

Town of Waterford, NY

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Letter from the Supervisor:



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

At long last spring and warm weather have arrived and the Town has a fantastic schedule of events and activities planned for the upcoming summer season. Please take the time to read the articles describing these many fun activities, including our Tugboat Roundup and Steamboat Meet, the summer recreation program, and of course, our weekly Farmers Market which is held waterside every Sunday morning starting June 9th. We ask that you take special note of the Town's annual Memorial Parade which will take place on Wednesday May 22nd under the direction of Tom Doin. While the parade is always a fun filled event, please make every effort to attend both the parade and the memorial service that immediately follows the parade's conclusion at Soldiers and Sailors Park. Let's all show our appreciation for those who have served our nation both past and present.

The Town Board is currently reviewing several options that will make long needed repairs and improvements to the Senior Citizens Center. Plans for the improvements will be finalized over the next several months and we hope construction will begin before year end.

Governor Cuomo and Senator Schumer have very recently announced Waterford is eligible for a potential grant of up to \$3 million to address the cost of damage and potential community improvements necessary as a result of hurricanes Irene and Sandy. We are waiting for additional details regarding the program and the town and village governments will be working closely together to take advantage of this opportunity.

As many of you will recall, the Town engaged in a difficult and long battle with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to recover the additional costs that town residents would incur to purchase water from Troy during the Hudson River Dredging project. As a result of these efforts, I am pleased to report to you that the Waterford Water Authority has received a total of \$366,612 and are due an additional \$141,090 from the EPA.

On behalf of all of the elected officials and Town employees, we wish you and your family a wonderful and safe summer!

Sincerely,

**WATERFORD
HARBOR
FARMERS
MARKET**

The Waterford Harbor Farmers Market is thrilled to welcome back all of our vendors and entertainers who have become part of our Sunday morning family. We enthusiastically welcome some new vendors and entertainers who will round out our farmers beautifully.

Where else but in Waterford can you spend a lazy Sunday morning shopping, eating, and listening to great music while sitting along the beautiful Erie Canal. Stop by to enjoy breakfast or lunch, stock up on some fresh baked goods, fresh fruits and veggies, flowers, handmade soaps, wines, and so many other wonderful items and services.

We would like to thank the Town of Waterford for their very generous support of the market this season. Their help will allow us to do more advertising, promotions and bring many new exciting features to the market. We also want to acknowledge and thank our previous market manager and creator of the market, Mary Stalker. Mary has decided to step down as market manager but will still be present at the market each Sunday to meet and greet the markets many friends and visitors. We look forward to seeing you June 9th at the Waterford Harbor Farmer's Market

Jeanne Grebert, Market Manager

The Town says goodbye and welcome.

The Town of Waterford said goodbye to Deputy Clerk Marilyn Brown as she recently retired with over 15 years of service to the Town and its residents. Happy Retirement. We would also like to welcome our new councilman, Frank McClement. Councilman McClement is a 1993 graduate of WHHS, a US Army Veteran, past ZBA member and currently works as a Veterans Service Officer at the Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency. He is the Town Liaison for canal festivals, the museum, library and the Village of Waterford. We also welcome Glenn Hebert as the town's Building Inspector, Valerie Carberg as our Recreation Director and Shelly Tanchak as the Town Clerk's Assistant. Please visit our website or refer to the directory for their contact information.

MEDICATION DROP BOX

Unwanted, unused or expired prescription drugs have been determined to present substantial risks to our community by either falling into the wrong hands, or by damaging our environment through improper disposal. Working together, the Town of Waterford Police Department, the Town Supervisor and the Town Board have secured a safe alternative method to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals.

In conjunction with the New York State Department of Health we are pleased to announce the installation of a secure drop-box at the Police Department. Community members are now welcome to come to the Department where unwanted medications may be turned in anonymously. **Medications in standard containers may be deposited in those containers. Loose medications should be placed in zip lock bags and then deposited. *Please* ensure that any liquid medications are enclosed in leak proof containers before depositing. We do not accept hypodermic needles or syringes.**

Once collected, all medications will be disposed of according to State and Federal laws.



The Medication Drop Box is open to members of the community only. It is not open to pharmacies, veterinarians, pharmaceutical businesses, or any entity other than a private household.

Medications, including controlled substances, may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 12 Noon until 8 PM only. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Town of Waterford Police Department at 237-3341.

Town Court Matters

Waterford Town Court is pleased to report that it has received a New York State grant in the amount of \$3,200 through the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP). The JCAP program was established by the New York State Legislature in 1999, at the request of the Unified Court System, to help provide justice courts with the resources and equipment necessary to fulfill their critical role in our justice system. The grant program provides support directly to towns and villages to improve the administration of justice and the appearance of Justice Courts.

The Court received grant monies in 2012 and a portion of those monies went toward the construction of offices for both prosecutors and defense attorneys toward the back of the existing court-room. The construction project is complete, and the two new offices have been utilized for nearly a year now and have greatly facilitated both prosecution and defense counsel in their ability to conduct private negotiation with attorneys and clients, as well as allowing for additional office space available to town employees throughout the week. The funds from this new grant will go toward obtaining appropriate furnishings for these offices, as well as other necessary office equipment for the court.

