



From the Desk of the Supervisor *Peter Ingalsbe*

Unfortunately, I must start out with a request for help from our residents that live around our parks. We have had three recent incidents where young adults/children have damage and defaced our park buildings. I ask neighbors to report suspicious activity to the non-emergency phone number at Ontario County Sheriff Office. 585-394-4560. We also ask that parents that allow their children to go to the park unsupervised that you please speak to them about proper behavior and respect for others property.

What are you and your family doing July 3rd? Why not attend our town fireworks event at the Town Park, 1000 County Road 8? There will be food vendors, music, and emergency equipment on display. Fireworks go off at sunset, come have a great evening to enjoy some family time. I want to thank the Farmington Chamber who has donated \$1,500 to expand the number of fireworks that you will see.

We still have free COVID test kits and 3M masks for residents. Stop by the building department or the town clerk's office.

On May 24th the Farmington Town Board and the Boughton Park Commission met in a workshop session to discuss the possibility of Farmington being added to the Boughton Park with the Towns of East Bloomfield, West Bloomfield, and Victor. The last time I met with the Commission was April of 2018 where no decision was made. This was a question-and-answer session where Farmington said we would be interested in being a partner with the other towns if we could finance our entry fee over time. The Commission was interested in what we as a board wanted to see in the park, such as playing fields, larger parking lots etc. We stated that we would like the park to stay as is which answered some of their concerns of adding another town such as Farmington. More to come in the near future, it is up to the Commission and the other three towns at this point.

April property resales were still strong. The following are some examples; 167 Rausler Rd. sold for \$342,000, assessed for \$137,200, 6012 Loomis Rd. sold for \$315,000, assessed for \$230,000, 1144 Jensen CT. sold for \$369,900, assessed for \$250,000, 6004 Calm Lake Dr. sold for \$210,000, assessed for \$162,000, 6162 Doe Haven DR. and 6198 Buckskin Dr. each sold for \$263,000 and were assessed for \$172,000. These are the most recent sales available at the time of newspaper production.

Our current budget funded two newsletters for a mailing, this one being the second of the year. We want to go to a total

emailed newsletter with a few copies printed and available at the Town Hall for residents starting with the September issue. It is approximately \$5,500 to do a mailing to all Farmington residents. What are your thoughts? Do you have access to email, or can you view our newsletter on our website? Do you require a mailed copy? Let Marcy or myself know in our office if it would be a hardship to go totally with an electronic newsletter.

As always, I have an open-door policy to discuss your concerns, or you can call me at 315-986-8100 ext. 2 My email is pingalsbe@farmingtonny.org.



From the Desk of the Town Clerk *Michelle Finley*

Rabies Clinics for 2022 – all will be held at the Ontario County Public Works building at 2962 County Road 48 in Canandaigua from 9 am to noon. Dates are August 13th, September 10th, and October 15th. Clinics are free but donations are appreciated – questions call 585-396-4343



Please remember to license your dog once they reach the age of 4 months. Bring proof of rabies and if they have been spayed or neutered to the clerk's office. Fees are:

Spayed/neutered - \$20.00

Not spayed/neutered - \$28.00

If you are over 65 years of age the fee is \$10.00 for spayed/neutered or \$19.00 if not

If you wish to file a complaint regarding dog issues, please visit our website for the form, have it notarized, and return it to the Clerk's office.

PARK RESERVATIONS

The Town of Farmington has five 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,

Pumpkin Hook Park is located on Allen-Padgham Road and our newest park, Beaver Creek Park, is located in the Auburn Meadows Subdivision. Our lodge is located at Mertensia Park on Mertensia Road. 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.

Town Clerks Office hours are Monday-Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm, Wednesdays until 6 pm. There is also a drop box located to the right of the entrance for your convenience.



