

## 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

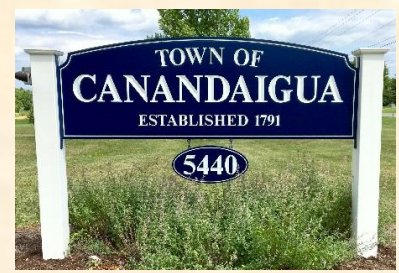
Before the days of motor vehicles and good roads, the most practical way to get around Canandaigua Lake was by lake steamer. Our Steamboat Era began in 1827 with the *Lady of the Lake*, and peaked in the last decades of the 19th century, when multiple steamboats carrying hundreds of passengers, mail, 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



### Town Hall Address

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### 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

### Town Supervisor

Cathy Menikotz

### Town Board

Gary Davis  
Linda Dworaczyk  
Terry Fennelly  
Kevin Reynolds

### Town Manager

Doug Finch

### Deputy Town Supervisor

Tina Bloom

### Highway and Water Superintendent

James Fletcher

### Town Assessor

Christopher Lyon, IAO

### Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer

Chris Jensen, P.E., MCP, CFM

### Director of Parks and Recreation

Dennis Brewer

### Town Clerk

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### Town Historian

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