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Volunteerism is Alive and Well in the Town of Canandaigua

The Town of Canandaigua is very fortunate to have passionate residents who want to be involved and are willing to take time out of their daily lives to help make the Town a better place to live, work, visit, and play.

Currently, there are approximately 70 volunteers serving on more than ten project teams and Town committees. Projects they have helped to complete to date include the Open House event in the new Highway Facility, the creation of the recently adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan, implementing the goals of the Town's Comprehensive Plan, and many other important items and events.

The following is a list of our teams and committees (those with asterisks after their names have completed their projects and are now inactive, but their efforts are no less important than the other groups):

- Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Citizens' Implementation Committee

- Complete Streets Committee
- Conservation Easement Team*
- Design Standards Update Team*
- Economic Development Committee
- Environmental Committee
- Local History Team
- Natural Resources Inventory Project Team*
- Open Space Project Team*
- Ordinance Committee
- Parks & Recreation Committee
- Planning/Public Works Committee
- Special Events Committee
- Cemetery Working Groups

In addition to our teams and committees, each year groups of volunteers come out to Town parks to help with spring clean-up and preparation for our fun-filled summers. Various groups have planted gardens, spread mulch, painted park buildings, cleaned up trash,

and much more. These seemingly small tasks add up to so much help and our parks wouldn't be the same without it.

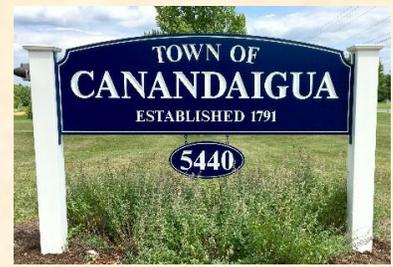
All Town staff and elected officials are very appreciative of the work these individuals do every day. Without their efforts, there would be no Halloween at Onanda or 4th of July floats. There wouldn't be such robust plans in place to give the Town real strategies to protect our precious and irreplaceable resources like farms, historical places, the lake, and our wide open spaces. So from everyone at the Town Hall to all of our amazing volunteers, "Thank you." **You are what makes Canandaigua the Chosen Spot.**

The Town of Canandaigua would especially like to thank John Robortella for helping to get the monthly newsletter off the ground this year. John has now turned the reins over to staff, though he will continue his role as secretary to several of the Town's committees and boards. The Town has been very lucky to have him on board. Thank you.

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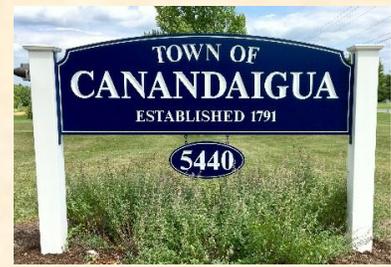
Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!



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Natural Resource Protection News

*From the Town of
Canandaigua
Environmental
Conservation Board*

Backyard Wildlife Habitat

Creating a backyard wildlife habitat will add much interest to your life as well as benefit the animals – birds, insects, small mammals, amphibians - that grace your neighborhood. All animals have the same basic needs - air, water, food, and cover: a place to rest and to safely raise their young. These requirements have to be available in reasonable proximity, which implies a need for safe passages to where those may be acquired.

Survey your property to see what might already be in place. Tall grasses and areas of wildflowers provide cover for rabbits and ground-nesting birds. A woodpile at the edge of a property may become cover for fox kits. Dense evergreens can shelter winter birds from storms. A



Swallowtail Butterflies enjoying some mud

dead tree in a safe location will be a wildlife hotel. Cavity nesting birds such as bluebirds and any number of woodpeckers will use the tree. Chipmunks and other small mammals may come to stay or to visit.

Water – particularly shallow water – available at ground level will entice and assist all kinds of animals.

Give a toad a drink and it will consume many times its weight in slugs and undesirable insects in your garden. Amphibians are having a hard time surviving for various reasons. Chemicals used for lawn and agricultural purposes and fungal diseases have made

serious reductions in their populations.

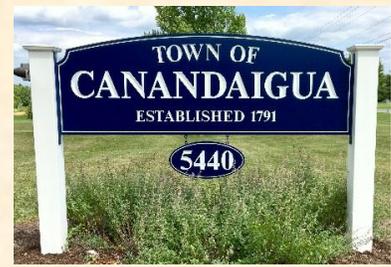
A small mud puddle is an attractive place for butterflies to collect needed minerals. Native mason bees use small dollops of mud to seal the egg chambers for their larvae. Native bees do not produce honey, but neither do they sting or defend their nests. They are champion pollinators, so placing a native bee house near your garden and providing a little mud will be a happy event for you and for the bees. Leaf cutter bees will also use bee houses. The small cut-leaf circles used to seal the egg chambers will not damage your plants.

