



From the Desk of the Supervisor *Peter Ingalsbe*

Hello Residents, welcome to 2024. We have closed the financial books for 2023 and Parkland fees, Sales tax and building fees came in higher than projected. Mortgage tax and sewer/water district revenues were lower than budgeted for 2023. Overall, our departments have updated some of their vehicles and our Town roads are well maintained by our highway department. We have reserves set aside for future projects or unanticipated emergencies. For 2024 we lowered the Town General & Highway tax rate and because of higher water expenses that tax rate is up.

Communicating with you: We have budgeted for an additional newsletter in 2024, we try to keep our website and Town Facebook page up to date, and all our Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are available on ZOOM the evening of the meeting or you can view meetings on U-Tube when you have time. Later in this newsletter we are announcing a Parks & Recreation Survey. We would like all residents to participate. There will be a few questions on Boughton Park membership, a future Town Park and would you support a joint effort with the Town of Victor for a Recreation Center.

New Projects: Later in this newsletter we have added information on some of the newer projects in the planning process. We still see interest in housing and commercial projects, so keep in touch with our reports listed in our website that are updated twice a month. The link is [Town of Farmington, NY Official Website - New Development \(farmingtonny.org\)](http://Town of Farmington, NY Official Website - New Development (farmingtonny.org))

Environmental Information: We still have a few compost containers available at \$25.00 each, we will have a rain barrel event this spring and we have two cleanup weekends planned for 2024. Farmington is sponsoring along with Ontario County two events. One is an electronics waste collection event tentatively scheduled for May 18th and a tire collection event for September 7th, 2024, both will be located at our highway garage. Look for information on how to register on our website, the Ontario County website, or the Daily Messenger.

Surplus File Cabinets: We have 20 surplus 4 drawer file cabinets that residents can purchase for just \$10.00 each. They are in good shape available at the Town Hall after paying the Town Clerk office. First come first served.

County Road 8 Paving: Ontario County has scheduled a mill & fill paving project for County Road 8 north of NYS Route 96 to the Wayne County Line. This includes the Town Hall/Town Park area so watch our Town website and Town Facebook page for when they get closer to the start date.

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



From the Desk of the Town Clerk

Michelle Finley

DOG LICENSES - Article 7 of the New York State Agriculture and Market Law requires all dogs older than 4 months old to be licensed within the town they reside. Licensing ensures that all dogs have been properly vaccinated against rabies for the protection of both you and your neighbors. Any dog living with you for more than 30 days must be licensed.

Requirements:

1. Puppies by four (4) months of age, rabies shots must be administered by three (3) months of age
2. Older dogs within ten (10) days of adoption.
3. Report status changes in writing within ten (10) days.
4. Maximum of three (**3**) dogs per property in the Town of Farmington, without obtaining a variance.
5. Citizens over 65 years of age are eligible for a senior discount on the dog license.
6. Multiple year (1, 2, & 3 year) dog licensing is available; we cannot exceed the rabies vaccination expiration date.

There is no application needed prior to licensing a dog, just bring proof of rabies and if the dog has been spayed or neutered to the Town Clerks Office.

Pricing:

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| 1. Unaltered dogs: | \$30.00 |
| per year | |
| a. Senior citizen (65 & over): | \$22.00 |
| per year | |
| 2. Spayed/neutered dogs: | \$20.00 |
| per year | |
| a. Senior citizen (65 & over): | \$12.00 |
| per year | |

Ontario County Humane Society, 585-396-4590, handles stray dogs, dog bites, and inhumane animal treatment reports.

Nuisance problems with neighbor's dogs, which cannot be settled between the neighbors, are handled through the Town Court. Complete a deposition (available at the Town Hall).

ONTARIO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH 2024 RABIES PREVENTION CLINICS:

Ontario County Public Works
2962 County Road 48
Canandaigua
9:00 a.m. - Noon

February 24th
April 6th
June 29th
August 24th
October 5th
November 2nd

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, one pet per carrier. No more than four pets per person. Please bring your animals past rabies certificate, if any. The link to preregister your pets will be shared on the Ontario County Public Health website a few weeks before each clinic date. Any questions should be directed to Ontario Count Public Health at 585-396-4343.

