



From the Desk of the Supervisor *Peter Ingalsbe*

Town residents, as I write my column for the summer newsletter, I believe summer is here a little early. Mind you I am not complaining. Farmers get their crops in a little early, contractors have continued to work on projects in town and our Highway/Parks & Water & Sewer employees have been able to continue their work on projects as well.

I am pleased to announce that Donna LaPlant has returned to be our Assessor as of May 22nd and Paula Ruthven is continuing as our Assistant Assessor. Paula has done an outstanding job these past months as our Acting Assessor, and I thank her for all the long hours she put in to be ready for this year's Grievance Day. I also want to thank the hundreds of residents that called or came by to ask about their assessment and ask what their options were. Once the Board of Assessment Review finishes their work Donna & Paula can finalize the assessment roll.

In June I will begin the 2024 budget process. I can assure you that the Town Board has no intention of spending more than necessary. Because of the completed assessment revaluations, you will see the town tax rate decline. The Town budget process will run through the October time frame with the 2024 budget approved no later than our first meeting in November.

If this newsletter is mailed the week before the 3rd of July, I want to remind residents that we have at the Town Park on County Road 8, food vendors, a band, fire department & ambulance equipment on display and FIREWORKS near sunset. Stop by 6 pm on and have some great family time.

Road construction: County Road 8 North of NYS Route 96 will be closed at times while a contractor replaces drainage pipes. This work will start right after the 4th of July. Town roads Cline, Brownsville, and Gillis where they meet will also be closed this summer while under construction. Please make sure to follow the detour signs for both projects. Our Highway Superintendent will list later in this publication other projects to expect this summer.

Farmington Community Swap Shop: The swap shop has a group of volunteers that are dedicated to keeping items out of our landfills. They operate in a blue building #2 behind the Parks Department at 5630 Collett Road West. Their summer hours are M/W 4:30pm – 7:15pm and Saturdays 9 am – 11:15 am. For any question contact Jane Barry at 585-507-0333.

Compost Bins The town last offered residents compost bins in 2019. We now have 25 compost bins available that we will offer residents and we will also take a waiting list for future bins. This future interest will help us budget more compost bins in our 2024 budget. The cost to the Town is approximately \$100.00 and will be offered to residents for

\$25.00 at the time of pickup. To sign up email Marcy Daniels at mdaniels@farmingtonny.org or call her at (315)986-8100 ext. 2

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- Set up auto pay
- Sign up for electronic bills
- Access billing account information and activity

Questions? Please call (585)924-3158 or email cfwdbilling@farmingtonny.org.



From the Desk of the Town Clerk

Michelle Finley

TAX COLLECTION 2023

Thank you to our residents for their patience with the Town and County taxes this past January. This year, all towns switched to new software and some features were a little different for residents as well as for staff. We also switched to a different vendor for online credit card payments.

TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with extended hours on Wednesday's until 6:00 p.m. There is a drop box located to the right of the front doors for your convenience as well.

REVAMPED WEBSITE

Please take a moment to check out our new updated website at www.townoffarmingtonny.com. You will find it more user friendly with lots of information.

FREE FISHING DAYS!!!

Free fishing days offer residents and non-residents who are 16 and older* to fish without a freshwater fishing license or recreational marine fishing registration. * Kids under the age of 16 can always fish for free!

June 24 and June 25
September 23 (National Hunting and Fishing Day)
November 11 (Veteran's Day)

UPCOMING FREE RABIES CLINICS

Ontario County will be holding free rabies clinics at the Ontario County Public Works, 2962 County Road 48 in Canandaigua. All clinics will be held from 9 a.m. to Noon. Clinics are free but donations are appreciated. Animals must be healthy and at least 3 months old. Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. Please bring your animals past rabies certificate if you have one.

Saturday, August 5th
Saturday, September 16th
Saturday, October 28th



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 team to help review and comment on proposed development within the Town. If you are interested in learning more, contact Kim Boyd at kboyd@bmepec.com.

The Board has been continuing their efforts to update the Open Space Index and has reviewed an amendment of Chapter 9, Article III which will redesignate the Town of Farmington Conservation Board (established in 1976) as the Town of Farmington Environmental Conservation Board (ECB). The amendment updates the duties and responsibilities of the ECB. The purpose of the amendment is to recognize the importance of the Town's natural environmental resources, provide an advisory board for protecting those resources from degradation, and to provide technical assistance to the town's boards established for managing the built environment.

