

**Marcellus Village
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Dear Village Residents,

Welcome to a brand new year! We hope that the Christmas season has been most enjoyable for you and yours. As we close out the year and begin another, we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all who helped to make the year a noteworthy one in our history. Here is some information and reminders as we look forward to a bright new year!

NEW MAYOR JOHN MURPHY

Please welcome Mayor John J. Murphy. Mayor Murphy has been a life long resident of the Village before being appointed as Mayor to fill former Mayor Curtin's vacancy.

VILLAGE BOARD APPOINTMENT

James Curtin, who has recently resigned from the Marcellus Town Council, was appointed to the position of Trustee at the November Board Meeting – to be in effect immediately. This will fill the vacancy until the next General Election in March 2024.

RMC CERTIFICATION

Congratulation to the Village Clerk, Charnley Abbott for receiving her Registered Municipal Clerk certification in November. This certification serves to promote the continued education of our municipal clerk to better serve our Board and Residents.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Village Christmas Tree Lighting has taken place annually since 1913 on the Village point. Thank you to the Christoff Family for donating a beautiful tree this year and to Chris Farnett with CJ Marly Construction for donating the lift to decorate the tree. And a huge thank you to all the Village and Town employees that helped make this Christmas Tree Lighting run as smooth as possible.



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 2, 2024 and will continue through the end of January. 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.

FLOWER BASKET PROGRAM

Marcellus Chamber of Commerce is working with the Village to continue the Flower Basket Program this Spring. The Village is most grateful for the civic response of the community to this endeavor.

CURTIN'S CROSSING DEDICATION

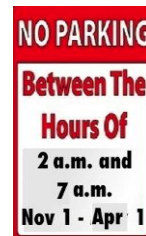
On November 3rd, the Village Board dedicated the Green Gateway Bridge and Outdoor Classroom to former Mayor John Curtin. Mayor Curtin spent over 40 years in education and served on the Village Board for 26 years. The outdoor classroom and pedestrian bridge will bear his name and be a place that students will enjoy forever. Thank you to all that were a part of this project and made it out for the dedication.

NEW SIDEWALKS ON SOUTH STREET

Casinella Excavating along with the help of our Village DPW, replaced a section of sidewalks on South Street this Fall. With the CHIPS monies we receive from the State every year, the Village was able to replace the old 4 foot sidewalks with 5ft ADA compliant sidewalks. The Village is also looking into grants that may be able to replace more of the 4ft sidewalks in the future.

NO OVERNIGHT 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).

VILLAGE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: PAPA'S EXPRESS

18 W Main Street



Family-owned business that is proud to be part of the Marcellus Community since 2016. They offer so much more than pizza and wings. Check out their full menu at www.papasexpressny.com or stop in! Catering options are also available!

Open: Tuesday through Saturday 11am to 9pm; Sunday 1pm to 8pm; Closed Mondays. Phone:(315)673-7347

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 11.5% for health coverage, beginning in January 2023. Coverage is similar to last year, with some increase in premiums, and some changes in benefits offered. There is also an increase in pension costs by 15%.

MAYOR'S CORNER

It is my pleasure to be appointed as your Mayor. Over the years that I have lived in Marcellus, I left for 3 years and went into the service, and could not wait to return to the little town and village of good ol' Marcellus. I have been a Trustee since 2020, and have been involved in working with different projects. We are on a constant venture to making our Village productive, beautiful, and a pleasure for outsiders to want to come and visit or possibly live in our pleasant village. I want to thank our DPW crew, our Staff in the Office as well as our Officers that protect us on the streets and in our schools. For me to be able to be a part of the history of this Village, I pledge to try to protect this Village and keep all of its residents safe and happy. – Mayor John Murphy



FROM CHIEF BERNIE PODSIEDLIK

To date in 2023, the Marcellus Police Department has responded to 1452 calls and incidents. This includes suspicious persons/vehicles, crimes in progress, traffic accidents, domestic violence, traffic stops and property checks.

Following a request from citizens, a digital traffic radar sign was installed on South Street to add to the 2 existing ones on East Main Street and West Main Street. These signs have proven to be highly effective and data provided indicates the vast majority of vehicles entering the village at those locations are traveling under the posted speed limit.



Tips and Reminders:

Do not leave valuables or keys in parked vehicles overnight *Make sure vehicle is locked

Be observant and vigilant while driving during school hours, particularly during morning drop off and after school let out.

Beware of SCAMS – Financial Institutions, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Construction and Paving, etc.

- Be cautious of unsolicited calls, emails, or texts
- Do not give out personal information
- Research the company or organization
- Be wary of high-pressure sales tactics
- Use secure payment method

As we move into 2024, it is the goal and mission of the Marcellus Police Department to continue providing safety and security to the residents and visitors to the Village of Marcellus.

MARCELLUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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. Their monthly meeting is the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm in the Library. For more information, please visit their website: www.marcelluschamber.com

OLDE HOME DAYS 2024 – May 31 – June 2

Olde Home Days is scheduled for May 31st, June 1st and 2nd of 2024. The Olde Home Days again promises to be another fun filled weekend for our residents.

TRIVIA QUESTION

Answer from Fall 2023: In the past, cotton was the most common fiber used in fire hoses. After use, a fire hose was usually hung to dry, because standing water that remains in a hose for a long time can deteriorate the material and render it unreliable or unusable. Therefore, the typical fire station often had a high structure to accommodate the length of a hose for such preventive maintenance, known as a hose tower. Today, modern hoses use synthetic fiber like polyester or nylon filament and there is no need to hang them up to dry out.



Winter Trivia Question: Before Marcellus became a Centralized School District in 1936, students attended the old Marcellus School, grades 1-12, built in 1892. Where was it located?

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

MARCELLUS HEALTH LOAN CLOSET

From its beginning in 1942, the Marcellus Health Loan Closet (located at 6 Slocombe Ave) 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. Contact the Village Clerk at 315-673-3112 ext 1 or email clerk@villageofmarcellus.com to check availability and make arrangements for pickup/return.

SUMP PUMPS

As a reminder to our residents, make sure your sump pump is properly installed. It is illegal to have sump pumps connected to your sewer pipes. This applies to water pumped through a sump pump or that runs into the system purely by gravity. When downspouts and sump pumps are connected to the Village sewer system, their flow is taking up space needed to carry sewage to your wastewater treatment plant. Your wastewater treatment plant was not designed to handle this runoff. These incorrect and illegal connections can cause sewage to back up into your basement as well as water pollution and higher taxes.



SOME REMINDERS

The Village Office will be closed on Monday, January 1st 2024 and **trash collection WILL BE DELAYED**. On Monday, January 15th, the Office will be closed to honor Martin Luther King Jr. and also closed on Monday, February 19, 2024 for Presidents' Day. There will be **NO** trash delays on these days. Thank you for reading this newsletter and we hope that the New Year is a bright and happy one for you and yours!

John Murphy, Mayor
Timothy Manahan, Trustee
James Curtin, Trustee
Charnley Abbott, Clerk
Antonino Provvidenti, Treasurer
Jeffrey Brown, Attorney