

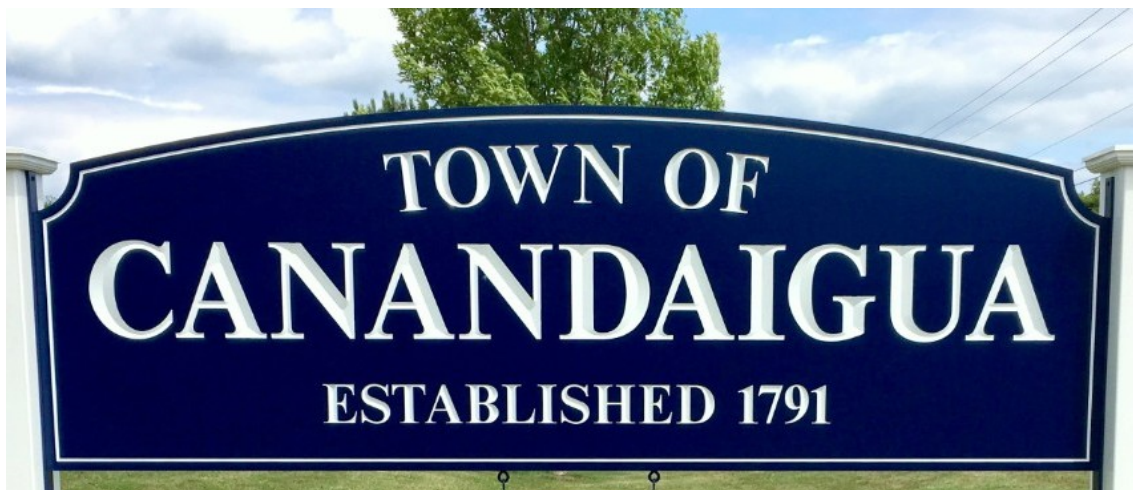
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June 2019 Town News

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Are You Ready for Summer?

With the summer season just around the corner, take a minute to browse these upcoming dates and events. Check the Meeting Dates and FLYERS sections at the end of the newsletter for more events.

Last Day of School

- Canandaigua City School District students in kindergarten through 8th grade will have half days on June 25 and 26. Wednesday, June 26 is the last day of school. Check the [district calendar](#) for updates to this schedule.
- Canandaigua Academy graduation is scheduled for Sunday, June 30

Social Senior Thursdays (previously Cabin Fever Reliever)

- This program is currently held at Outhouse Park every Thursday from 9:30-11:30. Below is an updated schedule of locations:
 - Now - June 27 - Outhouse Park

- July 4 - NO PROGRAM
- July 11* - August 15 - Canandaigua Town Hall (NOT Jefferson Park)
- August 22* - June 2020 - Outhouse Park
- ***On July 11 and August 22 we will have a picnic lunch at Noon instead of the regular coffee and cookies.**
- Contact Samantha Pierce at spierce@townofcanandaigua.org or 585-394-1120 x2229 with any questions.

4th of July Celebrations

- There will be a parade with representatives from the Town and other local organizations that will proceed down Main Street ending at Kershaw Park with a community picnic to follow and fireworks after dark.

Swimming Hours

- Onanda Park
 - June 15 - August 16 -- 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
 - August 17 - September 2 -- 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
- West Lake School House
 - June 15 - August 16 -- 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
 - August 17 - September 2 -- 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Summer Parks Events

- July & August - Summer Recreation Programs held at Town and City Parks (See [Program Guide](#))
- August 14 - Onanda Park 30th Anniversary Birthday Bash
- August 23 - Outdoor Movie Night at Outhouse Park

Watch Out for People on the Road!

- With warmer weather, more people are out walking, riding, and running on our roads. Drivers need to be courteous of fellow non-motorized users of the roads. Pedestrians and cyclists, take proper precautions to stay safe and be aware when you are out on the roads.
- Refresh your knowledge of [pedestrian and bicycle laws](#) as they pertain to road sharing and safety.

From the Desk of the Town Manager

Something for Everyone at Outhouse Park

Doug Finch

Town Manager

dfinch@townofcanandaigua.org

Richard P. Outhouse Memorial Park in the Town of Canandaigua is one of those community jewels that is often taken for granted. However, ask many children what is one of their favorite local parks and surely Outhouse Park or "the pirate ship park," as it has come to be known by many, will rank near the top.

In 2002 the approximately 34 acres, which used to be farmed for hay, was donated to the Town of Canandaigua



in memory of Richard P. Outhouse for a memorial park. Over a roughly ten-year period, Town crews and staff worked hard to build Outhouse Park which was officially opened to the public in 2012.



During 2018 and 2019, the Town has once again been investing in the park to make it even more accessible and inclusive to everyone and make it a place that people of all ages and abilities may enjoy. During 2018 and early in 2019 the Town was able to pave the parking lots to make them more usable even during not so nice weather.



Additionally, over the past few weeks, Parks staff have been working to rework the trails (which were overgrown in places), pack the pathways for ease of walking, add a new pathway from the middle parking lot to the playground, from the south parking lot to the new Bocce Ball Courts and to the Basketball Courts. We have also placed new playground rubber mulch down, a new water fountain, and made improvements to lighting, new grills, doggie waste stations, raingardens, benches, restrooms, a new door at the lodge, pavilions and more.

