



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

Well summer is finally here, and I hope our residents get time to enjoy it. This is the time of year our highway department has major road projects; many were completed in June, and more are now underway. I hope you got the chance to enjoy our July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks here at the Town Park. We had a band, seven food vendors and a great fireworks display. I want to thank the Farmington Chamber of commerce for their \$1,500 donation towards the cost of the fireworks. I would also want to thank the NYSP and Ontario County Sheriff Deputies for traffic control after the fireworks. They made the exit from the park much easier this year.

The 2025 Town budget process has already started with department heads projecting their expenses, equipment replacement and personnel requirements. I can tell you that 2024 sales tax and mortgage tax receipts are down from 2023 and my 2024 projections. We have also been notified that our health insurance costs for employees could rise as much as 24% for 2025.

Our senior citizen group is looking for more members. They meet the first and third Mondays of the month (noon) at the Mertensia Lodge. Why not stop down and see what they are all about?

Our water & sewer department has been very busy this year installing new water meters, fixing water line breaks, and keeping our sewer pump stations running. By the time you get this newsletter, we will have bid two waterline projects. One at NYS route 332/Collett intersection and another extension of Mertensia road waterline. Work should begin late summer or early fall.

We are always looking for residents to volunteer on our committees. We currently have vacancies on the Parks Recreation Advisory Board, the Environmental Conservation Board, Board of Assessment of Review, and the Historic Preservation Board. Send us a short letter of interest to Marcy at [mdaniels@farmingtonny.org](mailto:mdaniels@farmingtonny.org).

Paid in Full: Water customers on Fox Road – we have made the final payment on the 23 year bond used to finance your waterline. For the 2025 Town/County tax bill, you will no longer see a charge as in the past.

As always, my office door is always open for questions that you might have. Phone 315-986-8100 ext. 2 or email [pingalsbe@farmingtonny.org](mailto:pingalsbe@farmingtonny.org)



## From the Desk of the Town Clerk

*Michelle Finley*

### **TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:**

The Town Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Wednesday evenings until 6 p.m. For your convenience, there is a drop box located to the right of the front entrance at the Town Hall. Payments by check may be placed in the drop box. The drop box is checked daily at 8 a.m. on regular business days.

### **2024-2025 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES CHANGES**

Effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is transitioning from printing sporting licenses and carcass tags from Valeron to 8 ½" x 11" plain paper. DEC will allow hunters, trappers, and anglers to print their licenses and tags from home to provide more flexibility in delivering of sporting licenses and allow for easier and quicker access to recreational activities. Whether printing licenses and tags at a Licensing Issuing Agent location or at home, licenses and tags will be printed on standard 8 ½ x 11-inch paper with black ink, do not print double sided. Licenses can be printed with laser, inkjet, or solid ink printers.

Hunters and anglers will have the option of carrying a plain paper copy of their license, or an electronic copy of their license in the free HuntFishNY mobile app. In addition to the paper copy of their license and the electronic license in the HuntFishNY app, anglers can also provide an officer with their 12-digit DEC ID number. Currently, the only option for backtags and carcass tags is plain paper. It is the hunter's responsibility to protect their paper license and tags. Carcass tags must still be filled out, dated, signed, and attached to the animal as required by regulation. DEC suggests storing licenses and tags in a waterproof bag or container while hunting and placing the completed carcass tag in a zip-top bag or other reusable waterproof protector and securely fastening it to the deer, bear, or turkey to ensure the tag remains protected and legible. Tags do not have to be attached to the carcass while it is being dragged or physically carried from the field but must be attached as soon as it is taken to a home, camp, or point where transportation is available.

Hunters, trappers, and anglers may obtain plain paper replacements of their licenses and tags from an in-person license sales agent (replacement fees will apply), or they may freely reprint the licenses and tags from their online account or from the PDF included in the email associated with their original license purchase. Also, hunters, trappers, and anglers may use the HuntFishNY app as an electronic copy of their license. Lifetime Hunting License holders will still receive their licenses and tags in the mail by September 1, 2024, printed on plain paper.

