

Monthly Updates From the Mayor

May 2024

DPW/Highway:

- Pedestrian Signs, Benches, Banners, and new Flags have been re-installed on Main Street and elsewhere by the Highway Department. Many thanks to our Department of Public Works employees for doing this in time for the Memorial Day holiday.
- Village DPW did some drainage work on Dunlap to divert some of the standing water to the existing drainage pipe.
- Crosswalks were painted this month, in preparation for summer.
- Spring brush pickup has ended but during the summer months of June, July and August, brush may be placed at the curb on Sundays for pickup on the first Monday of each of those summer months.
- The 6th grade class from Driver Middle School volunteered their time sprucing up the Green Gateway, the area between Scotch Hill and North Street, as well as sprucing up the Historical Society inside and out.

Code Enforcement:

- fire inspections and rental inspections continue, along with vacant house registrations, code violations being issued for litter and rubbish piles, along with change of occupancy at several sites and several building permits.
- The Planning Board met in April and again May to conduct a sketch plan conference regarding a proposed Stewarts Shops at 27 East Main Street, and will meet on June 18 due to the Juneteenth holiday, to begin site plan review. At the May meeting, the Planning Board also approved site plans for Gretchen's Confections at 4 East Main Street and a proposed garage at 44 West Main Street.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in May, but is expected to convene in the coming months regarding variances required for 27 East Main and 44 West Main Street. The meetings will be announced in accordance to Open Meeting Law and published in the Press Observer, as well as on the Village website.

Police:

- Please be advised that there is a nationwide trend where scammers contact the elderly via disposable cellphones and attempt to trick people into giving out their personal information (D.O.B., SS#, etc.). Sometimes, they tell people that they are potentially the victim of fraud and attempt to persuade them to purchase gift cards from stores such as Target or Walmart and provide them with the activation codes. Unfortunately, there have been several recent cases of this type of fraud in Onondaga County. Please speak to your elderly family members and neighbors to warn them of this scam. If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact the Marcellus Police Department at (315) 673-2079.
- 2024-2025 SRO Contracts – with the Marcellus Central School District, the Lyncourt Union Free School District, the Onondaga Central School District, and the Tully Central School District will be negotiated during the summer months, and will be approved and executed by the Board at a later date.

Other:

- Olde Home Days Celebration – as mentioned before, is back and we encourage residents to attend.
- Creek Walk – Fred's Trail has reopened officially for the public, and our highway department had to do some limited repair to the trail – it appears to have wintered well. We welcome the spring as well as those who will take advantage of this gem in our community. If some residents are not familiar with the project, we urge them to click on the home page of the Village website <http://villageofmarcellus.com/> and then on Village News.
- Village Web Site – Village Clerk Charnley Abbott regularly updates our website, and she has been most accommodating to our Village and its residents. If there are any items that residents might feel should be included on the site, please contact her at clerk@villageofmarcellus.com with your requests.
- Marcellus Health Loan Closet- continues to be an asset to the community. Information can be found on the Village website and arrangements to borrow equipment can be made by calling the Village Clerk at 315-673-3112 Ext 1.