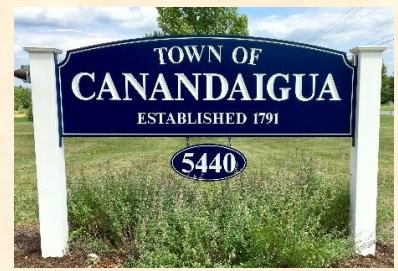


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FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN MANAGER



2018 brought with it some new faces and some big changes to the Town of Canandaigua. We welcomed new

touches on a new Town of Canandaigua Open Space Plan. Our Economic Development Team laid the groundwork for a new joint economic development entity with the City of Canandaigua.

Speaking of working with the City of Canandaigua, we were successful in a

stormwater control project on County Road 30, a joint adult recreation program, planning for Uptown, and stepped-up measures for increased fire fighter protection.

Our Parks and Recreation Committee has led efforts to open a new Town Park (Miller Park), and identified

employees including Parks Maintenance Assistant Troy Bennett, Account Clerk Susan Koss, and Deputy Town Clerks Lisa Record and Rebeca Doyle. In November, voters gave us a new Supervisor-elect in Cathy Menikotz, scheduled to take office January 1, 2019 (see attached Press Release for details of her swearing in ceremony).

We officially opened the new highway facility, and we launched new new initiatives including waste diversion and food/organics waste recycling. Our Environmental Conservation Board and Conservation Teams put the finishing

number of joint shared services with the City including construction of a new dog park, a planned pickleball court, a water quality improvement and

Our Town Clerk's office has worked diligently on the conversion of our files from paper to digital, and our

improvements for increased ADA accessibility in all of our parks.

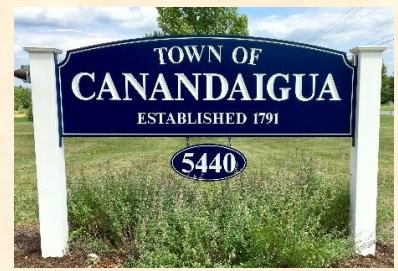
Our highway department completed an overhaul of Wells Curtice Road, micro paving and improvement of many other Town roads, and the installation of a new water main along County Road 10— designed to give our residents improved water pressure and flow, looping systems for safety improvements.



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Assessor's Office just completed a Town-wide reassessment.

Every department in the Town of Canandaigua completed many

achievements in 2018 and is planning to take on new challenges for the benefit of our residents in 2019. From all of us, we wish you peace and joy as you spend time with family and loved

ones this Holiday Season, and may you find success in 2019.



From the Office of Jean Chrisman, Town Clerk / Receiver of Taxes

2019 Tax Bills

The 2019 Town / County tax bills will be mailed on December 31, 2018. If you do not receive your tax bill by Friday, January 11, property owners can [CLICK HERE](#) and print a copy. You can also contact the Town Clerk's office and a copy can be emailed to you.

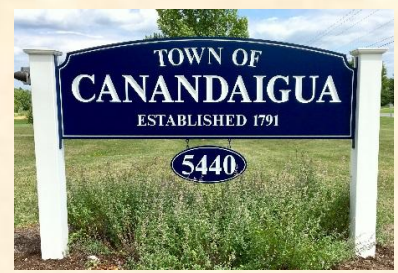
Here are some tips to help you pay your tax bill:

- Tax payments will not be accepted prior to January 1, 2019. Payments will be accepted until close of business on Monday, April 1, 2019. To avoid a penalty fee (late fee), payments should be made by January 31, 2019.
- Your tax payment must be made for the exact amount. Any checks written for the wrong amount or are not signed will be returned.
- If you are using an online banking service to pay your tax bill(s),
- please read your agreement, as the bank may not mail your payment to the Town for up to seven days after withdrawing the money from your account, which could cause your tax payment to arrive after January 31st, thus incurring a fee.
- For payments made by mail, the United States Postal Service postmark (not a postage meter mark) is used as the payment date (RPTL §925). If there is no postmark, the date the payment is received will be used as the payment date. You will need to make sure your envelope is postmarked January 31 or before to avoid paying the penalty fee.
- You may pay your tax bill online [HERE](#) using a credit or debit card. If using this method of payment, there will be a processing fee of \$3.95—or 2.45%—for the transaction (i.e. if your tax bill is \$159 or less, the convenience fee will be \$3.95. If your tax bill is \$160 or greater, the convenience fee will be 2.45% of the amount paid).
- From January 1 through January 31, 2019, property owners, when

