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Winter 2020/2021

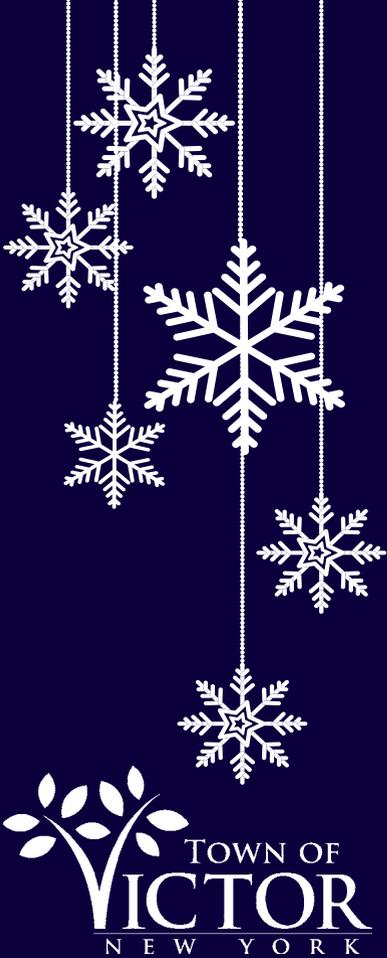


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## Town Supervisor's News

Greetings Town Residents! Well, at the very least we have experienced a year like no other. Here in the Town of Victor we continue to press on despite the ongoing challenges that the pandemic has presented. All of our employees have continued to provide essential services and supply crucial resources to you, the residents of this wonderful community!



**Jack Marren,**  
**Town Supervisor,**  
**(585) 742-5020**

In mid-March it was evident that 2020 was not going to be business as usual. The Finance Director and I began meeting at that time to develop a proactive plan for the Town of Victor from a financial perspective.

In 2019 45% of the Town revenues were received from Sales Tax; over \$5 million. With only "essential" businesses open it was clear that our Sales Tax Revenue would fall far short of projections in 2020. We proceeded with the belief that Sales Tax Revenue could be as much as 50% below projections. While primarily concerned with Sales Tax Revenue, other revenues have also suffered including interest earnings, State funding for highway projects, park rentals are down and the suspension of grant funding.

We met with all Department Heads and every aspect of the budget was reviewed. Equipment orders were cancelled, highway projects were put on hold and all Recreation programs were stopped. Sadly, many employees were either laid off or furloughed. We proceeded with the philosophy of only essential spending. We will continue to maintain a very conservative approach to spending and will do so until our world approaches what we once thought of as normal.

The 2021 Budget was prepared with the assistance of all Department Heads. Once again, anticipation of decreased Sales Tax revenue necessitates continued decreased spending. More than \$1 million has been removed from the budget, the result of continued conservative budgeting, staff reductions, and payoff of the Town Hall bond. It all adds up to a monumental task to provide a balanced budget as required by law, but with as little pain as possible.

Through the efforts of the Town Board, the Finance Department, and the support of our Department Heads and our employees, the 2021 tax rate will show an increase of 7.45 cents per thousand from \$1.67 in 2020 to \$1.75 (rounded to the nearest penny) in 2021. On a \$250,000 home, this increase would amount to a \$20 increase over

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last year in your Town taxes. While none of us wants a tax increase, we were pleased we were able to keep the tax increase this low while cutting over \$1 million from the 2021 budget.

In addition, we are instituting a 90 day pause for all department expenditures in 2021. This would include the purchase of equipment and any new hires for the first 90 days of the year. With the spike in COVID-19 positive cases within our own Town and Region, we need to proceed with caution and expect the unexpected.

Due to the uncertainty of the virus and for the safety of our employees and residents, the Town Board closed the Recreation Center and temporarily suspended all programming, events, and activities until further notice. It is our hope that we can resume most of our outdoor programming in spring, 2021, but the virus situation will again dictate our actions. We will not bring back these activities until it is safe to do so, and will put the safety of our community into the forefront of our decision-making process. We will keep the Town website updated with regards to Recreation Department news.

Unfortunately Mike Stockman, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, and Recreation Supervisors Steve

Hendrickson and Christine Winter were impacted with the temporary closure, along with approximately 150 of our part-time Parks & Recreation staff. These three individuals provided the core of our recreation programming and events, and made Victor the best in our area. We are uncertain as to what the Town will be able to offer for recreation programming in 2021, and at this time no staffing appointments have been made for 2021 for the Recreation Department. I would like to thank every impacted employee of the recreation department for their commitment to the residents and children of our community.

In an effort to utilize the recreational facility in some capacity. The Town has entered into a sub-lease agreement with TLC, a childcare provider in our Town. This additional childcare space enabled 20 additional VSC educators to continue to teach rather than opting out this school year.

A frequently asked question I hear at the County level and Town is, why don't we distribute PPE equipment and grant funding for businesses. In late March of this year, the Federal Government allocated \$150 Billion dollars for the CARES Act. NY State received a \$7 Billion dollar allocation to be divided between seven

eligible levels of government. NY City, five counties, one Town and our State. Only a government with a population of more than 500,000 residents were eligible. Our neighbor Monroe County was one of the fortunate counties, they received \$129 Million dollars. Subsequently County Executive Bello has been able to provide free face coverings, face shields for residents, schools and businesses, as well as small business grants. I hope this helps to clarify why Ontario County, without that funding mechanism, was unable to duplicate what Monroe County achieved.

I am appealing to everyone, we all play a role in our future. I cannot stress enough the importance of social distancing, hand washing, disinfecting procedures and face masks. I know you are tired of hearing this, I am tired of saying it. I know you are frustrated and yearn for yesterday, we cannot have yesterday if we cannot control today. Thank you all in advance for pulling together in the face of some very challenging times.