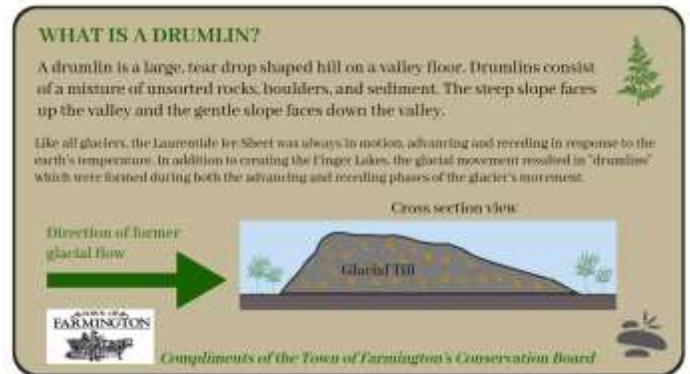
Conservation Board
Kimberly Boyd, Chairperson

Conservation Board Update...

The Conservation Board meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7pm at the Town Hall. The Board is currently looking for members to join the Board to help review and comment on proposed new development within the Town. Please contact Kim Boyd at kboyd@bmepec.com if you are interested in learning more. In April, to celebrate Earth Day, the Board joined the Adopt-A-Highway program cleaning up the section of State Route 332 from County Road 41 to Canandaigua Farmington Town Line Road. The group spent a cool but thankfully dry Saturday morning collecting 20 bags of trash and miscellaneous debris (see photo below taken that day).



The Board has also been working on creating informative drumlin signs to place next to the hiking trails within the Hickory Rise trail system (see photo below). Drumlins are unique geological features that date back to the Pleistocene Ice Age when the Laurentide Ice Sheet covered the majority of the state. Future plans for the Conservation Board include researching an Arbor Day event for next year and updating the inventory of vacant parcels within the Town.



Member Highlight: Karen Fox is a relatively new member of the Conservation Board. Karen has a background in regulatory compliance in health care. She grew up in Palmyra but has lived in Farmington for 18 years with her two dogs Louie and Riley. Karen joined the Conservation Board because she wanted to understand how Town government worked and wanted to contribute to the success and continued growth of Farmington! We welcome her as a great new addition to the Board.



Planning & Development
Ronald Brand, Director of Development

1816 Quaker Meetinghouse Museum Grant...

The Town of Farmington is very excited and pleased to learn of the Equal Rights Grant award from the federal Historic Preservation Fund to the 1816 Quaker Meetinghouse Museum, in the total amount of \$483,727.00. The funds will allow extensive structural improvements to be made restoring the building's appearance to before the Civil War, and preserving the 1816 Quaker Meetinghouse Museum, the largest pre-canal structure (still standing) in Central and Western New York. A structure that has served many important roles in Native American Rights, African American Rights and Women Rights Movements (see the historic building photo below, taken in 1892).



The original building is located on a site at the southeast corner of County Road 8 and Sheldon Road and has been enclosed for the past several years to protect and preserve the original structure. Restoration work is scheduled to begin as early as this summer, supervised by John G. Waite Associates, a nationally known architectural firm. Meanwhile the Museum continues to seek additional grant funding sources. Finally, the Museum also will continue to present its 2022 programs. For program information and to learn more about this historic building's roles please go to www.farmingtonmeetinghouse.org.

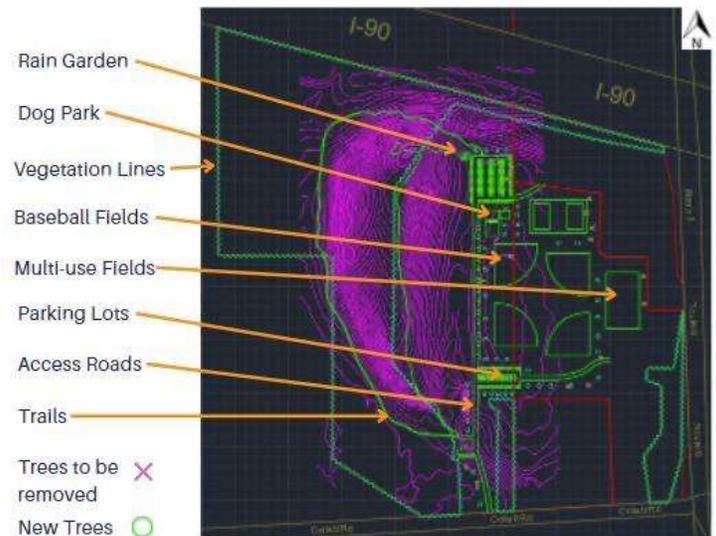
Farmington became a major center of support for the Underground Railroad and the abolition of slavery. Major African American leaders such as Austin Steward, Frederick Douglass, William Wells Brown, and Mary and Emily Edmondson lived or spoke in Farmington. Selby and Marie Howard, freedom seekers from Maryland, lie buried in the Farmington Cemetery.

