



TALK OF THE TOWN

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Town Board Updates

- The moratorium on large scale Solar projects is still in place. The Town's Solar Committee has completed its review & recommendations for amendments. There are three proposed Local Laws before the Board concerning solar:
 - Amendments to Solar Energy Systems Law
 - Solar Energy System PILOT Law
 - Battery Energy Storage System Law
- The Town Board adopted a Local Law on February 16, 2022 to "Amend the Zoning Code to Further Safeguard the Existing Wellhead Protection Areas Within the Town's Aquifer Protection District and Other Related Amendments."

The Town Board meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. Meetings will be held in person at the Municipal Garage with an option to view the meeting via Zoom. Links to register for the meeting are available on the Town's website.

Town Clerk's Office

LOVE ME, LICENSE ME!

Did you know that 70% of U.S. households, or 90.5 million families, own a pet? Of those families about 76% have dogs. During the COVID-19 pandemic, nearly one in three Americans adopted a pet! (Source: 2021-2022 National Pet Owners Survey conducted by the American Pet Products Association) Do you have a new furry friend occupying your sofa and your heart? If so, not only would we love to see photos, but we'd also love for you to stop by our office for a dog license.

NYS Law requires all dogs older than 4 months to be licensed. Licensing ensures that all dogs have been properly vaccinated against rabies for the protection of both you and your neighbors. The license also makes it much easier to locate the owner of a lost dog when they are found. Any dog living with you for more than 30 days must be licensed.

To license your dog, visit our office with the current proof of rabies vaccination (*certificate cannot expire within 30 days*), the spay/neuter certificate if applicable, and the appropriate fee:

\$11.00 - spayed/neutered

\$22.00 - unspayed/unneutered

\$ 0.00 - service dog (appropriate documentation required)

To license a new dog by mail/drop-box, visit cortlandville.org and complete the dog license form.

IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR DOG'S LICENSE?

Dog license renewals are mailed on the 15th of the month prior to the expiration of the dog's license and are due by the 15th of the month following the license expiration date. Thereafter, a \$5.00 late fee/month is added. Avoid late fees and renew your dog license online at cortlandville.org.

As always, please contact the Town Clerk's office with any questions. It is our pleasure to assist you!

Kristin Rocco-Petrella
Town Clerk/Collector

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TOWN SUPERVISOR



Hello again everyone, It doesn't seem possible that we are in the process of producing another issue of the Town's Newsletter. Our hope is that this will be informative for all the Town folks and that you, out there, respond back with any questions or comments dealing with our Town.

For you bird lovers, I heard my first robin of the spring which means, they are back, but more importantly it signals a bunch of Town activities are just around the corner:

1. The build out of two new ball fields at Gutches Lumber Sports Complex (GLSC) to be completed and ready for use this season.
2. Design work for the "HUB" building (Concession and office space at GLSC) is well underway and is slated to be built this year as well.
3. Correction of a couple of drainage problems at Testa Park on one baseball diamond as well as the soccer field. At the same time baseball infield will be "spiffed" up for play this spring.
4. The Town is in the process of partnering with both the City and County of Cortland in sponsoring the purchase of a new, bigger and better, "show mobile" to be used throughout the local area for concerts and other stage events. Most of you may recall the old red stage trailer that the city owned but has been retired due to condition and safety concerns.
5. Plans are moving ahead with the construction of a new entryway into Town Hall to make for a safer work environment for employees and guests.
6. The completion of a new cross county race course at GLSC to become the home course for both the Cortland and Homer High Schools this coming season.
7. The installation of horseshoe pits, a Bocce court and dedicated parking for those activities as well as for pavilion and playground use.

Obviously this only touches on some of the major Town features. Day to day activities by and for you will not be sacrificed! You will still, as always, come first.

-Tom Williams

Gutchess Lumber Sports Complex & Town Park

As the days become longer and we excitedly wait for Spring, the Town would like to update the community on happenings at Gutchess Park...

Phase 2 in the development of Gutchess Lumber Sports Complex is under way. Two additional ball fields are being designed and will be able to accommodate everything from travel baseball to little league to softball. A multi-use concession building is also in the planning stages to enhance our guests experience while at the park.



To assist in the further growth of Gutchess Lumber Sports Complex, the Town of Cortlandville was awarded a New York State Parks and Recreation Historic Preservation Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00. These funds will assist in the future expansion of GLSC.

Recently, the Cortland Regionals Sports Council in conjunction with the Cortland Youth Bureau secured the Collegiate Division II Club Baseball Regional Championship event, to be held at Gutchess Park in early May 2022. This is a companion event to the Collegiate Division I Club Baseball Regional Championships already scheduled for Gutchess Park during the second weekend in May 2022.

Pavilion Rentals

- *Gutchess Lumber Sports Complex & Town Park*
 - There is a large pavilion available to rent at Gutchess Park for a fee. Several picnic tables are undercover at the pavilion. The pavilion also features electricity. To reserve the GLSC pavilion please call 607-753-3021 Monday through Thursday 7:00am - 3:30pm.
- *Blodgett Mills Park*
 - The pavilion at Blodgett Mills is also available to rent for a fee. Picnic tables are under cover in the pavilion. To reserve, please call Jen Mulcahy at 607-345-4692 between 8:00am and 2:00pm.



