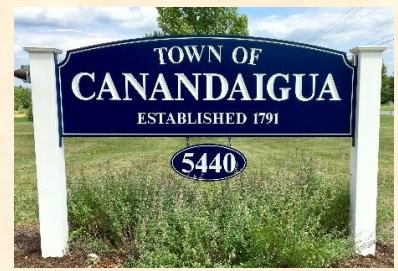


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A Note from Your Town Supervisor, Cathy Menikotz

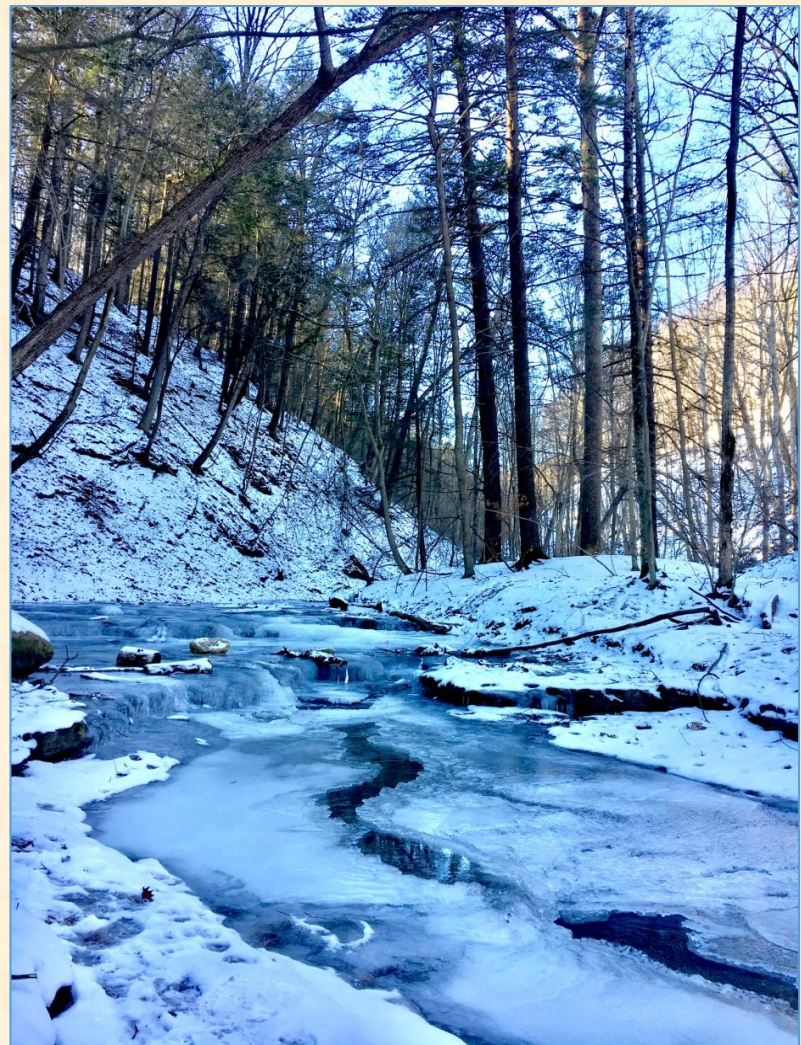


Hello. I hope this winter finds you all well. It's hard to believe it has been a little over a month since I took the oath of office for Town Supervisor and it has been a busy one. I am very excited to get to work on your behalf and to work with all the great Town representatives and employees. Recently the Town of Canandaigua reached out to our residents seeking people to consider volunteering for one of the many town committees. The response was very enthusiastic with many people coming forward to offer their time, talents and services. Thank you on behalf of everyone at the Town of Canandaigua. We have a town rich with people who love this community and the atmosphere of service is inspiring.

As I begin my tenure as the Town Supervisor, I have also begun my tenure on the Ontario County Board of Supervisors. I have been appointed by the Chairman, Jack Marren, and the Board of Supervisors to the Public Safety Committee and the Governmental Operations and Insurance Committee. I am excited to represent the Town of Canandaigua at the County level and serve on those committees as well.

I hope you will all consider coming out to a Town Board meeting or any other board or committee meeting to see what your town is working on and to share your insights and concerns as well. The schedule for all Town Board and Committee meetings is located on the main page for the

Town of Canandaigua Website. Should you wish to meet with me individually, I will be setting up regular hours to meet with town residents. While I do not have a physical office at the Town Hall, I will set aside space for meetings and will have scheduled hours when I will be at Town Hall so anyone can feel free to stop by to talk. Please also feel free to call me directly, (585) 394-1120 ext. 2255, or call Susan Koss, (585) 394-1120 x2224, in order to arrange a meeting at any other time.