Syracuse University Students Report on Collett Road Land...

Beginning in January of this year a group of senior class students at Syracuse University's School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, who identified themselves as Citrus Engineering and Design (CED) and their professor began working on their senior class project (a pre-requisite for graduation). The project selected involved the design of a multi-purpose town-owned park incorporating fifty (50) acres of town-owned land located to the west of the Farmington Town Park which is located along the west side of County Road 8, north of Collett Road and south of the New York State Thruway (I-90).

A field visit to the project site was conducted in late January by the students and their professor. The CED Group's site visit was accompanied by Town Board Members, Town Highway and Parks Superintendent, members of the Town Conservation Board and Town staff. The student's visit was followed with requests for site information (e.g., soils, topography, property maps, excerpts from the Town Parks & Recreation Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan, etc.) which was provided by the Town Engineers, MRB Group, D.P.C., members of the Town Recreation Advisory Committee, Town Conservation Board, Town Highway & Parks Superintendent, and other Town Staff members.

The CED Group reports the opportunity (see concept plan below) to give the residents of Farmington and neighboring areas, a park that enhances the site's natural landscape and complements its best features for the public to enjoy, without sacrificing accessibility and functionality. Features include an expansion of all ball fields, additional parking, and a new entrance to the park from Collett Road, all of which will be able to accommodate the multitude of families and community members who will enjoy visiting a new and improved Farmington Town Park.



This fall, the Town will begin updating its 2018 Parks & Recreation Master Plan which will include many of the design concepts for this park site's expansion. An advisory committee will be created to work with the Town's park consultants on the update. There will be a series of workshops which will be advertised and made available to the public, both in-person and virtually on You Tube tv.

Projects Under Construction...

1. **TOMRA NY RECYCLING** - Expansion of their glass recycling line and site improvements at their facility located on Loomis Road.
2. **Reliant Federal Credit Union** - A new building with drive-up automated tellers located between Burger King Restaurant and the Farmington Commons Plaza Building, on the Farmington Commons Plaza site at the southwest corner of State Routes 96 & 332.
3. **Rochester Gas & Electric (Avan Grid) Station 127** - Expansion of this electric substation located along the east side of Hook Road, south of the New York State Thruway (I-90). Improvements include an expanded power plant and battery storage units.
4. **Zoe's Ice Cream & T.K.O. Salon** - Located at the northwest corner of State Route 96 and Commercial Drive, this new building will be opening later this summer providing both ice cream products and hair care and styling.
5. **URMC Medical Building** - Located within the Auburn Junction Plaza, west side of State Route 332 and south of Carmens Way, is a new 19,000 square foot medical

office building associated with the University of Rochester Medical Center and Thompson Health.

6. **Farmington GLN Realty** – This site, located along the south side of State Route 96, west of the intersection with State Route 332, continues the installation of utilities and the first phase of the northern portion of Mercier Boulevard. A total of four (4) commercial sites are being prepared. Also part of the first phase is a flex space office building, the first of six (6) such buildings proposed for the interior portions of the site.
7. **Auburn Meadows Subdivision, Section 8S** – This is the last section of the Auburn Meadows Subdivision Tract which began in 2004. There are a total of thirty-one (31) lots that are to be located along both sides of Ackerman Way, between the Marion Way and Jasper Drive intersections.
8. **Country Max Offices, Warehouse and Distribution Center** – A 72,000 square foot building will begin to be constructed this summer along with related site improvements on the parcel of land located at the southwest corner of Hook and Collett Roads. As part of this project, sidewalks will be extended east along the north side of Collett Road from the FedEx Site then crossing to the south side and continuing to the intersection.

