

# TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA NEWSLETTER



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## Supervisor's Report

Welcome to the first edition of the Town of Canandaigua Newsletter! This edition highlights the Town's 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, our upcoming Ag Forum and much more.



*Town Supervisor, Pam Helming*

During the past year, our elected officials and department manager's challenged ourselves to provide the best possible public services while maintaining a reasonable tax rate. The adopted 2016 tax cap compliant budget sets the town tax rate at .92/\$1000 of assessed value. Town taxes on a home assessed for \$300,000, are less than \$300/year. Work on the 2017 budget is underway.

Your hard earned tax dollars have been utilized by our highway & water departments to replace several miles of asbestos containing water pipes, maintaining 102 centerline road miles, operating our waste and recycling center and providing water services to more than 2400 customers.

With assistance from Ontario County ARC, the Town offered a new recreation program for young adults with autism. Participants received instruction in water safety, fishing and canoeing. To see the joy the participants experienced when catching a fish for the first time or successfully paddling a canoe was an uplifting experience for everyone involved!

Despite what we hear about people and businesses moving out of NYS, our Town continues to grow. In 2015, we welcomed 16 new businesses. Please consider supporting these businesses when you are deciding where to make a purchase or enjoy a meal.

In 2015, a record number of building permits were issued - 609! This represents a 42% increase over 2014. And it appears we are on pace to break this record in 2016! Residential growth is heaviest in the uptown Canandaigua and southern corridor areas.

In order to balance this growth & development with the desire to preserve and protect our natural resources, the Town is utilizing several citizens advisory committees to help us with the implementation of our comprehensive plan goals. These citizens groups as well as our boards and staff have contributed countless volunteer hours developing a sewer master plan, the Paddleford Brook Greenway Plan, conservation and natural resource recommendations, an Uptown Canandaigua plan, and much, much more.

In recognition of these efforts to protect the environment, the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association honored the Town as the CWLA Stewardship Award winner.

We are sad to report the recent passing of three members of our town hall family: Mr. Jim Holden, former Town Supervisor, Mr. Jake Repard, former Code Enforcement Officer, and Mr. Alton Blake, former Health Officer. These gentlemen are fondly remembered for their significant contributions to our community. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families.

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## Town of Canandaigua Celebrates 225 Years

“The first official meeting of the Town of Canandaigua was held on the first Tuesday of April, 1791,” said Town Historian, Ray Henry. Earlier this year, Henry performed a reenactment of the first meeting for the 2016 Town Board members and community. The first item of legislation voted upon in 1791 was, “That swine two months old and upward, shall have sufficient yokes.” The legislation passed.



*Lady of the Lake Parade Float*

*Photo courtesy of Town of Canandaigua Facebook Page*

In continuing the celebration of the Town’s 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, volunteers Mark Brassie and Kelly Stegall constructed a replica steamboat float for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Canandaigua’s *Lady of the Lake* float received the “Outstanding Float” award thanks to the hard work and efforts of Mark & Kelly, Dennis Brewer, and the Special Events Committee. Mark Stryker loaned his antique Farmall Tractor, driven by his son, Tim, to pull the float.

Much has changed in the Town of Canandaigua since that first meeting in 1791, but a sense of community has remained. Please join the Town of Canandaigua as we continue to celebrate our 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary throughout the year. Visit the Town’s website for upcoming event information.

## Agricultural Economic Development Forum to be held at Ontario County Fair

The Town of Canandaigua Comprehensive Plan set forth a list of goals, one of which was to develop a Farmland Enhancement Program. The intent of the plan is to protect and preserve farmland and to encourage the continuing operation of farms.

As part of this program, farmers and community members have been actively engaged in providing feedback through a variety of methods including surveys, informational meetings, and forums.

On July 27, the Town will hold an Agricultural Economic Development Forum at the Ontario County Fair to share information about local agri-businesses and how they impact the local economy. A panel of farmers and business representatives will explore the range of economic opportunities available to local farms and regional agribusiness. In addition, representatives from agencies and organizations that support agricultural economic development will be invited to participate. More information about this event can be found on the Town’s website.

