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Town of Charlton TOWN BOARD NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- 14 Columbus Day
(Town offices closed)
- 15 Town Board Meeting
- 28 Budget Public Hearing
- 28 Town Board Agenda Meeting
- 28-11/1 Brush Pickup

NOVEMBER

- 4-11/8 Bagged leaf pick-up
- 5 Election Day (offices closed)
- 11 Veterans Day Observance
(Town offices closed)
- 12 Rabies Clinic
- 12 Town Board Meeting
- 25 Town Board Meeting
- 28 Thanksgiving
- 29 (Town offices closed)

DECEMBER

- 9 Town Board Meeting
- 23 Town Board Meeting
- 25 Christmas
- 26 (Town offices closed)



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NEWS FROM TOWN of CHARLTON OFFICIALS

FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

Another summer has come and gone and now my favorite time of the year is here. The cooler weather and the changing color of the leaves makes this area a great place to live, although that means winter is just around the corner.

Founders Day Weekend was a great success with it being nice and sunny on Saturday for the Charlton Heritage Run, Party in the Park with the great fireworks display, and Sunday for the Farmers Market and the Charlton Historical Society's annual parade. A good time was had by all. The summer concert was rescheduled due to weather, and was also a good time with a good turnout.

The Highway Department had a busy year with many projects, including paving Jenkins Road and lower Sweetman Road.

An application for a cell tower has recently been submitted to the Town by Verizon Wireless, so many of the Town's Boards and Committees will be busy reviewing the application this fall.

The Town Board will be working on the 2020 Budget this fall and our goal is to continue providing the essential services for our residents with no Town Tax. The Town Board is budgeting money for a Bulk Item Drop Off for the fall of 2020. More information will be available next year.

As always, thank you for making Charlton such a great place to live.

Alan R. Grattidge,
Supervisor

FROM THE TOWN BOARD

By the time that you receive this newsletter, the new walkway from the Town Hall to the Gideon Hawley Park gazebo should be under way. This will provide easier access to the park and gazebo when using the parking lot at Town Hall. The project is being paid for with a \$5,000.00 matching grant from the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors.

The Board has hired M.J. Engineering to design and manage the project to replace the bridge over the Morning Kill Creek on Peaceable Street. The public was invited to an informational meeting and presentation on August 12th, and many residents attended. We are currently in the design and planning stage, with construction slated to begin at the end of June 2020. This project is being paid for in entirety by a BridgeNY grant that the Town was awarded in the amount of \$998,060.00.

FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

We recently launched the new website for the Town of Charlton. It was designed to be more mobile friendly as well as making commonly visited areas easier to find on the website. You can check out the website at: www.townofcharlton.org

You will find meeting agendas, minutes, news & announcements and legal notices posted. Commonly used Forms and Applications are also available for most Departments, as well as contact information and hours for all Town Officials, Departments, and Committees. You can sign up to receive Town e-mails by clicking on the Subscribe button on the home page. Enter your e-mail address, and check the boxes for the e-mails you want to receive in your inbox—News & Announcements, &/or Town Board Agendas. You will receive an email asking you to confirm your selections. This e-mail feature has been in place for 8 years. If you haven't signed up, visit the website today!

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Driveway Replacements

Before replacing your paved driveway, contact the Highway Department regarding any culvert needs.

Fall Brush Pick-Up

The Highway Department will be picking up brush from Summer storms and Fall clean-up during the week of October 28. As there will be only one pass-by, please be sure to have your brush out by Sunday night (Oct. 27). Please put the cut ends toward the road and be sure all

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Hours: Mon., Wed. & Thurs.
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Hours: January Only
Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 9-12
Tax Collector: Sue McBurnie
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material is free of roots, dirt and any foreign objects (ie, nails, wire, any metal, etc). LEASE NOTE: Residents with a larger-than-average load of brush (more than what will fit in a pick-up truck), should contact the Highway Dept at (518)399-3425.

Leaf Pick-Up

The Highway Department will be picking up bagged leaves (biodegradable bags only) during the week of November 4th. Please have your bags curbside by November 3rd.

Help our snowplows!

When the snow comes, please remember to remove all basketball hoops, goals and any other obstructions from the road. Please do not park vehicles within 4 feet of our roadways so that our plows can properly and safely clear the roads. Thank you!

