

# TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA NEWSLETTER



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## City and Town Explore Shared Services

By Doug Finch, Town Manager

The Town and City of Canandaigua have a long history of working together in order to operate as efficiently as possible for our taxpayers. Earlier this year, the Town and City formed an exploratory group to evaluate all areas of government operations where the sharing of services could result in a reduction of expenditures. The group identified areas including economic development, transfer facility operations, information technology, accounting, and court facilities, among other topics.



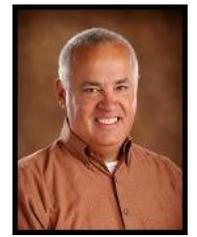
*Pictured:* A recently completed Town/City of Canandaigua joint Sucker Brook Water Quality and Wetland Restoration project. Town and City crews, with the leadership of the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council, recently completed this project on Route 5 & 20, west of the Town Hall.

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## Town Board Adopts 2018 Budget

By Greg Westbrook, Town Supervisor



The Town Board has unanimously adopted the 2018 Town Budget featuring natural resource protection, cost sharing with surrounding municipalities, efficiency of operations, park enhancements, and capital improvements with a 1¢ increase in the tax rate for the general and highway fund from \$ 0.90 per thousand to \$ 0.91 per thousand.

The 2018 Town Budget is tax cap compliant, and subsequently the Town Board has set a public hearing for November 20, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall on a local law which would rescind the tax cap override passed earlier this year. This additional step would allow the residents of the Town of Canandaigua to potentially qualify for property tax savings rebates in 2018, should those checks be authorized by Ontario County and the State of New York.

The 2018 Town Budget is available for review on the Town website or in person at the Town Clerk's office.

### Save the Date:

**November 8, 2017 @ 7:00 pm**

The Open Space and Conservation Master Plan Project Team and Labella Associates will be hosting a landowner meeting and public open house on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Several displays and a brief presentation will cover the following topics:

- Ecological communities/ wildlife habitat
- Streams, watershed and water quality protection
- Scenic vistas and viewsheds
- Cultural and historic resources
- Parks trails and protected land.

Be informed - [click here](#) or visit our website to register for email updates from the Town!

## From the desk of Jean Chrisman, Town Clerk/Receiver of Taxes

### New Deputy Announced

I am pleased to announce the addition of Colletta Francese as Deputy Town Clerk to my office beginning November 1, 2017. She will be focusing on records management and transitioning the Town Hall to a digital storage environment along with the many other aspects of the office. Please join me in welcoming Colletta to the Town Hall family.

### Automatic Water Bill Payments

Canandaigua Consolidated and Bristol Water District customers may sign up for the automatic payment of their quarterly water bill at any time. Currently there are 356 residents who are taking advantage of this payment option. If you wish to sign up for this

payment option, you will need to submit the original signed authorization form and a voided check. The authorization form can be found on the [Water Bill Payments](#) page from the Town's website. To establish this payment option for the January 2018 billing cycle, the authorization form and voided check must be submitted to the Town's Clerk's office no later than Friday, December 15, 2017.

### Town Clerk's Office Hours

The Town Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm and every Wednesday until 7:00pm. You can reach Town Clerk, Jean Chrisman by calling (585) 394-1120 x2225 or by emailing her at [jchrisman@townofcanandaigua.org](mailto:jchrisman@townofcanandaigua.org).

**Transfer Station Permits will expire on December 31, 2017.**

**New permits will be available from the Town Clerk's office beginning November 1. All residents will be asked to provide an ID and vehicle registration to receive the new permit.**

### 2018 PDR Applications

*The Town Agricultural Advisory Committee has received 11 applications in preparation for the 2018 round of Farmland Protection Implementation Grants from NY State Dept. of Agriculture and Markets. To learn more, visit our [Agricultural Advisory Committee](#) page on the Town of Canandaigua website.*

## Safety Drives Transfer Station Traffic

*From the Public Works Committee*

Safety is the driving force behind the decision to temporarily close the Buffalo Street entrance to the Transfer Station. The Buffalo Street entrance to the Transfer Station has been closed while construction of the new Highway Facility has been ongoing. As the project moves forward, the Public Works Committee anticipates being able to establish a new traffic pattern and to reopen the North Gate during the first quarter of 2018.



*Construction of the new highway facility continues as the building begins to take shape!*

*Photos courtesy of Highway Superintendent, Jim Fletcher*





# Natural Resource Protection News

From the Town of Canandaigua Environmental Conservation Board

## It's Time to Tally Your Trees

By Edith Davey

Autumn is the perfect time to survey your personal landscape. Deciduous trees are losing leaves allowing wind, insect and disease damage to be observed. Woodpecker activity may signal insect infestations. Hemlocks are beginning to display the white woolly egg cases that identify Hemlock Woolly Adelgids that kill these useful trees. Treatments are available for some tree problems; others offer little hope.