Please feel free to contact me at 585-742-5020 or by email at [supervisor@town-victor-ny.us](mailto:supervisor@town-victor-ny.us) with any questions or concerns you may have.

Please take advantage of our comment cards on the Town's website.



# Winter WONDERLAND

## News from the Town Clerk's Office

By Karen C. Bodine, Town Clerk • (585) 742-5080

*The Town Clerk's Office is open and still providing all in-person services for our residents.*

*When stopping into the office we ask that all visitors wear a face mask. Hand sanitizer stations are provided when you enter the building and are in every office.*

*Thank you to all our Victor residents and visitors for complying with all the protective protocols we have in place to keep our community safe.*

### PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

Town Hall office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. There is a **DROP BOX** located at the back of the building for your convenience. We will

also accommodate anyone who cannot make it into the office during regular business hours, you may call to schedule an appointment (585)-742-5080.

### EARLY VOTING

We had a total of 7000 voters from all over the county who voted at our location in Town Hall. Thank you all who came to vote and followed protocols set in place.

### BOUGHTON PARK PASSES

You must be a Victor resident or Town of Victor taxpayer to obtain a Boughton Park Pass. Your current registration is required to receive a pass. If you have any questions, please call the office (585)-742-5080.

### DOG LICENSES

Please take advantage of our online dog portal! This online dog licensing portal is available to renew existing licenses. Unfortunately, the portal cannot be used to register a new dog. In order to renew online, your dog's rabies vaccination must be valid. You can email the rabies information to the clerk's office at [townclerk@town-victor-ny.us](mailto:townclerk@town-victor-ny.us) or call so we can update the record. **Note:** *There is a small fee to use the online dog portal; \$3.00 for credit/debit card and \$1.75 for an e-check. (fee is charged by Processor, not the Town of Victor)*

Please remember to let us know of any changes concerning your dog's license.

**Reminder:** *Be a Good Neighbor – Please leash and clean up after your pet. Thank you!*

# 2021 Tax Collection

By Karen C. Bodine, Town Clerk • (585) 742-5080

The 2021 tax collection process will be conducted by the Tax Receiver in the Town Clerk's office.

County / Town tax bills will be mailed out at the beginning of January. If you have not received your bill by January 12th please call the office at 585-742-5080 or email taxes@town-victor-ny.us.

In person payments by check, cash, or credit card (with applicable transaction fees) can be made at the Town Clerk's office located in the Victor Town Hall, 85 East Main Street, Victor, NY, 14564. Office hours are Monday to Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. For your convenience, there is a secure drop box located at the rear of the Victor Town Hall. Payments by check may be placed in the drop box.

Tax bills may be paid **IN FULL** at any office of the Canandaigua National Bank, during regular business hours, throughout the month of January.

## THE TOWN OF VICTOR OFFERS THE OPTION TO PAY YOUR PROPERTY TAXES ONLINE.

Town of Victor property owners can pay their Town & County taxes online using a credit card or e-check with applicable fees at [www.egov.basgov.com/victor](http://www.egov.basgov.com/victor).

Online payments can only be made from January 1st to March 31st.

**By law the town is not allowed to pay the transaction processing fee (collected by the web service provider) therefore it must be paid by the user.**

**Please be assured that every precaution has been taken to make your online transaction safe and secure.**

Once on the site, you can choose which tax year you need information for in the drop down box (Choose Collection). Payments made at Ontario County Treasurer's Office will not be reflected on the website.

- If you are looking for

Pittsford Central School tax information, it is available online at <https://egov.basgov.com/Victor/>. In the drop down select Pittsford Central Schools. (The Tax Receiver collects Pittsford Central School taxes for approximately 130 properties located within the municipal boundaries of Victor).

- If you are looking for Victor Central School tax information, it is available online at: <https://egov.basgov.com/Victorschools/>.
- If you are looking for Village of Victor tax information, it is available online at: <https://egov.basgov.com/VillageofVictor/>.
- To search by the property address option, enter the number of the address and then select the correct one if several properties are listed.
- To search by the name option, enter just the last name.

## Town of Victor Marriage Officer

Contact the Town Marriage Officer Roxann Ammerman at **585-967-6399** or by email at **pebbs2258@yahoo.com** for more information on services provided.

# Town of Victor Highway Department

## OFFICE HOURS BUILDING "B"

### Summer Hours (April to October)

Monday – Thursday,  
6:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

### Winter Hours (November to March):

Monday – Friday,  
7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

### Office Hours (Year round)

Monday – Friday,  
7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

## CHANGES DUE TO COVID 19



Installation of a new transaction window at the Highway/Transfer Station office

- Only 1 person will be permitted in this area at a time
- Please wear a mask and/or keep proper social distancing
- Do not come to the office with cold or flu like symptoms

Credit card payments for permits will be accepted over the phone

- Residents must have email in order to complete this type of transaction

Driving through the Transfer Station

- Keep windows up and/or wear mask
- Show permit through the glass
- Do not come to the Transfer Station with cold or flu like symptoms

Appointments needed for large debris (punch card drop offs)

- Call 585-742-5094 or email [cpaige@town-victor-ny.us](mailto:cpaige@town-victor-ny.us) (plan ahead)
- Wear a mask while dropping items off or communicating with attendants

Bucket Exchange Program

- No longer weighing buckets
- Full buckets placed in shed (across the driveway from the office)
- Buckets have a new cleaning and sanitation process due to COVID 19

## SNOW REMOVAL

With the winter months fast approaching, the town residents need to be aware of plowing crews that will be out doing snow removal operations. The following are some ideas to keep in mind during this period.