Hunters are still required by law to report the harvest of deer, bear, and turkey. DEC's recommends reporting via the HuntFishNY app immediately as you also fill out the tag. This report can be made even if you do not have cell service and will automatically be transmitted when you have service. Harvest reports can also be completed online ([https://decals.east.licensing.app/standalone\\_surveys](https://decals.east.licensing.app/standalone_surveys)) or by phone (1-866-426-3778). For more information on game harvest reporting visit the DEC website at [www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8316.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8316.html).



## Planning & Development

Ronald Brand, Director of Development

**Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update...** The Town has convened a Master Plan Update Committee to assist with an update to the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The Committee's role is to provide guidance to the planning consultants, review materials, and help build awareness of the plan update within the Farmington Community. The Committee is comprised of seven (7) town residents, six (6) Town Staff Advisors and Two (2) planning consultants from the MRB Group, D.P.C., the Town's Engineering Firm.

The first meeting of the Committee was on July 1, 2024, and it may be viewed on You Tube. The group discussed a community survey about the Town's park facilities and recreational programs, which was distributed earlier this year. The Committee also reviewed the goals and action items from the current version of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, which was completed in 2017 (*Town of Farmington Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2017 – 2023*), focused on a group discussion of the recently completed residents survey of Park facilities and recreational programs and a review of existing goals, objectives and implementation actions contained in the current "*Town of Farmington Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2017 – 2023*," which may be viewed on the Town's website [www.townoffarmingtonny.org](http://www.townoffarmingtonny.org).

The Committee will meet on the first Monday of every month (except September) at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. All Committee meeting minutes, and draft documents will be posted on the Town website. The Town will host a public information meeting early in 2025 for residents to provide feedback on the draft Plan. In the meantime, the Committee and Town Staff will review updated information and drafts of the various chapters of the Parks Master Plan.

Following public input on the draft document and amendments, the final draft will be presented to the Town Board in 2025 for consideration and formal adoption. Once adopted, the guidelines for park improvements and recreational services will be established for the next six-year planning period. Thanks goes out to those town residents who have volunteered their time to serve on the Committee. We have a great cross section of residents who are committed to the success of this important Plan Update. If you have any questions about the plan or feedback, please contact me.

**Sidewalk/Trail Connection Project Update...** Work continues on this project, with several sub-areas either under

construction or completed when this newsletter arrives at your home/business. Sidewalks were scheduled for the following areas: (1) along the south side of County Road 41 between the Savalla Boulevard and State Route 332; (2) along the east side of Mertensia Road, north of State Route 96, between Collette Woods Townhouse Project and Meyer's RV Campers; (3) along the south side of Elizabeth Way connecting to the intersection of Elizabeth Way and Mertensia Road, including a crosswalk across Mertensia Road; (4) along the north side of State Route 96, between Glen Carlyn Drive and Fairdale Glen Townhomes; (5) along the north side of State Route 96, west of Mertensia Road, connecting the sidewalk in front of Maddies Power Sports with the sidewalk located across the front of the vacant DiFelice property (as the corner of State Route 96 & Elizabeth Way); (6) the stone dust trail connection between the Auburn Trail and the end of the existing sidewalk on the east side of Beaver Creek; (7) the sidewalk along the south side of County Road 41, between 6149 County Road 41 and the Auburn Trail Crossing.

There remains one component of this project that the town awaits receipt for and that is the design for the pedestrian/bicycle bridge crossing of Beaver Creek. This bridge crossing is along the south side of County Road 41, west of Savalla Boulevard. Once these plans have been submitted, reviewed by our engineers, and accepted then the contractor will submit them to the firm constructing the bridge. In the meantime, construction of the two approaches and the two abutments for the bridge will be completed which will then allow the new bridge to be lifted into place later this fall.

**Whitestone Incentive Zoning Project...** The Town Board, at their August 27, 2024, meeting, is expected to consider acting upon an application to allow for the rezoning with conditions, the Whitestone Incentive Rezoning Project. The rezoning application involves two tax map accounts containing a total of approximately 66 acres of land located along the east side of State Route 332, between the New York State Police Troop E Headquarters on the south and County Road 41 on the north. The project also extends easterly to Quentonshire/Pintail Crossing highways. Below is the concept plan for the development of these two parcels of land.