Judge Fusco and Judge Sunukjian hold court on Thursday evenings at 6pm. The Assistant District Attorney and Public Defender are in court every second and fourth Thursday. Small Claims must be filed in person with the clerk of the court during normal business hours.

Fun Facts.....

The Waterford Flight of Locks was built in 1915. This sequence of locks is the largest lift in the shortest distance of any system in the world, only 1.5 miles. How many locks make up the Waterford Flight and what is the height of this sequence?

The Waterford Harbor Visitor Center is open and ready to welcome all visitors. How many boats do our docks moor each season?

Travelers have come from as far away as France. What waterways would a boater traveling from France have to navigate to reach Waterford?

There is a special brick pattern laid out along the length of the Visitor Center Promenade. What does this brickwork symbolize?

Visit our website or stop by the Waterford Harbor Center for answers to these questions.

Mark you calendars for some summer fun!

The 2013 **Waterford Memorial Parade** will be held on Wednesday May 22nd. The Grand Marshall this year will be Alfred Bills, a WWII Navy Veteran from Waterford. The parade will step off at 7pm from Grace Street to Grove Street, down Clifton Street then north on Saratoga Avenue down Broad Street, ending at Soldiers and Sailors Park. Following the parade please join us for a ceremony at Soldiers and Sailors Park as we honor the men and women who have served our country past and present. The annual **Fishing Derby** will be held Sat. June 15th from 10am-2pm at Sugarloaf Pond. There will be contests, prizes, food, music and fun!

SUMMER PARK PROGRAM at 4TH STREET

The 2013 Summer Park Program runs from 6/24-8/9
9am-3pm (M-F weather permitting)

8/12-8/16 10am-2pm (weather permitting)

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

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 wishes when at/or
leaving the park.**

**During inclement weather the counselors are instructed
not to report to work or sent home.**



WATERFORD TOWN POOL

2013 Pool Hours are: June 15th, 16th, 22nd and 23rd 1pm-6pm

June 24th-August 18th weekday 1pm-7pm
Sat/Sun 1pm-6pm

**Swim lesson sign-ups will take place at the pool
June 15th from 10am-12pm.**

Proof of Residency is required at the time of swim
lesson sign up.

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. Please call or visit our
website for 2013 rates.

For any further information on the park program or pool please
contact Recreation Director Val Carberg at 527-1740.

Have a safe and fun summer.



Waterford Harbor Visitor Center Upcoming Events

Steamboat Meet—Saturday July 6th

Fireworks at 9pm

14th Annual Tugboat Roundup— September 6th, 7th, 8th

Tugboat Parade Friday evening Fireworks Saturday

www.tugboatroundup.com

Waterford Harbor Farmer's Market— Sundays starting June 9th 9am-1pm

Boater Safety Class— 5/18, 6/15, 7/20, 8/17 8am-5pm \$15.00

For more information contact Curtis King: 424-9179

For a complete list of upcoming events please visit our website or contact the Visitor Center at 233-9123.

Assessor News and Notes Most residents know that the State has a new plan to require all Basic STAR applicants to register with the State Tax Department to receive or continue receiving STAR.

But the State's much publicized plan to require new applications for STAR is not so bad after all. It will not affect this year's STAR program. And it will not involve the Senior (or Enhanced) STAR plan at all.

The proposal is to have the State, next fall, notify existing Basic STAR recipients when it is time to re-register. New applicants will file for the exemption in the usual way through the Assessor's Office.

If you have questions, please call the State's STAR information line: 457-2036.

Answers to the Fall Fun Facts: *There are 131 recorded streets in the Town of Waterford* *According to the 2010 Census, 8,423 people live in the Town of Waterford* *There are a total of 185 stop signs in the Town of Waterford, and yes, you must stop at each one* *There are 19 parks in Waterford for you and your family to enjoy. Stop by Town Hall or visit our website for a list of the parks and their locations.



Town of Waterford Trash Drop Off Program 2013

8am-1pm

Town Highway Garage

Every Saturday April 6th thru May 18th

After May 18th, one Saturday a month

June 1st, July 13th, August 3rd

Every Saturday Sept 14th thru October 26th

CARS \$15.00 VAN & PICK UP \$30.00

PASSENGER CAR, TRUCK OR VAN w/trailer \$40.00

Residents Only—Proof Required

Please contact the Highway Garage for more information: 235-3413

Brush/wood cut 3' to 4' length-
nails bent flush Lawn clippings
and leaves must be in
biodegradable paper bags to be
accepted.

No Outside Contractors
No Commercial Dumping

*****NO computers, TV's,
tires, batteries, paint cans,
air conditioners, freezers,
refrigerators, 55 gal drums,
motor oil *****



Branches, leaves and grass clippings will be picked up on Mondays and Fridays as the schedule allows.

40 LB. LIMIT ON ALL BAGS All brush must be no longer than 4 foot in length and tied in bundles.

Please do not place items in the roadway. This includes lawn/leaf bags, recycle bins and garbage cans.

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Waterford Swimming Pool 235-4414
Waterford Historical Museum 238-0809
Waterford Youth Council 238-2562
Waterford Rural Cemetery 237-5512