Projects Undergoing Planning Approvals...

1. **Blackwood Industrial Park** – Two (2) 204,000 square foot [a combined total of 408,000 square feet] warehouse/distribution facilities at the northwest corner of County Roads 8 & 41.
2. **Hathaway's Corners Apartments** - Eleven (11) buildings each containing eight (8) apartment units and five (5) enclosed garage and trash receptacles buildings located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Savalla Boulevard and Carmens Way.
3. **Farmington Market Center** – A pending rezoning application, for approximately 18 acres of land, to provide for the first phase of expansion to the Tops Plaza site including the relocation of the Canandaigua National Bank Farmington Branch Office, a Tops Fueling Station and a Mavis Tire Center. Also included in this first phase will be additional on-site sidewalks, a new design of the existing plaza entrance from State Route 96 and Streetscape improvements across the site's frontage along State Route 96. The second phase of this project will include additional commercial sites (no businesses have yet been specified).
4. **Farmbrook Subdivision, Sections 7 A&B** - Preliminary Re-Subdivision Plat Application, Section 7A, Farmbrook Subdivision Tract, to allow for the realignment of the filed right-of-way for the Alfalfa Crescent Street and the re-subdivision of a total of 48 lots (identified as Tax Map Accounts 41.12-5-1.000 through 41.12-5-44.000 and Tax Map Account 41.12-5-97.000) containing a total of 18.34 acres of land, creating Lots #R-528 through #R-573; and creating a 2.930 acre parcel for a stormwater facility. The project involves the development of the remaining lands, in

Section 7A, located along both sides of Meadowbrook Lane and connecting with Oatfield Drive, and Section 7B (Alfalfa Crescent) creating a 4.746-acre parcel to be owned by the Farmbrook Homeowners Association.

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Building Department

Dan Delpriore, Code Enforcement Officer

It's finally SUMMER! I'm sure you are all very busy with your summer projects, but I wanted to take this opportunity to drop a few reminders to follow as you are out and about working on your property.

Some of you have probably seen our "Town of Farmington Building Department" trucks driving through your neighborhoods. I will let you in on a little secret, we are looking at your yard maintenance. Please remember that no growth of weeds or grass shall exceed six inches in length or height and to ensure that there is no accumulation of dead weeds, grass, or brush. Also, please stop discharging your grass into our roadways. It is illegal to discharge any materials other than stormwater into Town streets and gutters. If we see that your parcel is in violation of either of these items one of our Code Officer's may leave you a door hanger. This door hanger is meant as a reminder and is not an official violation. If, however, you continue to not follow these Town Codes you will receive an official violation of Town Codes that may result in an appearance ticket. Please feel free to contact myself or any one of my staff members if you have questions at (315) 986-8100 option 3.

Building Permits I cannot stress enough how important it is to obtain a building permit prior to beginning any work at your home. It is for your safety that we require permits. Besides safety, it helps in your resale process. If work is completed at your home without obtaining a permit it may make your property more difficult to sell, especially if the project does not meet State and Town codes. If you are not sure if you need a permit, please reach out to us Monday through Friday between 8 am-4:30 pm and we will be happy to answer your questions. This one step could help prevent a major headache and issue in the future.

Inflatable Pools are popular pools that take just minutes to inflate, but they still fall under New York State Building Code requirements for Swimming Pools and require a permit and inspections.

All inflatable swimming pools require: A permit, electrical inspection, alarm, and safety enclosures, such as fencing, to prevent children from wandering too close to the water.

A swimming pool is: Any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches

deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.

"Contains" means: The pool wall is high enough for the pool to be **capable of containing** water a depth of more than 24 inches when filled. The term does not mean that you can "limit" the water depth to less than 24 inches in a pool that is capable of containing deeper water.

