

TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA NEWSLETTER



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No Slow Season for Development

Natural growth may be sluggish outside during the winter but cool temperatures don't slow things down in the Development Office.



Homeowners seem to be busy planning projects for the warmer months ahead. In the first two months of the year, the Development Office already received over 45 building permit applications and 19 board applications; the office is constantly busy with talk of plans, permits, and inspections. Information for many of these projects can be found in the agendas for the respective Board meetings – you may obtain a copy in the Development Office and they are also available on our website on the [Board Agendas](#) page.

Elsewhere in the Development Office, staff and project team members are busy addressing the Town Board's Comprehensive Plan priority goals for 2017. Six teams made up of residents and staff are just getting underway and will be busy throughout this year addressing the following goals for the Town: Create a Natural Resources Inventory and suggest related code updates; Plan

for future economic development focused in the Town's three growth nodes identified in the Comprehensive Plan; Develop an updated Open Space & Conservation Master Plan; Create a new Parks & Recreation Master Plan; Develop a town-wide Complete Streets Policy for all roads and all users; and, Update the Site Design Standards & Criteria document, which is an important resource for developers to design projects based on the priorities of the Comprehensive Plan. These teams and committees will meet regularly to work on tasks with a plan of completing the goals by the end of the year. More information on these teams can be found on the Town's website: [Citizens' Implementation Committee](#).

Oak Wilt Identified in the Town of Canandaigua: What You Can Do

By Russ Welsler

In October 2016, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation announced that the oak wilt pathogen had been identified from an oak tree in the town of Canandaigua. It was a concerned homeowner who contacted Cornell Cooperative Extension which led to sample submission to the Cornell University Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic for testing.

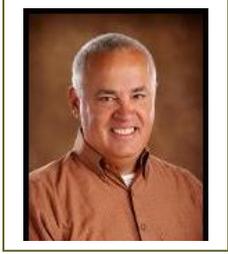
Oak wilt is a potentially devastating disease. It is a fungus that causes the tree's vascular system to plug, preventing the flow of water and nutrients within the tree. All oaks are susceptible, but oaks in the red oak group are

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Up To Date with the Supervisor



Greg Westbrook,
Town Supervisor

The Town Board of the Town of Canandaigua has continued the progress initiated by former Supervisor, Pamela Helming, in the areas of transparency, public participation, and responsive participatory governance.

We all would like to congratulate Pam on her continued service to the residents of our community, now as our State Senator.

The Town Board has been busy over the past several months as we have transitioned into the new year with the appointment of Greg Westbrook as our new Town Supervisor, the appointment of Linda Dworaczyk as our newest Town Board member, and the addition of Gary Humes to the Planning Board, and Saralinda Hooker to the

Environmental Conservation Board. We were delighted to have fifteen residents of the Town of Canandaigua put their names in for consideration of these positions. The outpouring of interest was a credit to the engagement of our residents in our community.

Additionally, the Town Board has held numerous public hearings and informational meetings as the Town Board considered the creation of a Town Manager position. We as a Town Board are delighted to announce the appointment of Doug Finch as our new Town Manager. Doug will be responsible for day to day operations of the town, and will continue to oversee the development office. It was important to the entire board to make these changes without increasing the overall expenditures in the Town Budget.

Oak Wilt Identified in the Town of Canandaigua: What You Can Do

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most susceptible and die within weeks to a few months. Oaks in the white oak group are less susceptible.

Oak wilt can be spread from tree to tree in two ways. One is by sap beetles carrying the fungus and the second is by way of grafted roots. It is well documented that most of the spread is by way of grafted roots.

To avoid the spread of this disease by beetles do not prune your oak trees from April–October. If a tree must be pruned during this time immediately paint the cut.

Symptoms of the disease are likely to show up in June or July. The leaves wilt and have marginal scorch (browning). It may start out on a few branches but will spread rather quickly throughout the entire tree of the red oak group.

Additional information can be found at the following web sites:

www.plantclinic.cornell.edu/oakwiltpage.html

and www.dec.ny.gov/lands/46919.html

If you suspect your oak tree may be infected with oak wilt contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at (585) 394–3977, extension 436.

For More Information . . .

Visit our web page for more information:

www.townofcanandaigua.org.

From the home page, select “Boards & Committees,” then select “Environmental Conservation Board.”