paying their tax bill in full, can pay their 2019 County / Town tax bill at any Canandaigua National Bank office.

- Property owners have the option to pay their 2019 County / Town tax bill in two installments. The first installment must be paid by Thursday, January 31, 2019. The second installment can be paid during the month of February with a 1% penalty or during the month of March with a 2% penalty. The installment payments can be made online with a credit/debit card, mailed with a check payable to the Canandaigua Tax Receiver, or in person at the Town Clerk's office.
- The Town Clerk / Receiver of Taxes office is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and every Wednesday until 7:00 pm (except legal holidays).

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Chrisman, Town Clerk / Receiver of Taxes, (585) 394-1120 ext 2225 or email her at jchrisman@townofcanandaigua.org.



Natural Resource Protection News

From the Town of Canandaigua Environmental Conservation Board

The Beautiful Dead Tree

By: ECB Member, Edith Davey

Are you fortunate enough to own a dead tree? A tree far enough away from your house or other structures to not risk it causing damage if it falls? If you enjoy watching wildlife, letting it remain through the natural process of decay will reward you richly with opportunities to view the habitat created. An ecological succession of animals and plants follows the opening of a forest or border canopy.

In the order of arrival, the succession of animals harbored by a dead tree, or snag, usually begins with insects. Watching even these

small creatures is interesting as they create tunnels in the wood and under the bark for their nurseries and food

woody crevasses and under the bark of such trees.



Pileated Woodpecker on a dead tree. Image Credit: [Wikipedia](#)

storage. Female bald hornets and female native bees overwinter in

their declining numbers were thought

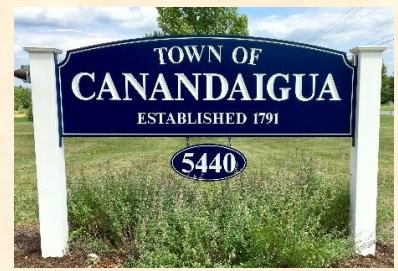
Woodpecker activity may be the first signal of the demise of a tree. Woodpeckers harvesting the ants and other insects attracted to dead trees create cavities that many birds and small animals will use for nesting. At least seven different woodpecker species are found locally. In size they range from large pileated woodpeckers to small nuthatches.

Woodpeckers, chickadees, nuthatches, wrens, tree swallows and bluebirds all use dead tree cavities, although other species will nest in these as well. Before bluebird boxes were promoted to rescue our state bird, their declining numbers were thought

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to have resulted from the lack of available tree cavities that had been their natural home.

Hawks and owls will use tall dead trees as hunting lookouts. Look for dried owl pellets beneath these trees to detect what the bird may have caught for lunch. Bits of fir and bones in the pellets will tell you what small rodents are active in your woods.

Chipmunks and squirrels are lively residents of dead trees, and opossums, raccoons, and fox families will often use hollow logs for denning purposes. Learning to read the tracks and signs of wildlife will entertain you during a long winter's walk.

Mosses and mushrooms will appear as the roots decay, lending more variety and interest to the site. As the



Woodpecker holes in a snag. Image Credit: M. Rehemtulla. [Sourced from Wikimedia](#)

tree canopy opens after the death of a large tree, sprouts from seeds will emerge. Wildflowers (aka "weeds") will also sprout and provide some protection for young trees against browsing deer. Wild raspberry bushes provide excellent barriers against herbivore depredations and are often among the first plants to sprout as berry seeds are carried by birds.

