

# Monthly Updates From the Mayor

## August 2024

- The 2024 Main St Grant Program – the Village Board is again pleased to announce that the Village was awarded almost \$250,000.00 for the Onondaga County Community Development Division 2024 Main St Grant Program. There are 8 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 and the Community Development Division, 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 Grant program.
- Comprehensive Plan - Public Workshop #1 for the Comprehensive Plan took place on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:30 at the Library. If you were unable to attend in person, workshop materials are available for download on the Village website, and can be emailed to [emma.falkenstein@mrbgroup.com](mailto:emma.falkenstein@mrbgroup.com). On behalf of the Village Board, thank you to all that participated in the public workshop and we are grateful for your contributions to the planning process.
- Brush Pick-up – as was mentioned earlier, the Village Board and DPW are going to continue the policy established previously for Brush Pickup. Spring/Summer brush pickup has ended, Village residents should not put yard waste out to the curb for pick-up until pickup resumes on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Residents are welcome to bring yard waste to the compost pile next to the Highway garage at any time. Also, a reminder to please not sweep yard debris into the road. This often causes storm sewers to become obstructed and creates a serious danger for motorcyclists.
- SRO Contracts – with the Marcellus Central School District, the Onondaga Central School District, the Lyncourt Union Free School District, and the Tully Central School District have been completed and signed by all parties concerned.
- Call 9-1-1 – the Police Department reminds residents that they should call 911 if they have any concerns or any questions of what appear to be criminal or other suspicious activity in the Village. By using 911, our local officer will be notified, dispatched as quickly as possible. Given the fact that our police officers are not on duty 24 hours of every day, using 911 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 must obtain before being allowed to solicit in the Village. If there is no permit, please direct them to the Village Hall and please call the Village Clerk to alert our staff.
- Another Police Update – Chief Podseidlik would like to make sure that all residents continue to lock their autos and houses. Recently, both in the Village, but also on the outside, on the periphery of the Village in particular, there have been burglaries – particularly into unlocked automobiles, and property has been stolen. Virtually all of these thefts have taken place because autos have been left outdoors and unlocked. If the cars are locked, the thieves usually move on. Please lock your car doors!
- Green Gateway – is one that the Village, in cooperation with the Town and the School District, has been working on since 2016 – an environmentally positive gateway to our Village. Part of the Green Gateway project involved the installation of a pedestrians-only footbridge crossing the creek from school property to the lower mill site, which is now owned by the Village. This bridge has provided an easy and safe manner for students to cross directly from the campus to the outdoor classroom. Recently, the Village and Town employees installed a split rail fence that will protect the greenspace from damage of motor vehicles that fail to remain in the designated parking area. Motor vehicles have been observed driving and parking the walking paths, particularly near the fishing access points. Student and pedestrian safety, as well as minimizing property damage, is of the utmost importance and the Village hopes that the installation of the fence will help alleviate some of these concerns. The Green Gateway Project is a constant work in progress, and it is expected that it will continue as students return in the fall.
- Compost Project – compost continues to be available for residents, on a first-come-first served basis, and if any residents cannot pick up compost during normal business hours, please call the Treatment Plant (315-673-4491) to make an appointment with one of the operators. The operators are available to answer questions and to help load compost for residents.
- Planning and Zoning Boards – did not meet in August. In July, the Village Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals held a joint meeting and public hearings which resulted in conditional approvals of the site plan, SEQR, and multiple variances associated with the Stewarts Shop to be located at 27 East Main Street. Demolition of the existing structure began last week.
- Back To School – the School year begins soon and we remind residents to be aware of students walking to school, particularly on First Street. Also, the State DOT will begin operation of the flashing lights in the school zone on North Street and the Village Police Department will be even more vigilant in their enforcement of the traffic laws in that area.
- Code Official Updates:

- Political Signs- a reminder to residents that Section 202-12 of the Village Code states “Political signs may not be posted more than 45 days prior to a primary or general election and shall not require a temporary sign permit.” We ask residents to please refrain from posting political signs on their property prior to September 20, 2024, and again a reminder that signs, regardless of the content, are not permitted in the Village Right-of-way at any time.
- Baltimore Ridge –
  - 8 Houses have been completed and issued a certificate of occupancy
  - 2 new houses are currently under construction
  - 3 lots have recently sold but building plans have not been submitted
- Stewart’s Shops –
  - After doing some core sampling Stewarts found some contaminated soil (fuel oil) where they were planning to build the new store.
  - Stewarts is in the process of removing the contaminated soil.
  - Lion Construction Supply & Services has completed the asbestos removal of Nojaims
  - Lion Construction Supply & Services has begun demolition of the Nojaims building.