Coming soon to Outhouse Park West



You might have recently heard that the Town of Canandaigua is working with Think Big! (Inclusion in Motion) a Canandaigua Area local volunteer not-for-profit to raise money to install a fully ADA accessible, inclusive playground at Outhouse Park West (west side of Outhouse Road) across from Building 100 (the lodge).



When completed the the facility will allow people of all ages and abilities to play with one another on the new playground that is designed to have a “sensory-rich environment that enables children to develop physically, socially, and emotionally.” For more information on the project please visit the Town’s [website](#) or [Dream Big Inclusion](#).

Additionally, the Town will be constructing two new soccer/lacrosse fields west of the new playground as part of the overall project.

Offerings at Outhouse Park:

Here is a sampling of some of the things you can do at Outhouse Park:

- Party – having a party? Would you like to have a party in our lodge, or maybe use the pavilion for a family function or reception? Just call the Town Clerk’s office to reserve one of our facilities.

- Senior / Adult Recreation Program (Thursday mornings 9:30am – 11:30am) – play cards, chat, meet other seniors and adults from our community, or participate in a planned trip
- Soccer Fields – watch a youth soccer or lacrosse game



- Bocce Ball Courts – Wednesday and Thursday nights tend to be popular as locals play Bocce
- Basketball Court – quick pickup game, or just shoot some hoops with friends
- Walking/hiking trail – we have a nice trail around Outhouse Park (2x around is 1.5mile), or add in a trip around the Old Brookside neighborhood to add a mile (the Town will soon be working to connect this to the Auburn Trail which runs all the way through Farmington to Victor)
- Stretch – before you start your walk be sure to stretch those muscles with our warm-up stretch station at Outhouse Park (near Building 100)
- Dog – take the dog for a walk at Outhouse Park (please pickup after - there are new doggie waste stations to make this easier for you)
- Bird Watching – our waterfront park provides a nice habitat for birds.



- Grill – just enjoy some family time in the park. There are grills located in the park for your use; bring a beach towel or chair, setup in the beautiful grass and let the family enjoy the park
- Education – we also have numerous types of trees and plants in our rain gardens (coming soon - identification signs to help you learn more about these species)
- Restrooms – are available at building 100 and building 300

Outhouse Park is ready for you and your family to enjoy this summer, and all year round. Let us know what you think of the new improvements, and enjoy your time outside.

Did you know? The Town recently installed signs at key entrances to the Town showing support for our agricultural community.



Town of Canandaigua Code Enforcement Officer Takes Time to Tackle Issues of Statewide Significance

By: Chris Jensen

I want to thank the Town of Canandaigua in permitting me the time that is required to successfully fulfill my duties as President of the New York State Building Officials. (NYSBOC) Normally the position would only take me away from the Town one day every three months for a regional delegates meeting. But this past month I was invited to participate in a few meetings and hearings of Statewide importance.

I had the privilege to be invited to accompany the New York State Fire Service Alliance in an advocacy campaign at our state's capital. I spent the day with members of the Fireman's Association (FASNY) speaking with our local legislators on proposed laws. Laws such as; Illegal Modifications and Endangering the welfare of first responders; the use of cancer causing flame retardants on furniture; amendments to firefighter cancer coverage; and cost recovery for ambulance services.



Chris Jensen (left) & FASNY Executive Board

Our past Town Supervisor Senator Helming, along with Assemblyman Kolb, and Assemblyman Manktelow all took time to speak with us about these issues.



From left: NY State Senator Pam Helming, Chris Jensen, and ICC Vice president of Gov't Relations Dottie Harris



From left: Chris Jensen, FASNY Representatives, and Assemblyman Brian Manktelow

On Thursday May 23rd, the presence of the NYSBOC Executive Board was requested to testify at a public hearing. The Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations (Chaired by Senator Skoufis) and the Senate Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development (Chaired by Senator Kavanaugh) were calling on communities and organizations to examine how code enforcement across New York State can be enhanced or assisted.

The majority of the day was spent listening to testimony from several municipalities which were overrun by urban blight, condemned homes and apartments, and burdened with the costs to address these issues. Much of the initial blame was placed on Code Enforcement and the lack of enforcement of the Uniform Code and Property Maintenance Code. But when the situations were investigated in depth, the underlying cause was much farther reaching. In one Town with a population of 80,000+ people, there was a single code official handling all complaints, permits, violations and associated legal battles. The Town did not have the manpower or funding to pursue and prosecute the over 200 outstanding violations. In another, the court system levied small fines and the violations continued. The owners saw the small fines as 'the cost of doing business.' In other municipalities, the violating properties were owned by corporations. The corporate owners hiding from prosecutions behind layers of misinformation and paperwork.

The municipalities were not turning a blind eye to the issues. Code enforcement was not entirely at fault. In the end, all of the issues could be boiled down to one or two items. The Towns, Cities, and Villages just do not have the resources (personnel, finances, or facilities) to handle the blight and unsafe conditions which are spiraling out of control. And in many cases, when Code Enforcement followed through with the entire Violation Notice – Order to Remedy – Appearance Ticket – Court process, the penalties were not sufficient to deter repeat offenders.

What is the solution? There is talk of new legislation which would mandate higher fines and penalties. Laws that would allow municipalities to place the fines directly on the property's tax bill for payment, so that nonpayment would pose the risk of property seizure. And laws that would require minimum staffing levels within the Codes Office.

My take-away from this entire experience: We are blessed to live and work in a community that prioritizes the safety and welfare of its residents; a community that places value on maintaining properties; a community that provides the amazing services, facilities, and opportunities that we have available to us.

My wife and I recently purchased land in the Southern portion of the Town of Canandaigua. I look forward to a few years down the road when we are able to build and call this Town our home.

Thank You,

Chris Jensen PE MCP
Code Enforcement / Zoning Officer
President – NYS Building Officials

Natural Resource Protection News

From the Town of Canandaigua Environmental Conservation Board

Gulls Breed on Squaw Island

By Doug Daniels

I was asked to write an article for the environmental newsletter. I had published an article in [The Kingbird](#), the journal of the NYS Ornithological Association in December 2017 regarding nesting gulls on Canandaigua Lake. This is a simplified summation of that article.

History of Breeding

In the spring of 2009, Lyn Jacobs, a Canandaigua birder, kayaker and lakeside resident observed and confirmed that gulls were breeding on Canandaigua Lake. While many view gulls (often called seagulls) as nuisance birds, this was remarkable news for birders and nature enthusiasts. While gulls are omnipresent in the Finger Lakes region, they have rarely bred, and never on Canandaigua Lake.

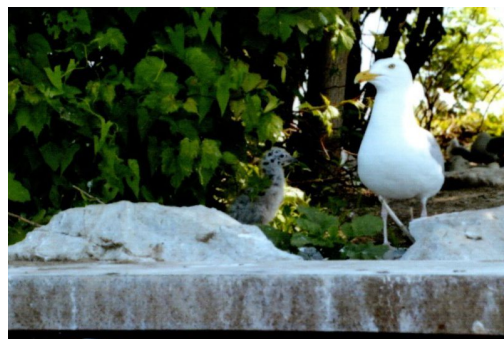




Photos of first breeding Ring-billed Gulls by Lyn Jacobs

Squaw Island, located in the northwest corner of Canandaigua Lake, and the subject of dubious Native American legends, is one of only two islands in the eleven Finger Lakes. The other is Frontenac Island in Cayuga Lake, near Union Springs. Squaw Island is designated both a NYS Unique Area and a Wildlife Management Area -- at 0.20 acres, the smallest in NYS. This island was a popular spot for boaters to anchor, get out in the shallow area and picnic on the island.

When Lyn first observed the breeding gulls from her kayak in 2009, there were 11 adult Ring-billed Gulls, 5 juveniles and 2 eggs. Since 2009, Lyn and I have both observed the annual breeding on Squaw Island, but it was not until 2012 that we began to document our observations in eBird and to make counts. At first, the growth of the breeding colony was slow, but from 2012 on, it has been dramatic. By 2014, there were 150 adults and an estimated 25 juveniles. In 2016, 600 gulls occupied all areas of the island, with 75 young and an estimated 50 more eggs to hatch. Additionally, that year I observed and photographed Herring Gulls also breeding. Of interest, the Herring Gulls' nests occupied the north and south ends of the island. One could speculate that the ends of the island are "choice locations," which the larger Herring Gulls claim; the adults can watch over the lake for predators (Bald Eagles have nested on the west shore) or interfering humans. I have not kayaked to the island yet this year, but I have observed the colony from City Pier with a telescope. I would estimate about 400-500 adult gulls on the island. This will be the eleventh consecutive year that gulls have bred on Squaw Island.



Photos of Herring Gull on nest and with chick by Doug Daniels

In 2014, an unnamed person attempted to disrupt the breeding of these birds. The DEC became involved since that behavior is prohibited by the Migratory Bird Act of 1918 – gulls are included. This joint legislation between Canada and the USA is one of the great pieces of environmental legislation and has stood for over one hundred years. It is, however, being threatened by the current administration in Washington.

The Future of Gulls on Squaw Island

Time will tell whether these two species of gulls, masters of adaptation, will continue to breed on Squaw Island. Human intervention, environmental law and decisions regarding land usage and land preservation will impact the status of their breeding.

Cormorants have followed gulls in breeding on islands in eastern Lake Ontario (Little and Big Galoo Islands). Cormorants are despised by fisherman due to their diet of fish. Cormorants have been observed the past two years on Squaw Island by Lyn and me, but they have not bred. In addition to gulls, large predatory birds, Ospreys and Bald Eagles, are now gracing the skies over Canandaigua Lake due to the banning of DDT and NYS conservation efforts. These magnificent birds now breed in the Canandaigua watershed.

Life History of Gulls

There are 27 species of gulls in North America. To my knowledge, 9 species have been observed on Canandaigua Lake. Only Ring-billed and Herring are common and Ring-billed are 90% of the gulls you are likely to see. Ring-billed weigh about one pound and have a 48-inch wingspan. Herring Gulls weigh 2.5 pounds and have a 58-inch wingspan.