1. When snow plow operators are removing snow from the streets, please give them plenty of room to back up and maneuver the plow so they can safely clear the snow from the roads. We appreciate your patience during these snow events.
2. Do not plow snow in the road or across it. If you

hire someone to do your plowing, make sure they know that it is illegal to plow snow across a highway. It leaves a hazardous situation for the traveling public.

3. Do not let children play in snowdrifts near the roadway. It is difficult and almost impossible for plow operators to see them.
4. Keep your house numbers clear of snow in case of emergencies.

## PLOWING PROCEDURES DURING SNOW EVENTS:

There are nine main plow routes within the town. During snow events, clearing state and county roadways are the first priority. Plowing then proceeds on the main collector roads, followed by local roads, residential developments, business parks and cul-de-sacs.

If any resident should have an emergency health situation during a snow event and needs to have the road cleared, please contact the Highway Department at 585-742-5094 or call 911.

## SENSIBLE SALTING

As you may have noticed, the Town adopted a "Sensible Salting" program. This was implemented for environmental purposes and to cut down on costs. The streets listed below are areas where the road elevation is minimal and



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Town Highway  
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Office Hours:  
7:00 A.M. -  
3:30 P.M.,  
Monday-Friday

would not require the amount of surface treatment that is necessary on other local roads. The streets affected by this “Sensible Salting” program are Canning Parkway, Canterbury Trail, Falcon’s Point, Fieldcrest Lane, Gypsum Mills, Highland Green (no salt in turn around), Hidden Brook Trail, Kensington Court, Mill Street, Rae Boulevard, Rolling Meadows Lane, Sachem Trail, Scudder Mills, Song Hill Lane, Springdale Court, Sunray Crest, Trillium Trail, Whispering Hills, Bradhurst Street, Esjay Drive, Saurer Farms, Bramwell Park and Wildwood Lane.

### **PARKING**

There is no parking on town roadways from November 1st to April 1st unless otherwise posted.

### **MAILBOX REPAIR POLICY**

It is the homeowner’s responsibility to remove snow from around their mailbox. This allows mail to be delivered and the opportunity for plow operators to see the mailbox. Unfortunately, mailboxes are damaged yearly by the heavy snow and ice as it is being removed from the roadway. It is a New York State Attorney General ruling that mailboxes are private property placed in the public right-of-way, however mailboxes damaged during snow removal by the town crew will be repaired or replaced by town highway personnel. Replacements will consist of a four-inch pressure treated post and cross arm and an aluminum box. The town will not replace anything other than a mailbox and post as described. Owners wishing to make their own repairs will not

be reimbursed. Thank you in advance for your help in making snow removal safer and easier for all involved.

The Town is not responsible for damage from plowing operations to basketball hoops or any other property placed within the Town right-of-way.

### **DEER REMOVAL**

Undoubtedly, there will be some deer carcasses that are found in the public right-of-ways. Please report any deer found as follows:

1. On County Roadways call 396-4000
2. On State Roadways call 396-4955
3. On Village Roadways call 924-3311
4. On Town Roadways call 742-5094

Please contact the Highway Department at 585-742-5094 with any questions you have regarding the Town roadways. Have a safe and happy winter season.

### **TRANSFER STATION REFUSE/ RECYCLE DEPARTMENT**

The Town of Victor established the Transfer Station for residents to dispose of garbage and recyclable materials many years ago. This was not intended to be used as a place for residents who own contracting businesses in the Town to dispose of large quantities of construction materials, tree/yard debris, recyclables or refuse. We do not have the space to accommodate these quantities of materials and it is an added burden to all tax payers when it is used in that capacity. Please respect the rules set into place so that we can retain this great asset

for our Victor community and manage the costs to run the facility.

There are other options for disposal of large quantities of construction material, recyclables, yard debris, and refuse. Please contact the Transfer Station office at 585-742-5094 extension 2201 for more information. The Transfer Station employees appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to the rules and standards that have been established.

### **REFUSE/RECYCLE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Transfer Station Hours of Operation**

#### **Summer Hours**

**(April to October):**  
**Monday** 7:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.  
**Wednesday** 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.  
**Friday** 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.  
**Saturday** 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

#### **Winter Hours**

#### **(November to March):**

**Monday** 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.  
**Wednesday** 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.  
**Friday** 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.  
**Saturday** 7:00 A.M. – Noon

### **TRANSFER STATION**

#### **Office Hours for Permits Building “B” (Year Round)**

Monday – Friday,  
7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

### **TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

November 11th  
November 26th and 27th (Open Saturday, November 28th)  
December 24th and December 25th (Open Saturday, December 26th)  
January 1, 2021 (Open Saturday, January 2nd)

## PERMIT FEES

Fees for permits will remain the same for 2021. Residential and Commercial permits will be \$125 and Senior Permits will be \$110.

## 2021 PERMIT RENEWALS

Letters will be sent to current permit holders 3-4 weeks before they are due to expire with information on what is needed to renew the transfer station permit. Permits are renewed based on your permit expiration date and *not on date payment is received.*

## RESIDENTIAL AND SENIOR PERMITS:

Transfer station permits can be purchased at the Highway/Transfer Station Department, 60 Rawson Road, Building "B", mailed or placed in the drop box. Applications can be found on the website [www.victorny.org](http://www.victorny.org). You must include a copy of proof of residency (one of the following: license, tax bill, closing papers, lease agreement) and copies of your registration(s) with the completed application and a check made payable to Town of Victor. Residential transfer station permits are \$125 (2 per residence). Senior permits are \$110 for residents 65 and over (proof required).

