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OWASCO NEWSLETTER

From the Supervisor's Desk

The Town has been busy working with engineers, Barton and Loguidice to formulate plans for the proposed **Sewer District 3**. Public Hearings will be held to thoroughly share all pertinent information relative to cost and construction. The first public forum is scheduled for **October 4, 2014, at 1:00 pm at the Owasco Fire Department Hall on Owasco Road. Another opportunity for public input will be at the October 9th Board Meeting to be held at 5:00 pm at the fire department hall.**

The Town is also working on a Master Plan relative to our Water Department to upgrade the infrastructure and the potential of expanding service to Sennett as well as improving sewer lines to the City of Auburn.

We have received a \$30,000 grant from the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board to update our "Comprehensive Plan," i.e. a long term plan to provide for the health and vitality of the Town of Owasco. A committee of Owasco residents will be invoked in the planning. To date, members of the Town Planning Committee are: Ron Podolak, Mark Coleman, Gerry Guiney, John Mizro, Bill Phillips, Bill Prosser and Tim Kerstetter.

I am pleased to report that our recycling costs have been lowered since implementing the "zero sort" system. The new system is saving money while improving service.

The Town has applied for grant to improve our playground's accessibility for the disabled. Kudos to Playground Supervisor Steve Simmons and his staff for running the best and most well attended playground in the area. Steve's staff includes Thomas Lupo, Aaron Messina, Christine Rink and Ashley Simmons.

After many residents request for the Town to accept credit/debit online payments for water bills and tax payments. Water bill payments using a credit card are projected to start in December, 2014. Credit Card tax payments are to start in January, 2015.

The Highway Department has received an increase in CHIPS money because we are more accurately reporting the roads we are maintaining.

Concerns have been raised relative to the increasing tax levy for the Seymour Library. Discussions are planned in the future.

Sucker Brook Bridge Update: Work has been approved (pending approval of funding) by the New York State Department of Transportation. The project will be completed **one lane at a time**. The work will begin in Spring, 2015, and take approximately five months to complete.

Please note: Per local law and the safety of residents, there is no overnight parking on Town Roads from November 1, to April 1st. Cars will be towed.

Leaf pick-up will begin soon. Please do not place branches in leaf piles.



Thank you to Rodney Barber, State Manager of **Woodmen of the World** for donating over 150 American Flags to be added to the Town's flag inventory.

Bob Bruno plans on placing flags on 257 poles on Owasco Road from Melrose through the Hamlet plus on Second Ave. which is the parade route. Flags will be placed on poles for all Summer Holidays.



Announcements

- If you are interested in serving on the Regional Planning Committee, please contact Town Clerk, Tammy Flaherty at 253_9021.
- Tammy Flaherty would like everyone to know that she and her staff have settled in to the routine of the Clerk's Office and invite residents to call with questions and concerns. Also please note that if you have not submitted your e-mail address to the Clerk's Office, please do so at your earliest convenience
- Reminder: All Town water costumers will be on the same billing cycle beginning this **September**. The new billing system is more efficient and saves money. Also note that **Hydrant Flushing** is slated to begin in late September.
- Town water tanks have been inspected, cleaned and approved. Exterior painting will be completed in the coming Spring.
- VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK: Laurel, with the help of Bob Bruno, are working hard toward the establishment of the park. Laurel is asking residents who served in the military to contact her so that they may be included in the Park. Veterans, please check the Town website to see if your name is included on the memorial list. If it is not, please call the Clerk's Office.
- The fourth annual Boo Bash is planned for Saturday, October 25, 2014, from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Please consider helping by opening your door to trick-or-treaters. If you would like to help, please contact the Owasco School OPT.
- Supervisor Wagner was involved in the recent **Owasco Lake Asian Clam Study**. The results of the Study as well as the most recent **Water Quality Report** are available on the Town Website: <http://www.cayugacounty.us/towns/H-P/Owasco.aspx> or by calling the water billing office at 253-9021.
- **Fire Department Fright Night** is scheduled for Thursdays, October 9th, 16th, 23rd from 6:00-9:00pm; Fridays, October 10th, 17th, 23rd, from 6:00 to 10:00pm; Saturdays, October 11th, 18th, 25th, from 6:00 to 10:00pm.
- Retirement: Long time Town employee, Steve Smith is retiring as of Friday, October 31, 2014. Steve will begin part-time work at the recycling center on November 1, 2014.



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Reminders

Important Reminder from Fire Chief, Angelo Messina: On August 25, 2014, a small utility dump truck and trailer lost brakes at the end of Fire Lane 3. The truck became wedged between a tree and the house. Our Heavy Rescue # 1 attempted to free the vehicle when the main cable snapped. Thanks to the help from Bob Bruno, John Carter and Owasco equipment, the rescue was made. It must be noted that Fire Department Heavy Rescue was damaged (mostly scratches and chipped paint) when trying to back out because of low hanging branches. It is the responsibility of Camp/Home Owners to keep the fire lanes accessible. Please cooperate. Thank you.

Dog Control: Please note that all dogs in the Town of Owasco must be licensed. Also note that there is a Lease Law and an expectation for dog owners to pickup dog wastes. Please refrain from feeding wild animals. If you have any questions, please call Dog Control Officer, Stacy Morris at 497-2941 .

Warning! Water and sewer bills not paid and received by October 31st will be levied on next year's property taxes. A \$150.00 relevy fee will also be applied.