ELECTION NOTICE FOR NOVEMBER 5TH

There will be 2 Local Propositions on the November Ballot. They shall read as follows:

"Shall Resolution No. 137, 2019 and Local Law No. 2 entitled 'A Local Law Providing for a Four-Year Term for the Elective Office of Tax Collector of the Town of Charlton' which increases the Term of Office for the Town Tax Collector from 2 years to 4 years, be approved?"

"Shall Resolution No. 139, 2019 and Local Law No. 3 entitled 'A Local Law Providing for a Four-Year Term for the Elective Office of Town Clerk of the Town of Charlton' which increases the Term of Office for the Town Clerk from 2 years to 4 years, be approved?"

On June 24th, the Town Board held a Public Hearing regarding increasing the elective terms of the Town Tax Collector and the Town Clerk from a 2 year term to a 4 year term. On July 8th, the Town Board passed resolution numbers 137 and 139 to adopt Local Laws to increase the terms for both elective offices to 4 year terms, which are subject to referendum vote on November 5th.

More than 50% of the Towns in Saratoga County have 4 years terms for the offices of Tax Collector and Town Clerk. In Charlton, these offices have typically been uncontested at election time but it still takes a considerable amount of time every 2 years for petitioning and campaigning. It has also been noted that it takes more than 2 years to learn the job duties, which makes a 4 year term more suitable.

ASSESSORS' OFFICE

As we enter the fall season it is time to start thinking about exemption forms. There have been some changes that many residents and new homeowners are not aware of. In May of 2016, the regulations for the Basic STAR Exemption have changed. New STAR applicants (anyone who purchased their home after March 1, 2015) will receive a credit in the form of a check directly from New York State instead of receiving a school property tax exemption. The amount of your STAR benefit is the same regardless of how you receive it. The eligibility requirements remain the same for both the STAR credit and the STAR property tax exemption. To receive the STAR credit or exemption, you must own your home and it must be your primary residence.

Current Basic and Enhanced STAR exemption recipients will keep their exemptions as long as they continue to own their current home.

New Basic and Enhanced STAR applicants need to **register** with New York State Tax Department to receive a STAR check. You can visit www.tax.ny.gov or call (518) 457-2036 for more information.

The new STAR regulations do not affect the additional exemption for Low Income Seniors. The income limit for this exemption varies with the school district. Burnt Hills: \$37,400; Ballston Spa and Galway; \$32,400; Scotia/Glenville: \$27,999; If your income is below the level associated with your school district as reported on your 2019 taxes, and one owner has reached or will reach the age of 65 by December 31, 2020, it is in your best interest to apply for this exemption. **The income requirements are a little more involved so please stop into the office and pick up a form. (Form RP467)* Please note that we need your most recent tax return, which will be 2019, for this type of exemption.**

Questions? Please call the Assessors' office at 384-0152 ext 210. The office is open Tuesday and Thursday 9 am-1 pm, Tuesday evening 6-8 pm, and Saturdays (November-May) 9 am-12 noon.

TAX COLLECTOR

Property Tax Bills will be mailed out by January 1, 2020. If you have not received your tax bill by the end of the first week in January, please call or email the Tax Collector's office. Beginning Thursday January 2, 2020, the Tax Collector's office will be open for in-person payments Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00pm for the month of January. February and March payments can be made via mail or by appointment. For payments and Property Tax questions after March 31, 2019, please contact the Saratoga County Treasurer's Office at 518-884-4724.

Note: Payments made through online banking or online bill-pay services can take 10-14 days to be processed before being mailed. As these services do not have legal USPO Postmarks, Tax payments made via online services are receipted on the date they are physically received by the Tax Collector from the USPO.

As always, residents can contact me anytime for assistance or with questions. The Tax Collector's office can be contacted at 518-384-0152 ext 205 or by email at Taxcollector@townofcharlton.org.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Bills

Water Bills can be paid to Charlton Water District #1 until October 15th. After this date, delinquent water bills are sent to the county to be added to the tax bill for the following year.

Water Adjustments for Closings Procedure:

If you are requesting a water adjustment for a closing and the water office is closed, please contact (518) 857-8974. Please provide the address of the property, property owners name, meter reading, contact person's name, telephone number and fax number of where to send the adjustment. This information can either be texted or left on the voice mail of the above telephone number.

Flushing

Hydrant flushing will begin this fall throughout the entire water district. Flushing can happen at anytime, anywhere in the district. Hydrant flushing will continue throughout the district until the weather changes and the hydrants have to be winterized.