The rezoning, when approved, will allow for the phased construction of 280 townhouse dwelling units, five commercial sites (one of which is identified as a market rate 4-story hotel) along the east side of State Route 332, and

one limited industrial use along the south side of County Road 41. Among the amenities involved with this project are \$100,000.00 cash contribution to the Town for the construction of a new sanitary sewer line connecting the Racetrack Pumping Station with the Town's Interceptor Sewer Line on Beaver Creek Road. New concrete sidewalks along the east side of State Route 332, between County Road 41 and Farmbrook Drive, including a new pedestrian crossing at County Road 41 intersection with State Route 332. Other site amenities include two new Town highways constructed on the site, with sidewalks and, eventually, a major intersection improvement on State Route 332 opposite where Barry Place currently intersects with Route 332. This intersection improvement involves the construction of dedicated left turn lanes, pedestrian crosswalks, and signalized intersections. The estimated value of these amenities is slightly over two million dollars.

Once the land is rezoned, then the next step involves Planning Board approvals of land subdivisions and site plans. Following that public process, the filing of Letters of Credit, a pre-construction meeting and order to proceed with site development.

**Other Projects...** There are several other projects that are either under construction or will be under construction early next year. They include: a 200,000 square foot warehouse building and related site improvements within the Blackwood Industrial Park (County Roads 8 & 41); Sections 7A & 7B Farmbrook Planned Subdivision Project; Paddocks Landing Subdivision Tract (north side State Route 96, opposite the east end of Finger Lakes Gaming and Racing; CountryMax Office/Warehouse Project (south side of Collett Road, west of Hood Road); Sky Solar Project including the construction of Commercial Drive connecting the two ends of the roadway; and, hopefully, Farmington Market Center (former Wade Plaza site).



## 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 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:

- is capable of detecting a child entering the water and gives an audible alarm when it detects a child entering the water;
- is audible poolside and at another location on the premises where the swimming pool is located;
- is installed, used, and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;
- 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>

### **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](http://www.owsc.org), to learn more about the Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition



## From the Assessor's Office

*Donna LaPlant*

Hello Farmington,

Happy Summer! There is a new face in the Assessor's Office. Her name is Rebecca. She will be greeting you when you come in and answering your telephone calls. Paula is still in our office as well, assisting on a part time basis. So, next time that you are in Town Hall, stop into our office and say hello. Thank you for returning your property description reports to my office. Accurate inventory ensures fair and equitable assessments throughout the town.

In this newsletter, as well as the next few, I will be discussing the upcoming 2025 revaluation. The market is still very strong in our town. Taxes are a zero-sum game-what one property owner doesn't pay will be picked up by someone else. So if one property, or one neighborhood, within the town is significantly underassessed not only are they paying too little in taxes, but other property owners are subsidizing that taxpayers, or neighborhoods, share of the tax bill.

In this newsletter, as well as future newsletters, I will be sharing examples of sales that have occurred within the Town. Today I will be highlighting the neighborhoods of Farmbrook, North Farmington and Doe Haven. More neighborhoods will be highlighted in upcoming months. I will be including a few examples of sale prices versus what the 2024 final assessment is. Please keep in mind that the valuation date for the 2025 revaluation will be 7/1/2024. So, I am going to highlight some sales from 2023 and early 2024.

In Farmbrook, there were a total of 24 valid sales that occurred from January 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. Of the 24 sales, one was lower than the assessment (by \$18,700), one was the exact same as the assessment and the remaining 22 sales were higher than the assessment (ranging from \$6,600 higher to \$93,800 higher with the average being \$41,000 higher than the 2024 assessment). A house on Dalton Drive is assessed at \$171,200 and sold for \$191,000. A house on Oatfield Drive is assessed at \$211,200 and sold for \$263,200 and a house on Clover Meadow Lane is assessed at \$207,400 and sold for \$290,000.

In North Farmington, there were a total of 9 valid sales that occurred from January 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. Of the 9 sales, all sale prices were higher than the assessment (ranging from \$14,800 higher to \$111,600 higher with the average being \$52,000 higher than the 2024 assessment). A house on Holly Lane is assessed at \$237,700 and sold for \$288,500. A house on Mulberry Drive is assessed at \$246,700 and sold for \$263,200 and a house on Clover Meadow Lane is assessed at \$263,400 and sold for \$375,000.