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.



Conservation Board
Kimberly Boyd, Chairperson

Conservation Board Update...

The Environmental Conservation Board (ECB) meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7pm at the Town Hall.

The Board recently welcomed Kimberly Yourch as a new member. Kim lives in Farmington with her husband Tom who also serves on the Farmington Town zoning board. They have one son and one daughter, Ryan and Chelsie. Kim has an AOS in Mechanical drafting and has 38 years of working in a multitude of construction industries which are board in scope including fire protection design, plumbing and HVAC layout, residential/commercial electrical layout, cabling drawings, architectural and timber frame detail drawings. Kim currently works for Bausch & Lomb in facilities keeping track of all building service drawings. She also works independently with her own business "New Yourch Drafting" as an AutoCAD consultant and drafting detailer. She is excited to serve on the Environmental Conservation Board to learn yet another facet of the construction world and to help preserve the natural elements of our community's future.



This fall we had 9 volunteers pick up 15 bags of trash on the east and west side of Highway 332 between Country Road 41 and Canandaigua-Farmington Townline Road. Volunteers from left to right are: Matt Sousa, Tim DeLucia, Tom Yourch, Kim Yourch, Ed Hemminger, Mary Richter, David Shields, and Debbie Gallagher.

This year the Board will wrap up the Open Space Index update and will continue to hold the Spring and Fall Adopt-A-Highway events picking up trash and debris along State Route 332 between Canandaigua Farmington Town Line Road and Country Road 41. Volunteers are always welcome, contact the ECB if you are interested in participating. The Spring event is typically scheduled around Earth Day.



Planning & Development
Ronald Brand, Director of Development

Redfield Grove Incentive Zoning, Section 3, Commercial Project. The Town Planning Board, at their meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, approved with conditions the application for the Preliminary Re-subdivision Plat of the five original lots located within Section 3 of the above referenced project. Below is a concept of how these five lots could be developed in the future. There are no changes proposed to the types of land use originally approved by the Town Board

in 2015. The proposed re-subdivision reduces the number of proposed lots along Commercial Drive from five to four. The change provides additional inter-connecting access points for these four lots, additional on-site parking within the front portions only for each of the remaining lots along Commercial Drive, a reduction in the number of curb cuts to Commercial Drive and a small vest pocket park to be located within a portion of the most northern lot that is to be maintained by the owner. The fifth lot is located along the north side of State Route 96. In 2015, this lot was to be combined with the original Lot #1 and would have provided a second driveway to the lot from State Route 96. It has now been approved for a small office-type use with limited on-site parking of seven vehicles.



New Business Openings in 2023....

2023 saw a number of new businesses opening in the Town of Farmington which included:

- TKO Total Knock Out - Hair Salon - Commercial Drive
- Zoe's Ice Cream Shop - Commercial Drive
- Reliant Federal Credit Union - Farmington Commons Plaza
- Farmington Family and Implant Dentistry - State Route 332
- URMC Thompson Health Care Center - Auburn Junction Plaza, State Route 332
- A Safe Place Storage - Commercial Drive & Denny Drive
- Tactical Construction – County Road 41

Other new applications underway in 2024....

- Blackwatch Office Park Amended Final Site Plan for Flex Space Building - North side of County Road 41, west of County Road 8.
- Paddock Landing Incentive Zoning Project - 186 single family lots and mixed limited Industrial and commercial use along Route 96. North side of State Route 96, between Glen Carlyn Drive and County Road 8.
- Whitestone Incentive Zoning Project Mixed commercial, limited industrial and single-family dwellings. -East of Route 332, south of County Road 41 and west of Quentonshire Drive (Former "Glacier Lakes Water Park Project").
- Farmbrook Site Plan Applications, Sections 7A & 7B - The Planning Board, at their meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, granted preliminary site plan approval with conditions for a total of seventy (70) single-family dwellings to be constructed upon lots located within Sections 7A and 7B of

the Farmbrook Planned Subdivision Project. This project is located in the southeast corner of the Farmbrook Planned Subdivision District and it includes construction of Alfalfa Crescent, connection of Oatfield Drive with Meadowbrook Lane, and completion of Meadowbrook Lane to the south property boundary. Also included as part of this project will be a stormwater detention facility, between Alfalfa Crescent and Meadowbrook Lane, to control drainage in this developing area. Final site plan application is expected next month, to be followed by posting of sureties, scheduling a pre-construction meeting and issuing a notice to proceed. Earthwork on the site is anticipated to begin this summer.