All gulls are found near water both fresh and salt. They have adapted to life near man, benefitting from landfills and farming. Gulls are perhaps the most opportunistic of all birds. They are found on all 7 continents. A challenge to identify, gulls go through two molts a year and both Ring-billed and Herring Gulls take three years to mature to adults. That means six different plumages! Adults are primarily white and immature birds are gray-brown.

Gulls nest colonially on the ground in a hollow or a mound of weeds and grasses. They prefer islands or protected beaches where they have some protection from man and predators. Adults form monogamous pair-bonds. Females lay clutches of 3-4 eggs. Both adults incubate the eggs which hatch in 22-26 days. The young fledge (leave the nest and are independent) in 4-7 weeks. Female gulls who have not bred may assist in guarding the young. When disturbed, the entire colony becomes very vocal and collectively act to protect the colony.

Most gulls migrate south to warmer coastal areas in fall and winter. They do not migrate as a species but rather as individuals or in smaller groups. Waterfowl often

migrate in massive flocks. You may have witnessed Snow Geese (some springs numbering ten thousand on Canandaigua Lake) all rise up in one massive flock from the ice or water to fly north to their breeding territories in the Arctic. As long as there is open water, some gulls will remain throughout the winter. Those birds typically spend night on the water and then move to agricultural fields to feed during the day.

Environmental Committee Bulletin **Are all plastics recyclable? NO!**

By Kaitlynn McCumiskey

Do you know what plastics are recyclable and those that are not? It can be pretty confusing to know what can be included with your zero-sort recycling. It might surprise you to know that just because something has the recycling symbol on it does not necessarily mean that it is recyclable. Don't be a wish-cycler and harm the whole recycling industry by putting the wrong materials in your bin. We know you want to do the right thing and we are here to help. The only types of plastics you should be putting into your recycling bin are plastic bottles, jugs, tubs, and lids. These are empty kitchen, laundry, and bath containers. As always, these items should be clean and empty. When in doubt throw it out. It's better to throw an item away if you are unsure if it is recyclable.

A common contaminate in recycling is single use plastic items. Any plastic item that you use once and then dispose of is generally not recyclable. This includes plastic straws, plastic silverware, and plastic cups. (This goes for paper cups and plates as well, actually). All of these items should not be placed in your recycling bin. This also includes plastic coffee pods (aka K cups). Because these items are not recyclable it's important to limit their use. If you are not able to avoid their use please be sure to put these items in the garbage.



Here are five strategies for reducing your use of single use plastics. It's very hard to avoid any use of single use plastics, but if we all try to reduce our consumption of these goods, together we can have a big effect. It can be hard to change long-held habits, but one small change can have a positive impact.

1. Swap your plastic sandwich, quart, and gallon size bag for a reusable container. Can your item be put in a jar instead? What about reusing the bag your tortillas came in? Get creative and reuse containers that are destined for your recycling bin. There are also great reusable alternatives on the market.

2. Put leftovers and salads into a reusable container instead of covering with plastic wrap. There are also many alternatives on the market for plastic wrap, like beeswax wraps and reusable covers. These alternatives can be used over and over again, saving you money over time.



3. Pack reusable silverware in your lunch bag or keep a set at work or in your car. If you have these items handy you can avoid using plastic silverware while away from home. Don't forget to remind the restaurant that you don't want any plastic utensils with your take-out.

4. Say "NO" to plastic straws or invest in a reusable straw. Straws are a convenience item for most of us, so if you

can avoid using a straw please think twice. I recently saw this somewhere, "It's just one plastic straw- said 7.5 billion people." This has been a hard habit for me to break, but that statement really put things into perspective for me.

5. Avoid items with excess packaging, especially snacks and food. Can you buy something in bulk and put it into smaller reusable containers instead of buying items that are individually



wrapped? Buying in bulk can save you money too. Can you buy something packaged in paper or cardboard instead of plastic? (Bonus points for paper and cardboard made from recycled content!)

Thanks for doing your part! If you ever have a question about how to dispose of an item, please don't hesitate to give us a call (585) 394-3300.

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We Practice Lake Friendly Lawn Care! Do You?

By: Linda Dworaczyk

You might have noticed the new signs that recently went up in our Canandaigua Town parks that say “We Proudly Practice Lake Friendly Lawn Care”. These signs let park goers who don’t already know that the Town of Canandaigua is not using

harmful chemicals to maintain our grassy areas in our parks.



Close-up of one of the new signs

While the signs are new, our commitment to resident safety and lake health by avoiding chemical usage in our parks has been our practice for several years.



Above: Town Parks Maintenance Assistant Troy Bennett installs one of the new signs at Outhouse Park.

The new signs are part of a relatively new initiative that the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association (CLWA) began almost two years ago called Lake Friendly Lawn Care (LFL) in an effort to encourage lake stewardship in our community. The new LFL program increased the information and resources available on the CLWA website to help people know what to do to improve their lawn care practices. Another part of the program makes small signs available to residents that took

the following pledge:

I pledge to incorporate the use of lake friendly lawn practices in an effort to reduce my impact on the lake. I understand that (1) chemicals used on lawns may runoff into the lake and impact our drinking water (2) improper use of fertilizers may contribute to harmful algal blooms, increased aquatic plant growth, and the degradation of our water quality (3) I can have a beautiful lawn without the excess use of chemicals.

