

Town of Waterford, NY

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SPRING WATERFORD NEWS 2012



Letter from the Supervisor:



One of my primary responsibilities as Town Supervisor is to ensure the safety and well being of all our Town's residents. For the past several years we have been in litigation with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regarding the handling of the Hudson River Dredging project. I am pleased to announce we recently won a major court decision in releasing records requested under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). The records requested pertained to the decision making process DEC followed in implementing and monitoring the dredging of the Hudson River. We will be reviewing these documents in the coming months to determine if the necessary safe guards and measures are sufficient to protect our residents.

Every day we are reminded of the struggles and challenges of local governments to meet the increasing costs of providing services. Town Officials are charged with the responsibilities of managing resources without raising taxes above the mandated 2 percent cap. These challenges require new ways of thinking and managing. We are fortunate to have a Town Board that is very respectful of the challenges while ensuring the needs of Town Residents. I encourage each and every one of you to reach out to Board Members and learn of these challenges and recommend ways to improve our Town services efficiently

Congratulations to the Waterford Little League as one of four organizations selected by the Tri-City Valley Cats to receive a ball field renovation as part of their annual Community Grounds Crew Program. The ValleyCats, the Waterford Little League, Blue Shield of Northeastern New York, Pioneer Savings, and the Waterford Highway Department all collaborated to provide improvements to the baseball field at Garrett Field. I invite you to come see the improvements and watch a ball game.

Summer is just around the corner, and the Town's staff has been working tirelessly to provide a full complement of scheduled recreational activities that will be provided at the Town's pool and parks. Also scheduled is our annual Memorial Day Parade, Steamboat Meet, Tugboat Roundup and the weekly Farmers Market held at the Visitors Center. Please visit the Town's website (www.town.waterford.ny.us) for a full listing of events and dates.

I hope everyone has wonderful and safe summer.

Sincerely,



TOWN COURT

Waterford Town Court is pleased to report that it has received a New York State grant in the amount of \$12,240 through a Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP). The JCAP program provides support directly to towns and villages to improve the administration of justice and the appearance of Justice Courts.

A portion of the funds will be used toward the creation of semi-private offices for both prosecutors and defense attorneys toward the back of the existing court-room. This will enhance not only the appearance of the court, but provide necessary conference space for parties appearing in the court. The remaining funds will be allocated toward necessary office equipment for the court.

WATERFORD SENIOR SERVICES

As a service to the senior residents of Waterford, transportation is available for medical appointments and weekly trips to the grocery store. Neil Quantock, the medical van driver, can be contacted at 527-4589 to schedule an appointment and can answer any questions you may have related to scheduling. Members of the Waterford Senior Center also have transportation available to and from the senior center for their weekly activities. To arrange for a ride to the senior center or to the grocery store on Wednesdays, you can contact Mike Mahoney, the senior bus driver, at 925-8307. For any other questions regarding the Senior Center, located at 35 Third Street, please contact 235-8500.



SANITARY SEWER HOOKUPS

In an effort to ensure Waterford and its residents are in compliance with DEC sanitary sewer hookup requirements and the Town Code, workers will be canvassing neighborhoods in both the Village and Town to determine if homes are legally connected to the Town's sanitary system. It is illegal to connect downspouts and sump pumps to the sanitary sewer. If you have any questions regarding your own hookups, please contact the Wastewater Department at 235-2033.

NO DUMPING

Spring is here and many residents are cleaning up from winter outdoor debris and household projects. Unfortunately, we have been made aware of several instances of illegal dumping in our town. It is possible that some people are not aware that dumping is illegal and violators can be – and will be – prosecuted. According to Town Law, no person “shall use any land within the Town of Waterford as a landfill, nor shall any person throw, dump, deposit or place on such lands or cause to be thrown, dumped or deposited or place on said lands any waste material.” This pertains to any type of trash, un-wanted household objects, demolition materials or any other matter. It also applies to ALL land within the town, whether it is owned by the town, the state or by individuals. If you see someone – or know of someone – who is illegally dumping, please notify our Police Department at 237-3341. Let’s all work to keep our town beautiful!

The Town is glad to offer our residents the opportunity to dispose of trash for a reasonable fee at our town garage. From there, it is legally transferred to landfills. Trash drop-off will be held on Saturday's starting April 7th thru May 19th and on the first Saturday of June, July and August. Please visit our town website for more information



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WATERFORD HARBOR VISITOR CENTER

Boater Safety Class - 5/19, 6/16, 7/21, 8/18
Please contact Curtis King at 424-9179 for more information. There is a \$15.00 fee for each class.

Waterford Harbor Farmers Market- Sundays starting June 3rd, 9am-1pm

Steamboat Meet - July 7th- Fireworks at 9pm

Tugboat Roundup- September 7-9th -Fireworks Sept. 8th www.tugboatroundup.com

For a complete list of events held at the Waterford Harbor Visitor Center, go to www.town.waterford.ny.us and click on Visitor Center.