Town Planning Board

The Planning Board is made up of 5 members:

Ann Hotchkin	4 years
Laird Updyke	4 years
Nasrin Parvizi	6 years
Nick Renzi	23 years
Chris Newell	29 years

Some Planning Board responsibilities:

- Site Plan review
- Conditional Permit approvals
- SEQRA reviews
- Public Hearings
- Work with the Cortland County Planning Board for recommendations

John DeVecchio (Town Attorney) & Bruce Weber (Planning/Zoning Officer) help the Planning Board make decisions on the applications. With this team, Cortlandville is moving in a positive direction!

Water & Sewer Department

Fire Hydrants



While we are looking forward to spring, mother nature still has a trick or two up her sleeve. I thought it would be good to let you know about how important it is to try to keep hydrants clear from snow. In a fire emergency the faster the fire department can hook to a hydrant the quicker they can do their job. It might only slow them down a couple of minutes to uncover the hydrant, but a lot can happen in a couple of minutes. We have over 500 Hydrants in the water system, and we keep them cleaned out the best we can. However, after a big storm it might take a week or more to clean them all, even longer if other water or sewer emergencies arise. We also know many homeowners keep the hydrant in the front yard cleaned out on their own and it is a big help so we would like to say THANK YOU!!! If you see one we missed, give us a call and we will make sure it's taken care of as soon as possible.

Brian R. Congdon

Water/Sewer Department



Join Our Team

The Town Clerk's Office has an opening for a Deputy Town Clerk! Please send a Resume and Cover Letter to the Town Clerk at townclerk@cortlandville.org. Interested applicants must be a Town resident.

The Cortland Youth Bureau

The Cortland Youth Bureau will be opening registration for Spring programs in early March!

Visit <https://cortlandyb.recdesk.com/Community/Program> to register for

- Adult Early Bird Swim at Wickwire Pool
- Home-Cort Youth Lacrosse League
- Little Sticks Lacrosse
- Cathy Stage Softball
- Art Camp with Molly

Highway Department

We are happy to announce that we will be starting our LED Streetlight project here in the Town within a few weeks. We are aware that there are a number of streetlights out around Town. Thank you for letting us know! During the transition to these new streetlights we will begin with all of the streetlights that are currently out. We thank you in advance for your patience.

The Town Hall, Highway Garage, and Municipal Garage are also now fully equipped with LED lights in an effort to continue our work towards energy efficiency and cost savings.

Larry Drach

Highway Superintendent

Town Historian

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Nick Alteri, and I am the newly appointed Town Historian. Having been at the Town for the past two years, I am excited to begin this new adventure. I am currently in the process of updating our records of businesses both past & present in the Town of Cortlandville. If you have any old photos of businesses that you would like to share, please email them to me at historian@cortlandville.org.

Nick Alteri
Town Historian

Code Enforcement Office

New Projects in the Town

As Spring approaches, new projects are being started, continued, and completed here in the Town, including the opening of a new medical facility "wellNOW Urgent Care" (next to Burger King on Route 222). There is also groundbreaking, demolition, and footers being placed for a brand new 20k square foot medical facility for Cayuga Medical at the former Wilcox Tire site on Route 13 (Tompkins St).

Across the street from there is a new multi-unit Senior designed complex of apartments with its own community center building that started this past fall. The foundation is poured for the first six-unit building and the plan is to get framing when the weather breaks. All told, there will be five of these six-unit buildings and it's a great looking plan!

A new Jiffy Lube facility has opened on Route 13 adjacent to Marshalls and other potential commercial projects are being reviewed for the nearby Route 13 corridor, as the growth potential there is very exciting!

Construction has continued throughout the winter across Town with both commercial and residential projects being built while developers, builders and suppliers are dealing with material delays, labor shortages, and pricing increases. The Code Office here has been busy with new applications, plan reviews, and Code compliance help and research.

We will continue to be available to our residents as a resource for projects, planning and home or business related issues, so with better weather and more projects on the way we look forward to hearing from you. Feel free to contact us anytime with questions or concerns.

Kevin J. McMahon
NYS Code Enforcement Officer

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

Introducing our newly established committee:

Jay Cobb - Chair
Bruce Weber - Member
Mike Baryliski - Member
Cheryl Kenyon - Member
Betsy Hicks - Member

More information on meeting times and updates will be available on our website at cortlandville.org. Check back soon!



Town Hall Holiday Schedule

The offices of the Raymond G. Thorpe Municipal Building will be closed for the following holidays:

Memorial Day	May 30, 2022
Juneteenth (observed)	June 20, 2022

Assessor's Office

•• Important Dates in the Assessment Calendar ••

Tentative Roll Filed	May 1, 2022
Grievance Day	4th Tuesday in May
Final Roll Filed	July 1, 2022

Town Clerk's Office

Q1 Water/Sewer Bills due	April 30, 2022
Hall of Fame Nominations due	April 30, 2022
2022 Town/County Tax Bills due	May 31, 2022

Returned to the Cortland County

Treasurer's Office for collection, thereafter

Talk of the Town

The *Talk of the Town* is a quarterly newsletter distributed to Town Residents via mail/email/website. If your business or organization has something community related they would like to contribute to the newsletter, please email Nick Alteri at nalteri@cortlandville.org for more information.

If you know someone who would like to receive *Talk of the Town* via mail or email have them visit cortlandville.org and fill out the Newsletter Form under the Newsletter tab!

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Town Hall Hours



Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm