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Town of Charlton TOWN BOARD NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- 8 Columbus Day
(town offices closed)
- 9 Town Board Meeting
- 16 Rabies Clinic
4-H Training Ctr, B. Spa
- 15-20 Bulk item Drop-off
- 22 Budget Public Hearing
- 22 Town Board Agenda Meeting
- 22-26 Brush Pickup
- 29-11/2 Bagged leaf pick-up

NOVEMBER

- 6 Election Day (offices closed)
- 6 Rabies Clinic
- 12 Veterans Day Observance
- 13 Town Board Meeting
- 22,23 Thanksgiving
(Town offices closed)
- 26 Town Board Meeting

DECEMBER

- 10 Town Board Meeting
- 24 Closed for Christmas
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Town Board Meeting

For updates please see Calendar
at www.townofcharlton.org

Town Board meetings are held the
2nd and 4th Monday of each month,
unless holiday.



Joe Grasso



Dave Robbins



Doug Ranaletto



Penny Heritage



Alan Grattidge

NEWS FROM TOWN of CHARLTON OFFICIALS

FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

It's been a hot and busy summer in Charlton this year. Highway Superintendent Marshall Heritage and his crew have been hard at work rebuilding Westline Road and Jenkins Road. Thanks to all the residents and folks who travel those roads for your patience and understanding with the dust and noise during construction. The Highway Department was also busy mowing, taking care of the parks, changing culvert pipes and the many other duties they handle.

This year the Town is holding a Bulk Item Drop off Program at the Highway Garage from October 15th to the 20th. More information is in this newsletter.

The Town Board appointed a new Councilman this summer; Dave Robbins was appointed to fill Mark Hodgkins position. Dave has hit the

ground running and been involved in many town activities.

The Town has been working for the past year to find a long term solution to funding the Ambulance Services in Town. We are proposing creating an Ambulance District and have included more information in this newsletter. The Town Board supports this action and there will be a referendum vote on the General Ballot on November 6th.

The Town Board will be working on the 2019 budget in October and hold a Public Hearing on October 22nd. A final vote on the Budget will be in November. We appreciate any feedback on Town issues and look forward to continue serving all the residents in the future.

Thank you for making Charlton so special,
Alan R. Grattidge, Supervisor

FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

What are the best ways to stay informed about Official Town News?

- Sign up for Town e-mails! It's easy- just visit the Town website: www.townofcharlton.org and click **E-Subscribe** on the upper right corner of 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!

- Come to a Town Board meeting...The Town Board meets on the 2nd Monday and 4th Monday of each month, at 7:30 at the Town Hall. Town Board meetings are always open to everyone, and residents can address the board at any meeting during privilege of the floor. If you can't make it in person, Agendas and Minutes are posted on the website.

- Visit the Town website: www.townofcharlton.org. In addition to Meeting Agendas and Minutes, News & Announcements are posted, as well as Legal Notices, and items of interest in Councilman Corner. Commonly used Forms

and Applications are also available for most Departments, as well as contact information for all Town Officials, Departments, and Committees.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Fall Brush Pick-Up

The Highway Department will be picking up brush from Summer storms and Fall clean-up during the week of October 22. As there will be only one pass-by, please be sure to have your brush out by Sunday night (Oct. 21). Please put the cut ends toward the road and be sure all material is free of roots, dirt and any foreign objects (ie, nails, wire, any metal, etc). **PLEASE 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 (NEW this year!)

The Highway Department will be picking up bagged leaves (biodegradable bags only) during the week of October 29th. Please have your bags curbside by October 28th.

Help our snowplows!

When the snow comes, please remember to remove all basketball hoops, goals and any other obstructions from the road. Thank you!

TOWN of CHARLTON CONTACT INFORMATION

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DEPUTY TOWN CLERKS

Margo Jones,
Laurie Kruppenbacher,
Teresa Hart

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Marshall Heritage
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highway@townofcharlton.org

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Sat. 9am-12 (except July & Aug.)

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR & BUILDING INSPECTOR

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Thurs. 9am-12 and by appointment

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JUSTICES

Hours: Thurs. Eve 6pm
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COURT CLERK

Hours: Mon., Wed. & Thurs.
9:00-11:30 am

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CONSTABLES

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Gary Park
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TAX COLLECTOR

Hours: January Only
Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 9-12
Tax Collector: Sue McBurnie
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Deputy: Teresa Hart

HISTORIAN

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DOG CONTROL

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WATER DEPARTMENT

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Dennis Russell
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Water Clerk:
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ASSESSOR’S 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 2018 taxes, and one owner has reached or will reach the age of 65 by December 31, 2018, 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 2018, for this type of exemption.**

New for 2019-2020 School Year: Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the Tax Department will annually determine income eligibility for all potential Enhanced STAR recipients. Enhanced STAR recipients will fall into three categories:

