes wash into your plumbing system through your sink or garbage disposal, they can stick to your pipes. Avoid using garbage disposals as they don't prevent fats and oils from flowing down the drain. Grease dissolving detergents won't help either. 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. Here are the steps you can take to help prevent a clog: Pour grease into a heat-safe container and put it in the fridge – once it has solidified, toss the grease in the trash. Scrape food waste in the trash and wipe dishes and cooking utensils with a paper towel to soak up excess before you wash them. Use a basket or strainer to catch grease and throw it away afterwards.

**Dear Village Residents,**

As the summer ends and, as we anticipate a beautiful autumn, we would like to provide you with some information. We urge residents to visit our website (villageofmarcellus.com) 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.

**Thank You for Your Service**

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Mayor John Curtin retired from his Mayoral duties. He served our community for a total of 26 years of service – 13 years as a trustee and 13 years as Mayor. Thank you, John, for your exemplary leadership and your unwavering commitment to our Village. We wish you all the best in your retirement and hope that this new chapter brings you joy, fulfillment, and many well-deserved moments of happiness.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>, September 25<sup>th</sup>, and October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fall leaf pickup will take place weekly, on Mondays, beginning October 10<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday, due to holiday) through November 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>. Residents may also drop off brush and leaves anytime (**NO PLASTIC**) at the Village compost site, located next to the Village DPW garage. If you have any questions, please call the Village Office (315-673-3112).



**Compost**

Are your gardens ready for their top dressing yet? Compost is still available on a first come first serve basis. To check availability please call 315-673-4491. Pick up times are 8am-3pm M-F.

**Halloween on First Street**

Residents should also be aware that First Street will be closed to traffic on Halloween, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm



**Old North Street and Bradley Street**

Improvements to Old North Street and Orchard Street were completed during the summer. Bids were received and that bid submitted by Casinella Excavating LLC was awarded the contract. We have had some nice compliments from residents regarding these improvements.

**Trivia Question**

When the building, pictured on the front page of this newsletter, was constructed as an Engine House for the Fire Department, in 1889, the Village Hall once had a tower that was taken down in 1957. For what purpose was the tower originally built?



Be sure to look for the answer in the Winter 2024 newsletter!

**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.



### Notify Police – Call 911

Chief of Police Bernie Podsjedlik 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 Pedestrian Bridge

This project is one that is ongoing, and we hope will result in an environmentally positive gateway entrance to our Village – One project involved the construction of a pedestrians-only footbridge, crossing the creek from the school property to the lower mill site, which is now owned by the Village. A pedestrian steel bridge now creates an easy and safe manner for students to cross directly from the campus to the outdoor classroom. The process which started in 2021, to acquire and install the bridge began with a request for funding from our NYS Senator John Mannion who helped secure a State and Municipal (SAM) capital project grant of \$180,000. After soil testing, design, and survey, excavation and foundation work, the installation of the bridge took place in mid-July, utilizing a crane and the many efforts of Village DPW and Town Highway workers. The bridge is one more excellent example of intermunicipal cooperation between the Village, the Town and the Marcellus School District.

### Green Gateway Project

The Green Gateway Project is a continuous work in progress and one that it will continue as students return this fall. Other student improvement projects include fishing access sites in compliance with the Americans Disabilities Act, historical signs, berm plantings, and installation of bat houses.

### Baltimore Ridge Development

Development continues to move along quite well, and as of this date, many building permits have been issued with construction varying on each lot. Utilities, roads and sewer infrastructure have not yet been turned over to the Village, which will probably take place this Fall.

### Marcellus Health Loan Closet

Now located at the Village Hall 6 Slocombe Ave, the Loan Closet continues to be a non-profit community organization, whose objective is to equip and maintain a loan closet of articles to aid in caring for sick persons in the home, including wheelchairs, walkers, knee scooters and other items. The articles are loaned, without charge, for use in private homes of those who are residents of the Marcellus Central School District. The Marcellus Health Loan Closet welcomes new members. For information regarding membership contact Maureen Curtin, President, at (315) 673-3660.

### Marcellus Chamber of Commerce

As part of ongoing efforts to beautify the Village Downtown Business District, the Chamber of Commerce, working with the Village have updated these banners. The new banners are hung along North Street South Street.

Last October, the Chamber hosted a Haunted Park event at Marcellus Park and it was such a huge success it's happening again this year! This year the Haunted Park will take place on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>. For more info contact: Lisa Bardou 315-415-6171

The Village encourages all businesses to join the Marcellus Chamber of Commerce. 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.

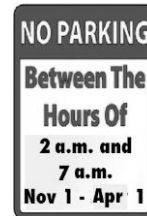
### 2023 Town Trash Days – Town & Village of Marcellus Residents

Fridays: Sept 29, Oct 6, 2023 8:00 am to noon

Saturdays: Sept 30, Oct 7, 2023 8:00 am to noon

Does not include electronic recycling or Community Shred Day  
Permits available at the Town Clerk's Office. For More Information click on the <https://marcellusny.com/town/highway/>

### No 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. We urge residents to use the Village parking lots for overnight parking.

### Thank You

The Village would like to thank all who participated in the work they did on the flower boxes & hanging flower baskets this year, particularly Village employee Kathy Welsh as well as the Village DPW, whose attention to their care all summer was exceptional and enabled all in the community to enjoy their beauty. The Village would also like to thank Cheryl Hammond and family for their donation of a memorial bench, placed in honor of John Moss Jr. in front of the Alvord House.

### 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 9th – normal trash pick-up this week
- Veterans Day - November 11th – normal trash pick-up this week
- Thanksgiving Day - November 23th and 24th – 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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