Interested in becoming a Visitor Center volunteer? Call 233-9123.

REMINDERS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

SWIMMING POOLS

All Swimming Pools 24" or greater in depth must comply with all applicable NYS Building Code requirements and require a Town of Waterford issued Building Permit.

Please contact the Town Building Department at 235-3802 with any questions.



CARBON MONOXIDE AND SMOKE DETECTORS

All occupied residences are required by law to have operable Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors. For details contact the Town Building Department at 235-3802.

Mark your calendars!

The 2012 **Memorial Day Parade** will be held Wednesday May 23rd. The Grand Marshalls of the parade this year will be the Waterford Veterans of the Korean War. Step off promptly at 7pm from Grace Street, to Grove Street, Clifton Street than north on Saratoga Avenue down Broad Street ending @ Soldiers and Sailors Park. Following the parade a ceremony will be held at Soldiers and Sailors Park to honor the men and woman who have served our country past and present.

Waterford Town Pool swim lesson registration is June 16th 10am-12pm. Lessons are offered at no cost to town residents; proof of residency is required. Beginning June 1st if you have any questions on the swim program the staff at the pool will be happy to speak with you, they can be reached at 235-4414.

2012 Pool Hours are:

June 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th 1pm-6pm

June 25th-August 19th weekday 1pm-7pm, Sat/Sun 1pm-6pm



The **2012 Summer Park Program** runs from June 25th to August 10th, Monday through Friday, 9am-3pm and August 13th through August 17th, 10am-2pm (weather permitting)

Field trips each week are scheduled on Wednesday. Permission slip and payment (no checks) must be received by Monday (3pm) of that week.

Parents Please Be Aware of the Park Policies:

- Waterford parks are come and go parks.
- Your child must understand your guidelines regarding his/her presence at the park and participation in park activities.
- During inclement weather the counselors are instructed not to report to work or are sent home.

Please visit the town's web site at www.town.waterford.ny.us to view the Summer Park Calendar.

For any further information on the above programs please visit the town's web site or contact Shelly Tanchak @ 527-1740

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FROM THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ✓ One of the best ways to stay safe this summer is to wear a helmet and other safety gear when biking, skating and skateboarding, and when riding scooters, and all-terrain vehicles. Studies show reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent.
- ✓ Use layers of protection to prevent a swimming pool tragedy. This includes placing barriers completely around your pool to prevent access, using door and pool alarms, closely supervising children and being prepared in case of an emergency.
- ✓ When cooking outdoors with a gas grill, check the air tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage from insects, spiders, or food grease. Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks.
- ✓ Make sure your home playground is safe. Falls cause 60 percent of playground injuries, so having a safe surface is critical. Concrete, asphalt or packed dirt surfaces are too hard. Use at least 9 inches of wood chips or mulch.
- ✓ To prevent serious injuries while using a trampoline, allow only one person on at a time, and do not allow somersaults. Use a shock-absorbing pad that completely covers the springs and place the trampoline away from structures and other play areas. Kids under 6-years-old should not use full-size trampolines.
- ✓ Summer also means yard work. When mowing, keep small children out of the yard, and turn the mower off if children enter the area. If the lawn slopes, mow across the slope with the walk-behind rotary mower, never up and down. With a riding mower, drive up and down the slope, not across it. Never carry children on a riding mower.

WATERFORD LITTLE LEAGUE AND THE TRI-CITY VALLEYCATS RENOVATE BALL FIELD

On Friday, April 13, the Tri-City ValleyCats kicked off their Community Grounds Crew Program with the '4 in 24' Youth Field Renovations. The Valley Cats renovated 4 little league fields in 24 hours including a Waterford Little League field. The renovations began at 6am. They included new sod in the in-field, a rebuilt pitcher's mound and home plate, straightening of the baselines and a check of the field dimensions. The project was completed with the help of numerous volunteers from the Tri-City ValleyCats, BlueShield of Northeastern New York, Pioneer Savings Bank, the Waterford Little League and with equipment assistance from the Waterford Highway Department. We encourage you to stop by Garrett Field and view the finished project.



Congratulations Waterford Little League and have a safe and fun 2012 season!

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Charles Fusco	235-8282	Animal Control 237-3341
Director Of Planning:		Library 237-0891
Richard Hurst	233-9123	Post Office 235-1733
Planning Board Chairman:		Senior Center 235-8500
David Woodin	235-8282	Sewer Plant 235-2033
Recreation Director:		Visitor's Center 233-9123
Michele Tanchak	527-1740	Water Works 237-0422
Police Commissioner:		Waterford Swimming Pool 235-4414
John Tanchak	237-3341	Waterford Historical Museum 238-0809
Highway Department:		Waterford Youth Council 238-2562
Harold Martel	235-3413	Waterford Rural Cemetery 237-5512