### *Mark your calendar!*

#### **Ag Eco Forum**

Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

4PM – 7PM

Mercantile Building

#### **Town of Canandaigua Day**

Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

Ontario County Fairgrounds

## Water Conservation: Who, What, Why, and How?



*Highway & Water  
Superintendent,  
Jim Fletcher*

In the beginning of June, the Town of Canandaigua Highway and Water Superintendent, Jim Fletcher, issued a Water Conservation Advisory for customers of the Town Water District.

Between high temperatures and an unusually dry start to the summer, the district saw an increase in water usage of over 5 million gallons in just one week. With an increase of that magnitude, the

Water Department implemented measures to maintain the required tank levels necessary to manage an emergency. Town Residents were asked to conserve water and to refrain from excessive water use, such as running a hose or sprinkler system to wash vehicles or water yards and gardens.

Town Environmental Conservation Board member, Edith Davey, prepared the following list of comprehensive water conservation tips. During this unusually dry summer season, we encourage smart use of our valuable water resources and recommend following the suggested water conservation measures.

### TIPS FOR WATER CONSERVATION

#### INSIDE YOUR HOME

- Turn off the tap while you brush your teeth or shampoo your hair and then turn on just to rinse.
- Check for leaking toilets. Put food coloring in the tank, wait 30 minutes without flushing and check for color in the bowl. If there's color, there's a leak!
- Convert to low-flow fixtures or install a faucet aerator to reduce the flow rate.
- Wait until you have a full load to run the dishwasher or clothes washer.
- Keep drinking water cool in the refrigerator instead of running the faucet until the water cools.
- Avoid using running water to thaw food.

#### OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

- Periodically check outside faucets for leaks, especially in the early spring after frost has thawed.
- Place mulch around your plants. It cools roots and conserves soil moisture.
- Cut your grass taller. This encourages deeper root growth which holds moisture better than a closely trimmed lawn. Cornell recommends keeping lawn grass at least 4" tall.
- Wash your car by hand. Fill a bucket with water and soap, then only run the hose to rinse.
- Avoid watering your lawn. Most grass is adapted to seasonal changes and will be green again when conditions change.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER****July**

- 18 - Town Board Meeting, 6pm
- 19 - CIC Meeting, 9am
- 19 - Zoning Board Meeting, 6pm
- 26 - Planning Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- 27 - Agricultural Economic Forum @ OC Fair
- 28 - Town of Canandaigua Day @ OC Fair

**August**

- 2 - CIC Meeting, 9am
- 9 - Planning Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- 15 - Town Board Meeting, 6pm
- 16 - CIC Meeting, 9am
- 16 - Zoning Board Meeting, 6pm
- 23 - Planning Board Meeting, 6:30pm

**September**

- 5 - Labor Day, Town Offices CLOSED
- 6 - CIC Meeting, 9am
- 19 - Town Board Meeting, 6pm
- 20 - CIC Meeting, 9am
- 20 - Zoning Board Meeting, 6pm
- 26 - Town Board Budget Meeting, 6pm

**Open Government**

Recently we've made it easier for the public to access important and helpful information. How? In addition to this newsletter, we've created a new website, launched a Facebook page and we continue to offer interested citizens the opportunity to receive automated email notifications.

Our new website, [www.townofcanandaigua.org](http://www.townofcanandaigua.org), is easy to navigate. It includes expanded content such as helpful information for new residents, the Supervisor's monthly revenue and expense reports, parks and recreation updates and quick links to proposed code updates, minutes, meeting schedules, news and much more!

If you are a FACEBOOK user, check out and like our new page: [Town of Canandaigua](https://www.facebook.com/TownofCanandaigua).

To receive information via email, register on our website to receive town related information and alerts delivered directly to your inbox! The registration process is quick and easy.

We also encourage you to attend our monthly board and committee meetings! The meeting schedules are posted on the website and brochures with this information are available at Town Hall.

Should you have additional suggestions for creating a more open and transparent government, please send us your ideas!

*Town Hall has Extended Hours: Every Wednesday the Town Clerk's office is open until 7PM*