Swimming Pool Alarms: Each residential swimming pool installed, constructed, or substantially modified after December 14, 2006, shall be equipped with an approved pool alarm which:

- (1) is capable of detecting a child entering the water and gives an audible alarm when it detects a child entering the water;
- (2) is audible poolside and at another location on the premises where the swimming pool is located;
- (3) is installed, used, and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;
- (4) is classified by the Underwriter's Laboratory, Inc. to reference standard ASTM F2208, ENTITLED Standard Specification for Pool Alarms, as adopted in 2002.

FIRE SAFETY

There's nothing like outdoor grilling in the summer! However, a grill placed too close to any combustibles is a fire hazard.

Please follow these helpful rules when it comes to grilling:

- Grill is to be operated by adults only.
- Grill must remain at least 10 feet from the building during use.
- Turn off gas tank before leaving.

Few delights scream summer like sitting around a fire pit with friends and family. But before you light up a fire, here are the code requirements.

Please follow these helpful rules when it comes to fire pits:

- Fire pit must be 20 feet from any combustibles.
- Burn seasoned wood.
- Follow all rules and regulations that are listed with any purchased fire pit.

Candles indoors or outdoors may be pretty to look at, but they are a cause of home fires and home fire deaths. Follow candle safety or think about using flameless candles.

COMPLAINT RESOLUTION PROCESS

The Town of Farmington works to resolve all zoning complaints we receive. Once a violation has been assessed and confirmed the Zoning Officer will contact the property owner either in person or in writing regarding the violation. Either of these methods will inform the property owner of the violation and prescribe a time for compliance. If compliance is not achieved within the prescribed time allotted legal enforcement may commence. Note it is the responsibility of the complainant to document evidence of the

alleged zoning violation and to submit such evidence along with the complaint. If you would like to file a formal complaint with the town, please complete the complaint form available online or in the Building Department office.

Complaint Form:

- The Town cannot accept nor respond to anonymous complaints.
- Complaints must be in writing, signed by the complainant and submitted.
- The Town can only cite violations visible from the public realm.
- The Town cannot enter private property without permission.
- Alleged violations seen from neighboring properties are possible with the written consent of the neighboring property owner.

Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition

The Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition (OWSC) has been busy increasing their outreach efforts and work with the community. Recently, the Ontario County SWCD, the Town of Victor, and the Town of Farmington hosted an OWSC educational table at the Victor Intermediate School for their Super Science Saturday Earth Day Environment Expo on April 23, 2022. They had educational handouts, coloring books, the interactive watershed model, and a display showing photos of stormwater best management practices in the area.



If you are looking for some ways to protect our environment and our local waterways, the OWSC has a detailed website on ways to take action. Go to: www.owsc.org/take-action to find out more!

WE ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO CONTACT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT (315) 986-8100 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING POTENTIAL PROJECTS OR CODE ENFORCEMENT.



Assessor's Office *Paul Arndt,* Assessor

Greetings to all in Farmington! It has been my pleasure to accept the offer of a position as your town assessor just over a month ago. The welcome has been warm, and I look forward to working with this wonderful staff at town hall, and all the homeowners in this historic town.

Having been in the field of property valuation for a good portion of my life, I enjoy talking about various aspects of it. One thing I have found is the misunderstanding of exactly what an assessor does. Far too often I hear the assessor being referred to as the "tax assessor". While there is a relationship between taxes and assessments, the assessor does not assess taxes or set tax rates. What the assessor and the assessment office are responsible for is assessing what the true market value of your property is. Your tax bill is then based in part on that value.

How do we determine a market value? There are three basic methodologies for that job. The first and most common is what is called the "Market Approach". That means we gather market data on what houses of similar nature have sold for within a prescribed period. We then compare those sales prices to your home and arrive at a market value which we use as your assessment.

The second methodology is the "Cost Approach". It is used mainly for newer homes or homes who have put improvements on to an existing home, like a garage or addition or porches etc. We use cost manuals that are generally accepted in the industry to tell us how much an acceptable figure for building or construction is.

The third method is the "Income Approach" and that is used only for income producing properties. It uses very detailed formulas for determining how much income a property will generate, which then leads to a market value determination. In most towns it is the least used valuation method.

