



**Marcellus Village
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DEAR VILLAGE RESIDENTS,

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2025!** Happy New Year! We hope your Christmas season was filled with joy and good cheer. As we say goodbye to last year and welcome the new one, we want to send a huge thank you to everyone who made it memorable. Here's to a bright and exciting year ahead – along with a few reminders to kick things off right!

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Village Christmas Tree Lighting has been a beloved tradition at the Village Point since 1913! A big shout out to the Christoff Family for donating this year's stunning tree, and to Chris Farnett with CJ Marly Construction and Casinella Excavating for providing the lift to make it shine this year. A special thanks to SHINE for beautifully decorating the Village Office and Police Department. And of course a huge thank you to all the Village and Town employees who helped everything run smoothly. You made the magic happen! .



YES, THERE IS CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP!

Christmas tree curbside pickup is back! The Highway Department will begin on Thursday, January 2, 2025 and continue through the end of January. After that, you may drop your trees off behind the Village Hall, just like you do with grass clippings during the year.

FLOWER BASKET PROGRAM (edit)

The Marcellus Chamber of Commerce is teaming up with the Village again to keep the Flower Basket Program blooming this spring! We are so grateful for the community's awesome support in making this happen.

GREEN GATEWAY PROJECT (edit)

The Green Gateway Project is an ongoing effort, and it's gearing up for more work with students this Spring. Recently, the DPW installed historical signs along the pathway at Green Gateway Park. These signs were designed by former MCSD student Jayden Capozzi, with pedestals crafted by another former student, Tyler Thompson. It's fantastic to finally see their hard work come to life!

CONGRATULATIONS MARCELLUS VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER



Huge congrats to the Girls Varsity Soccer Team for winning the State Class B Championship! This is the teams' first state championship win in 20 years and their first season going undefeated!! GO MUSTANGS!

MAYOR'S CORNER

As the year ends, I'd like to reflect on our busy Fall and share our excitement for what 2025 may bring. One highlight from this season was the Village of Marcellus submitting a detailed application for the NY-Forward Grant. Our proposal included 14 transformative projects across the Village, totaling \$4.5 million. This grant process is highly competitive, and we're thrilled to share that on November 8, we were invited to the third and final round of interviews by the NY-Forward selection committee. Reaching this stage is a significant achievement, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped us get this far.



We've also been addressing concerns about speeding on local streets and the safety of our crosswalks. While we continue exploring solutions, we urge everyone to stay vigilant and safe throughout the winter season.

As always, I welcome your comments and concerns—please don't hesitate to reach out at Mayor@VillageOfMarcellusNY.gov. For the latest updates, visit our website at www.VillageOfMarcellus.com. Wishing you a joyful and peaceful holiday season!

STREET AND SIDEWALK PLOWING

Our incredible Village DPW team is out there keeping our streets and sidewalks clear and safe for everyone – but we need your help! While they are working their magic, it's still up to you to keep your sidewalks free of snow and ice. If you use a snow plow service, kindly remind them to avoid pushing extra snow onto the sidewalks. And for everyone, let's keep the streets and Village property snow-free too. Together, we can make winter in Marcellus smooth and safe for all! Thanks for being great neighbors and team players!

**VILLAGE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:
BLISSFUL BEAUTY & CO. SALON & FITNESS**

16 W Main Street



Blissful Beauty & Co. is where beauty meets wellness – right here in Marcellus! With luxurious salon services, the Milkshake Natural Beauty Line, and a fitness focused wellness complex, they've got everything to keep you looking fabulous. Convenient parking, flexible hours, and small-

town charm make self-care a breeze. Call (315) 494-1100 to make an appointment. Gym hours: M-F 5am-8pm; Sat-Sun 8am-5pm.

OLDE HOME DAYS 2025 – June 6 – June 8

Olde Home Days is set for June 6th-8th, 2025! Originally reintroduced in 1995, this beloved tradition grew out of the Town of Marcellus Bicentennial Celebration held in 1994. When the Bicentennial wrapped up, many in the community wanted to keep the festive spirit alive, reviving the Olde Home Days that had been celebrated in Marcellus during the 19th and 20th centuries. The event also carries on the legacy of the Fireman's Field Days, hosted by the Marcellus Fire Department during the mid-to-late 20th century. This year's Olde Home Days promises to be another fun-filled weekend for all to enjoy!