## COMMERCIAL PERMITS

Commercial transfer station permits are \$125 (2 per business). Commercial permits are for recyclable materials only-plastic, glass, plastic, cardboard, newspaper and clean metal (we can only accept small manageable loads). Permits can be purchased at the Highway/Transfer Station Department, 60 Rawson Road, Building "B". Proof that your business is a Village or Town business will be required,

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along with the registration of the vehicle(s) that will be used in the facility. Permits must be purchased in person at the Transfer Station Office.

## 5-PUNCH CARD/LARGE ITEMS AND CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

Residents will need to purchase a punch card to dispose of oversized items such as furniture, refrigerators, rugs, construction type materials, wood, dry wall, shingles, toys or items from garage or basement clean-outs (any metal appliances or materials are recyclable and does not require a punch card. Proof of Victor residency and registration to vehicle is required. Cost is \$100 for 5 punches. The card does not expire until all 5 punches are used. Only one card will be issued per household/per year. NO REPLACEMENT will be issued for lost punch cards. More detailed information on the punch card is available online at [www.victorny.org](http://www.victorny.org) or by calling the Transfer Station office 585-742-5094 extension 2201.

## VEHICLE CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Please make sure to update your permit to reflect any vehicle changes during the year. This can be done in person at the Transfer Station office, by phone at 585-742-5094 extension 2201, or by email [cpaige@town-victor-ny.us](mailto:cpaige@town-victor-ny.us).

## ACCEPTED MATERIALS: RECYCLABLES (PLEASE SORT AS FOLLOWS):

Do not sort recyclable materials in plastic bags. These are considered contaminated recyclables and thrown in the garbage.

- Commingle - Plastic, tin and glass
- Corrugated cardboard
- Newspapers, boxboard, junk mail and magazines (no plastic bags)
- Batteries – all types EXCEPT CAR/VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT BATTERIES
- Metal – Steel, copper, non-ferrous and ferrous metal, appliances made of metal (except refrigerators)

## TREE AND BRUSH DEBRIS

Residents must have a Transfer Station Permit in order to dump tree and/or brush debris

## SORTING AREA

- Leaves, grasses, weeds, plants and any other greenery left side of designated area (no plastic bags)
- Branches, trees and logs (please cut large wood pieces to under 6') right side of designated area

We recognize that this area is tight to maneuver in, so please be patient and wait for an opening to dump your debris.

## MULCH

Mulch is available to Transfer Station permit holders. It is located behind the Highway



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barns and is accessible Monday – Saturday, 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. (*Wednesday until 8:00 P.M., Saturday until Noon during winter hours*).

**No contractors or landscapers allowed in the facility. All tree and brush debris must be brought in by permit holders only!!**

### **ORGANICS**

In an effort to initiate waste diversion, the Town Board has approved and adopted an organics recycling program through Impact Earth. This is done through a bucket exchange and will now be an option as part of the residential Transfer Station Permit. Currently over 140 Transfer Station permit holders take advantage of this program. If you are a Transfer Station permit holder and are interested in being a part of our waste diversion effort, please contact Casey Paige at 585-742-5094 or [cpaige@town-victor-ny.us](mailto:cpaige@town-victor-ny.us).

### **TIRES**

There is a maximum of 4 tires each permit year (coupons for tire disposal will be issued at time of permit renewal or purchase). There will be NO REPLACEMENT coupons issued if they are lost. The tire disposal area is now located INSIDE the Transfer Station Building next to recyclable materials.

### **LARGE ITEMS AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS**

Must purchase a punch card in order to dispose of this type of debris (see above information)

### **UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS: ELECTRONICS**

Electronics are not accepted at the transfer station. For

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more information on electronic recycling go to [www.ewaste.com](http://www.ewaste.com) or call 585-924-3840 or check the Ontario County website for upcoming events [www.ontariocountyrecycles.com](http://www.ontariocountyrecycles.com)

### **HAZARDOUS WASTE (OIL BASED PAINTS, PESTICIDES, GASOLINE, CHEMICALS)**

Must be disposed of at hazardous waste disposal events. For more information call 585-526-4420 or go to [www.ontariocountyrecycles.com](http://www.ontariocountyrecycles.com)

### **ILLEGAL DUMPING**

Anyone dumping any debris at the Transfer Station without the proper permit will be considered illegally dumping and per the Town Code Book, Section 155-5 could face fines and/or imprisonment.

### **REMINDERS:**

- All mulch must be loaded by the residents.
- When entering the transfer station, please make sure the only items in your trunk or back of vehicle are your refuse/recycling. Missing items will not be compensated for or replaced!
- Contractors (even if you are a town resident) are not allowed to dump construction debris or tree and yard debris in the transfer station if it is not from your residential property.
- No garbage cans over 75 pounds
- Absolutely no dump trucks or trailers allowed in the recycle facility

### **SAFETY**

Please be aware of attendants while unloading and moving through the building. Again,

thank you for “thinking safety” while using this facility.

Due to liability and safety concerns, NO LOITERING or going through containers will be allowed at the Transfer Station. Anyone caught doing so, will be asked to leave the facility.

Should you have any questions on where an item should go, please see an attendant. Thank you again for your continued safe use of this facility.

### **SWAP SHOP**

CLOSED until further notice

### **NEW!! \*\*TOWN OF VICTOR COMMUNITY SWAP SHOP FACEBOOK GROUP\*\***

Anyone who wants to become a member go to the Facebook Group page and answer required membership questions so you can start posting photos of items you want to give away or view items you may be interested in. You will be required to set up arrangements for any exchanges.



# Victor Community Swap Shop

Pat Bartholomew,  
585-869-5062

Missed seeing our volunteers and “customers”.

Missed the camaraderie and sense of community shared at the Victor Swap Shop.

Look forward to the date we can reopen safely. We do not know when that date will be.

In the meantime please look at the Victor Community Swap Shop Facebook Group.