The signs have several purposes:

1. Provide a reminder that chemicals we use can have adverse effects on people, pets and our water supply.
2. Hopefully provide a conversation starter between neighbors that could result in more people reducing the amount of chemicals used to maintain lawns.
3. Let people know that the property is safe for people and pets.

Beginning in early 2019, the City, Town and CLWA have been partnering to increase awareness of the impact of lawn care by proactively targeting larger landowners and introducing them to the Lake Friendly Lawn program. These large landowners include the Town, City, HOAs, etc. and have been largely positive about the program. Everyone who has adopted LFL practices has reported that by reducing their application of chemicals they are also saving money. The LFL group is hoping as more people think about the impact of chemicals, our local lawn care professionals will begin to offer services that are lake friendly.

You can learn more about Lake Friendly Lawn Care at CanandaiguaLakeAssoc.org or use the handy link on the Town's website under Projects / Canandaigua Lake Protection.

Linda Dworaczyk is the Treasurer of the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association and a member of the Town of Canandaigua Town Board.



Deserving Local Resident Receives Thanks and Recognition

The Canandaigua community recently gathered to recognize area seniors for their outstanding service and dedication to the greater community. Town of Canandaigua resident Karen Parkhurst (pictured above at left with Town Supervisor Cathy Menikotz, right) was among those recognized at the ceremony that took place May 17th at Quail Summit. Karen has been a long-time volunteer for multiple organizations and currently serves on no less than three town committees: Parks and Recreation Committee, Citizens' Implementation Committee, and the Comprehensive Plan Update 2020 Project Team. The Town is extremely fortunate to have residents like Karen who graciously share their knowledge and expertise to help make the Town of Canandaigua a better place to live, work, and play. From all of the staff at Town Hall, thank you, Karen! We are so lucky to have you on our team.



West Lake Road School House Park

By: Joseph Mitrano
Town Parks Intern

Canandaigua is rich in history as a Town dating back to the late 1700s. Officially recognized as a town in 1791, it emerged at the beginnings of the establishment of freedom and independence of this great nation. One historical testament to the history of the Town can be seen at the West Lake School House Park, located at 3650 County Road 16.

School House Park is home to the first school house established in the Town of Canandaigua. The original West Lake Road School (District #9) was built in 1819, and was located on the lower level of the lot between the existing schoolhouse and West Lake Road. After nearly a century, leaders in the community worked toward updating and improving some of the town schools. Dr. Charles F. Booth was a former student of West Lake Road School, and his summer home was located on the shore of the lake in the neighborhood. He became very interested in improving the facility, and took the lead in helping community leaders build an updated and more modernized school for the district. With his instrumental help, the new school house was built in 1906, and still stands strong today.

The school house served as a district school until 1967, providing the Town with just shy of 150 years of service. Mrs. Bessie Spike was the last teacher to teach in the district school. She taught children there for 26 years, from 1941 to 1967, making her the longest serving teacher in the school's history. Accounts of Mrs. Spike recall

her as being tremendously devoted to her teaching, which correlates to her great success, as about 75% of the students she taught went on to college.



Today, West Lake Road School House is no longer serving as a district school, but the facility is still maintained for the enjoyment of the community for a variety of uses. The School House building can be rented for meetings, parties, and special events, and offers one large heated room, bathroom facilities, and plenty of tables and chairs. The main room also provides a sink and countertop to help you meet the needs of your events.

Because this park sits right on lakefront property, there is a beautiful area on the water with open space and picnic tables, as well as easy access for swimming. The swimming area is enjoyed by many during the summer months. But make sure there are lifeguards on duty before you jump in! The 2019 Swimming Schedule runs from June 14th to August 18th, between the hours of 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM, and August 19th to September 2nd, from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

There are also many Town Recreation classes that are held at School House Park during the summer season. One of these programs is Preschool Arts and Crafts. The program is offered for children ages 3 to 5, and runs 3 separate sessions over the summer. The program will provide children with many experiences including playing games, making arts and crafts, storytelling, singing songs, and more. Check out the Summer Recreation Programs Guide, or visit the Recreation tab on the Town of Canandaigua website for more information on this program.

Reverse 911

Did you know that you can elect to receive alerts on your cell phone or email with important information in the event of a local emergency or disaster? It's called Reverse 911 and Ontario County residents can register in a matter of minutes. There is also an app available.

Click this [LINK](#) to register for the service.

Click [HERE](#) for Q&A about this service.

From the office of Jean Chrisman, Town Clerk / Receiver of Taxes:

Special Office Hours the Week of July 1: The Town Hall office hours for the week of July 1 will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

The Town Clerk's office will not be hosting evening hours on Wednesday, July 3 and will be closing at 4:00 p.m. so we can enjoy holiday festivities with our families.

4th of July Parade: Come see us in the 4th of July Parade. Many of your elected officials, board members, and staff will be marching in the parade to celebrate our country's freedom. There will be a float in honor of our parks.

Automatic Water Bill Payments: If you are a customer in the Canandaigua Consolidated Water District (including the new customers on the east side of Canandaigua) and Bristol Water District, don't forget that you can have your water payment automatically withdrawn from you specified bank account each quarter. More information can be found on the Water Bill Payments page of the Town's website (www.townofcanandaigua.org).

Local History Notes

A Line A Day

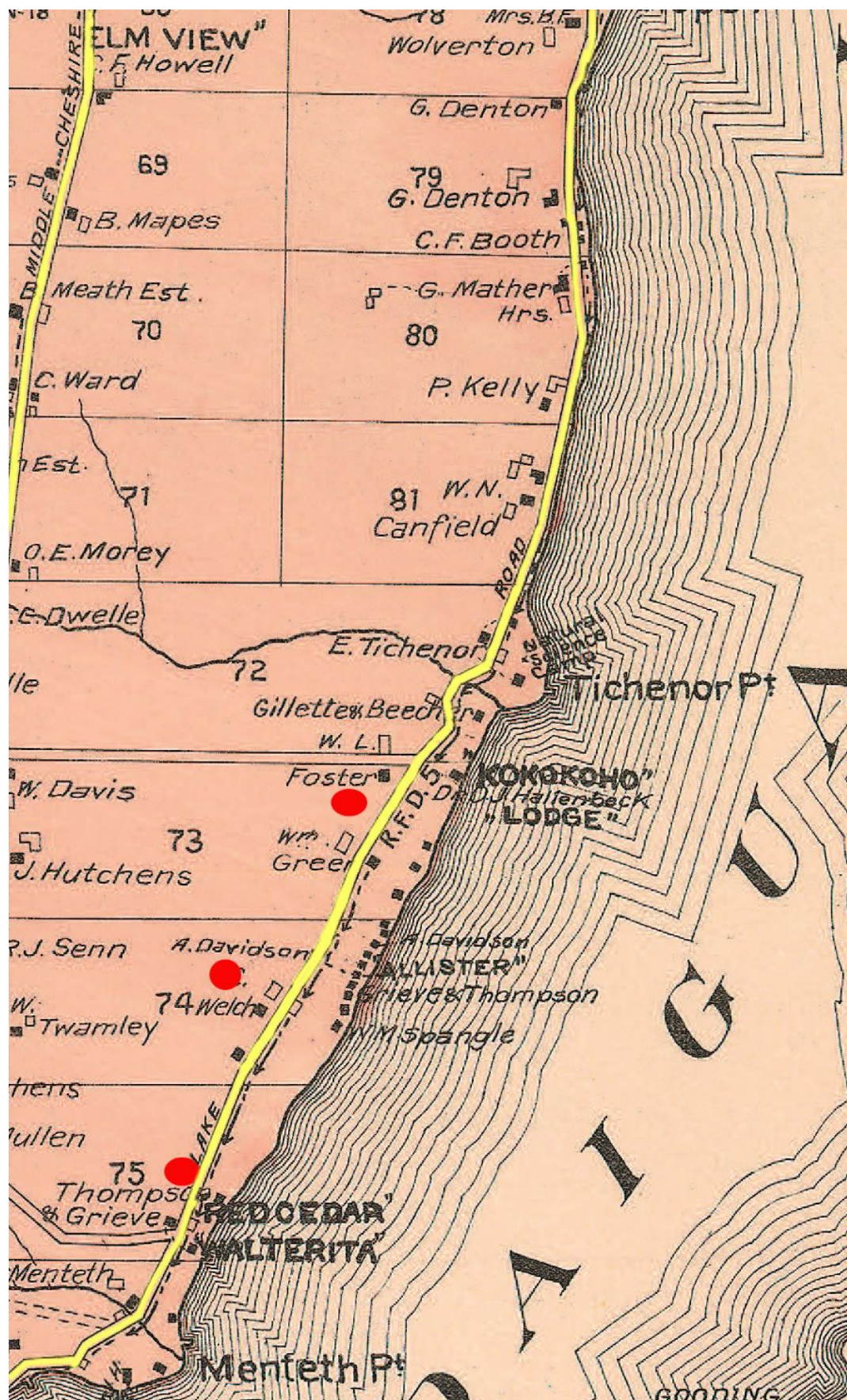
*Travels Around Town and Teen Romance
in the Summers of 1910-1912*

Town of Canandaigua Local History Team

In the year 1910, George Hayes was 17 years old and was learning how to drive the family car. George practiced quite a bit, as he would venture out behind the wheel two or three times a day. Accompanying him in the auto were his parents, neighbors and friends. He had favorite routes and destinations within the Town of Canandaigua and often drifted into Gorham, Rushville, Middlesex and Naples.

Here, in his own words, are excerpts from his travels in June and July 1910. Editor's comments are in italics.

June 26, 1910 - After dinner (*what we call lunch*) I wrote letters and about four o'clock we all drove north of the village and several miles back. After supper we took Miss Eveline Palmer (*their Gibson St. neighbor*) up the lake shore (*West Lake Road*) to call on Judge and Mrs. Thompson (*north of Wells Curtice Road - see map*). They were not at home so we drove down to Fostoria (*Foster Road*) in hopes of meeting them but they were not there. We met Mrs. Foster there. Had a pleasant drive back.