In Doe Haven, there were a total of 20 valid sales that occurred from January 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. Of the 20 sales, one was lower than the assessment (by \$6,600) and the remaining 19 sales were higher than the assessment (ranging from \$2,400 higher to \$148,300 higher than the 2024 assessment with the average being \$62,500 higher than the 2024 assessment). A house on Creek Pointe is assessed at \$309,100 and sold for \$329,900. A house on Doe Haven Drive is assessed at \$233,600 and sold for

\$297,900 and a house on Fawn Meadow is assessed at \$240,700 and sold for \$330,300.

As always, don't hesitate to call my office at 315-986-8100 (option 4) or email me at [dlaplant@farmingtonny.org](mailto:dlaplant@farmingtonny.org) with any question that you have.

Donna



## Highway Department

*Tim Ford, Highway Superintendent*

Summer road maintenance is well underway. A cold in place recycle process was done on Canandaigua Farmington Townline Road between State Route 332 and County Road 8, and will be paved with 1½" of asphalt at a later date. This is a shared cost with the Town of Canandaigua. Chip sealing has been completed on Fox Road, Ellsworth Road, Yellow Mills Road, Rushmore Road, and Mount Payne Road. Please be aware that the sweeper truck is out picking up the loose stone as it is a slow-moving vehicle. Beginning on July 15<sup>th</sup> we will be milling the following roads, Clovermeadow Drive, Belmont Drive, Bridle Path Drive, Sandhill Road, Doe Haven Drive and Farmington Road. Starting on August 8<sup>th</sup> the milled roads are scheduled to be paved.

Next, we will be doing a cold in place recycle on Shortsville Road between County Road 28 and the Shortsville Town Line, this will then get a 1½" asphalt overlay when we pave Sandhill Road.

All road work schedules are subject to change due to weather or equipment availability. As always, we will try to minimize any inconvenience in your commute, and we apologize for any we might cause.

### **PARKS DEPARTMENT**

The new 2–5-year-old and a 5–12-year-old playgrounds have been ordered and are still scheduled for late summer early fall for installation. Farmington Grove Park construction is well underway. The parking lots are ready to be paved sidewalks are laid out, electrical work for lighting, EV chargers and cameras are being installed. We are hopeful that the work will be completed late July early August. The tennis/pickle ball courts and basketball courts are scheduled to be cleaned at the Farmington Grove Park and Town Park.

### **COUNTY CLEAN UPS**

County Tire Collection is being held at Farmington Highway September 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 11 AM. Registration begins 8/19-9/4 by calling 585-393-3090. Check out their website at [ontariocountyrecycles.org](http://ontariocountyrecycles.org) for their free events.

### **FARMINGTON FALL CLEAN UP**

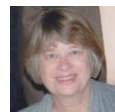
October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> will be held at our transfer station. The flyer will be publicized in the Penny Saver as a one-page flyer or go to your town of Farmington website. No registration is needed for the Town of Farmington event, please bring ID to show that you are a Town of Farmington resident.

### **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](http://www.townoffarmingtonny.com/highway_parks) for more information.

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



## Town Historian

*Donna Herendeen*

Dear Readers:

June has always been an exceptional busy time for the historian in regard to genealogical research. This year, out of towners from Wisconsin, Utah, Nevada, and Arizona have visited in search for information about their Farmington ancestor. Surnames Lippett and Ketcham have been discovered to be early settlers here. It is so neat to be able to add their names and history to our town history! Speaking of history, the book titled "*They Fought for Independence: Revolutionary War Veterans and Their Impact on Farmington*" is now available at the town hall. (A big thank you to Geneseo student Caleb Muscato for co-authoring the book with me. And much appreciation goes out to the town board for their support in this endeavor. Collectively, we have accomplished expanding the history of Farmington to what we already knew!)

The two Farmington historic districts have been busy working with town government and the Planning and Building Boards in administrating the paperwork for their grants. Work should begin soon in both districts so watch for it! This is exciting news. Did you know that only three historic public buildings still exist in our town? Two of them are located within the historic districts – the South Farmington chapel and the 1816 Meetinghouse. The third building is the Grange in Pumpkin Hook owned by the town. A big thank you to the people who have worked diligently to restore these sites for our community's enjoyment and to the people who support them - you know who you are!

New genealogical information has been collected and added to our surname library. We now have history of the Sheldon, Aldrich, Brooke, Comstock, and Schrader families. In addition, the farmstead collection grows with old photos and farm histories thanks to their owners.

Activity continues in the town cemeteries: Salem has been surveyed, headstone restoration continues in Hathaway, corner fences are installed in Power, former slave Selby Howard's headstone in North Farmington is being restored and headstone cleaning continues at South Farmington. Volunteers are welcome to help with headstone cleaning.....we have the supplies!

South Farmington Chapel is looking for reenactors for their annual cemetery walk. If you like to dress up and have fun, email [southfarmingtoncemetery@gmail.com](mailto:southfarmingtoncemetery@gmail.com). I hear there will be free eats! Also, check out their new website [sffca.org](http://sffca.org).

It is wonderful to see so many people enjoying our town parks. In fact, our pavilions are on reserve for the whole season. Last time I drove by the town hall park, the historian in me couldn't help from wondering about the "how" and "when" of our park system. Did you know BEFORE we had a park, there was the Recreation Youth Program. It was formed on October 27, 1964 with five members - Supervisor Elwyn Herendeen, Joanne Phillips, J. Carter Perkins, Harriett Potter and Allen Herendeen. Their first motion was to schedule a meeting with parents. Their "budget" was created by donations amounting to \$82. In December the Commission applied to the new "Youth State Aid" program for financial assistance. In January of the following year, a youth committee was established to represent their peers. They reported to the Commission. All members were unpaid volunteers but in 1969, a part time director was hired for \$2.75 per hour. By 1969 Commission membership began to wane and it was considered that a local park would be more favorable and receive better funding for recreation. Search began for a location. In 1970, the town purchased a 24-acre parcel on County Road 8 for \$24000 from a local farmer. Plans were made to build a new town hall and a future park. In 1974, a study of the town recreation facilities possibilities was done, and recommendations were made to add the study to the town master plan. The rest is history. Today we have six town owned parks available for your recreation and pleasure. The 2024 recreation budget is \$258,446.....a far cry from the 1964 contributions of \$82.

Hope you have enjoyed the history walk down "Recreation Lane" with me.

Have a great summer everyone! Don't forget to pick up my book!

Donna Herendeen

[farmhistorian@yahoo.com](mailto:farmhistorian@yahoo.com)

## Recreation News

Trunk and Treat – October 26 from 12 pm – 2 pm

Christmas Party – December 6 from 6 pm – 8 pm

This summer, we have welcomed over 300 campers to Farmington recreation, making it one our most successful seasons yet. Our campers have been actively participating in a variety of activities, including sports, arts and crafts and field trips. Our favorite games are soccer shootout, larish and gaga ball and our field trips have been Roseland bowl, Seabreeze and Wickham farms. We are always looking for new ideas for summer recreation, if you any suggestions for new trips o activities please reach out to:

Mark Cain, Recreation Director  
[farmingtonrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:farmingtonrecreation@gmail.com)



## Water & Sewer Department

*Robin MacDonald, Acting Superintendent*

The new Brickyard water tank project is progressing well. All the 16" transmission water main has been installed, tested and is in service. The contractor has completed the 630 cubic yards. concrete base for the pedestal and tank. Forming and pouring the concrete pedestal will start soon. A bid opening is scheduled for the last week in July for water main replacement on sections of Collett Road, State Route 332 and Mertensia Road this project will begin in late August or early September this year. The Town of Farmington Engineers (The MRB Group) are working on the design for rebuilding of Cranberry Drive and installing a new waterline in the FarmBrook Subdivision. We are hoping to put this out for bid this year.

We would like to remind Canandaigua-Farmington Water and Sewer customers that you can now sign up for your water bills to be sent to you by email. This eliminates your bill being lost in the mail. You can also make payments online or set up autopay (fees apply). Go to <https://farmingtonny.authoritypay.com> to create your account in the customer portal. You will need your account number and CID number from your bill to set up the portal.

The water service inspection has begun. Here is what was posted in our spring newsletter:

This spring and summer we are required by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) to locate and inspect water services in your front lawn for all homes built before 1986 This is a gigantic task as we have a deadline of October 1, 2024. Please be patient during this process, it is our intention to make as little a mess in your lawn as possible.

These inspections will continue past the deadline because of size of this task.

Some of you have called about the quarterly water meter charge on your bill. This was added by the Town Board in January to recover some of the costs to purchase new water meters and sending units. In 2023 we budgeted \$65,000 and for 2024 we will spend over \$147,000 on meters and sending units. This does not include the labor to install or admin time scheduling appointments to swap out your old meter.

We have found that the sending units over time have not sent the correct reading of the water that you are using, so when we replace the meter and sending unit some customers will have a larger bill than they are used to. We will work with our customers to make additional payments that they can afford yet pay off the difference over time. We have over 4,200 water customers so this replacement program will go on for at least the next two years. We are doing those that seem to not be reading then oldest meter first. Questions? Please call (585) 924-3158 or email [rmacdonald@farmingtonny.org](mailto:rmacdonald@farmingtonny.org)



Aerial picture of Town Court after paving of parking lot.



Victor Community Baseball and Softball Opening Day (left to right: Supervisor Peter Ingalsbe with Ayhnalise, Mayor Gary Hadden with Cameron, and Supervisor Jack Marren with Emily)

## TOWN COURT

The Court Clerk's Office is open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; closed on Fridays. There is a drop box to the left of the main entrance of the Courthouse for those wishing to drop off paperwork after hours.

Court appearances as scheduled. Note that bags, purses, backpacks and cell phones are not permitted in the courtroom and must be left in your vehicle.

Be aware that when Court is in session, the Clerks have limited office coverage available, as they are assisting the judges, attorneys and court visitors.

Payment of fines and surcharges can be made in the forms of cash, certified check or money order. Visa and MasterCard can be accepted in person or over the phone. Please note that if you use a credit card, your card company will charge you an additional 2.99% service fee. No personal checks accepted.

Telephone numbers are: 315-986-8195 – Judge Thomas's clerk. 315-986-3113 – Judge Lew's clerk. If we are assisting another person, or are in the courtroom during proceedings, please be sure to leave a message with your name and telephone number so that we can return your call as soon as we are available. Fax number is 1-315-986-2891.

You can also email us at [court1@farmingtonny.org](mailto:court1@farmingtonny.org) (Judge Thomas's clerk), or [court2@farmingtonny.org](mailto:court2@farmingtonny.org) (Judge Lew's clerk).

Helpful forms can be found at [www.courthelp.gov](http://www.courthelp.gov).

**The Farmington Historic Preservation Commission** invites you to our Fall 2024 presentations which are currently planned for September 12<sup>th</sup> The History of the Farmington Fire Department presented by Scott Parker, October 10<sup>th</sup> Erie Eats, The Erie Canal Food Ways Project presented by Derrick Pratt, Director of Education and Programming at the Erie Cana Museum, and November 14<sup>th</sup> The Eastern Rapid Railway – A Trolley Line through Hathaway Corners presented by Preston Pierce, Ontario County/Canandaigua Historian All presentations are at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall (1000 County Road 8). More details will be available on the Town website as we get closer to the events.

**Farmington Chamber of Commerce** donated \$1,500.00 towards the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration fireworks display. Farmington Chamber of Commerce, Victor/Farmington Kiwanis, and the Victor/Farmington Rotary teamed up to donate \$1,000.00 each to the Victor/Farmington Library to encourage the community to support their biggest fundraiser, The Spring Appeal.

## 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 Environmental Conservation Board, Recreation Advisory Board, Historic Preservation Committee, and Board of Assessment Review. 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

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RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

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

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

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

**Historical Preservation:** Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Chairperson: Jean Allison

**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



Brickyard Road Tank base being poured

Brickyard Road Tank Overhead