If you would like to join, please read the rules, answer the questions, and apply. As long as you are a resident of Victor you will be approved for membership. Then post the reusable items you wish to recycle. Correspond with and arrange for the delivery or pick up. This will be your responsibility.

Any questions, please call Pat Bartholomew.

## Victor Community Swap Shop Group

If you are interested in exchanging or obtaining items, please check out our NEW Facebook Group Page – Victor Community Swap Shop. This is a private group and you must request to join to become a member and to view available items.

# Parks and Recreation Highlights...and Lowlights During the COVID-19 Pandemic

I hope that this brief note finds you and your family healthy and safe during these challenging times for our country and community! While our Department’s recreation programs, events and activities still remain in a state of “pause” due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I am optimistic that we will be in a better place in the summer of 2021 so that we can return to some community programming. While this may not be at the previous level of service that you had become accustomed to from the Department of Parks and Recreation, I am personally and professionally committed to recovering and putting the challenges of 2020 in the rear view mirror.

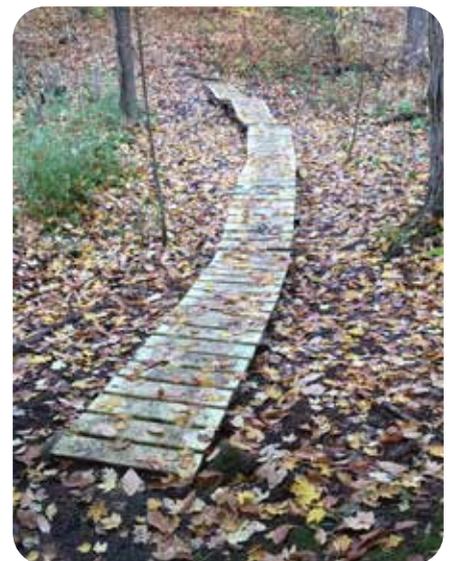
In the interim, I would like to thank the numerous residents, past participants and community

organizations that contacted me over the recent months to share well wishes and offer support. Unfortunately, numerous part-time and full-time recreation program staff have been laid off during this time, so I would extend my appreciation for the many years of service that you gave to our community! I would especially like to thank my recreation family including Mike Stockman, Steve Hendrickson, Christine Winter, Felicia Skibinski and Lisa Simmons for their incredible past efforts and wish them the best in the days ahead. I would be honored to work beside you again.

I am proud to say that our parks and trails remained open and attractive during the health crisis even though this part



**Brian Emelson,**  
CPRE, Director  
of Parks and  
Recreation,  
(585) 742-0140



Phillip Henderson’s Boardwalk Project at Dryer Road Park



**Kyle Dempsey Kiosk at Lane Road Shared Use Path**

of our operation experienced staff reductions and layoffs as well. Jeff Rader, Nick Bodine, Travis Thomas, Mike Tilly, John DeCook and Dana Snyder pulled together as we worked our way through the four phases of Governor Cuomo’s “Reopening New York” plan. From the reopening of our fishing docks and tennis courts in May to the reopening of our lodges, picnic shelters and playgrounds in early July; we never missed an opportunity to provide some sense of normalcy in the Victor community. This took a lot of creativity and sacrifice, but I think we all learned a little bit more about how strong we are...I certainly did!

On a final note, local Boy Scouts of America - Eagle Scout candidates Kyle Dempsey (Troop 61), Nash Bridges (Troop 77), Jacob Hartle (Troop 61) and Phillip Henderson (Troop 61) completed projects with us this year. Kyle’s project involved the design and construction of a kiosk and bench structure along the Lane Road shared use path. Nash built and installed several park benches at MaryFrances Bluebird Haven, Dryer Road Park and along the



**Jacob Hartle Player Seating Benches at Village on the Park & Dryer Road Park**

“new” section of the Auburn Trail near Maple Avenue. Jacob Hartle, whose dad Art has been the Scoutmaster for Troop 61 for many years, designed and constructed player seating benches for our athletic fields at Village on the Park and Dryer Road Park. Scout projects are a real family affair for the Hartle’s as Jake’s older brother Matt had worked on his Eagle project with us a few years ago. In October, Phillip Henderson designed and constructed a boardwalk for the Dryer Road Park multi-use trail system. Phillip’s project was aided by the efforts of Genesee

Regional Off-Road Cyclists who assisted with the installation of the “new” feature. Kudos to all the boy scouts, their families and supporters who made each and every one of these projects a huge success for our parks and trails system!

I wish you a safe and healthy holiday season and we are looking forward to brighter days ahead in 2021.

All the best,

Brian C. Emelson, CPRE,  
Director of Parks and Recreation



**Nash Bridges Benches at MaryFrances Bluebird Haven, Dryer Road Park, and along the new section of the Auburn Trail.**

## Tell Us What You Think

Customer Comment Cards are available at all of the Town of Victor office counters. Please fill them out and help us to improve our customer service, recognize employees who have given exceptional service, and/or provide us with your suggestions for improvements. Cards can be mailed back to the Town Supervisor or placed in the comment card boxes located at all Town offices.

Or if you prefer, you can fill one out online. Go to [www.victorny.org](http://www.victorny.org) – it is at the bottom of the home page.

# FLU PANDEMIC OF 1918



## A Century Ago—the Spanish Flu, 1918-1920

By Babette Huber, Town and Village Historian

The Spanish flu, also known as the 1918 flu pandemic, was an unusually deadly influenza pandemic caused by the H1N1 influenza A virus. Lasting from February 1918 to April 1920, it infected 500 million people - about a third of the world's population at the time - in four successive waves. The death toll is typically estimated to have been somewhere between 17 million and 50 million, making it one of the deadliest pandemics in human history.