2024 Town Projects underway....

Brickyard Road Water Tower Replacement and water transmission line installation (approximately 13 million dollars) - East side of Brickyard Road, north of Yerkes Road extending to the Canandaigua/Farmington Town Line Road. Construction to begin this spring and be substantially completed in early 2026.

Phase 1 Sidewalk/Trail Connection/Bike Lane Capital Project. (approximately 2.1 million dollars). Linking missing sections of sidewalks within areas along State Route 96, County Road 41, Mertensia Road and Beaver Creek Road. Also includes a pedestrian/bicycle bridge crossing of Beaver Creek, and additional hiking/walking trail connection to the Auburn Trail. Construction to begin this spring and be Substantially completed by October 31, 2024.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update - Updating the 2018-2022 Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Involves Residents Survey, planning committee meetings and public hearings on future park and recreation program priorities. (See Survey information below)

Parks & Recreation Residents Survey...

Share your input about parks and recreation in Farmington by participating in a short survey before the official plan update process begins later this spring. The Town is seeking feedback from residents, employees, and visitors about parks, trails, and other recreational opportunities to help determine priorities to be addressed in the Plan. By now, you should have received a post card in the mail, seen articles in the Town's Official Newspaper, on Facebook or on the Town's website, informing everyone of this opportunity. The post card has a QR Code that you can use for a link to the survey instrument. If, however, you may have missed all of these there's still time to access the survey in several ways:

Access the survey here:
<https://forms.gle/ifFJSCt2WkPNqTwe7>

Or go to the Town's website: www.townoffarmingtonny.com

Or paper copies are available for pick-up and at the Town Hall, located at 1000 County Road 8.

The survey closes February 27, 2024. For more information about this survey please contact me, Ron Brand, Director of Planning & Development, at (315) 986-8100, option 5 or via email: rlbplans@gmail.com

Bi-Weekly Updates on Projects...

Prior to every Town Board meeting, the Town Code Enforcement Officer and I publish a "Town Operations Report" which is normally posted on the town's website the day of the meeting. This report identifies those draft resolutions from the Town Operations Committee that are to be discussed at the meeting, as well as a status of all development ongoing within the Town. Here's the link: www.townoffarmingtonny.com, then click on Departments, then click on Building/Planning/Zoning Dept., and then click on New Development Information (there it is).



Building Department

Dan Delpriore, Code Enforcement Officer

Hello Farmington Residents! It's the most wonderful time of the year....winter! It's been an interesting winter so far but just remember spring is right around the corner!

We would like to welcome Cadin Lloyd to our department! He joined our team back in September and he brings vast experience and knowledge to the Building Department. You may have already seen him driving in your neighborhoods getting the lay of the land. If you see him give him a wave and welcome him to our amazing Town.

Our Fire Marshal, Augie Gordner, would like to remind the residents to clean and have your chimneys inspected by a professional and only burn approved fuel sources. With colder temperatures and snow, you want to make sure your furnace intake and exhaust are kept clear from snow or debris, this also includes fire hydrants in the vicinity of your home. Those need to have a three-foot clear space around them. Lastly, always be sure to test and inspect all your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors on a monthly basis. If you do not have these safety devices, please contact the Farmington Fire Department as they can assist in providing free or low-cost smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. They are a cost-effective way to ensure your family's safety and should be added to all occupied structures. Inspect the detectors for damage, press the test buttons to test the alarm, and replace batteries if needed. **It is good practice to replace batteries annually regardless of test results.**

A reminder that parking over sidewalks is against the Town Code. Please do not park your vehicles on the sidewalk or in your driveway covering a portion of the sidewalk. Doing so can cause safety concerns for pedestrians and make sidewalk snow clearing operations increasingly difficult.