- **Property owners who were participating in the Income Verification Program (IVP) for the 2018-2019 school year.** Existing IVP participants will not need to take any action for the 2019 assessment roll. If the Tax Department needs additional information, you will be contacted directly from the State.
- **Property owners who received Enhanced STAR in 2018, but are not in the IVP program.** You will be required to provide the Assessor's Office with the following:
 - Form RP-425-Rnw *Renewal Application for Enhanced STAR Exemption for the 2019-2020 School year*;
 - Form RP-425-IVP *Application for the Enhanced Star Income Verification Program*, and
 - either a copy of your 2017 state or federal income tax return of Form RP-425-Wkst.
- **Property owners who received the Basic STAR in 2018, and who are applying for the Enhanced STAR exemption beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.** You will submit the following to the Assessor:
 - Form RP-425-E *Application for Enhanced STAR Exemption for the 2019-2020 School year*;

- Form RP-425-IVP *Application for the Enhanced Star Income Verification Program*, and
- either a copy of your 2017 state or federal income tax return of Form RP-425-Wkst.

If you have internet access, Forms can be found at:
www.townofcharlton.org.

Questions? Please call the Assessors' office at 384-0152 ext 206. The office is open Tuesday and Thursday 9 am-12 noon, 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, 2019. 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 3, 2019, 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

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Alert Notification – Sign-up today!
CodeRED is a FREE emergency notification service provided to all residents that will notify you of emergency information through phone calls, **TEXT** messages, social media and the CodeRED Mobile Alert app. The CodeRED system will be used to send alerts for such things as: road closures, criminal activity, wildfire alerts, emergency evacuations and crisis updates, missing children and any other local emergency information that may impact your safety. If you have any questions or issues enrolling, please contact Dave Robbins (councilmanrobbs@townofcharlton.org)

To enroll, visit <http://www.saratogacountyny.gov/departments/office-of-emergency-services/> and click 'Emergency Mass Notification System Sign Up' at the bottom of the page under "Important Links"

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 for spayed /neutered and \$13.50 for unsprayed/unneutered dogs.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Payments
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

Fall is quickly approaching and it has been a busy summer for the Building and Zoning Department with a number of new homes, additions and of course swimming pools. Please remember to contact us when your project is complete for a final inspection. I never miss an opportunity to remind you to change your smoke detector batteries and while you are at it if they are more than ten years old it might be a good time to upgrade. Last but not least the next time you pull up to your house try to imagine an emergency responder trying to find your house number after dark. If you can't find it neither can they. Please make sure you have numbers visible from the road after dark to assist those trying to assist you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Charlton Seniors
If you are 55 or older please join the Charlton Seniors. Here is our **October calendar**: **3rd** : Movie, 1:30 PM, (*The Post*); **8th** : Council meeting, 3 PM; **10th** : Hudson Valley Museum and Wine Tasting Tour; **17th** : Book Club meets at 1 PM; **24th** : Fall luncheon at the Turf Tavern, **Sarah Foss** will be the speaker. When you join you will receive our monthly Newsletter with details about our meetings and events. Contact Torben Aabo at t.aabo@ieee.org or 518 441 8085 to join or if you have questions.

BULK ITEM DROP-OFF

The Town of Charlton, in partnership with County Waste and JDog Junk Removal, announces the town-wide bulk item Drop Off. You may drop off acceptable items at the Highway Garage beginning Monday, October 15th through Saturday, October 20th from 8AM - 3PM. **Residents** (proof required) can bring bulk items during these times and our highway staff will assist by loading the items into the rollaway.

Residents who prefer not to drop off, or do not have the ability to bring their items to the highway garage, can contact either County Waste 877-7007 or JDog 944-0901 directly to make arrangements to have their items picked up. The Town has negotiated a discounted price with both companies, however the **resident is responsible for payment** of this service and will need to work directly with either company.

IMPORTANT: Maximum load size per household (must not exceed 4ft x 8ft x 4ft)	
BULK ITEM DROP-OFF ACCEPTABLE items	NOT ACCEPTABLE items
Furniture: Sofa, Love Seats, Recliners, Tables, Chairs, Mattress, Box Spring, Rugs/Carpets (4ft or less, must be rolled), & Patio Furniture	Appliances: Refrigerators, Freezers, & Air Conditioners
Appliances: Washer, Dryer, Hot Water Tanks, Stove, Dishwasher, & Grills	Fixtures: Windows, Tubs & Hot Tubs
Fixtures: Sinks, Toilets, Cabinets, Doors, Countertops & Screens	Miscellaneous: Riding Mowers, Sheds, Televisions, Computers, Fluorescent Bulbs, Motor Oil, Tree Stumps, Logs, Yard Waste, Tires, Paints, Stains, Sealers, Household Chemicals, Aerosol Cans, Gas Cans, Propane Tanks, Loose Trash or Garbage, Construction and Demolition Material, Paver Bricks & Electronics
Miscellaneous: Bicycles, Lawn Mowers, Weedeaters/Trimmers, Automotive Parts (small parts, no oil or gas), Metal, Shingles & Household	