Dead trees in a harmless place are a lesson in ecology for those who watch. However, periodically inspecting all your trees, living and dead, for invasive insects and egg masses is a good idea. If the invasion of spotted lantern flies into New York is to be avoided, public vigilance is needed. Likewise, Oak Wilt and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid problems join concerns about Asian Longhorn beetles and Emerald Ash Borers. Any of these should be reported to DEC or other responsible agencies.

For further reading on the benefits of standing dead trees, or 'snags,' [click here](#).



CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

Come join us at Outhouse Park Lodge every Thursday morning from 9:30 am – 11:30 am for cards, coffee and snacks. The Town and City are working together to offer seniors in the Canandaigua area with a spot to gather and socialize. No registration is required and there are no residency restrictions. See flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.

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From Deputy Town Supervisor, Tina Bloom

As I was driving home from an out-of-state meeting earlier this month, I began noticing all of the scenery between where I had traveled and here at home in Canandaigua. It was snowing and on this rare occasion, the sun was actually shining. As I began to enter the Finger Lakes corridor of my trip, I found myself really taking in and appreciating the landscape and charm of our area. Although we hear numerous grumblings this time of year about the misery of winter in Upstate NY (I include myself in the category to

often denounce the cold weather) I found that there was a serene beauty in the rolling hills, dormant vineyards and vast snow-blanketed fields that I passed as I grew closer to home. I realize that I am biased, but the nearer I came to the Town, the more beautiful the trip became. I was reminded of one of my favorite holiday movies, "It's a Wonderful Life," where it took the character George Bailey to have his environment completely changed for him to look objectively at the appeal and greatness of his hometown. I hope that each of us can experience one of these moments this season, where we step back and realize why we decided to settle here in Canandaigua in the first place. I wish all of our residents a Merry Christmas and safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!

Local History Notes

The William Gorham House

The following excerpts about Canandaigua's beautiful and historic William Gorham House were gathered by Town Historian Ray Henry. Story excerpts are quoted from a 1973 article by longtime City of Canandaigua Historian, Herbert J. Ellis and also from a 2010 RIT University News article titled: *Storybook house connects professor, alumna*, by RIT Associate Director of University

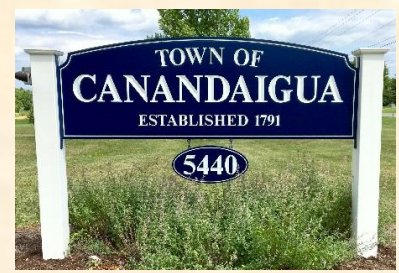


The William Gorham House Today. Image Credit: Ray Henry

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Communications, Mindy Mozer. See the end of this story for a link to her original article.

"The stone house at 5266 Parrish Street Extension was built in 1832 by William Gorham, Son of Nathaniel Gorham II. Nathaniel Gorham the first was a prominent citizen of New England during the Revolutionary period of our country. He was one of the signers of the Constitution and had much to do with its creation. He, in company with Oliver Phelps the first, purchased 2.6 million acres of land between the Pre-Emption line (crossing near Geneva), and the Genesee River, known as the Phelps and Gorham Purchase. At that time, Ontario County extended to Lake Erie. Gorham the first never came to Canandaigua, but sent his son, Nathaniel Gorham II, a young man of 25 years, to represent him in the handling of his affairs."

"History says that Nathaniel Gorham II was a tall, handsome man with much ability. He married Ruthy Wood, sister of William Wood, a noted citizen of those days (Wood Library is named after him). Nathaniel Gorham II was president of a bank and one of the founders and planners of early Canandaigua. "

"He had five children, one of whom was William Wood Gorham who married Betsey, daughter of Jasper Parrish, noted Indian interpreter of Pickering Treaty fame, and builder of the house where he lived on the corner of Parrish Street and South Main Street which was torn down for a gas station. The house was the McElwee Funeral Home for many years. The funeral business was sold to Fuller Funeral Home and moved to Buffalo Street opposite North Pearl Street."

"William and Betsey had five children: William, who married Georgia, daughter of the Rev. Ansel D. Eddy, fifth minister of the Congregational Church of Canandaigua: Margaret, who married Robert M. Benedict, who owned the cobblestone house on the West Lake Road, now owned by Kathleen

Connor. (The cobblestone house was built by Isaac Parrish, son of Jasper Parrish); another son, Dr. Henry Clay Gorham; also Edward Parrish Gorham; and Caroline Townsend Gorham, who married the jeweler Edward C. Williams, whose daughter was Margaret Williams."

"This house on Parrish Street Extension has the layout and general plan of the Gorham house in Barnstable, Mass., even though William Gorham had never been there."

-Herbert J. Ellis, 1973
City of Canandaigua Historian

"The house in Canandaigua is now the home of College of Applied Science and Technology professor Jennifer Schneider, who lives there with her husband and two daughters."

"The house, which was featured in many Little Golden Books, was the home of illustrator Eloise Wilkin, a 1923 graduate of the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute, now RIT.

"When the Schneiders purchased the house on Parrish Street Extension in 2006, they had no idea that a previous owner had RIT connections or was a renowned children's book illustrator.

"The Schneiders had been living in a townhouse built in 1974 in the Rochester suburb of Brighton. The antique lovers were looking for an older home..."

"In 2004, after being owned by one family for more than 40 years, the house went up for sale. In May 2006, the Schneiders moved in."

"They learned about the Wilkin connection after closing on their Brighton home." "If you look through her books, a lot of the details in them were everything she had in that house in Canandaigua," says Wilkin's son, Sidney C. Wilkin, who lives just outside Rochester in the suburb of Pittsford."

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"The Wilkin family lived in the house between 1945 and 1961. Sidney Wilkin says his mother and father were also antique lovers. They saw an ad in the paper, drove by the house and knew they had to buy it."

"In 1944, a year before moving to the house, Wilkin signed a contract with Simon and Schuster to illustrate three Little Golden Books a year."

"Sidney C. Wilkin remembers his mother working from 8:30 in the morning until 9 at night when a deadline was approaching. 'We would run in and out of the house by her studio and she would stop us, show us something and ask if we liked it, he says'."



One of Wilkin's illustrations from a Little Golden Book; Image Credit: Mindy Mozer, RIT University News.

"The house, which the Wilkin family and previous owners called Oak Hill, also became a gathering spot for Wilkin's former classmates, who would meet in

"After graduation, Eloise Wilkin opened an art studio in Rochester with her former classmate Joan Esley. But, according to an introduction in a collection of Wilkin's work written by Wilkin's daughter, Deborah Wilkin Springett, they couldn't get enough work so they moved to New York City."

Canandaigua every summer to critique each other's work. One classmate and Erie Canal artist, J. Erwin Porter, painted a picture of the house, which now is on Sidney Wilkin's wall."

"A week later, Eloise Wilkin was hired to illustrate *The Shining Hours* for Century Company. In 1930, Wilkin put her career on hold and married Sidney J. Wilkin. They had four children.

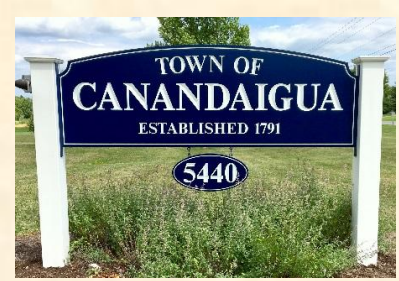
"Eloise Wilkin died Oct. 4, 1987, but today is one of the most collectible Golden Book illustrators, Springett writes.

"The Schneiders, who are the sixth owners of the home, know they are living in a special place and appreciate that previous owners preserved Wilkin's stencils on the mantels."

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More about Eloise Wilkin:

“Eloise Wilkin...illustrated more than 110 books, including 50 Little Golden Books published between 1946 and 1975. Wilkin also designed dolls and is known for the Vogue Baby Dear doll. In 1990, the Wilkin family established the Eloise B. Wilkin Illustrator’s Scholarship in recognition of their mother’s creativity and contribution to the field of illustration and

children’s literature. The scholarship is awarded annually to an illustration or medical illustration student at RIT.”

-Storybook house connects professor, alumna

Mindy Mozer

Associate Director of University Communications

Nov. 22, 2010, University News

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Stay tuned for information on new volunteer opportunities:

Several Town committees and project teams will have upcoming openings in the new year.

More information will be available in January's newsletter.

January Meeting Dates

- 1 – New Year's Day, Town Hall Closed
- 2 – Environmental Committee, 4:30 pm
- 3 – Local History Team, 8:30 am
- 3 – Environmental Conservation Board, 4:30 pm
- 3 – Agricultural Advisory Committee, 6:00 pm
- 7 – Town Board, 6:00 pm
- 8 – Economic Development Committee, 12:00 pm
- 8 – Drainage Committee, 11:00 am
- 8 – Planning Board, 6:00 pm
- 10 – Finance Committee, 8:00 am
- 11 – Application Deadline, 12:00 pm
- 14 – Planning Review Committee, 9:00 am
- 15 – CIC, 9:00 am
- 15 – Zoning Board of Appeals, 6:00 pm
- 17 – Finance Committee, 8:00 am
- 17 – Ordinance Committee, 9:00 am
- 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Town Hall Closed



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Email

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Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Town Clerk's Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wed- Open until 7:00 pm

Court Clerk's Office Hours

Mon, Tue, Wed, and Fri
9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Thu 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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Contact: Town Manager, Doug Finch
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Town of Canandaigua Town Supervisor-elect Cathy Menikotz swearing in ceremony

(Canandaigua, NY) – Town of Canandaigua Town Supervisor-elect Cathy Menikotz will officially be sworn in as the Town of Canandaigua Supervisor on January 1, 2019 at 10:00am during a swearing in ceremony at the Town Hall located at 5440 Route 5 & 20 Canandaigua, NY 14424. The event is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

Supervisor-elect Menikotz comes to the Town of Canandaigua with decades of public experience most recently working full time in the Ontario County Public Defender’s Office where she retired recently. Menikotz is a graduate of Albany Law School with more than thirty years of public service experience, previously serving twenty-two years as an assistant district attorney before moving to Canandaigua in 2008. Menikotz also serves on the board of directors of the Greater Canandaigua Civic Center.

“My passion for public service has brought me to this point in my life where I am grateful for my experience and have the desire to give back to our community”, said Menikotz. “It is my honor to be able to represent the Town of Canandaigua as the Town Supervisor and work with everyone in Ontario County and the Town who help to make our area second to none.”

Town Board member Terry Fennelly said, “I look forward to working with Cathy as the incoming Town Supervisor. As Chair of the Town’s Planning Committee we are continuing to evaluate infrastructure improvements designed to support our quality of life while protecting Canandaigua Lake. In the coming year we have a number of water projects that we are evaluating, and I look forward to working with Cathy to advocate support for these projects at the County level.”

“As Chair of the Town’s Finance Committee I am looking forward to working with Cathy in her capacity as the Town’s Chief Fiscal Officer,” said Town Board member Linda Dworaczyk. “Over

the past two years we have made significant progress in implementing fiscal controls, planning for long term capital improvements, updating Town Board policies, and long term strategic financial planning with the goal of minimizing the fiscal impact to taxpayers while providing quality service to our residents.”

Menikotz fills the vacant Town Supervisor position vacated by former Town Supervisor Greg Westbrook in September 2018. Westbrook served as the Town Supervisor from January 2017 through September 2018, taking over and winning a term after former Town Supervisor Pamela Helming was elected to the New York State Senate. Menikotz’s term runs from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

Menikotz will represent the Town of Canandaigua on the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, serve as the Town’s liaison to the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council, serve as the Town of Canandaigua’s Chief Fiscal Officer, and serve as Chair of the Town of Canandaigua Town Board meetings. In the coming weeks Menikotz will be working with Ontario County and will be receiving committee assignments for the upcoming year. Supervisor-elect Menikotz will be sworn in by New York State Supreme Court Justice Craig Doran.

Menikotz will lead the Town Board in their first meeting of 2019 during the Board’s annual organizational meeting on January 7, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall.

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Spotlight on Sustainability

From Your Ontario County Eco-Heroes

2018 WASTE DIVERSION COLLECTION EVENT TOTALS

Thanks for your help Ontario County Residents! Due to your participation in the County's 2018 collection events we diverted...

- ❖ E-WASTE EVENT
 - ❖ 489 participants
 - ❖ 51.28 tons collected
- ❖ SPRING AND FALL RESIDENTIAL TIRE COLLECTION
 - ❖ 21.31 tons collected
- ❖ SPRING AND FALL PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS
 - ❖ 7.52 tons collected
- ❖ PUMPKIN COLLECTION
 - ❖ 195 participants
 - ❖ 3.25 tons collected

7 tips to make this an eco-friendly holiday season:

1. **Rethink your packaging** it's one of the biggest waste contributors. Cut back on paper and cardboard by opting for reusable tins, bags and boxes. They're the gift that keeps on giving.
2. If you feel the need to go the wrapping route, **get creative and find fun or festive reusable or recyclable materials** you already have around the house.
3. **Or use wrapping paper that's already made of recycled paper.** Most wrapping paper is recyclable but stay away from shiny, glittery, or velvety papers
4. **Cut back on plastic ribbons or bows** that can't go in your recycling bin. Or find a crafty way to reuse them.
5. **Bring back the e-card fad.** The mantle-life of holiday cards is pretty short considering the waste they create. You can save money and the environment by going digital or at least segmenting your list for those who really need a physical card.
6. **Bring leftover items to your local food bank or soup kitchen.** It will keep you feeling warm and fuzzy long after the holidays are over.
7. **Bring your Christmas tree to a yard waste drop-off location** when you're finally ready to let it go. It's tempting to just leave it at the curb just like household waste. But it's a TREE, which means it should be disposed of like one.



'Tis the season for holiday shopping! This means plastic bags from all the stores you shop at. On average each family uses **1,500** plastic bags each year! But only **1%** of them end up being recycled. This holiday season instead of always accepting a plastic bag at each store, consider bringing a reusable bag with you.

Tips to Save Electricity During the Holiday Season

- ❖ Put your holiday lights on a timer to make sure they do not accidentally stay on all night long. A timer can also help with nights you are out holiday shopping and don't have time to run home and turn them on.
- ❖ Did you know LED holiday lights use 80-90% less energy than incandescent lights? So be sure to choose wisely when purchasing new lights.
- ❖ Shorten your holiday light season. Consider waiting to put up lights closer to the holidays and taking them down soon after they are over.

And don't forget! During the holiday season Lowe's collects dead or unwanted strings of lights for recycling.

TO: letters@messengerpostmedia.com
FROM: Ryan Staychock
6285 Ketchum Road, Canandaigua, NY 14424
585-694-0305

DATE: 11/20/18
SUBJECT: Welcome Live Nation to Canandaigua

The CMAC announcement to partner with Live Nation is welcome news! Live Nation is the global leader for live entertainment. They are the largest producer of live music concerts. Our community stands to benefit culturally and economically from this development. I am excited to see more people visiting the beautiful CMAC venue to experience live music. I hope people will travel and vacation in our community and enjoy our quality of life by day, and then have fun at a concert by night.

I welcome more live entertainment to our community! Live music brings people together. Live music inspires us, makes us feel emotions, and makes us dance (maybe). Live music is also economic development. Music lovers spend money at hotels, restaurants, and at grocery stores. I can imagine the greater economic impact if artists play consecutive nights in our community. I recognize the many challenges but I think the benefits far outweigh the costs.

I urge our communities to embrace this development and facilitate success by planning accordingly. Thanks CMAC and Live Nation for your commitment to enhancing our community's quality of life!

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