Barnes Gully, Onanda Park.

Photo courtesy of Canandaigua Resident, Greg Reynolds

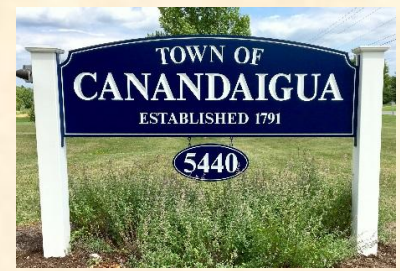
Feature Photo →

Have a photo that celebrates the Town of Canandaigua that you'd like to share? Send it to us! We will choose one photo to highlight each month. Send photos to:
sreynolds@townofcanandaigua.org

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FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN MANAGER

It's a Team Effort

It is such an honor to serve as your Town Manager. The Town of



Canandaigua is a growing, thriving community, continuously striving for improvement. We have an amazing team of people from elected officials, staff, and literally hundreds of volunteers who work with us every day with the common goal of making our community just a little better for us all; while providing reliable services in the most efficient manner possible.

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE: I often talk about all the great things happening in our community and all the work we do, but I want to take a moment to recognize the employees of the Town Manager's Office who help me communicate with you and make all these good things happen. The Town Manager's Office has two full time employees (including the Town Manager), and three part time employees.

Samantha Pierce (Sam) is our Human Resources and Payroll Coordinator. Sam works for us full-time and takes care of all the tasks you normally associate with Human Resources:

payroll processing and time tracking of all of our employees. Additionally, Sam heads up accounts payable and helps coordinate our Parks and Recreation Department programs and facility improvements. Sam is generally available Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.



Sarah Reynolds (Sarah) is our Administrative and Grants Coordinator. Sarah works for us part-time and takes care of general administration and coordination between the Town Manager's Office and other departments, scheduling, communication with our boards and committees, our monthly newsletter, communication to our residents, supports our Agriculture Committee, and chairs our Citizens' Implementation Committee.



Rights (PDR) for agriculture and farmland protection. Sarah has been very successful in helping the Town of Canandaigua secure millions of dollars in grants for a variety of different projects. Sarah is generally available

Monday through Friday from 9am to 2pm. Additionally Sarah coordinates the majority of the grants for the Town of Canandaigua including Purchase of Development

Monday through Friday from 9am to 2pm.

Kate Silverstrim (Kate) is our Account Clerk. Kate works for us part-time and takes care of monitoring accounts payable with required municipal checks and balances providing an extra review of any check issued. Kate also assists with utility billing, municipal water billing, fixed assets, and general accounting and budget planning. Kate is generally available Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 1pm to 4pm.



Kris Singer (Kris) is our Clerk for Finance. Kris works for us part-time and takes care of accounts receivable, general accounting, bookkeeping, state filings including the annual update document, bank reconciliation, financial planning, monthly financial statements, record keeping, and bank records. Kris is generally available Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 4pm.



INTERNSHIPS: As a member of the International City Manager's Association (ICMA), it is my honor to encourage future municipal management candidates by partnering with SUNY Brockport's Master in Public

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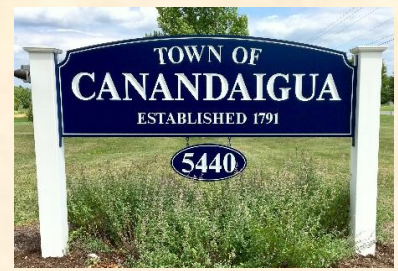
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Administration (MPA) program. This semester I am pleased to welcome two interns: Mr. Hafiz Akram is working with us this semester to evaluate our current communication strategies with residents and explore opportunities for improvement. Mr. Joseph Mitrano is working with us this semester to improve the marketing of our parks and recreation programs and offerings including improved use of our cabins, lodges, and parks facilities by updating our website and social media platforms to showcase opportunities.

WATCH YOUR SPEED: As you might be aware, the Town of Canandaigua has contracted with the Ontario County Sheriff's Department for enhanced law enforcement services relative to traffic

enforcement. Many residents had previously expressed concern about speeding vehicles in particular around the Middle Cheshire Road and County Road 16 areas. During the month of January 2019, the Ontario County Sheriff's Department made 105 traffic stops in the Town of Canandaigua and issued 87 citations.

CHESHIRE: Last fall the Town of Canandaigua contracted with G&G Municipal Consulting and Grant Writing to conduct an income survey of the Hamlet of Cheshire for the purposes of making a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the possible construction of sewers in the Hamlet. The consultant has now finished the survey and is preparing his

report which will likely allow us to qualify for grant application. Additionally, the Town of Canandaigua is very interested in speaking with residents about possible zoning revisions pertaining to the Hamlet of Cheshire, and long term planning including our 2019-2020 Town of Canandaigua Comprehensive Plan update. Watch your mailbox for information on a community meeting in the Hamlet of Cheshire in the near future.

As always, if you ever have any questions or need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

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.



Save the Date (and the trees)!

In honor of this year's Arbor Day, the Environmental Conservation Board will be hosting a tree workshop and a tree giveaway on Wednesday, April 24. A second tree giveaway will be hosted by the Town Republican Committee at the Transfer Station on Saturday, April 27th. More details to come in next month's newsletter.

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Natural Resource Protection News *From the Town of Canandaigua Environmental Conservation Board*

Eagles among us

by: Patricia Venezia, ECB Member

Here in Canandaigua, Eagles are among us, as are hawks, osprey, falcons and turkey vultures. These amazing birds are all categorized as birds of prey and/or raptors. The word "raptor" is a Latin word which means "to grasp or seize." Raptors use their powerful, sharp talons to defend themselves and to capture their prey. Owls are considered nocturnal raptors who can fly almost silently due to their special feather structure. In this article I would like to concentrate on bald eagles and osprey.

There are several areas around our beautiful lake where bald eagles have been observed. However, only about 50 years ago this was a very rare occurrence. When the bald eagle was added to the federal Endangered Species list in 1967, the local eagle population consisted of a single pair which nested at the south end of Hemlock Lake. It was one of only 417 nesting pairs found in the lower 48 states. Since then, with the federal ban on DDT and the phasing out of lead



Adult Bald Eagle

shot, the bald eagle has made a remarkable comeback. In 1995 the species was reclassified as "Threatened" rather than "Endangered," and in 2004 it was delisted entirely. In New York State, the bald eagle is still designated as "Threatened" by the NYS Department of Conservation (DEC).

Majestic in their appearance, with their brown bodies accentuated by their distinctive white heads, bright yellow bills and feet, bald eagles are one of the largest raptors in North America. An adult can stand 30 inches high, weigh between 8-14 pounds and have a wingspan of 72-84 inches. A juvenile bald eagle bears the appearance of, and can be mistaken for, a golden eagle, which are rare in New York. The primary prey for eagles is fish. They will also take some mammals and waterfowl, which is why they nest near the shoreline of the Lake.

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Adult Bald Eagle

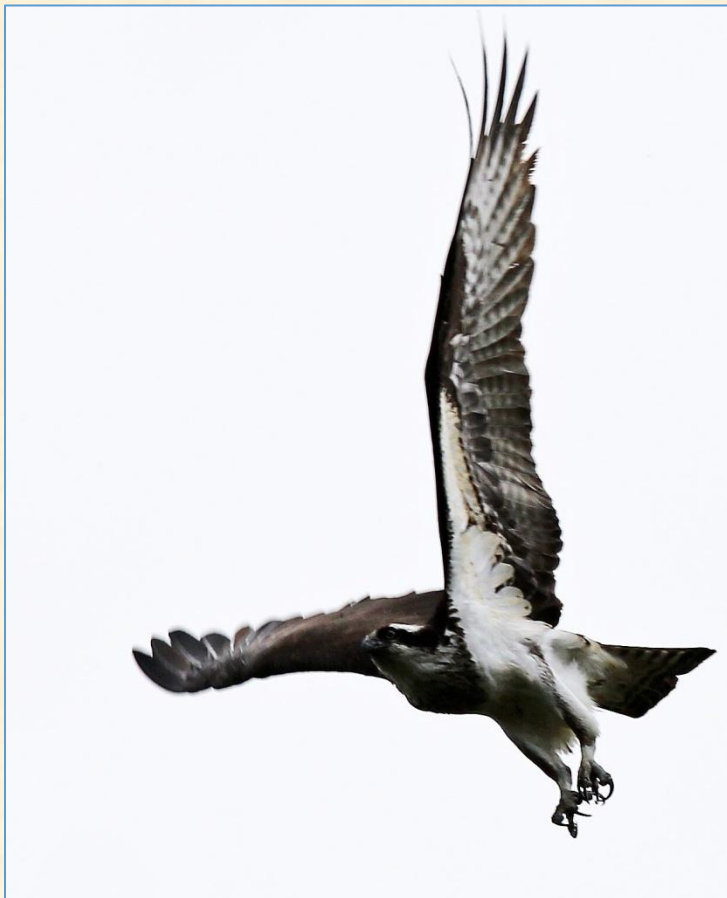
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Adult Osprey

Bald eagles have a pretty long life span of approximately 30 years. They mate for life and return to nest in the general area which they were hatched. The same nest that can be more than six feet in diameter is used by a pair for the rest of their lives, which is why such care and conservation are focused on the nesting pair. In our area, when an individual wishes to construct a new house and an eagles' nest is nearby, there are certain rules enforced by the local towns in conjunction with the DEC which come into play. Each nest is evaluated individually. The DEC recommends minimum buffers of 330-350 feet around the nesting tree to protect

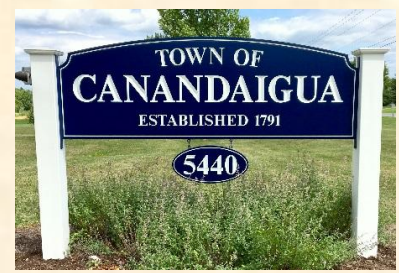
the birds and a secondary buffer zone of 660 for various activity categories based on time of year and visual and noise buffers which already exist. Nests are protected for a minimum of 5 years.

The Osprey, another fish-eating raptor also frequents Canandaigua Lake. Like the bald eagle, the osprey or "Fish hawk" is also a large bird. It measures 22-25 inches in height with a wingspan of 4-6 feet. The female is slightly larger than the male and they are nearly alike in plumage. They have a white head with a dark crown and prominent dark brown streak on each side. Unlike the eagle which nabs its prey from the water's surface, the osprey plunges deep enough into the water to submerge its whole body. Ospreys are also monitored by the DEC and are considered to be of "Special Concern" and no longer "Endangered." Local osprey sightings have been made throughout the Canandaigua area, especially near Airport Road and near Muar Lakes.

All Photos Courtesy of Brendan Gooding

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Local History Notes

Canandaigua Lake Steamboats in the Spotlight



Onnalinda

Steamboat Onnalinda at the City Pier, 1891

Photo from the collection of Ontario County Historical Society

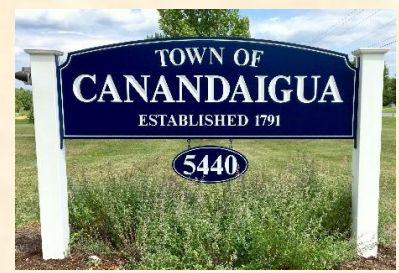
Before the days of motor vehicles and good roads, the most practical way to get around Canandaigua Lake was by lake steamer. Our Steamboat Era began in 1827 with the *Lady of the Lake*, and peaked in the last decades of the 19th century, when multiple steamboats carrying hundreds of passengers, mail, and tons of freight chugged their way from end to end of the lake daily during the summer season. In 1900, the standard fare for a two- to five-hour trip was 25 cents, and residents on shore would raise a flag from their dock to request a pick-up. The steamers' headquarters was the City Pier, and the coming of

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rail service to the Pier in 1887 brought an influx of passengers making day trips to the lake by rail and steamboat from Rochester and throughout the area.

The Town is recognizing the colorful Steamboat Era with a new local history initiative - renaming the Court Room/Town Board Room and its conference rooms in the Town Hall and the Town Highway Barn for some of the 19th and early 20th century lake steamers. Each room now features an enlargement of a historic image of one steamboat, and a brief description of the boat's history and special features. A more [detailed information packet](#) about the boats and the Steamboat Era is available to Town Hall visitors, and also published on the web page of the [Town Historian](#) and the [Local History Team](#). Stop by Town Hall for a new look at an old way to travel the lake!