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Butterflies, bees and humming birds need nectar and pollen in abundance for food. A diversity of native plants that bloom in succession provide those needs throughout the season. Flowering shrubs such as elderberries can provide nectar during the blooming season, shelter and shade all summer long, and berries for birds later in the season.

Thoughtful planning can give your backyard beauty and fascinating wildlife visitors throughout the year. Assess what habitat components you may have already. Consider if there are areas of property that could be either planted to native food and/or cover plants. There are many online and agency sources of information available to help you, and several fine local native plant nurseries in the area.



A Savannah Sparrow gathering food. Courtesy, Carolyn Jacobs

Preparation Begins for the 2019 Budget

From the desk of the Town Manager



As we approach late summer, attention at Town Hall shifts to the development of the next year's fiscal budget. State deadlines for preliminary budgets, public hearings, and adoption require the Town Board to complete the next year's budget by essentially the October/November time frame.

The Town Manager is charged with developing a balanced tentative budget with input from all of the department heads, and then presenting that budget to the Town Board. The Town Board then makes the decision if they wish to make any modifications to the tentative budget before they present it to the general public as a preliminary budget. The 2019 budget development calendar requires that a tentative budget be made available to

the general public by September 12, 2018, with the Town Board considering the establishment of a public hearing on their preliminary budget for October 15, 2018.

While work is just getting started on the budget, the Town Board, the Town's Finance Committee, Town Manager, and staff are evaluating budget lines to produce the most efficient budget possible, while still providing the services requested by the residents of the Town of Canandaigua. If you have any questions regarding the budget process please contact Town Manager Doug Finch.

New Deputy Town Clerk

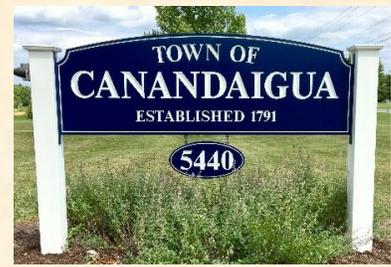


Town Clerk Jean Chrisman announces the hiring of a deputy town clerk who has joined her office team.

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Deputy Town Clerk Rebeca Doyle works part-time and has taken over the position of scanning the paper documents into the Town's new electronic storage software (Laserfiche). Rebeca's responsibilities include scanning documents from all the Town's departments and she will be learning how to process dog licenses and water payments.

Rebeca lives in Canandaigua, is married with three children, and enjoys event planning, shopping, trail walking, and outdoor activities. Please join Jean in welcoming Rebeca to the Town Clerk's Office.

Highway and Water Department Project Updates

The Highway and Water Departments have been busy working on some large projects this year. The water main extension on County Road 32 has been



completed and the residents are in the process of connecting to the public water supply. The only thing remaining for this project is the restoration of the lawns and driveways which should take place in the next few weeks.

The water main extension on County Road 10 began on August 1st. Due to the location of this project in proximity to so many businesses and utilities, it will take longer to install this new water main. The process of directional drilling under the road has been completed under 5&20 and some pipe and materials have been placed.

Wells Curtice Road is near completion. The updated drainage system is in place, including the installation of the culverts and concrete gutters. Paving has been completed and the restoration process should be completed by the end of August. Wells Curtice Road has reopened to traffic now that the paving has been completed. It will need to be closed again temporarily while the restoration of the shoulder, lawns, and driveways takes place.

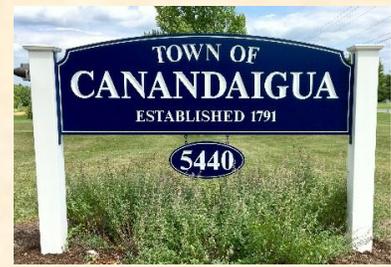
Seneca Point Road has been CIPR. CIPR or cold in place recycling is a process of taking core samples of the existing road asphalt and analyzing the materials in a laboratory to determine the correct proportion of stone and asphalt oil to create a new road base. Recycling the road base is less expensive per square yard than using traditional methods of entirely removing the existing road base and bringing in new materials. The micro surfacing process has taken place to update the surface treatment of several town roads as well.

The storm water project on County Road 30 at Sucker Brook is well under way. This project will create more resiliency in our watershed to protect the water quality of the lake as well as help prevent drainage and flooding issues during periods of heavy rain. The current phase of the project should be completed by early to mid-September.

