



## From the Desk of the Supervisor *Peter Ingalsbe*

My July newsletter mentioned 95-degree weather and last night we were in the low 40's. Yes, fall is here for everyone to enjoy! This has been a very tough year for residents and your Town government. Our revenue is down substantially for sales tax, and water sales. We received only 80% of the Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) dollars and 80% from NYS for our annual highway CHIPS funds. The Town Board has reduced expenses such as not filling five vacant yet funded positions. The highway superintendent has agreed to delay some road work until 2021-2022. Purchases were reduced wherever possible, yet we will most definitely have to use our fund balance to balance this year's budget.

This takes us to the 2021 Town budget; The budget process calls for myself and my Principal Account Clerk to prepare a "Tentative Budget" which the Town Board received on September 8<sup>th</sup>. We have at least three budget workshops scheduled to go over every departments request and make changes prior to the "Preliminary" budget, which is due October 8<sup>th</sup>, to the Town Clerk, and presented at the October 13<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting. At this meeting we will set a Public Hearing on the budget. This is tentatively set for Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup>. The 2021 budget could be approved that night or at our November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting which will meet the NYS deadline of November 20<sup>th</sup>.

There is a lot of work yet to do on the General and Highway budgets to reduce the tax burden. The following is my September 4<sup>th</sup> memo to the Town Board on where the Tentative budget sits prior to any budget workshops:

This year the task of creating a Tentative Town Budget for 2021 has been very difficult with the 2020 COVID-19 slowdown, the loss of sales tax revenue, receiving only 80% of our VLT money as well as a loss of 20% of NYS CHIPS funds for our highway department. Water & Sewer revenue is also down with businesses being closed (lower water sales revenue) and residents & some businesses not able to pay for services. Other factors are the State's tax cap, no relief from state mandates and increased operating cost (i.e. road materials, workman's Comp. wages & medical coverage). The Town continues to be fiscally solvent as far as mortgage tax revenue and building fees which are projected to be healthy again in 2021. Trying to forecast future expenses that affect the property tax rates is very difficult.

Our 2020 General and Highway funds continue to be debt free, our reserves for equipment replacements continue to be acceptable and our savings are adequate for the time being, **but I want to warn the Town Board and the public that continued use of large amounts of savings and VLT reserves to balance the budget cannot continue forever. There is much work to be done in the next three weeks before we finalize this budget as the tax**

**rate as listed in this tentative budget raises the tax rate by 74% or a tax rate of \$1.92 per thousand which is not acceptable.**

Here is a summary of the Tentative Town Budget for 2021:

**General Fund:** Is a \$4.8 million-dollar budget. Tax levies have an increase of 74% or a \$1.917475 tax rate per thousand of assessed value.

**Highway Fund:** Is a \$2.89 million-dollar budget. Tax levies also have an increase with the same tax rate as the General Fund.

**Drainage District:** Tax Levy is down 17.13% or less than 4 cents per thousand.

**Fire Protection:** Tax Levy is down .46%, which is basically the same tax rate as last year.

**Lighting Districts:** Six lighting districts are down, three have the same tax rate, two districts are up and two new districts were added (Pintail & Hathaway). Energy costs have generally leveled out and fund balance has been used wherever possible to lower the tax levy. In 2019 we expected approval to switch all streetlights to an LED fixture however this will now be accomplished in 2021. Any savings will be shown in the 2022 budget.

**Water Districts:** This continues to be the hardest budget of all due to varying water usage, nonpayment by customers and expensive projects required to update our aging waterlines. Overall, we have decreased expenses by \$129,595.00 compared to 2020. The amount of fund balance used this year was increased by \$79,606.00 to \$140,000.00. Major expenses are proposed for BAN/BOND funding to the Water Tank Project, another phase of new water lines going North on Mertensia road, additional water lines on town line road, intersection improvements at 332 & 96, 332 & Collett and funding of a reserve for a future equipment building. The tax rate will go up \$.050 cents to \$.804856 per thousand of assessed value. We will also increase the water usage rate for 2021 even if there is no increase in water costs from the City of Canandaigua. If there is an increase from the City of Canandaigua that will also be added to the water usage rate in January 2021.

**Sewer District:** This is a \$4.3 million-dollar budget supported entirely by user fees, and for major Capital projects the Town of Victor also contributes to the projects in Victor or at the WWTP. We have cut expenses by \$46,764.00 for 2021. I recommend considering a small increase to the sewer rates for 2021 to balance the budget.