Looking through *The Victor Herald's* during this period (February 1918 to April 1920) there is no mention of the deadly influenza pandemic except through references in obituaries. Why? One reason may be because

World War I was underway and that apparently was the attention getter. Also New York State had not mandated municipal historians until 1919. Municipal historians document Local History and the 2020 pandemic is being diligently documented by this historian.

The first observations of illness and mortality were documented in the United States in January 1918 at Fort Riley, Haskell County, Kansas. Within days, 522 men at the camp had reported sick. By 11 March 1918, the virus had reached Queens, New York. Failure to take preventive measures in March/April was later criticized.

The virus then spread to

France (Brest), Germany and the United Kingdom.

**To maintain morale, World War I censors minimized these early reports.** Due to World War I, many countries engaged in wartime censorship, and suppressed reporting of the pandemic. Interestingly enough, newspapers were free to report the epidemic's effects in neutral Spain, such as the grave illness of King Alfonso XIII, and these stories created a false impression of Spain as especially hard hit. This gave rise to the name "Spanish" flu when it had actually started in the United States.

What helped to spread the



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Historian

pandemic? Obviously it had much to do with the transport and close proximity of soldiers as they fought World War I. In fact, more U.S. soldiers died from the 1918 flu than were killed in battle during the war. Forty percent of the U.S. Navy was hit with the flu, while 36 percent of the Army became ill, and troops moving around the world in crowded ships and trains helped to spread the killer virus.

The first wave of the flu lasted from the first quarter of 1918 and was relatively mild. Mortality rates were not appreciably above normal; in the United States ~75,000 flu-related deaths were reported in the first six months of 1918, compared to ~63,000 deaths during the same time period in 1915. The majority of the infected experienced only the typical flu symptoms of sore throat, headache, and fever, especially during the first wave.

Helped by troop movements, the second wave of the virus spread over the next two months in late 1918. The second wave of the 1918 pandemic was much more deadly than the first. The first wave had resembled typical flu epidemics; those most at risk were the sick and elderly, while younger, healthier people recovered easily. During the second wave the disease was much more serious, often complicated by bacterial pneumonia. In the United States, ~292,000 deaths were reported between September-December 1918, compared to ~26,000 during the same



**Pandemic 1918 Non Masker**

time period in 1915 but by December the wave was mostly over but another wave was coming.

In January 1919, a third wave of the Spanish Flu hit where it lingered through the spring and until June 1919. This wave was less severe than the second wave but still much more deadly than the initial first wave. And we were still not done.

In spring 1920, a fourth wave occurred in isolated areas including New York City where it reported 6,374 deaths between December 1919 and April 1920, almost twice the number of the first wave in spring 1918.

The close quarters and massive troop movements of World War I hastened the pandemic, and probably both increased transmission and augmented mutation. Malnourishment, overcrowded medical camps and hospitals, and poor hygiene, all intensified by the war, promoted bacterial

superinfection. The majority of deaths were from bacterial pneumonia, a common secondary infection associated with influenza.

If the majority of deaths was from bacterial pneumonia, why did people die? Because the virus that caused the disease was too small to be seen under a microscope at the time, there were problems with correctly diagnosing it. As there were no antiviral drugs to treat the virus, and no antibiotics to treat the secondary bacterial infections. (The first licensed flu vaccine appeared in America in the 1940s.)

While systems for alerting public health authorities of infectious spread did exist in 1918, they did not generally include influenza, leading to a delayed response. Social distancing measures were introduced, for example closing schools, theatres, and places of worship, limiting public transportation, and banning mass gatherings.

# Think!

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Wearing face masks became common in some places, though there were debates over their efficacy. Vaccines were also developed, but as these were based on bacteria and not the actual virus, they could only help with secondary infections.

A later study found that measures such as banning mass gatherings and requiring the wearing of face masks could cut the death rate up to 50 percent, but this was dependent on them being imposed early in the outbreak and not being lifted

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prematurely.

The Spanish flu infected, in the U.S., about 28% of the population of 105 million became infected, and 500,000 to 850,000 died (0.48 to 0.81 percent of the population). In contrast, the deaths in the United States from World War I was 116,516 people.

In Victor, *The Victor Herald* newspaper started sharing in the column "Local Brevities" each week tens of residents suffering from influenza. This started about October, 1918 and went until the following spring. This would fit with the second and third waves listed above. Most obituaries would say that the person died from influenza or from pneumonia after getting influenza. Very rarely did an obituary ever say that a person died of the Spanish influenza.

NOT MUCH except the "Local Brevities", the

obituaries and a couple of advertisements in *The Victor Herald* would have alerted a 21st century historian to the severity of the Spanish flu in Victor. Today with all the mass media and social media, historians of the future will have tremendous documentation of COVID-19.

**Information gathered from:**  
*The Victor Herald*, Wikipedia,  
[www.history.com](http://www.history.com)



# Town of Victor Planning & Building Department Overview

By Kim Kinsella, Project Coordinator

## OVERVIEW

The Planning and Building Department is a dynamic organization serving the needs of our growing community. Our core responsibilities are to ensure the Town and State Regulations are adhered to during land development, structural construction and the operation of commercial businesses. To achieve this, we have a highly skilled and dedicated group of talented individuals who excel in providing quality customer service to the public while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

The Department is operated daily using the National Incident Management System (NIMS). In short, this system ensures a Command and Operations Officer is always on duty to triage service requests and to keep the staff focused on task. Since the system was implemented in 2010, the efficiency of the department has increased dramatically.

The Department has three key divisions with responsibilities as indicated below.