On Earth Day, April 22nd, Board Members and volunteers removed 18 bags of trash and debris from the east side of State Route 332 between Canandaigua Farmington Town Line Road and Country Road 41. A second Adopt-A-Highway event is scheduled for the Fall. Please contact Kim if you are interested in volunteering.



Planning & Development

Ronald Brand, Director of Development

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)(Sidewalk Program) ...

For those who want to see where the sub-areas have been designed for the proposed sidewalks, trail connection and pedestrian bridge crossing of Beaver Creek, please go to the Town's website www.townoffarmingtonny.org and on the home page click on... "Powerpoint Presentation Farmington Sidewalk Project from Fisher Associates – May 4, 2023." Following the May 4th Public Information Meeting, design

engineers from Fisher Associates have been working with Town staff on this 2.2 million dollar Federal Highway Administration Grant Project known as the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). They have finalized the required wetland delineation report, updated cost estimates for five-inch-thick concrete sidewalks, prepared bridge construction and trail connection costs, and circulated federal, state and town TAP documents for review and signatures. All of this in anticipation for submitting an updated draft of the design report for final approval later this summer. These draft documents and drawings were submitted on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, to the New York State Department of Transportation, Region 4 Office, located in Henrietta, New York for their review and approval.

Following that decision, detailed final engineering drawings will be prepared along with formal bid documents to be used in awarding a contract for the construction of the pedestrian/bicycle improvements. At this time, these remaining steps are scheduled to take place during 2023. Construction is scheduled to commence in early 2024 and be complete by the end of next year. As each of these stages progress updates will be provided both in future Town Newsletters and the bi-weekly Town Operations Reports to the Town Board which are posted on the Town's website.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update...

Starting this fall, the Town will begin the process for updating the "2018 Edition of the Town of Farmington Parks and Recreation Master Plan." Work on this plan update, a recommended action in the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan, is expected to be complete in the spring of 2024. Town Recreation Advisory Board members, Town Staff, the Town's Engineers and the public will be provided opportunities to weigh-in on the projects under consideration. We are looking for a few residents to serve on an advisory committee and ask you to express your interest in serving to pingalsbe@townoffarmingtonny.org.

Ganargua, Beaver and Black Brook Creeks inter-municipal Drainage Report...

Surface water drainage in Farmington continues to be a long-standing concern which presently the Town is only able to address on those lands located within the Town's Drainage District, the area west of County Road 8. Overtime, the Town has received and continues to receive numerous requests from property owners to help with drainage problems located east of County Road 8, the area outside the established drainage district. The adopted "Town of Farmington Farmland Protection Plan" [2015] identifies that there are approximately 3,000 acres of land located in the Town that if properly drained would have soils classified as Prime and Unique, under the State's Soil and Water Classifications.

Since 2009, the Town of Farmington has identified the need for a comprehensive drainage study of the water bodies identified above that eventually empty into portions of the Town of Farmington and then empty into the Seneca Watershed. Last year, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) completed a study of the Seneca Watershed thereby enabling our long-standing number one priority project [identified in the Ontario County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2015 that was accepted by FEMA]. It continues to be the Town's position that conducting an

inter-municipal study of these related water bodies can only be effective if it is done on a water shed basis.

The estimated cost of this study is \$150,000.00 including detail mapping, surveying and committee coordination. There would need to be a lead agency established which the Town believes should be the Ontario County Planning Department. Participation in the study would involve the Towns of South Bristol, Bristol, East Bloomfield, Victor, Farmington and Manchester, in Ontario County, and the town of Macedon, in Wayne County. The Village of Victor would also be a participating municipality.

This month, Town staff met with the staff at the Ontario County Department of Planning to continue the process for making application to FEMA for federal funding of this inter-municipal drainage study. The County Staff will be preparing this application and submitting it to FEMA later this year. Hopefully, we will learn of their acceptance and the beginning of work. Let's stay tuned and keep our fingers crossed.

Notice and Petition Relating to More Restrictive Construction Standards...

In the Spring 2023 Newsletter, we reported on the Town's compliance, in the fall of 2022, with the directive from the New York State Division of Buildings and Codes, noting that the Town of Farmington adopted Local Law Number 7 of 2022 (referred to as Chapter 74 – Construction Codes Uniform). Earlier this year, the Town learned that their petition to the New York State Division of Building Standards and Codes that would have allowed the Town to require sprinkler systems in all new and substantially renovated commercial and industrial structures in lieu of only those structures having more than 10,000 square feet in building area was denied. The State requested the Town to provide further justification in certain areas and then to re-submit the amended local law.

Town Staff, working with assistance from an assigned Staff member from the State's Uniform Codes Office, have begun additional research and making further edits to their original application which would allow Farmington to administer the new Uniform Code regulations in the same manner that has been in effect for years in the adjacent Town of Victor. In addition, Fire Chiefs of the Farmington, Manchester and Victor Fire Departments, as well as the Town's Fire Marshal and Town Code Enforcement Officers have all been working together in support of these more restrictive standards citing the benefits associated with a lower loss of lives and a significant lower extent of damage to structures.

The Town Board, will be addressing the revisions later this year and re-submitting the amended local law to the State, noting that requiring automatic sprinklers, no matter of square footage, will: (1) simplify and thus better insure Town Code compliance by having uniformity; and (2) will better enhance the public's safety while minimizing property damage or loss.

Projects Under review and/or construction for 2023...

1. Power's Incentive Rezoning Project – a 145.6 acre site proposed for 186 single-family-detached dwelling units and approximately 50,000 square feet of commercial/industrial land use. The project site is located along the south side of Collett Road, the

north side of State Route 96 and west of County Road 8. This project has been revised by the developers and is awaiting rezoning by the Town Board, at the end of June, following the close of the public hearing on Wednesday, June 28th. Once approved, it will then undergo overall preliminary site plan and subdivision plat approvals by the Town Planning Board. There will be several public meetings and a public hearing held on this next phase of the project which will be scheduled to begin later this year.

2. Electric Car Corner Project – the first phase of this project involves the former Create-A-Scape site located along the north side of State Route 96, east of the Family Dollar site and opposite the Farmington Market Center site (Tops Plaza). The developer envisions the sales, service, and maintenance of primarily new and used electric and hybrid vehicles. A related component to this use will be the installation of four (4) dual-head electric vehicle charging stations allowing for up to eight (8) vehicles to receive recharging at one time. A future phase of development will include the land along the north side of State Route 96, east of Advent Auto and west of Generation's Bank. No known plans exist for this next phase of development.
3. Farmington Market Center Incentive Rezoning Project – this 18.6 acre site (Tops Property) is proposing rezoning to allow for development of a total of seven (7) multi-phased commercial sites, extension of pedestrian sidewalk improvements (both on site and off site), installation of streetscape improvements (e.g. sidewalks, street benches, streetlights, street waste containers and landscaping) and the completion of pedestrian crosswalks and signals at the intersection of State Route 96 and Mertensia Road. The Town Board awaits the applicant's request to take action upon the rezoning. There will be a series of public meetings and a public hearing held by the Planning Board as this project continues to develop.
4. URMC Medical Building – Located within phase 3A of the Auburn Junction Plaza, is a new 9,900, square foot medical office building associated with the University of Rochester Medical Center and Thompson Health. The remaining 10,000 square foot portion of the building awaits a tenant. This medical facility is scheduled to open to the public this summer. Phase 3B of the Auburn Junction Plaza, includes two (2) out pads intended for commercial type development. At present, there are no known parties of interest.
5. Country Max Offices, Warehouse and Distribution Center – A 72,000 square foot office/warehouse building and related site improvements, located on

land at the southwest corner of the intersection of Collett Road and Hook Road, is underway. As part of this project, sidewalks will be extended east along the north side of Collett Road from the FedEx Site then crossing (Collett Road) to the south side and continuing to the intersection. Site preparation work began last fall and continues. Building construction is expected to begin in this summer with the goal of enclosing the building before next winter.

6. Blackwood Industrial Park – Two (2) warehouse buildings, each having 204,000 square foot [a combined total of 408,000 square feet] have been approved by the Planning Board at the northwest corner of County Roads 8 & 41. The developer has informed the Town that they will be amending the two approved buildings by reducing one in half and then constructing three (3) climate controlled self-storage buildings. The Town Planning Board awaits the submission of the amended site plan drawings which will then start public review and another referral to the Ontario County Planning Board. No known date for the submission of revised drawings is known at this time.
7. Hathaway's Corners Apartments - Eleven (11) multi-family buildings each containing eight (8) apartment units, with five (5) of the buildings having enclosed garages are to be located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Savalla Boulevard and Carmens Way. Site work began last fall with framing of the first two buildings and construction of the remaining nine (9) building slabs ongoing. This project is scheduled to be completed this fall.
8. Farmbrook Subdivision, Sections 7 A&B – Final Re-Subdivision Plat Approval for Section 7A, Farmbrook Subdivision Tract, to allow for a total of 48 lots to be created on a total of 18.34 acres of land has been approved earlier this year by the Planning Board. The project involves the development of the remaining lands located in Section 7A, in the southeast corner of the Farmbrook Neighborhood Project, and will be located along both sides of Meadowbrook Lane, connecting with Oatfield Drive. In Section 7B the lands are along both sides of a realigned Alfalfa Crescent. The next step in the Town's approval process involves an application for detailed site plans being prepared, reviewed and accepted by the Planning Board. No date is known for when these plans will be prepared and presented. Until then, no building permits will be issued for any of these filed lots.
9. Western New York Commercial Warehouse Project – Final site plan approval has been granted by the Planning Board for development of a 2.5 acre site located along the south side of Loomis Road, between State Route 332 and Plastermill Road.

Plans provide for the construction of two (2) 10,000 square foot warehouse type buildings each with ten thousand (10,000) square feet and related site improvements. Construction is scheduled to commence this summer.

10. Loomis Road Industrial Park Project – Final site plan approval has been granted by the Planning Board for the development of 32 acres of industrial zoned land as a 10 lot industrial park with a new town road known as Jetman Drive. The site is located on the north side of Loomis Road, between Loomis Road and I-90 (NYS Thruway) and just east of the former Trent Home Motel and Banquet facility. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer.

Please have a safe summer and enjoy our hiking trail, nature trail, parks, and recreational facilities. Finally, please stay informed by reading the bi-weekly Town Operations Reports to the Town Board that are posted on the Town's website.

Email: rbplans@gmail.com

(315) 986-8100 ext. 4010



Building Department

Dan Delpriore, Code Enforcement Officer

It's finally SUMMER and the smell of flowers and fresh cut grass is in the air! I know you are busy with your summer projects, so I won't keep you long! I just wanted to take this opportunity to drop a few reminders to follow as you are out and about working on your property.

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, ***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. Lastly if there is a loss of property due to a fire you may not be covered by your insurance if you didn't have a permit on file. If you are not sure if you need a permit, please reach out to us Monday through Friday between 8am-4:30pm 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

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 Reminders from Fire Marshal Gordner

There's nothing better than a hot dog or hamburger on the grill to kickoff summer, however it is important to recognize grills as a fire hazard. Please follow the rules below:

- Keep children away from the grills. The outside surface can become hot and cause severe burns.
- Keep all grills a minimum of 10' from buildings or structures during use
- Always turn the fuel supply off immediately after use

For more information visit

<https://dos.ny.gov/news/consumer-alert-nys-division-consumer-protection-provides-safety-tips-follow-when-using-gas-or>

We all enjoy sitting around a fire pit to relax on the weekends with family, but before you start any fire remember some of the safety requirements listed below:

- Fire pits should be a minimum of 20' from any building, structure or combustibles
- Only burn seasoned woods
- Never leave a fire unattended

For more information visit

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/32060.html#Campfire>

Lastly, as we all know Independence Day is a time to spend with family and friends, but remember, consumer fireworks allowed by New York State Law are Sparkling Devices. These devices need to be handled with care and directions strictly followed.

Updates from the Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition

A healthy lawn can improve water quality by filtering, purifying, and reducing stormwater runoff. Here are some tips to keep our lawns and waterways healthy:

- **Test Before You Treat:** a simple soil test can determine if fertilizer is necessary. If your lawn is lacking certain nutrients, try to use a fertilizer with slow-release nitrogen and make sure it contains zero phosphorus.
- If you need to add any sort of fertilizer or chemical to your lawn, make sure the forecast is clear! Rain will wash those extra nutrients and/or chemicals into our waterways.
- Not all bugs are bad: inspect your lawn and gardens regularly to catch a problem early. If you find a pest, identify them to see if they are harmful or helpful. Try non-chemical controls first.
- Plant disease-resistant grass species.
- Cut grass no less than 3 inches in height.
- Keep mower blades sharp. Shredding grass blade tips invites disease.
- Water early in the morning to conserve water and promote plant health.
- If possible, leave a buffer of vegetation between storm drains, streams, or any other water bodies.
- Encourage infiltration of runoff water from your roof and driveway. Direct down spouts to a rain garden or infiltration point where vegetation will filter nutrients from the water.
- Use native plants that require less frequent care after establishment and have deeper roots.
- Use a rain barrel to collect water from your gutters to use on your lawn and gardens. This is also a great way to save money!
- Keep lawn clippings, leaves, and any other yard waste out of our storm drains, roadside ditches, and waterways. These add unnecessary nutrients into the water and clog up systems which creates flooding issues. You can compost this waste or see if your town/village has a disposal program.

Check out our website, www.owsc.org, to learn more about the Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition



From the Assessor's Office

Donna LaPlant

Dear Farmington Residents, I am happy to say that after a four-year hiatus, I am back to serving this great community as your Assessor. I have missed working with you. I sincerely appreciate the chance to serve and am looking

forward to seeing you again. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to bring them to my attention.

Over the last couple of weeks, there have been several questions regarding the assessment calendar, so I figured I would take this opportunity to go over key dates in the calendar for our town and the significance of each date.

Taxable Status Date – March 1st.

- Exemption applications are due
- Assessments are based on condition and ownership as of this date

Tentative Roll Date – May 1st

- Tentative roll gets filed
- Within ten days after May 1st, the tentative assessment roll will be posted to the website

Grievance Day – Fourth Tuesday in May

- If you contest your assessment, you must file your grievance application (RP-524) by this date. Please remember that if you mail the form, it must be received by the assessor or BAR no later than Grievance Day. If you do not file the form by the deadline, you will lose the opportunity for administrative and judicial review of your assessment this year

Final Roll Date – July 1st

- Final roll gets filed
- Within ten days after July 1st, the final assessment roll will be posted to the website
- If you grieved your assessment and did not receive the relief you requested, you can apply for judicial review of your assessment within 30 days following final roll date

Valuation Date – Prior July 1st

- The date upon which the value of your property is based

I think that the most confusing aspect to this calendar is the difference between taxable status date (assessments are based on condition and ownership as of this date) and valuation date (the date upon which the value of your property is based).

As an example, if a home burned down in January 2023 leaving only a vacant lot, since as of taxable status date (March 1, 2023) there is only a vacant lot, the 2023 assessment would be the assessment of the vacant lot only. That vacant lot assessment would be based on the value of the lot as of valuation date (July 1, 2022).

Remember, the job of the Assessor is to independently estimate the market value of real property in the town. The Assessor is not responsible for taxes. Your taxing jurisdiction (school district, town, county, and so forth) is responsible for developing and adopting a budget. In addition to keeping an eye on your assessment, it is also a good idea to keep an eye on the budgets as well.

Please don't hesitate to reach out or stop in to visit with any questions: email dlaplant@farmingtonny.org or call 315-986-8100 ext. 4



Highway Department

Tim Ford, Highway Superintendent

It's summertime again and road maintenance has begun. There will be 2,000 gallons of crack fill material on several town roads. This is a process that fills spidering and cracks on the road surfaces. Crack filling is the most economical surface treatments to ensure the longevity of your roads to try and avoid more costly surface treatments or total road rebuilds.

We will then begin Chip Sealing which is also a cost-effective road treatment. This year we have scheduled 11 miles of chip sealing on the following roads: Sheldon Road, Fox Road, Rausler Road, Maxwell Road, Rushmore Road, Herendeen Road and Wiborn Road. These roads are scheduled for the middle of June and will most likely be completed by the time this newsletter reaches you.

Next, we have 3 roads scheduled for mill and fill which are Mertensia Road from State Route 96 to Antlers Drive, Clovermeadow Lane and Windigo Lane.

We also have two roads that are complete rebuilds. First is Fallow Lane which is already under construction and which we hope to have completed by the end of July. The second road to be rebuilt is Cline Road at Brownsville Road and will be done by an outside contractor. This construction will start July 5th. This section of road will be closed and a detour will be posted. This project is expected to take 90 days. As always, we will try to minimize any inconvenience in your commute. Please be mindful of your speed when driving: walkers, bicyclists and children are playing in our neighborhoods.

PARKS

The current updates to our Town Parks include a new 5–12-year-old playground that has been installed at Mertensia park. Also, the tennis and basketball courts will be getting a surface treatment and new basketball hoops. Farmbrook Park pavilion and bathrooms, have had new roofs installed and the building has had all new exterior doors installed. Farmbrook has a new grill that was added earlier this spring. In late summer/early fall, the park will have a new 5–12-year-old playground. At the Grove Park, plans are to turn the ice-skating rink into additional parking and widen the existing parking lot, this will be a fall project.

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 our parks clean and safe – please remember to carry out or properly dispose of waste. Pets are allowed in Farmington Town Parks but must be kept on a leash and please cleanup after your pets. Thank you for helping us keep our parks ready and welcoming for our whole community.

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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

Farmington's Rich History



Donna Herendeen, Town Historian

Office hours Tuesday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Hello Readers;

Another busy summer is unfolding for your historian. ("Too much to do and not enough time!") My summer office hours will be Tuesday, 10 am to 2 pm and Wednesday 10 am to noon (by appointment only).

For you who wish to read about Farmington's history and see some great old photos, follow me on facebook at "Farmington Town Historian". Your feedback is greatly appreciated! A big thank you goes out to everyone who has already checked in!

In 2026, we will be commemorating the 250th semi quinentennial anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, "the fundamental document of the American Revolution which created the United States of America. New York State played a vital role in both the Revolutionary Era and the subsequent 250 years of American history". Not everyone benefited from the ideals of freedom and liberty. As participants in the NYS Gardiner Fellowship, SUNY Geneseo student Caleb Muscato and myself will be researching and sharing with you the relevancy of the revolution on Farmington today. VOLUNTEERS are needed to help plan the 2026 activities!

We are ready to begin headstone cleaning again. If you did this last year, just send me a message when you arrive and leave the cemetery. If you haven't done the work before please email farmhistorian@yahoo.com to schedule training.

Thanks to Reg Neale our work of collecting oral histories from Farmington's "old timers" continues. Soon, we begin interviewing baby boomers – the generation that believed we would live forever! Boomers: WHO wants to be the first for an interview?

Some dates to add to your calendar are:

June 10th 10 am Quaker Days at 1816 Meetinghouse

June 24th (9 am to 3 pm) South Farmington Cemetery barn sale at 877 County Road 8 (All proceeds for chapel restoration)

July 3rd Fireworks at Town Hall park on County Road 8

August 5 Fireman's parade & carnival @ Pumpkin Hook

October 7th South Farmington Cemetery Walk

Again, volunteers are needed for the 250th Commemorative committee. Please contact me.

Have a great summer everyone!

Donna Herendeen, Town Historian
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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 the newest park is Beaver Creek Park located within the Auburn Meadows Subdivision. 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.



Victor Little League game at the new Beaver Creek Park.

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

Recreation News

Summer Recreation dates are June 26th – August 4th at Town Park, Pumpkin Hook Park, Mertensia Park, Farmbrook Park, and Beaver Creek Park.

Fireworks will be held at Town Park on Monday, July 3rd. Come and hear folk music by Paulsen Baker and food from a variety of vendors!

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 Historic Preservation Committee 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: Jean Allison

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.



Rudy Van der Velden receives high school diploma from Victor Central School District through NYS's Operation Recognition Program which helps eligible veterans earn their diploma.



Planning Board Chairman, Ed Hemminger, receives John O. Cross Award.



AMVETS Participation at Memorial Day Ceremony.