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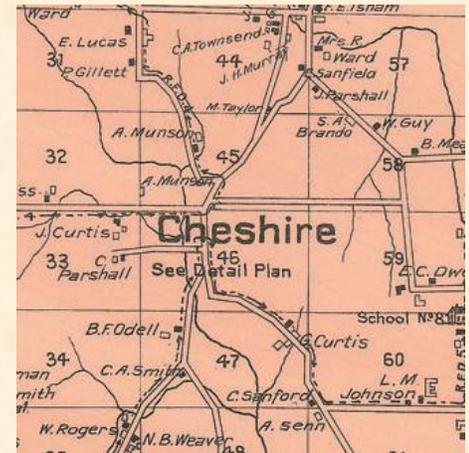


Joint City-Town Fire Study

The City and Town of Canandaigua have completed the first joint City/Town fire study and community wide risk assessment. The Center for Public Safety Management was hired jointly by the City and Town to provide an unbiased view point on the current status of fire protection, the risks associated with the community in general, and individually as a Town and City. For example, the impact of additional development and the risk associated with industrial versus residential development. The full study, along with the twenty-six recommendations, is available for review on the Town's website. Over the coming months, the Town Board and City Council will be discussing strategies relating to the implementation of certain recommendations from the study in order to provide the most efficient service to the Canandaigua community.

Residents of Cheshire—we need your help!

A community meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cheshire Fire Hall.** We will be discussing the next steps necessary for the possible creation of a sewer district for the Hamlet. Details of this meeting are on the Town website and Facebook page. Flyers will also be posted around Cheshire.



Did you know the Town of Canandaigua offers Food Recycling?



We have two options: you can bring your food waste to the transfer station at no cost to you. OR for \$20.00* you can compost in your own backyard in a handmade wooden compost bin. Both programs come with a kitchen caddy that you can use to collect and transport your food scraps. The transfer station program also includes bags to line your kitchen caddy and a larger six gallon pail to transport your scraps to the transfer station. **Sign up today at the Town Clerk's desk!**

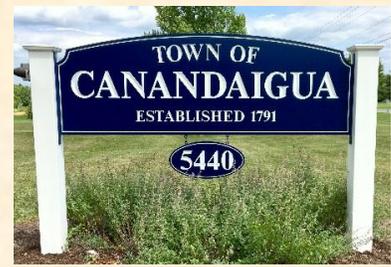
For more information call 585-394-3300 or email KMCCumiskey@TownofCanandaigua.org.

*This includes delivery of the wooden bin, worm castings compost accelerator, and educational materials

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Miller Park

**Dennis Brewer, Director
of Parks and Recreation**

Many people think of parks as a place with playgrounds, soccer fields, tennis courts, and so on. Miller Park, the newest of the Town's seven parks, was planned for low impact recreational activities such as walking, relaxing and picnicking. During your visit, you can wander the trails and enjoy the meadow. Edith Davey, a member of the Town's Environmental Conservation Board and a former educator with the Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District, noted that, "Open meadow is one of the rarer habitats on the planet these days. How fortunate we are to have one developing."

Visitors can also relax in the gazebo and enjoy a great view. It is incredible. At the highpoint, visitors can see the Palmyra drumlins, the Canandaigua courthouse and the Rochester skyline.



Local birders have named Miller Park a birding "hot spot." Environmental Conservation Board member, Saralinda Hooker, passed on this wonderful note recently: "Just wanted to let you know how much the local birders, not to mention the local birds, have been enjoying Miller Park.



A Savannah Sparrow sighted at Miller Park. Courtesy, Carolyn Jacobs

Canandaigua members of the Eaton Birding Society have been visiting the park regularly and reporting to each other on the sightings."

The park is not quite complete – a number of interpretive signs will be added over the next year in addition to benches, a rain garden, and wild bird habitat – but it is already a wonderful addition to the Town's parks.

Miller Park is located at the corner of County Road 32 (Bristol Road) and State Route 21 South. The 23-acre

park was purchased from John Miller, whose family has farmed this area for many years. Take a walk through the grasslands and let us know what you think.