Excerpt from 1904 map.
West Lake Road near Foster Road

June 29 - I tried my hand at the car on the Sand Hill road. Took it down and back to town again. In the evening we went up the lake shore (*West Lake Road*) and middle roads (*Middle Cheshire Road*) and I drove it some more.

July 3 - Went to church in the morning with Father. In the afternoon I drove the car over the Sand Hill road as far as Shortsville. In the evening we took a short drive up the Cheshire road, made a turn onto a new road and then struck the Bristol road where I drove the car in.

July 4 - Father gave me some more lessons in driving the car this morning out on the Bristol Road. In the afternoon we took a short ride and also in the evening. Very quiet Fourth here.

July 24 - After dinner, Elizabeth (*his sister*), Charles and I drove up to Seneca Point in the car. We stayed for a short time and came home by way of the lake shore. We went up by way of Cheshire. In the evening we drove up north of the village and then seeing we were liable to be caught in a rain came back home through Padelfords.

July 27 - Took Mother and Miss Alice Palmer out the Sand-Hill road and around. Coming back we picked up Miss Evelyn Palmer and then we went on up the West Lake shore to the Sulphur spring and back. In the evening we went up to the Sulphur spring on the West shore. (*twice in one day!*)



Sulphur Spring at Tichenor's, Canandaigua Lake, N.Y.

Sulphur Springs at Tichenor's Point, c. 1900
Water trough was available for all to enjoy.

Fast forward to the summer of 1912. George still loves "riding" around the area but

now he is often accompanied by girlfriend Kate Davidson. Kate's family cottage is located at what is now called "Davidson's Landing" on West Lake Road. George motors up there to visit and here is a glimpse of what those days were like. (Eventually, George would marry Kate's sister "Tibbie!")

June 29, 1912 - Come and take Kate out in the car in the morning. In the evening we take Kate and her mother & sister out driving and Kate sits with me and we have a beautiful time.

Sunday, June 30 - See Kate. Take a ride in the afternoon and blow out two tires. She leaves for the lake tomorrow and I go up to same place for a few days.

July 9 - Kate Davidson and Frances Hall come up the lake for two days and it seems good to see Kate again. Mrs. Darling had a little supper party for us while they were up there and after the party in the evening we all go out canoeing. Kate and I take a canoe and have a wonderful paddle. We sure had some great swimming while we were up the lake.

August 28 - Go to a party at Kate Davidson's up the lake and have a dandy time.



West Lake Road in the early 20th century

At the end of the summer George packs his bags and heads for Mohegan Lake Military School in Peekskill, NY. Stay tuned for more of George's adventures.

Source for Diary and Photos: Ontario County Historical Society

Project Updates

From Highway and Water Superintendent Jim Fletcher

Construction season is underway and the Town of Canandaigua is working on two substantial projects. The water main improvements along County Road 10, County Road 50, and Otetiana Point are nearing completion. We anticipate finishing these projects by the end of June or early July.

The work on Canandaigua Farmington Town Line Road has begun with both the Town of Farmington and the Town of Canandaigua partnering on the project. The work will include new drainage, road base, concrete box culvert, and asphalt. You can expect one lane of travel to stay open whenever possible. **The road will be closing to all traffic from June 18-20 and possibly other later dates.** This is because the entire road will need to be removed and replaced, as the current condition of the sub base is poor.

As we are all aware the month of May has been a wet one. We have had difficulty mowing the road sides. We are staying out of areas that are wet to avoid rutting or damaging the ditch. Many areas will not get mowed at this time. We will mow them when the ground conditions improve.

We have several cross culverts that will be replaced over the summer months and you should check our [website](#), sign up for [email notifications](#), or like us on Facebook to stay informed of temporary road closures so it will not inconvenience you when you are traveling.

Please make sure to slow down near construction sites for the safety of our highway workers. Please stay alert and be sure to follow all posted signs and detours. As always give our office a call at (585) 394-3300 with any questions or concerns.

Cheshire Memorial Day Commemoration

The Hamlet of Cheshire honored our fallen and living military veterans on May 25, 2019 with their annual Cheshire Memorial Day Commemoration. The celebration included a parade from the fire Cheshire Volunteer Fire Department to Pine Bank Cemetery, a memorial service, and several speakers including Dr. Don Barton, a celebrated WWII veteran and NY State Senator Pam Helming. A few photos of the speakers at the event are below.





Upcoming Holidays

Important Dates to note. Also see the "Flyers" heading at the end of the newsletter for information on several upcoming events of interest.