**Sidewalk Districts (6):** While expenses are up due to higher personnel costs, the tax rate is down in four districts, one with no increase and one is a new district (Pintail).

I would like to thank the department heads for their budget input and a big Thank-you to my Confidential Secretary Marcy Daniels and our Principal Account Clerk Jeannine

Marciano for their many hours putting the budget numbers together and making the budget books for the Town Board.

This tentative budget has been filed with the Town Clerk; and is to be presented to the town board on September 8th, 2020. The Board will review my budget and adjust. Town Board workshops are scheduled in September with each Town department and our outside agencies. October 6th will be the final time any adjustments can be made. The current budget is \$767,478 over the Tax Cap.

**So, we will not allow this big tax increase for the General and Highway funds for 2021, but choices will be very difficult yet necessary.**

On to other important information: because of residents request we have scheduled another "Clean-Up " two-day event. See details later in this newsletter or on our Town website.

Beaver Creek Park is under construction and will be completed by late summer next year. The funds to pay for this project come from the "Parklands fee" paid for each new home built and the use of VLT money.

LED streetlights: we have been delayed again but we hope this project will be completed in 2021.

Farmington Swap Shop: This shop is still virtual only on their Facebook page, no time has been set to do onsite swaps.

Finally, if you ever have any questions about your town government you can contact me at 315-986-8100 ext. 2 or via email at [pingalsbe@farmingtonny.org](mailto:pingalsbe@farmingtonny.org).



## From the Desk of the Town Clerk

*Michelle Finley*

### 2021 TAX COLLECTION

Town and County Taxes will be mailed out at the end of December and are due in full in January without penalty. Payments made in person by check, cash, or credit card (with convenience fees) can be made at the Town Clerk's Office, located at 1000 County Road 8, Farmington. Office hours starting January 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday until 7:00 p.m.

For your convenience, there is a drop box located to the right of the entrance. The drop box is checked daily by 8 a.m. on regular business days. Payments collected by 8 a.m. will be considered received on the prior business day.

Payments without penalty are due by January 31, 2021. This applies even if you choose the installment option which requires that the first payment is paid by January 31, 2021. Any checks incorrectly made out, have the wrong amount written, or postdated will be returned and subject to a penalty if received by the Tax Receiver after the penalty free period.

The due date for bills is January 31st without penalty, beginning February 1st a 1% penalty will be assessed and beginning March 1st a 2% penalty will be assessed.

Taxes may be made in installments with half being accepted by January 31st and interest will be assessed monthly on the remaining balance. See your tax bill for amounts.

For payments made by mail, the USPS postmark (not a postage meter mark) is used as the payment date. If there is no postmark, the date received will be used as the payment date.

For your convenience, you can now pay your taxes online from January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. Visit [www.egov.basgov.com/farmington](http://www.egov.basgov.com/farmington). By law, the town is not allowed to pay the transaction processing fee collected by the web service provider, therefore, it must be paid by the user.

If you are spending the winter months out of town and would like your tax bill mailed to another address, you must contact the Town Clerk's Office in writing. Please include a phone number in case we need to contact you.

Payments made at the Ontario County Treasurer's Office will not be reflected on the website.

### PARK RESERVATIONS

The Town of Farmington has four parks with pavilions and one with a lodge. Farmbrook Park is located within the Farmbrook Subdivision, Farmington Grove Park is located within the Mountain Ash Drive Subdivision, the Town Park is located at the corners of Collett Road and County Road 8, and Pumpkin Hook Park is located on Allen-Padgham Road. Mertensia Park is located on Mertensia Road. Reservations can be made starting the first business day in January for Farmington residents only, beginning the first business day in February all others can make reservations. The renter must be 21 years of age. The rental fee for the parks with just pavilions is \$25.00 resident, \$35.00 non-resident, business/company in town is \$35.00, out of town is \$80.00. The rental fee for the Mertensia Lodge is \$150.00 for Farmington residents and \$250.00 for all others. There is also a \$100.00 key/cleanup deposit that is refundable as long as all policies and procedures are followed. Cancellations must be put in writing stating the following: the current date, the date of the reservation, state the reason for the cancellation, and signed by the person who signed the contract. The Town retains a 20% cancellation fee. The lodge has a 98-person capacity. There is no alcohol or smoking permitted. Payment for Mertensia Park Lodge reservations must be paid within five (5) business days. All other parks payment is due two (2) weeks from the date the reservation was made.