If your tree canopy contains multiple ash trees, you should plan now to replace them when the nearly inevitable decline and death happens. Invasive and undesirable species are quick to arrive when canopy openings occur. Choosing replacements is an opportunity to improve your landscape and attract species you enjoy (e.g., cherry trees attract beautiful silk moths to lay eggs that overwinter as larvae in cocoons in these trees).

Fall is an *ideal* time to plant trees and shrubs. Warm soil and cool air

stimulates root growth to help trees and shrubs become established before the ground freezes. Nurseries usually sell these plants either in containers or with root balls wrapped in burlap. Bare root trees are very desirable and may also be available. Roots should be kept moist in all cases.

Container grown trees are generally the most expensive and are subject to circling roots that reduce a tree's vigor. Roots girdling the trunk should be removed before planting. The lightweight media used in containers is useful for drainage from pots, but once in the ground the medium may lose water too readily to the surrounding native soil.

Bare root plants are an excellent choice if they can be found, as they usually retain more of the roots. A Cornell study



compared the amount of roots in a burlap ball with the root mass on bare root harvested trees of the same size and species. The bare root trees had 200% more roots because harvesting machinery for bare root trees digs a much larger root system than the tree spade used for balled and burlapped digging.

For further instructions for planting, visit our website at [www.townofcanandaigua.org](http://www.townofcanandaigua.org), select "Boards and Committees," then "Environmental Conservation Board."

### Useful websites for plant information and selection:

[www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands\\_forests\\_pdf/factnatives.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/factnatives.pdf)

[www.ecosny.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/ECOS-Tree-Booklet-FINAL.pdf](http://www.ecosny.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/ECOS-Tree-Booklet-FINAL.pdf)

[www.arborday.org/trees/planting](http://www.arborday.org/trees/planting)

## Autumn Tasks: How to Empty Your Swimming Pool or Spa Wisely



The chlorine in your pool or spa provides benefits, but must be handled wisely when the water is emptied.

Chlorine is one of the most common chemical additives used to control bacterial growth in swimming pools. With proper chlorination, swimmers can allow pool water to contact the skin and incidentally swallow some pool water

with little fear of infection. As beneficial as chlorine can be in controlled situations, its release into the environment is damaging.

Even small concentrations of chlorine can harm aquatic life. Chlorine can be very toxic to fish, small crustaceans, and plankton. 1 mg/L or less of chlorine has a high acute toxicity to aquatic organisms (US EPA). The federal Clean Water Act prohibits the discharge of pollutants to the waters of New York.

Storm sewer systems are designed to handle runoff from rain and snow only. Storm sewers pipe water directly

into receiving rivers and streams. If this water contains chlorine, it can kill aquatic life.

Swimming pool water can be discharged into a sanitary sewer system safely if chlorine in the pool water is reduced to undetectable levels (<1 mg/L) before draining. **Always** de-chlorinate pool water before discharging into a sanitary sewer line.

### For further options for removing chlorine, visit our website at

[www.townofcanandaigua.org](http://www.townofcanandaigua.org), select

"Boards and Committees," then "Environmental Conservation Board."

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**DATES TO REMEMBER****October**

- 24 - Planning Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- 28 - Halloween @ Onanda Park, 3-5pm

**November**

- 2 - ECB Meeting, 4:30pm
- 7 - CIC Meeting, 9am
- 8 - Open Space and Conservation Master Plan Project Team Landowner Meeting/Open House, 7pm
- 10 - Veterans Day Observed, Town Offices CLOSED
- 14 - Planning Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- 20 - Town Board Meeting, 6pm
- 21 - CIC Meeting, 9am
- 21 - Zoning Board Meeting, 6pm
- 23-24 - Thanksgiving Observed, Town Offices CLOSED
- 28 - Planning Board Meeting, 6:30pm

**December**

- 5 - CIC Meeting, 9am
- 7 - ECB Meeting, 4:30pm
- 12 - Planning Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- 18 - Town Board Meeting, 6pm
- 19 - CIC Meeting, 9am
- 19 - Zoning Board Meeting, 6pm
- 25 - Christmas Observed, Town Offices CLOSED



In the  
**Spotlight**

**Halloween at Onanda Park**

Halloween at Onanda Park is quickly becoming an anticipated event in Canandaigua!

In 2016 the Town of Canandaigua Special Events Committee held the first ever family friendly trick-or-treat extravaganza. It was such a huge success that they are bringing it back and hope to make this an annual event!

**Kids of all ages are invited to trick-or-treat at Onanda Park on  
Saturday, October 28 from 3-5pm**

**This is a FREE family event.**

**Volunteers will decorate the lakeside cabins and dress in costume to hand out goodies. There will be activities for the kids and refreshments for all.**

**We look forward to seeing you at this spook-tacular event!**