***** COMING SOON *****

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE FOR THE TOWN
STAY TUNED TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!!!**

March Meeting Dates

- 4 – Ordinance Committee, 9:00 am
- 5 – CIC, 9:00 am
- 5 – Economic Development Committee, 12:00 pm
- 7 – Local History Team, 8:30 am
- 7 – Planning Committee, 10:00 am
- 7 – Environmental Conservation Board, 4:30 pm
- 7 – Agricultural Advisory Committee, 6:00 pm
- 11 – Planning Review Committee, 9:00 am
- 12 – Drainage Committee, 11:00 am
- 12 – Planning Board, 6:00 pm
- 14 – Finance Committee, 8:00 am
- 18 – Town Board, 6:00 pm
- 19 – CIC, 9:00 am
- 19 – Zoning Board of Appeals, 6:00 pm
- 21 – Finance Committee, 8:00 am
- 26 – Drainage Committee, 11:00 am
- 26 – Planning Board, 6:00 pm
- 27 – Environmental Committee, 4:30 pm
- 27 – Parks & Recreation Committee, 6:00 pm



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Canandaigua, NY 14424
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Email

Info@TownofCanandaigua.org

Town Hall Hours

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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Town Board

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Linda Dworaczyk
Terry Fennelly
Kevin Reynolds

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Doug Finch

Deputy Town Supervisor

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Cabin Fever Reliever



For Seniors in the
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to Gather and Socialize!

FREE!

Outhouse Park Lodge

2550 Outhouse Road

Every Thursday

9:30am-11:30am

Cards, Coffee, & Cookies provided!

Begins 11/8/18. No registration required!



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Spotlight on Sustainability

February 2019

From your Ontario County Eco-Heroes

Hot Tips and Ideas for a more Sustainable Valentine's Day

- ♥ Skip the cut flowers and gift a fabulous air purifying houseplant
- ♥ Scrap the card and write a love note or purchase cards printed on recycled paper
- ♥ Share an experience instead of buying more stuff
- ♥ Secure some fair trade and organic chocolate or make your own fudge!

“Wetlands are often called the kidneys of the landscape.”



Honeoye Creek Wildlife Management Area, Town of Richmond
Photo by Brooke Morse

World Wetlands Day 2 February 2019



Wetlands and climate change



Featured Eco-Holiday

February 2nd each year is **World Wetlands Day**. This day marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar to help raise public awareness about the importance and value of wetlands. It promotes global wetlands and its value and benefits.

Climate change is one of the most pressing problems facing humanity and our planet. Wetlands and Climate Change, the theme to celebrate World Wetlands Day in 2019, draws attention to the vital role of wetlands as a natural solution to cope with climate change.

Additionally, **American Wetlands Month** is celebrated in May which was created in 1991 by EPA and its federal, state, tribal, local, non-profit, and private sector partners to celebrate the vital importance of wetlands to the Nation's ecological, economic, and social health.

Wetlands carry out many functions, which in turn make them valuable to society.

- They provide habitat and cover to wildlife and fish species for breeding, feeding, and nesting.
- Wetlands are vital to flood and storm water control and they act to slow runoff.
- Sediments carried by flood waters are trapped by the vegetation in wetlands.
- Nutrients in water that come from fertilizers, manure, sewage systems and other sources (that contribute to algal blooms) are processed by plants and microorganisms in the soil
- Wetlands also act to protect water resources, holding water like a big sponge and releasing it slowly over time.
- Wetlands treat polluted water and release cleaner water.
- Wetlands serve to recharge groundwater supplies.
- Tidal wetlands tend to mitigate the effects of tides and waves that erode the coastline.
- Wetlands also provide areas for recreation, education, and scientific research.

Text adapted from the following websites:

<https://www.worldwetlandsday.org/>
<https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/may-american-wetlands-month>
www.riverkeeper.org

REMINDER:



ONTARIO COUNTY
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
www.ontswcd.com

480 North Main Street, Canandaigua, New York 14424
Telephone (585) 396-1450 Fax (585) 396-1305

Tree & Shrub Order Form deadline is March 8th

PICK-UP DATES:
FRIDAY, APRIL 26 (Arbor Day)
SATURDAY, APRIL 27

And the Nominees are....

We are coming up on a year since the County installed the permanent St. Pauly textile collection box out at the Hopewell campus.

*Since its installation, we have collected approximately **2,800 pounds** of material to be reused! Because of your participation, Ontario Pathways received approximately **\$150** in monetary donations during 2018.*

We are asking all employees to vote on who receives the money generated by your donations during 2019. Please click [here](#) to vote for the local organization or nonprofit of your choice.

*Voting will close on **February 8th***



IN PERSON! **SUNDAY**
MAR. 24 4PM
FINGER LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN CANANDAIGUA

Dr. J. DREW LANHAM

**Audubon Society Board Member, Author
and Wildlife Biology Professor.**

"COLORING THE CONSERVATION CONVERSATION"

"...Conserving birds and their habitat is a moral mission that needs the broadest and most diverse audience possible to be successful."



Engage in the Conversation!

Moderator: JOHN VAN NIEL,
FLCC Professor of Environmental Conservation



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