\*\*\*Currently under executive order by the Governor, during COVID-19, Mertensia Lodge can only have a maximum of 50 people. This is subject to change depending on future executive orders from the Governor.

### DOG LICENSES

All dogs over the age of 4 months must be licensed per NYS Dept. of Ag and Markets. Please stop at the Town Clerk's Office with a current rabies certificate to license your dog.

### TOWN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2020/2021

All Town Offices will be closed on the following days:

Columbus Day	October 12, 2020
Veterans Day	November 11, 2020
Thanksgiving	November 26, 2020
Floating Holiday/Thanksgiving	November 27, 2020
Christmas Eve/Half day	December 24, 2020

Christmas day	December 25, 2020
New Year's Eve/Half Day	December 31, 2020
New Year's Day	January 1, 2021
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 18, 2021
President's Day	February 17, 2021
Memorial Day	May 31, 2021
Independence Day	July 5, 2021
Labor Day	September 6, 2021
Columbus Day	October 11, 2021

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## Planning & Development

*Ronald Brand, Director of Development*

### New Projects for 2021

The Town has received three (3) new projects which will be introduced in October to the planning board and public. The first project, known as the **GLN Farmington Realty Project**, is currently going through a coordinated review under the provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations with 15 different involved and interested agencies and a 30-day public review and comment period. The project includes a total of 32,750 square feet of general business types of use is being proposed within 3 new buildings to be located along the State Route 96 frontage. In addition, a total 150,000 square feet of office/flex space is being proposed for four (4) sites located the interior portion of the 28-acre site. Also included is a continuation of Mercier Boulevard north and west, behind Aldis and Burger King, connecting to a planned future Town highway that will be constructed south of a new signalized intersection with State Route 96 that serve as a new entrance to the above reference Farmington Market Site.

The second project, is known as the **Union Crossing Development, Blackwood Industrial Park Distribution Center, Lot #2-R**. The project involves the development of 33 acres of land located along the north side of County Road 41 and the west side of County Road 8. It involves the construction of two (2) warehouse buildings each having a total of 208,000 square feet (combined total 416,000 square feet of buildings) and related site improvements. This project is scheduled to be submitted to the Town Planning Board for preliminary site plan approval to commence in October.

The third project, is known as the **Mertensia Road Townhouse Project**, which involves a 49-acre site located at the south west corner of Mertensia Road and Collett Road and is adjacent to the Victor Town Line. A total of 216 townhouse units, with a total of four (4) dwelling units per structure is being proposed along with a trail system and board walk crossing between designated freshwater wetlands. Also envisioned will be sidewalks along the site's frontages on both Mertensia and Collett Roads, and a playground for residents.

### Comprehensive Plan Update

The Committee working on the update to the 2011 Edition of the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan will be

conducting a public information meeting in late November, or early December dependent upon the improvements to the current pandemic. Work continues on completing the updates to the various chapters of the Plan and the 17 maps that accompany the narrative text. The formal plan adoption process has been moved back to early next year with public hearings being held by the Town Board. Please check the progress on this project which has been posted on the Town's website [www.townoffarmingtonny.org](http://www.townoffarmingtonny.org)

### Beaver Creek Park Project

The Town Board, has awarded three (3) contracts for site improvements within the Phase 1 portion of the Beaver Creek Town Park, which are shown on the overall park site plan above. One of the three (3) contracts involves the construction of a 1,700 square foot building for public restrooms and the storage of park maintenance equipment. This contract was issued to BLM Construction Company, located in Henrietta, New York. The second contract, issued to Monroe Roadways Incorporated, involves construction of new ball fields, tennis courts, basketball court, parking lots, roadways, landscaping and stone dust trail installation. A part of this contract includes the construction of a 2,400 square foot park pavilion and storage room structure. A third contract was awarded to Concord Electric for electrical service and site lighting improvements. The total amount awarded for the three (3) contracts is \$2,545,400.00.