### **Planning/Zoning Division Responsibilities:**

- First point of contact for developers as they consider a new project. Staff answers multiple questions, but does not get involved in the design of a project

- Coordinates and attends pre-application meetings to assist and educate potential applicants of the process and feasibility of projects
- Staff attends Planning & Zoning Board agenda meetings, prepares and distributes meeting packets, attends meeting and prepares meeting minutes
- Staff supports Conservation Board by preparing agendas and packets, transcribing meeting notes and issues the meeting notes
- Planning and Zoning staff support other Town staff with process and questions
- Works closely with Town consultants on a daily basis
- Customer service is of high importance.

### **Building Division**

#### **Responsibilities:**

#### **Building Construction Unit**

- Performs building plan reviews
- Performs construction inspections
- Performs Certificate of Occupancy inspections
- Assists public with questions regarding construction

#### **Code Enforcement Unit**

- Receives request for code investigations (complaints) from the public, internal staff and external response to agencies
- Seeks voluntary compliance of code violations, assists violators with determining code compliant remedies to code issues
- Issues violation notices and prosecutes unabated code violations

#### **Fire Marshal Unit**

- Conducts fire inspections (Periodic Property Maintenance Inspections) of all commercial buildings at least once within 36 months (higher hazard occupancies are performed more frequently)
- Issues Operating Permits to all places of assembly and conducts annual inspections of these establishments
- Responds to emergency building issues including fires, structural collapse, flooding, etc. Determines structural stability and capability. Condemn and placard unsafe structures in an emergency. Assists the

Fire Departments as needed

- Participates with the Town and County Emergency Management Plans

It should be noted that while the Building Division is segmented into specialized units of specific expertise, the staff is extremely versatile in their abilities and often supports staff outside of their unit, particularly during high volume seasons, such as building season.

**Stormwater Management Responsibilities:**

- The Stormwater Management Officer ensures the Town is in compliance with the MS4 Permit (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) administered by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- Responsible for providing an annual report to NYSDEC summarizing progress made on reaching goals of the permit in six minimum areas
- Ensures land development projects are conforming to the requirements of the NYS DEC State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) general permit for construction activities
- Reviews Planning Board applications and

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP) related to those applications

- Conducts inspections of stormwater management practices
- Issues violations for work that is non-compliant with stormwater management practices

**PLANNING AND BUILDING STAFF**

**Planning Division:**

Kim Kinsella,  
Project Coordinator

Lisa Boughton,  
Planning Board Secretary

Kim Reese,  
Building Clerk, Zoning Board Secretary and staff support to the Conservation Board

**Building Division:  
Building Construction Unit**

Tom Stirone,  
NYSO – Building Inspector (Part time)

**Code Enforcement Unit**

Marty Avila, NYSCO – Code Enforcement Officer  
Alan Benedict, NYSCO – Code Enforcement Officer  
Sean McAdoo, NYSCO – Code Enforcement Officer

**Fire Marshal Unit**

Robert Graham,  
NYSO – Fire Marshal

**Stormwater Management Division:**

Keith Maynard,  
Stormwater Program Manager

Administration of the Department is provided by Kim Kinsella, Project Coordinator, who balances and assigns workload and keeps staff on task. In Kim's absence, a member of the Building Division Unit using the NIMS system is assigned to Operations to ensure proper supervision of the department.

It should be said that the responsibilities of the Planning and Building Department are great. The Planning and Building team has a lot of knowledge, a lot of years of experience and above all, they work very well together.

## Town of Victor Personnel Changes

**ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

Stephanie Holtz has accepted a position as the Assessor for the Town of Acadia. Marlene Murnan has assumed the role of the Victor Town Assessor.

**PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Code Enforcement Officer Sean McAdoo has accepted a fulltime position as the Deputy Treasurer for the Victor Fire District. Sean will continue as a part-time Code Enforcement Officer for the Town.

We thank them for their service to the Town and its residents, and wish them all the best in their new adventures.



# Green Infrastructure

Andrew Phillips, Conservation Board Member



## THIS ARTICLE WAS HELD OVER FROM OUR SPRING ISSUE.

Greetings fellow Victor residents! I want to congratulate everyone; you have managed to navigate your way through winter, and turned the corner into spring! This is a time to open the windows and let our homes air out, breath in some fresh air, maybe go for a walk or take a ride on your bike – it's well deserved, we did just make it through another upstate winter. However, here in upstate NY we all know what's synonymous with spring, right? Yeah, you guessed it, excessive water from all that snow!

This is a time when Mother Nature is working extra with her environment and ecological support systems to properly clean and 're-purpose' that water. This cleaning, or natural water scrubbing system, is better known as Green Infrastructure. This is an incredibly important tool used to maintain the balance of our complex ecosystem and does have an impact on our everyday

lives and is always active no matter what season we're in.

The US Environmental Protection Agency defines Green Infrastructure as "the range of measures that use plant or soil systems, permeable pavement or other permeable surfaces or substrates, stormwater harvest and reuse, or landscaping to store, infiltrate, or evapotranspire stormwater and reduce flows to sewer systems or to surface waters."

This is a technical way of saying the means by which we allow Mother Nature to perform her intended job. In Victor we address Green Infrastructure while evaluating new development projects, often one may see storm water management systems and ponds around new home developments. These are critical to allowing a natural treatment of water. Yet, Green Infrastructure is everywhere. If you look closely you may notice beautiful landscaping and gardens in parking lots, these could be rain gardens or simple planter boxes designed to

capture runoff. Next time you stroll around the village you may notice downspouts and specific areas where rainwater is captured and re-directed to an area filled with cobblestones or pebbles. Yes, these all look aesthetically pleasing, but they also offer a practical purpose of providing Green Infrastructure. One other benefit of Green Infrastructure is that it limits the amount of necessary disturbance due to installation of sewers and treatment facilities. As we plunge into this next decade the topic of clean water will continue to be an important topic, thus placing an emphasis upon the continued use of Green Infrastructure for new and existing projects.