Friday, June 14, 2019



Sunday, June 16, 2019



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Thursday, July 4, 2019

All Town offices will be closed in observance of the July 4 Holiday

July Meeting Dates

- 1 – Ordinance Committee, 9:00 am
- 2 – Economic Development Committee, 12:00 pm
- 9 – Drainage Committee, 11:00 am
- 9 – Planning Board, 6:00 pm
- 11 – Local History Team, 8:30 am
- 11 – Planning Committee, 10:00 am
- 11 – Finance Committee, 8:00 am
- 11 – Environmental Conservation Board, 4:30 pm
- 11 – Agricultural Advisory Committee, 6:00 pm
- 15 – Planning Review Committee, 9:00 am
- 15 – Town Board, 6:00 pm
- 16 – CIC, 9:00 am
- 16 – Zoning Board of Appeals, 6:00 pm
- 18 – Finance Committee, 8:00 am
- 23 – Drainage Committee, 11:00 am
- 23 – Planning Board, 6:00 pm
- 24 – Parks & Recreation Committee, 6:00 pm
- 31 – Environmental Committee, 4:30 pm

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

Town Supervisor

Cathy Menikotz

Town Board

Gary Davis
Linda Dworaczyk
Terry Fennelly
Kevin Reynolds

Town Manager

Doug Finch

Deputy Town Supervisor

Tina Bloom

Town Clerk

Jean Chrisman

Highway and Water Superintendent

James Fletcher

Town Assessor

Christopher Lyon, IAO

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

General Town Email

info@townofcanandaigua.org

Code Enforcement /

Zoning Officer

Chris Jensen, P.E.,
MCP, CFM

Town Planner

Eric Cooper

Town Historian

Ray Henry

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FLYERS

**Lots of things happening this summer around Town!
Check out the flyers below for local events coming up in
the next few weeks.**

ABOUT BOATING SAFELY

CERTIFICATION CLASSES

April 27, May 18, June 8, June 22

Saturdays from 9:00am – 1:00pm Classroom Session attendance required. Receive workbook for home study!

Canandaigua Yacht Club, 3524 Co Rd 16 (West Lake Rd)

Register at:

www.abs47.org

e-mail: ABS@abs47.org

Bernie Oseroff- Coast Guard Auxiliary 585-394-3488

Instruction Given By: US Coast Guard Auxiliary Canandaigua

Cost: \$30* No Refund Minimum Age Required: 10yrs old

*Course cost includes textbook and cost of final exam. After passing the exam the student will receive an I.D. wallet card and U.S. Coast Guard certificate.



New York Legislation:

As of May of 2014, all motor-boaters born on or after May 1, 1996 must complete an eight-hour boating safety course and get a certificate to

operate in New York waterways. It has been phased in over several years, applying to all boaters.

New York requires that anyone operating a **Personal Water Craft** (jet ski boat) must complete an approved boating safety course or otherwise

be accompanied, on board, by someone 18 years of age or older who is the holder of an approved boating safety certificate.

Original certificates are required to be carried at all times when operating the personal watercraft (PWC).

Sponsored By: USCoast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 47, Canandaigua, NY 14424

GOT LAND?



Thursday, July 25, 2019
6:00 PM

Ontario County Fairgrounds
2820 County Road 10

Come to the Fair and learn more about what the Town of Canandaigua is doing to promote agriculture and protect farmland and open spaces.

- Ask an Expert
 - Talk to experts in Dairy, Nutrition Science, Crop Farming, Livestock, Small-Scale Family Farming, and more!
- Farmland and Open Space Protection
 - Learn about the Town's Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) programs that permanently protect local farmland through the NY State Agriculture & Markets' Farmland Protection Implementation Grants.
 - Learn about conservation easements and how they are used to protect non-agricultural lands with important ecosystems like forests, marshes, and grasslands.
- All are welcome!



Town of Canandaigua
Agricultural Advisory Committee
www.townofcanandaigua.org
585-394-1120 x2232

Grapes and Gravel

Thursday, September 12, 2019



Tour Includes:

- Round-trip deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Visit to **Sunset View Creamery**
- Lunch at **Seneca Harbor Station** with meal choices:
 1. New York Strip Steak
 2. Marinated Chicken Breast
 3. Broiled Haddock
 4. Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms
- **Grape Pie Cruise** aboard the *Seneca Legacy*
- Wine tasting at **Lakewood Vineyards**
- **Driving the Glen Experience** at Watkins Glen International Race Track
- Gratuities for motorcoach driver and restaurant waitstaff

Tour Price:

\$119.00 per person

For further information, please contact:

Canandaigua Parks and Recreation
Dennis Brewer
(585) 394-1120



Spend the day in Watkins Glen for an action-packed adventure! The day begins with a visit to Sunset View Creamery. Next, enjoy lunch at Seneca Harbor Station, before boarding the Seneca Legacy for a Grape Pie Cruise. Enjoy delicious, locally made grape pie while taking in the views along Seneca Lake. After, arrive at Lakewood Vineyards for wine tasting. End the day with the Driving the Glen Experience at Watkins Glen International Race Track, where you will be part of the action as we drive three laps around the track on the motorcoach.



Departure Times and Locations (choose your pickup location from the following options):

Town	Departure Time	Location	Address
Henrietta	9:15 am	Henrietta Senior Center	515 Calkins Rd
Victor	9:45 am	Victor Presbyterian Church	70 East Main St
Canandaigua	10:00 am	Canandaigua Park and Ride	Plastermill Rd in Farmington off Route 332

Approximate Return Time: 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm

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