The order to proceed with all of the site improvements was issued on Thursday afternoon, September 3, 2020. Contractors have begun moving-in their field offices and equipment. The detailed phasing of site improvements will be announced later this fall. Anticipated improvements to be completed prior to winter include the three (3) ball field improvements and seeding; construction of roadways and parking lots; enclosure of the building for the public restrooms and storage of park maintenance equipment; and the enclosure of the shared pavilion and park equipment storage building. Next spring the tennis/pickle ball courts and basketball court will be installed, along with the two playgrounds (one for 2 to 5 year olds and one for 6 to 12 year olds). In addition, next spring the little league infield will be constructed along with the stone dust trail network throughout the park and site landscaping improvements. This trail network will link the trail connections to Monarch Manor and to Auburn Meadows (including the connection to Lillybrook Drive). The ball fields will not be able to be played upon during 2021 by any organized leagues. This is to permit these fields to mature and stabilize to accommodate play beginning in the spring of 2022.

**Once again, while the site work is being conducted, residents are asked to please stay away from the park site. We have also requested the Sheriff's Office to have their deputies add this park site to their road patrols. Finally, if during construction, you see anyone wandering onto the town property during site work please call (315) 986-5540 Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., the Highway & Parks Department, and we will dispatch an employee as soon as possible. If no one answers then please call 911 to report the incident.**

## **Routes 96 & 332 Corridor Sub-Area Study Kimberly Baptise, AICP Bergmann Architects, Engineers, Planners**

The Towns of Farmington and Canandaigua, in conjunction with Ontario County and Genesee Transportation Council, continue to make progress with the preparation of the Route 332 / 96 Corridor Sub-Area Study. The study area extends from the Thruway to the north, south to Campus Drive in the Town of Canandaigua, as well as land area to the east and west, including the Route 96 corridor. The purpose of the study includes the development of an access management strategy and recommendations to enhance multi-modal accessibility and provide safe, efficient transportation corridors.

The team of Bergmann and Barton & Loguidice lead the first round of public engagement on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Two interactive stations were set up along the Auburn Trail and provided opportunities for residents and trail users to share feedback on the 332 and 96 corridors, with a focus on pedestrian and bicycle accessibility and accommodations, development standards and traffic / transportation characteristics. In addition to the interactive stations, a walking tour was held which provided attendees the opportunity to experience segments of Routes 332 and 96 as a pedestrian. Similar discussion topics were explored as part of the walking tour.

- Key themes that emerged from meeting participants include:
- Access management and number of driveways is important
- Need for off-road ped and bike facilities on Route 332
- Incorporate more amenities, such as bike racks
- 2-3 story buildings are most appropriate
- Need for (signalized) crosswalks across all four lanes at major intersections
- Encourage implementation of regulations to control growth

The existing conditions document is targeted for completion by the end of September. Once released, it will be posted on the town's website for public review. Then the next public engagement opportunity will be early winter, with details to follow which will also be posted on the town's website. The target date for completion of the Study is February, 2021. Below are some of the photos taken during the event on September 1<sup>st</sup>.



## **Building Department**

*Dan Delpriore, Code Enforcement Officer*

As summer winds down and our spring/ summer projects are nearing completion, it is important to arrange for final inspections to close out any open building permits on your property to receive a Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy. This is especially important for swimming pools, as you are required to test the alarms prior to the pool being covered and closed for the fall/winter seasons. Whether a contractor or property owner completed the project, all permits must be closed out in the Town of Farmington.

**CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY/COMPLIANCE:** Your project is not complete until a final inspection has been performed by our office and a Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Compliance has been issued. It is the homeowner's legal responsibility to ensure a building permit has been issued, inspections have been performed, and Certificate of Occupancy/ Compliance are issued prior to the building permits expiration.

No structure/pool is to be used until a Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy is issued. If the project has been completed according to the approved permit plans, call the Building Department to arrange for a final inspection at 315-986-8100 ext. 3. Note: A 24-48-hour notice is required for all inspections. If you are unsure as to where in the inspection process your permit is, give us a call to check the status and allow us assist you to close out any open items before the fall/winter weather sets in.

The Building Department recommends that prior to final payment to a contractor, the homeowner/property owner verifies that all permits and Certificates of Compliance have been issued. On many occasions, inspections are not completed, and permits are not closed out by the contractor. This generally comes as a surprise to the homeowner/property owner. Typically, by then, it is too late to get the contractor to return to resolve any issues needed to achieve compliance as they have received final payment. At that point, fulfilling any contractual obligation is not the priority of the contractor. In that case, unfortunately, the responsibility of completing the final inspection and attaining

the Certificate of Compliance becomes that of the homeowner/property owner.

**IS A BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED?** Building Permits are required for most projects including: • Pools – above ground & in-ground • Sheds • Decks – attached & free standing • Whole house generators • Finishing a basement • Roofs • Additions • Demolition of an existing structure.

Please call the Building Department at 315-986-8100 ext. 3 to verify if a building permit is required for any project under consideration.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMPLAINTS:** Unkempt properties promote resentment between neighbors and/or property owners and contribute to the blight of otherwise well-kept neighborhoods. The following is the criteria Code Enforcement utilizes to begin the assessment and enforcement process.

1. The Town can only cite violations visible from the public realm. The Town does not enter private property. Alleged violations seen from neighboring properties are possible with the written consent of the neighboring property owner. Note: once entering a property, Code Enforcement can cite the accessed property as well as the property in question.
2. **The Town will not accept nor respond to anonymous complaints.** Complaints must be in writing, signed by the complainant and submitted to the Building Department.
3. Once a violation has been assessed/confirmed, a Code Enforcement official will contact the property owner in writing by issuing an Order to Remedy. This will inform the property owner of the violation and prescribe a time for compliance. If compliance is not achieved a second written Order to Remedy will be issued. If compliance is still not reached, legal enforcement can commence.

***\*\*Safety Tip\*\*Remember to change the batteries inside of your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as Daylight-savings time ends!***

### **Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition**

The OWSC is working on coordinating future events with different groups to mark storm drains in neighborhoods throughout Ontario County and Wayne County. Markers next to storm drains help raise awareness about the link between the storm drain system and water quality. Pesticides, garden chemicals, soap from car washing, pet waste, and oil from automobiles all get washed off lawns, driveways, and streets and into our storm drains and eventually into our waterways. If you know a group that would be interested in helping mark storm drains, such as a local scout troop or club, email [alaina.robarge@ontswcd.com](mailto:alaina.robarge@ontswcd.com) or call (585)396-1450.

Safely enjoy the fall season!

## **CONTACT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT (315) 986-8100 x4093 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING POTENTIAL PROJECTS OR CODE ENFORCEMENT**



**From the Assessor's Office**  
*Michelle Nicodemus*

Fall Greetings from the Assessor's Office:

As the cooler weather rolls in, New York State begins to update tax exemption forms. When preparing your information for submission be sure to fill out the most recent version of the tax exemption paperwork. The updated forms have usually all been released by the end of September. These most recent forms can be found at the local Assessor's office or on the [tax.ny.gov](http://tax.ny.gov) website: [www.tax.ny.gov/forms/orpts/exemption.htm](http://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/orpts/exemption.htm)

Some of you may already know that the management of the STAR has been taken over by the State. Therefore, if you are applying for the STAR on a new or 'new to you' home, you should contact the State at 518-457-2036 or go to [tax.ny.gov](http://tax.ny.gov) and register for the STAR credit. Currently, the STAR credit comes in the form of a check and the STAR exemption [for those who signed up in 2015 or earlier] comes directly off your tax bill.

Any Farmington residents that signed up for the STAR in 2015 or earlier should contact the Assessor's office when nearing the age of 65. We can assist you in signing up for the Enhanced STAR, which gives you additional tax savings as compared to the basic STAR. There is also another exemption available for those with lower incomes that will be turning 65. Be sure to contact our office for details.

The Assessor's office starts collecting the Partial Tax Exemption for Seniors and the Agricultural exemption paperwork after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Most other exemption paperwork may be turned in as early as October and all the way up through March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Many renewal exemption applications will be mailed out to those of you that are already in our database. Just follow the instructions on the form and pay attention to the highlighted areas.

In closing, I would like to talk about a 2022 revaluation. Farmington was scheduled to do a revaluation for the 2021 tax roll year. As you may have already noticed, Farmington usually does a revaluation every other year. However, considering the hardships that many of the Farmington property owners have experienced (and may still be experiencing) because of the Covid 19 epidemic, we decided to hold off on a revaluation until 2022. The only increases to the 2021 tax roll will reflect physical changes made to properties. No equalization increases will be made until 2022. Our hope is that this will give our property owners some extra time to recover from any hardship imposed by the onset of this pandemic.

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones in good health and enjoying the cooler weather.

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## Highway Department

*Don Giroux, Highway Superintendent*

This Summer has been very busy in the Highway Department with road projects as well as several Water Retention Facilities. Some of the Road Projects include a two-part treatment of Fibermat and Cape seal which was completed on King Hill, Colonie Drive, Raymond Avenue, Jensen Court and Squire Lane. Other areas of road work include approximately 5.5 miles of Chip Sealing which included Kyte Road, State Street, Sand Hill Road and Shortsville Road, from Manchester Townline to Sand Hill Road.

The Canandaigua Farmington Town Line Road Project has seen the section of new water line added in Phase Two of the Three Phase Project to be followed by some added drainage work as well as a complete rebuild of the edges of the road with milling of center and new base asphalt and binder work completion on Phase Two is expected by Mid-November.

As for other things happening in the Highway Department – Salt has been delivered bringing our salt barn to full status, speaking of snow please remember these helpful hints we publish each year.

Motorists are encouraged to operate their vehicles at reduced speed with regard to road conditions and poor visibility due to blowing and drifting snow. Be aware snow plows are usually moving at reduced speeds and when at intersections they often need to dump a plow and then back across the intersection to return plowing the other side of the road. When plowing your driveway, it is recommended that the snow be plowed from the road to the sides of the driveway. It is best to pile the snow on the right side of your driveway as you face the highway. Snow should NOT BE plowed from driveways and across a highway. Not only is this type of snow removal illegal, but the snow that is left behind in the highway presents a hazard to the motoring public. The Highway Superintendent and staff also encourage parents to make certain their children are not playing on or in the snow banks adjacent to the highway. Homeowners should shovel away the snow from around their mailbox and fire hydrants. Not only does this allow mail to be delivered, but provides the opportunity for the plow operators to see the mailbox and the fire department will be happy too.

The Highway Superintendent reminds motorists that parking along the highway, in snow plow turn-arounds and school bus turn-arounds, also can be hazardous and prevent highway crews from removing snow properly. If your vehicle becomes disabled, first notify the Sheriff's Office, then try to remove the vehicle as soon as possible. If the operator fails to follow these mentioned steps, the vehicle may get towed at the owner's expense.

### **PARKS**

In our Parks Department you have noticed some construction taking place at the Pumpkin Hook as well as the Town Park bathroom's over the past spring this construction was a renovation to each bringing them both up to ADA Standards; it is our intent to continue this process with additional park bathroom's, just recently a process to color coat and re-stripe

all our tennis courts to accommodate both tennis and pickle ball was completed with the Farmington Grove Court. An ongoing effort continues with the replacement of playground equipment as safety inspections dictate the necessity along with cushion wood being replaced with ground rubber. We are also excited that construction on our newest park, Beaver Creek Park in Auburn Meadows, is beginning and look forward to its completion adding yet another place for our residents to enjoy.

For more information call the Town of Farmington Highway Department at (315) 986-5540 or visit our website at [http://www.townoffarmingtonny.com/highway\\_parks](http://www.townoffarmingtonny.com/highway_parks) for more information.

Email: [dgiroux@farmingtonny.org](mailto:dgiroux@farmingtonny.org)

## Water & Sewer

*Robin MacDonald, Acting Superintendent*

The water and sewer department remains very busy as we emerge from the Covid 19 shutdowns and closures. Our department and town staff have been fully staffed and onsite.

Crews have finished installing water main and sewer main in preparation for the contractors to start working on roads, fields and buildings for Beaver Creek Park.

The Town of Farmington and the Town of Canandaigua are in the last stage of planning for the new water tank on Brickyard Rd. This tank will replace the very old existing tank. Our goal is to help maintain water pressures in our system and prepare for the growing demand in the Farmington and Canandaigua area. The project is anticipated to start this winter.

A new 12" water main is being installed on Canandaigua-Farmington Town Line Rd, with an anticipated completion date by the end of October.

Recently, the Farmington Town Board adopted the new Sewer Transmission Development Capacity Study that was completed by our engineers, the MRB Group. The capacity study identified current and proposed development projects, estimated sewer loadings, development buildout and sewer increases, as well as critical sewer segments. The study also addressed peak hour flows based on information provided by our sewer flow meters, especially along the New York State Route 332 and Route 96 areas.