Smart Spring Lawn Cleanup: Be Gentle on Your Waterways

By Edith Davey

If the advent of spring inspires you with thoughts of running barefooted through lush grass, you have a lot of company. Before the joy of grass underfoot, however, there are often chores to accomplish. Spring lawn cleanup is on that list.

When removing winter debris from your lawn, please keep the health of the water around you in mind.

Blowing or raking leaves or throwing brush into a gully or road ditch means that the nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) contained in the debris will eventually reach a stream and Canandaigua Lake. Nutrients in the water support the growth of algae and water plants. One pound of phosphorus supports the growth of 500 pounds of water weeds/algae.

Far worse, pet owners facing a winter's grim accumulation of dog droppings in their yard may rake the feces along with leaves into a nearby gully or road ditch. Dog feces are rich nutrient sources. They also carry an extremely heavy load of bacteria and often contain parasites and other pathogens that pass easily to humans.

Unfortunately, our local water bodies are already stressed with too many nutrients, as recent algae and cyanobacteria blooms attest. Leaves, sticks and feces are biodegradable, thereby adding

more nutrients to those already in the water. This is highly undesirable.

So—what can you do with the leaves, brush and other prunings?

1. Shred leaves with a lawnmower. They decompose quickly and feed your grass.
2. Compost leaves and small woody debris. Compost bins range from simple wire cages to large commercial products. They all work.
3. Bring the debris to the Town of Canandaigua Transfer Center for deposit on the brush pile. It will be converted into mulch available to Town residents.

And—what can you do with the pet waste?

1. Put it in the trash.
2. Bury it in the yard about 5 inches deep where soil organisms can break it down.
3. Consider installing a dog toilet. These are special buckets with holes in the bottom placed into the ground on a bed of stones. Some makers advertise an enzyme supposed to break down feces quickly. When the bucket is full, water is poured into it to flush the broken down materials into the soil. These are placed as far away as possible from wells, water bodies and vegetable gardens.



TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE'S EXCITING 2017 EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017 – TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA DAY AT THE ONTARIO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Presentations by Town Parks and Recreation Committee, Environmental Conservation Board,
& Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association

4TH OF JULY PARADE

Town's award-winning float – "Lady of the Lake" and participation by residents and organizations

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017 – TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA DAY AT THE ONTARIO COUNTY FAIR
This year's theme is "Transportation"...Boats, Planes, Trains, Carriages, Automobiles...
Participation by Town, City, Organizations and the Ontario County Historical Society

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017, 3–5PM – HALLOWEEN @ ONANDA PARK

Participation by local organizations for this second annual WOW-filled and Fun-filled trick 'n treat event!

SQUARE DANCE – Date to be announced

ALL EVENTS ARE FAMILY FRIENDLY AND FREE.

Contact Dennis Brewer for additional information: dbrewer@townofcanandaigua.org

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DATES TO REMEMBER**April**

- 4 - Citizen's Implementation Committee (CIC), 9am
- 6 - Environmental Conservation Board (ECB), 4:30pm
- 11 - Planning Board, 6:30pm
- 17 - Town Board, 6pm**
- 18 - CIC, 9am - Zoning Board of Appeals, 6pm
- 25 - Planning Board, 6:30pm

May

- 2 - CIC, 9am
- 4 - ECB, 4:30pm
- 9 - Planning Board, 6:30pm
- 15 - Town Board, 6pm**
- 16 - CIC, 9am - Zoning Board of Appeals, 6pm
- 23 - Planning Board, 6:30pm
- 29 - Memorial Day, Town offices **CLOSED**

June

- 1 - ECB, 4:30pm
- 3 - Town of Canandaigua Day @ Historical Society**
- 6 - CIC, 9am
- 13 - Planning Board, 6:30pm
- 19 - Town Board, 6pm**
- 20 - CIC, 9am - Zoning Board of Appeals, 6pm
- 27 - Planning Board, 6:30pm

**We need your help!**

The Town of Canandaigua is currently updating its
Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

As part of our effort to plan for your future recreation needs, we are seeking your input on recreational opportunities of all types - indoor and outdoor, summer and winter, youth and adult. Your answers to the questionnaire will help us plan for recreation facilities for you and your family.

Complete your survey online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CanandaiguaRecreationSurvey>

Hard copies may also be found at Town Hall, Wood Library,
Canandaigua YMCA, and The Company Store.

The deadline to submit your survey is **April 29, 2017.**

Thank you for your participation!