Assessors try to view your property and take photos, if possible, on a regular basis, usually at least every 6 years. We are allowed to ask the homeowner for permission to inspect the property, either inside or outside, but the homeowner does not have to permit such inspections. On the other hand, homeowners are encouraged to ask the assessor to inspect their home if they feel their assessment is incorrect. In doing so, an assessor will use an appraisal policy of looking for the "Three S's", i.e., safety, security, and salability, three things that could impact the market value of the home.

In short, these are ways your assessment is determined. You will be hearing the term "revaluation" being used this year. The Town of Farmington is planning on doing a full town revaluation for the 2023 tax year; the first since 2019. This is a detailed, extensive project designed to bring all properties in the town to market value. The real estate market is always changing, and in compliance with the state's requirement that assessments be at market rate, most towns

will embark on such a revaluation project periodically to ensure our assessments meet that requirement.

We are also planning on taking pictures of all properties in the next 6-8 months as part of the revaluation process.

Please don't hesitate to reach out or stop in with questions.

The assessor's office is open five days a week, and if I am not here to help you, we have a fully qualified staff to answer your questions or get the information for you.

It has been a pleasure communicating with you. Feel free to contact me at 315-986-8100 ext. 4 or email: parndt@farmingtonny.org



Highway Department

*Tim Ford, Acting Highway
Superintendent*

Summer Road maintenance is underway and once again this summer's list includes but is not limited to those listed in this article. There will be 3,000 gallons of crack fill material on several town roads. This is a process that fills in spidering and cracks on the road surfaces. It is one of the most economical surface treatments to ensure longevity of your roads to try and avoid more costly surface treatments as well as total rebuilds. Followed by slightly more costly surface treatments include Chip Sealing, FiberMat Surface with Cape Sealing. This year we have Scheduled 5 miles of Chip Seal which include Green Road, Yahn Road and Brownsville Road. The FiberMat/Cape Seal Roads include Limestone Lane, Barberry Lane, Elder Drive Holly Lane, Hawthorne Circle, Mulberry Drive, Amanda Place and Marcus Way. These surface treatments also contribute to the longevity of our roads thus reducing the need for more costly rebuilds. The final phase of Canandaigua Farmington Townline Road will be completed by the end of Summer. Shortsville Road from County Road #8 to County Road #28 will be paved with a 1½ inch overlay process. We will publish time frames on the town website and social media for each of the projects as they become available and scheduled with outside vendors, with the understanding that weather often becomes a factor in previously scheduled work. As always, we will try to minimize any inconvenience in your commute and apologize for any that we might cause. Please be mindful of your speed when driving; walkers and children are playing in our neighborhoods.

PARK'S DEPARTMENT

The current updates to our town parks include stone dust trails have been added in Pumpkin Hook Park with more to follow to bring the park up to ADA compliance. Beaver Creek Park is now open with the installation of the 5 to 12-year-old playground complete. The 2-5 playground and swing sets should be delivered by mid-June with installment completed by end of summer. Please be aware that there is still some ongoing construction work such as stone dust pathways, replacing trees and top dressing of athletic fields.

Help Keep Our Town Parks Enjoyable for Everyone

We're proud to make our parks available for all to enjoy. Our Town employees work hard to maintain these spaces for sports, activities, play and gatherings. We appreciate your help in keeping parks clean and safe – please remember to carry out or properly dispose of waste. Thank you for helping us keep our parks ready and welcoming for our whole community!

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 for more information.

Email: tford@farmingtonny.org



Water & Sewer

Robin MacDonald, Acting Superintendent

With all of the developments, both residential and commercial, Farmington Water & Sewer Department is experiencing another year of record growth. Our water and sewer infrastructure is also growing to keep up with demand.

Farmington has awarded Rochester Pipeline the contract for the replacement of the watermain running East and West under Rt.332 at the intersection of Rt.96. The replacement of the North and South watermain under Rt.96 at the same intersection will also take place at this time. There should be very little traffic interruption as the contractors will be boring east and west under Rt.332 and north south under Rt. 96. This will be a rock bore as this intersection is solid rock at the depth of 3 to 4 feet. Mobilization of the contractor is scheduled for mid-June and will take approximately 4 months.

Lastly please mark your calendars as the Town of Farmington Water & Sewer bills will be sent out on or around 07/01/2022 with a due date of 07/31/2022 this is for the second quarter covering water usage from 03/01/2022 thru 05/31/2022. The third quarter billing will be sent out 10/01/2022 with a due date of 10/31/2022 that covers usage from 06/01/2022 thru 08/31/2022.

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Recreation News

Mark Cain, Recreation Director

Julie LaRue, Recreation Advisory Board Chairperson

Summer Recreation will be held at Town Park, Pumpkin Hook, Mertensia, Farmbrook Park and Beaver Creek Park. Recreation will run from June 27 thru August 5 from 9am to 4pm.

July 3rd Fireworks! Come and hear folk music by Paulsen Baker, Food by a variety of vendors and an expanded

fireworks display at dusk thanks to the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

Please see the Farmington Recreation page on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FarmingtonNY/> and our website www.townoffarmingtonny.com/recreation_department for updates.

Farmington's Rich History



Donna Herendeen, Town Historian

Office hours Tuesday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Hello Readers!

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer so far. The Power cemetery project on County Road 41 is targeted for completion at summer's end. Plans are to place a fence and gate around the cemetery once the headstone restoration is complete. Restoration to early settlers' headstones located in the Hathaway cemetery will be done this summer also. Town Park employees plan to continue maintaining the grounds of both historic cemeteries. The park like setting of both historic cemeteries will be open for public viewing. We are seeking volunteers for headstone cleaning. Please contact me to sign up.

The local Boy Scouts did a wonderful job laying out the flags on veteran's graves in all six town cemeteries. I understand that the Scouts held a ceremony later to retire the old flags in a proper way. A big thank you goes out to everyone who participated in this.

The Historic Preservation Commission has held three very interesting programs this spring. They plan to offer another program series beginning in September.

A grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation was approved to purchase a roadside sign to recognize the Farmington Train Tragedy of 1900 on County Road 8 and to honor the victims and survivors of the unfortunate accident. Anyone who wishes to know more can read the book of the same name which was written by local authors Reginald Neale and John Robortella. There are copies at the town hall.

The annual historical cemetery tour at South Farmington cemetery is scheduled for October 1st.

Good news! The 1816 Meetinghouse just received a grant for the restoration of the building on Sheldon Road. We look forward to watching their progress.

In closing, here is a bit of town history for you! Did you know that the majority of our town's earliest settlers were connected to the Revolutionary War? They arrived here as veterans or as patriots who supported the cause to win independence from Britain. Many of our early settlers migrated from Massachusetts where the War began. As an example, our early pioneer Isaac Hathaway was a veteran. When the War ended, Massachusetts levied a special tax on

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RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

landowners to help defray the costs of war. Anyone who paid the tax was considered a Patriot!

Please remember, my office hours are Tuesdays from 9 am to 2 pm. Other times are available by appointment.

Have a great summer everyone!

Donna Herendeen, Town Historian

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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.

We currently have vacancies on the Conservation Board and Agricultural Advisory Board.

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

Town of Farmington Boards & Committees

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

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

Zoning Board of Appeals: Meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Chairperson: Jeremy Marshall

Conservation Board: Meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson: Kim Boyd

Agricultural Advisory Committee: Meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. when announced. Chairperson: Henry Adams III

Historical Preservation: Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Chairperson: Jessica King

Recreation Advisory Board: Meeting the 2nd Tuesday 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.



As an opening activity at their May 20th meeting, Farmington Cub Scout Pack 50 filled out paper stars, with a few words about what they are thankful for, with respect to our nation's veterans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in honor of Memorial Day.



A joint committee comprised of Town Officials, Town staff, representatives from the Farmington Chamber of Commerce and Finger Lakes Gaming and Racing have been meeting and have chosen the design for new signage welcoming people to the Town. Work on these signs is expected to commence next month and the signs are scheduled to be installed later this summer. The new sign design is depicted above.