The third quarter CFWD water and sewer bills are being prepared and mailed with a due date of **October 31**. A 20% penalty will be applied on November 2 of 2020. The online payment surcharge will not be credited back on this billing cycle. This bill covers the months of June, July and August of 2020. Any outstanding CWFD or Victor sewer invoices will relevy onto Ontario County Property Tax on November 4, 2020

As a reminder, the Town of Farmington offers an on-line payment option for you to pay your quarterly water and sewer bills. If you have any questions regards on-line payment, please contact the Water and Sewer Office at **(585) 924-3158**.

Enjoy your fall!

## Recreation News

*Mark Cain, Recreation Director*

*Julie LaRue, Recreation Advisory Board Chairperson*

Please see the Farmington Recreation page on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FarmingtonNY/> and our website [www.townoffarmingtonny.com/recreation\\_department](http://www.townoffarmingtonny.com/recreation_department) for updates.

## Farmington's Rich History



*Donna Herendeen, Town Historian*

Hello Readers!

Summer is over and weather is getting cooler....is everyone ready? As for me, I'm getting ready to make Netflix my new best friend this winter!

First, I wish to thank EVERYONE who has been involved in any of the following projects this year! Your understanding for the importance of preserving Farmington's past into a more understandable meaning for generations to come has not gone unnoticed. Thank you again!

Lyons National Bank opened their new facilities beginning with offering mini tours to the community. The history room is a testament to the Hathaway family. Isaac Hathaway, a Revolutionary War veteran, first arrived here in 1788 which identifies him as one of the town's first settlers. He was our first town clerk and officiated at the first marriage in Farmington. The Hathaway farm remained in the family until 1979. Much of the family's history has been documented in the new history room at the bank. Numerous farm artifacts, on loan from the Ontario County Museum, are on display. And your town historian will have a display case there. This is an opportunity to show some of the artifacts usually stored at the town hall. The bank building designed and built by our local New Energy business is a "show stopper" that must be seen! The new road side history marker is the result of an Eagle Project completed by Dom Campagna, Scout Troop #32.

A new cast iron fence and gate and new trees have been installed around the Hathaway cemetery. A big thank you to developer Mark Stevens for making this happen! We still have work to straighten and clean the headstones. The cemetery is not accessible to the public yet.

Work continues in the Power cemetery. Many trees have been removed to avoid further damage to the burial sites. Volunteer Dave Bloom has uncovered many headstones and foundations not seen for decades! We were all excited when he uncovered a headstone of someone that had never been documented before. Planned completion date for this project is 2022/2023.

The South Farmington Chapel Foundation will be hosting the third annual cemetery tour on October 31 this year. This year it will be held during the day as drive through only. The group plan to hold their third Wreaths Across America event on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Further details for both events can be found on the Foundation's Facebook page.

A new trail case has been built and installed at the South Farmington chapel by scout Austin Kuntz from troop #50 as his Eagle Scout project. Job well done Austin! The case will house a new cemetery map and announce upcoming events.

Our Historic Preservation Commission has filled all vacancies but we never turn down offers of help for our ongoing projects! Give me a call if you are interested in lending a hand.

Until the next newsletter, remember during this pandemic that we are all in this storm together, we are just riding in separate boats! Practice social distancing and wear your masks – and don't forget to VOTE!

Office hours Tuesday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Your historian,

Donna Herendeen

## Get Involved in Our Town

All Town of Farmington board and committee meetings are posted on the Town website's calendar. You can sign up on the website to receive email notices, as well.

If you are interested in becoming a committee or board member, please send your resume and letter of interest to:

Marcy Daniels  
1000 County Road 8  
Farmington, NY 14425

Or via email: [mdaniels@farmingtonny.org](mailto:mdaniels@farmingtonny.org)

## Town of Farmington Boards & Committees

**Town Board:** Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Supervisor: Peter Ingalsbe

**Planning Board:** Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Chairperson: Ed Hemminger

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Chairperson: Tim DeLucia

**Conservation Board:** Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Chairperson: Sue Hilton

**Agricultural Advisory Committee:** Meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Chairperson: Henry Adams III

**Historical Preservation:** Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Chairperson: Donna Herendeen

**Recreation Advisory Board:** Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Mertensia Lodge Chairperson: Julie LaRue; Recreation Director: Mark Cain

Meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please check with the Town Clerk's office to confirm.