BUILDING & ZONING DEPT

It is hard to believe that Fall is already here and it is time to get things ready for the cold weather. I have a few thoughts to share for a safer and warmer winter. First remember that the wind blowing through your house has the greatest impact on your heating cost. Caulking and weather stripping can give you the most savings for your time and money. Remember to change those furnace filters and follow your manufacturer's recommendation for maintenance. If you heat with wood you need to clean and inspect your chimney. If you're not sure about its condition call a professional it is much better than having the Fire Department pay you a visit.

It's also time to change your smoke detector batteries but while you are at it check to see how old your units are. If it is ten years or older you should change the entire unit for a new one with a ten year battery. If your house predates the requirements for hard wired detectors you might want to relocate the new ones to ensure one in every sleeping area. This is your last line of defense because it will only detect a fire that originated in that room or one that has infiltrated it. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should be outside of your sleeping areas within 15' of the doors. This may require multiple units to meet this requirement. You should also have a combination smoke and carbon monoxide detector on every other level of your home. However, they should not be placed over a stove, hot water heater, furnace, or next to a bathroom where they will be subject to steam. All of those areas are prone to false alarms and often result in the batteries being removed.

Lastly I always mention the need for house numbers visible from the road. Next time you are out after dark try and read the numbers on peoples mail boxes. The fluorescent green numbers that are placed so they can be viewed from either direction are the only ones that can quickly and clearly be identified. If you can't read your own number you should consider changing them.

NEWS FROM TOWN COMMITTEES

CHARLTON CELL SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee has made some progress regarding better cell service in Charlton:

- Verizon has submitted a revised application for a cell tower located at Hunt's property at 764 Charlton Road. The location of the tower would be about 3000 feet North of Charlton Road and 1000 feet west of Maple Avenue. The Town received the application on September 23rd, and a copy of it is on the Town website.
- The Cell Committee, as well as other Town of Charlton Committees will be evaluating the application and submit their findings and recommendations to the Town Board by 10/31/19.
- A Public Hearing will then be scheduled for sometime in November or December.

Please contact Torben Aabo at t.aabo@ieee.org or 518 441 8085 if you have any questions.

DOG CONTROL

New York State Law requires that **all dogs be licensed** and be vaccinated for rabies. Licenses can be purchased at the Town Clerk's office. The fee is \$8.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$13.50 for unspayed/unneutered dogs.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Charlton Seniors

If you are 55 or older please join the Charlton Seniors. We have about 200 members and publish a monthly newsletter where all our events are listed. The membership fee is \$10/year. Here are some of our events this Fall: 2 October at 1:30 PM at the Community Center, we will show the movie "Absence of Malice." On 9 October at our Wednesday meeting we will be listening to Renee Janack from the Saratoga Office of Public Health telling us about "Safety in your Home." On 16 October the Charlton Chatter Book Club meets at the Community Center at 1 PM. The 23 of October we have our annual Fall Luncheon at the Turf Tavern. The Movie in November is "Steel Magnolias" which will be shown on the 6th of November. Follow us on Facebook and contact Pete Parker, President, if you have any questions

Charlton Urgent Care – opening soon!

St. Mary's is pleased to provide urgent care services to the Town of Charlton and the surrounding communities at our new location: 2370 Route 67, West Charlton (the old Stewarts Shop). Beginning in early October, 2019, we will be staffed and fully equipped from 9am – 7pm every day including all holidays. We treat all of life's minor injuries and illnesses including but not limited to: sore throats, colds and coughs, fever, upper respiratory infections, ear infections, minor burns, minor cuts, tick bites or rashes, sprains and strains, simple fractures, muscle aches and pains, nausea or vomiting. "We fill the health care gap when you cannot get an appointment with your primary care and need to be seen that same day," states Heather Lopez, St. Mary's Director of Primary and Urgent Care Services. For any Charlton Urgent Care questions, please call (518) 309-0011. .

Volunteers Wanted

Charlton Pine Grove Cemetery Association is actively looking for people interested in volunteering to serve on its Board of Directors. Volunteers must be over the age of 18. Management, of the affairs of the Association, is the responsibility of the Board of Directors. Directors are elected for a term of three (3) years. Board meetings occur at least once a year, with additional meetings held as needed.

For people interested in volunteering, there are several areas that we could use help with, including coordination of volunteer events, help with articles for our website as well as maintaining our website.