NO OVERNIGHT PARKING

Winter has arrived, and so have the overnight parking rules! From November 1st to April 1st, parking is a no-go on Village streets from 2:00 am to 7:00 am. Forget, and you might be greeted with a surprise ticket from our friendly Village Police. Also, please avoid parking on the Village right-of-way (that's the space between the sidewalk and the road) or on the sidewalks themselves – let's keep it tidy! Need a place to park overnight? No worries! We have two municipal lots: one behind the Village Hall on Slocombe Ave and another off of West Main Street, just west of the Catholic Church. Stay safe and park smart, Marcellus!



TRIVIA QUESTION

Answer from Fall 2024: The Marcellus Shale is a mapped bedrock unit in eastern North America – a sedimentary rock formed from marine deposits – within which is contained a large amount of natural gas and oil. Marcellus shale was given its name by an American geologist by the name of Prof. James Hall, who had been appointed the New York State Geologist in 1836 and began a massive study that was published in 1843. In it, James attributed the name "Marcellus" to this shale because there was a distinct outcropping of this rock near the Village of Marcellus, New York. For more information, please check out this article from the Marcellus Historical Society http://marcellushistoricalsociety.org/pdf/2009_03.pdf

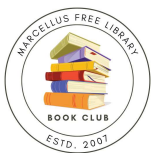


Winter Trivia Question: What was the first business in Marcellus called?

Be sure to look for the answer in the Spring 2025 newsletter!

BOOK LOVERS

Love a good read? Join the fun at Marcellus Free Library book discussions. Come for one, some or all! Chat in person or cozy up on Zoom with your favorite mug of tea. Sessions are Tuesdays at 10am, and everyone is welcome!



January 7th: Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

February 7th: The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams

March 4th: Brave the Wild River: The Untold Story of Two Women who Mapped the Botany of the Grand Canyon by Meilssa L. Sevigny

Don't miss out on these great reads and great conversations!

NEW BUSINESSES OPEN

Exciting news for the Village! Both Stewart's Shops and Gretchen's Confections have officially opened their doors. We're thrilled to welcome these new businesses and encourage residents to stop by and support them.

In other updates, The Ice Cream Sandwich will soon be rebranding as The Mustang Deli – keep an eye out for the new name!

FROM CHIEF BERNIE PODSIDLIK

As we move into 2025, the mission of the Marcellus Police Department is to provide safety and security to village residents and its visitors for the purpose of enhancing the quality of life.



2024 was a busy year in the Village with many changes:

Stewart's Shop is finally open so please familiarize yourself with the different traffic patterns around that location.

Winter parking is in effect, please respect the overnight parking restrictions on village streets from 2am to 7am from Nov. 1st to April 1st. As a reminder the public parking lots do allow overnight parking during those times.

The Village had some recent larcenies from vehicles. The suspects only accessed vehicles that were unlocked. Make sure that you lock your vehicles and do not leave valuables inside.

SCAMS continue to be an issue particularly with our senior citizens. Be cautious of unsolicited calls, emails or texts. If you have questions or believe that you are being or may have been scammed, please contact the Police Department at (315)673-2079.

If you have an emergency or something that needs immediate attention, call 911.

We have added a new Police Officer to the Department. Officer John Kritzer is our newest addition and has recently retired from the Syracuse Police department.

MARCELLUS HEALTH LOAN CLOSET

Since 1942, the Marcellus Health Loan Closet at 6 Slocombe Ave has been a valuable community resource, offering free loaner medical equipment like wheelchairs, walkers, knee scooters, and more to residents of the Marcellus Central School District. Whether you're caring for a loved one or recovering yourself, we're here to make things easier. To check availability and arrange a pickup or return, simply contact the Village Clerk at 315-673-3112 ext. 1 or email clerk@villageofmarcellusny.gov. We're happy to assist you!

SOME REMINDERS

The Village Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st 2025 and **trash collection WILL BE DELAYED**. On Monday, January 20th, the Office will be closed to honor Martin Luther King Jr. and also closed on Monday, February 17, 2025 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!

Chad Clark, Mayor
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