As the winter arrives, and your projects may be nearing completion, it is important to arrange for final inspections to close out any open building permits on your property to receive a Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy.

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

The Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition (OWSC) would like to give you some tips for reducing pollutions this winter:

1. Shovel as soon as possible after a snowstorm. As a result, less ice will form, and you won't need to use as much salt or de-ice.
2. Use safe and effective alternatives to salt. Remember that salt is not effective below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Sand or kitty litter will give you traction when it's too cold for salt.
3. Plant native species, that are salt tolerant, near paved areas. Not only will these species be able to survive despite the road salt, but they will also act as a protective buffer for local waterways.
4. Make sure the storm drains closest to your property are clear of snow and other debris. Do not shovel snow into storm drains since they empty directly into local creeks.



From the Assessor's Office

Donna LaPlant

Hello Farmington and Happy New Year!

In this newsletter, I would like to discuss fair assessments and the benefits of frequent reassessments. The fairness, or equity, of the real property tax depends on whether similar properties are treated alike. By keeping assessments up to date each year, assessors can go a long way towards ensuring that taxpayers do not pay more or less than their fair share of taxes. As Assessor, that is my goal and the reason why Farmington typically does townwide revaluations every other year.

There are several benefits to frequent reassessments. In doing so the town receives state aid. However, there are other benefits to be aware of such as

- Assessment Equity for all Taxpayers - The longer it has been since a municipality has updated assessments, the more likely that some taxpayers are paying more than their fair share of taxes.

For example, if a specific neighborhood within the town is not seeing a drastic increase in market values, but another neighborhood within the town is, the neighborhood not seeing the drastic increase would be paying more than their fair share in taxes until a revaluation is done. If assessments are adjusted after years and years of neglect, the "sticker shock" would be much worse than if done after just a couple of years.

- Local control over the equalization rate – By maintaining assessments at market value each year, municipalities can consistently receive an equalization rate of 100. This eliminates shifts in both school and county tax apportionment due to fluctuating equalization rates.
- Fewer court challenges to assessments – By keeping assessments up to date, municipalities are likely to have fewer tax certiorari cases which saves the town significant money.

With that being said, I am anticipating completing another townwide revaluation project in 2025. Data mailers will be

sent out within the next few months that show the inventory we have on file for your property. Having accurate inventory on our records ensures a fair assessment will be placed on your property.

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

I hope that you all have a happy and healthy 2024!



Highway Department

Tim Ford, Highway Superintendent

As Spring arrives, Highway Crews will be out to repair snow plow damage caused by our plow trucks and removing plow marker stakes. Also as they do every year, they will be picking up litter & trash from the sides of Town Roads. The Highway Department is presently preparing for a busy summer with several road projects. The road projects for this year are as follows: 8 miles of Chip Seal on **Fox Road, Ellsworth Road, Yellow Mills Road, Rushmore Road and Mt. Payne Road. Roads that will be Milled & Filled are Clovermeadow Lane, Belmont Drive, Bridle Path, Doe Haven Drive, Canandaigua-Farmington Town Line Road** (between State Route 332 and County Road #8) and **Sand Hill Road** (State Route 96 – Latting Road). A cold-in-place recycle with an 1 1/2" overlay is to be done on **Shortsville Road** from (County Road 28 to the Shortsville Line). Our Capital Project is in the planning stage to rebuild **Cranberry Drive** in the Farmbrook Subdivision. We will publish time frames on the town website for each of the scheduled projects as closely as we can with the understanding that some scheduling depends on specialized contractors and equipment, as well as weather. As always, we will try to minimize any inconveniences in your commute and apologize for any that we may cause.

With spring and summer approaching, it brings out walkers as well as children playing in our neighborhoods. Please be mindful of your speeds while driving on our roads.

2024 Spring Town Cleanup: Town Transfer Station, 420 Hook Road. May 2nd and 3rd 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

May 4th 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

PARKS

The following park projects were completed in the Farmington Parks in 2023:

Mertensia Park - 5-12 year playground (Mountain Pass), 2 Tennis courts were resurfaced and striped with pickle ball striping, and basketball court resurfaced.