Programs for Active (and Not-So-Active!) Seniors Planned in Canandaigua

The Town of Canandaigua Parks and Recreation Committee is actively pursuing the development of a program suitable for active (and not-so-active) seniors. This is the second year we are offering senior appropriate bus tours through Covered Wagon Tours. Recent trips to see the production of Mamma Mia in Auburn, NY and to Alexandria Bay in the 1000 Islands were completely filled with 11 local residents participating. We are now accepting reservations for our fall tour on Oct. 11 which will take us to Cortland, NY to the Cortland Country Music Park for a visit to the New York State Country Music Hall of Fame. Lunch will be followed by entertainment from the Nelson Brothers performing

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classic country music memories.

Local seniors recently enjoyed a picnic lunch at Outhouse Park, sponsored by the Town of Canandaigua Parks and Recreation Department with the help of Deputy Town Supervisor, Tina Bloom. At the lunch, suggestions and ideas for activities were offered by the attendees and these ideas are now the starting point for a vibrant program geared toward senior adults. Ideas include card and board games, lectures, pickle ball,

bocci, park concerts and others.

Additional ideas from community members should be directed to Dennis Brewer, Director of Parks and Recreation, at DBrewer@TownofCanandaigua.org or call him directly at 585-394-1120 x2252.

Look for more information in future newsletters, on the Town website, or the Town Facebook page as these ideas are incorporated into a dynamic program of recreational opportunities for active adults and seniors.

September Meeting Dates

- 3rd – Ordinance Committee, 9:00 am
- 4th – CIC, 9:00 am
- 4th – Economic Development Committee, 12:00 pm
- 6th – Finance Committee, 8:00 am
- 6th – Local History Team, 8:30 am
- 6th – Planning Committee, 10:00 am
- 6th – Environmental Conservation Board, 4:30 pm
- 6th – Agricultural Advisory Committee, 6:00 pm
- 11th – Drainage Committee, 11:00 am
- 11th – Planning Board, 6:00 pm
- 12th – Complete Streets Committee, 10:30 am
- 12th – Environmental Committee, 4:30 pm
- 17th – Planning Review Committee, 9:00 am
- 17th – Town Board, 6:00 pm
- 18th – CIC, 9:00 am
- 18th – Zoning Board of Appeals, 6:00 pm
- 25th – Finance Committee, 8:00 am
- 25th – Planning Board, 6:00 pm
- 26th – Environmental Committee, 4:30 pm
- 26th – Parks & Recreation Committee, 6:00 pm



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Town Hall Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Town Clerk's Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Open until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

Court Clerk's Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Town of Canandaigua Parks and Recreation presents...

Cortland Country Music Park

The Nelson Brothers

perform Classic Country Music Memories



This group is a favorite amongst all! Brian Nelson, along with his band, will have you captured from beginning to end with the songs you will all be up and dancing to. You will hear all your favorites from Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, Jim Reeves, Waylon Jennings, Don Williams, Hank Williams and many more! There may even be an auctioneer somewhere in there! A show you are sure to enjoy!



New York State Country Music Hall of Fame

On display is an array of memorabilia from many Nashville and local entertainers. Inside the Hall of Fame view the glamorous wardrobes donned by famous performers. Enjoy the history and peruse the walls of plaques of persons inducted into the Hall of Fame and the Hall of Honor. Also see the one of a kind pictures from over the last 30 years and memorabilia from local musicians.

Any questions please contact:
Canandaigua Parks and Recreation
Dennis Brewer
(585) 394-1120

Thursday, October 11, 2018

This tour includes:

- Round-trip deluxe motorcoach transportation
- **New York State Country Music Hall of Fame and Opry Barn at Cortland Country Music Park**
- **Chicken & Biscuits** luncheon
- Matinee performance of **Classic Country Music Memories Show** performed by **The Nelson Brothers**
- **Destiny USA** for dinner on your own
- Gratuity for waitstaff and motorcoach driver

Tour Cost: \$82.00 per person

Departure Times and Locations:

Town	Departure Time	Location
Henrietta	8:45 am	Henrietta Senior Center 515 Calkins Road
Victor	9:15 am	Behind Victor Presbyterian Church 70 East Main Street
Canandaigua/ Farmington	9:30 am	Canandaigua Park & Ride in Farmington off Route 332 on Plastermill Road

Approximate Return Time: 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm

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CHESHIRE RESIDENT MEETING

WHAT

Meeting to discuss the next steps necessary for the possible creation of a sewer district for the Hamlet of Cheshire.

WHY

The Town needs YOU, the residents to help this project succeed. Help us improve the future for the Cheshire community!

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WHEN
Wednesday
Sept. 12
7:00pm

WHERE
Cheshire
Fire Hall

WHO

Town Officials
Town Staff
Project Consultants
And YOU,
Cheshire residents

ALL ARE
WELCOME