Farmbrook Park - 5-12 year playground (Mountain Pass), new doors on bathrooms, new roof on bathrooms and Pavilion.

During the winter months, the Park's Department has been busy keeping the residential sidewalks and town parking lots cleared of snow. Along with this we have been doing our normal maintenance and repairs to the mowing equipment,

picnic tables and park benches in preparation for the upcoming spring.

In the Spring when it looks like the snow is done, crews will be out to repair any lawn damage caused by our snowblowers as well as picking up the guide stakes along the sidewalks.

Pumpkin Hook Park will be getting a new 5–12-year-old playground to replace the old one. **Town Park Pavilion** is scheduled to be built this Spring.

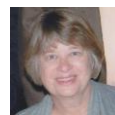
In the **Farmington Grove Park** the old ice-skating rink and basketball court will be turned into additional parking. The lower parking lot will be expanded and the baseball field will be improved to allow for Little League baseball games to be played there.

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



Town Historian

Donna Herendeen

Greetings;

The 2024 new year seems to have all the makings of becoming a memorable time in history. While other countries in the world are struggling with unrest, war activities and uncertainty, we are facing the first presidential campaign that may be a "do over"! Pay attention readers, no matter what your party affiliation is, history may be repeating itself!

Now back to the little corner of the world of your town historian. Last year was quite eventful for us. On December 4th, the South Farmington Friends Cemetery Association was listed on the New York State Registry of Historic Places. National approval is pending. The historic district includes the cemetery, chapel and the small meetinghouse park located in the southeast wedge of Farmington. We are very pleased that this site has been recognized for its historic significance to our town history. Eventually the small chapel will be available to rent.

The 1816 Meetinghouse Historic District, in the northwest quadrant of the town, was awarded a NYS grant for the restoration of the building's exterior. We look forward to the work.

The people behind these preservation projects have my deepest respect. It is not an easy task to take on a restoration project, devote years of personal time and remain focused on the ultimate goal. Our community will be richer due to the dedication of these people. By the way, new members are always welcome to join either project!

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

Last year I met with three separate out of state visitors who were searching for family information. Our surname library continues to expand. There seems to be a rise in deed search requests. Many grand old homes with interesting architecture features exist in Farmington. Doing deed research unveils the mystery of the people who lived in the structure.

Later this year we will announce the publication of an additional town history book titled "They Fought for Independence: Revolutionary War Veterans and Their Impact on Farmington". The authors are Caleb Muscato, Geneseo student and myself. We are very appreciative for the town board's support of this long overdue project. And we hope you will enjoy reading about what we discovered.

Before closing, don't forget to follow my facebook page - *Farmington Town Historian*. You will find information on our people, places and happenings. Supporting documents are either archived at the town hall or R.A.I.M.S. Please let me know what you like or if you wish to explore more about the topic.

May you all have a spectacular year.

farmhistorian@yahoo.com

Recreation News

Easter egg hunt will be March 23, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. sharp at the Farmington Town Hall. Weather Permitting.

July 3rd Fireworks – music, food, and of course fireworks at dusk at Farmington Town Park!

Get Involved in Our Town

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

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

Marcy Daniels
1000 County Road 8
Farmington, NY 14425

Or via email: mdaniels@farmingtonny.org

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: Tom Youch

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.



Water & Sewer Department

Robin MacDonald, Acting Superintendent

2024 Projects include replacing the Brickyard water tower and a new 16" transmission line mentioned in Ron Brands notes earlier in this newsletter. As part of the Cranberry Drive total rebuild mentioned by Tim Ford, we will also be replacing some of the water & sewer lines. In the design stage and hopefully bid in 2024 is to replace another section of Mertensia Road watermain north of the apartment complex and going past Elizabeth way. The next project under design is to replace the waterline on Collet Road under NYS Route 332.

We would like to remind Canandaigua-Farmington Water/Sewer customers that you can now sign up for you bills to be sent to you by email. This eliminates your bill being lost in the mail. We will provide more information with your next bill or just call our office for more information.

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

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