As you get out of the house, I encourage you to keep an eye out for these Green Infrastructures. Perhaps you can find a way to integrate one of these into your residence or everyday life? Thank you for reading, should you have any questions please contact me through the Town of Victor at 585-742-5035.

# Boughton Park



## **PERMIT, EVENT AND BOAT RACK REGULATIONS**

### **Park Use by Permit ONLY**

- Free permits are issued by Town Clerk to residents of the Towns of East Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and Victor.
- You must apply to the Town Clerk in the township where you live
- All permits must be displayed prominently

### **Boughton Park Hang Tag Permit Process - New:**

When applying for a new Boughton Park Hang Tag Permit:

1. You must bring your driver's license, car registration and proof of residency to the Town Clerk's office where you live
2. A new tag will be issued

### **Boughton Park Hang Tag Process - Renewal:**

To renew your expired hang tag permit:

1. You must bring in your expired hang tag to the Town Clerk's Office.
2. There will be a \$5.00 charge if expired permit is not returned at the time of renewal
3. You must bring your driver's license, car registration and proof of residency.
4. A new tag will be issued.

### **EAST BLOOMFIELD DOG CONTROL LAW**

As of November 2014, the Town of East Bloomfield has adopted a Dog Control Law that pertains to all dog owners within the town limits. This includes Boughton Park. All owners must be in complete control of their dog at all times while in Boughton Park,

as well as anywhere within the Town of East Bloomfield. Contact the East Bloomfield Town Clerk at 585-657-6515 for a copy of the Dog Control Law, Local Law #2 of 2014.

### **EVENT POLICY**

The Boughton Park Board of Directors periodically receives requests for organized group events within the Park. It is difficult to predict the impact of these events, i.e., size of the group, needed parking, the number of other visitors in the park, etc. As a result, the following policy applies to all group events in the Park:

Organized town groups (churches, scouts, Bloomfield or Victor School classes, etc.) should contact Member Claudia Walsh by email at: [boughtonparkinfo@gmail.com](mailto:boughtonparkinfo@gmail.com) at least two months in advance, to discuss specific details for any desired Park event.

**For other private groups & organizations, the following rules apply:**

- The maximum size of the group is 25 people.
- The maximum number of cars for the group is limited to 10.
- Either or both parking lots may be used, however the maximum still applies.
- The Stirnie Road picnic pavilion may be used. The reservation system should be used by contacting Member Claudia Walsh by email at: [boughtonparkinfo@gmail.com](mailto:boughtonparkinfo@gmail.com) as early as possible, as this is a limited resource available to all residents.
- No permanent or temporary structures can be brought in or constructed in the Park for any event.
- A representative of the event must make a request & provide documented details to the Boughton Park Board of Directors at least 2 months in advance of the planned event date.
- Depending on the size, the group must pay in advance, the rental fee for any additional porta-johns on site during the event. The Boughton Park Board of Directors will schedule the drop-off & pickup of the unit.

- Only 1 event can be scheduled on any one day in the Park. First requested is first granted.
- The group must identify one responsible individual to act as contact for the Town & Park. This representative will attend the event & be responsible for the event and its use of the Park before, during, and immediately after the event (i.e., including cleanup).

**DONATIONS TO THE PARK ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

**All other Park rules and regulations apply, including:**

- All parked cars must have a tag and be within the two designated parking areas.
- No alcohol in the Park.
- Swimming is prohibited anywhere in the Park.
- This is a carry-in carry-out Park. Nothing is to be left in the Park after the event.

**SPECIAL USE PERMITS**

Groups of 25 or more require Special Use Permits. These permits are issued by the Boughton Park Board of Directors. Applications shall be in writing including dates, specific use, and insurance coverage where applicable. Contact Member Claudia Walsh by email at:

[boughtonparkinfo@gmail.com](mailto:boughtonparkinfo@gmail.com) for more information.

**BOAT RACK POLICY**

Applications will be accepted at the East Bloomfield Town Hall, beginning the 2nd Monday in March of each year.

**Applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis, with preference going to:**

- Handicapped first
- Seniors Citizens second
- Opened to all if spaces are left
- Permits may be picked up by April 15th
- Permits that are not picked up by April 30 will be given to the next person on the list.
- All boats must be removed by November 15th or they will be moved to the barn at a cost of \$15.00 and charged a daily rent in the amount of \$5.00 per day with a maximum of \$100.00.
- The canoes will be considered abandoned by January 1 and will be sold at auction on April 15 of the following year.

**Canoe/Boat Permit holders are required to use their slips by July 1st or forfeit the permits. Usage will be monitored and if it is observed that the slips are infrequently utilized, the permit may be revoked and the slip assigned to another user.**

# Boughton Park Improvements

By Claudia Walsh, Boughton Park Commission Member

This past winter, we were focused on removing as many dead and/or diseased trees, and will continue to do so this winter. This spring and summer many trail improvements have been made. For his Eagle Scout project, Jared Phillips of Farmington, built and installed four new benches. Two of these benches can be located off of the park road, from the Boughton Road lot, and two along the Fisherman's Trail, off of the Stirnie Road lot. The benches are all located a little bit off the trail, perfect for taking a rest or to just enjoy the beautiful surroundings. We thank you Jared!



The East Pond Trail has been greatly improved. Many thanks to Dave Damaske, President of the Boughton Park Commission, Jeff Martin, Commission member, and other volunteers who have spent countless hours widening the trail and adding much needed drainage.

Thanks to Victor Hiking Trails, its volunteers and, Trail Boss and Commission member, Chauncy Young, the West Pond Trail has been improved also. They worked tirelessly on leveling the trails for better drainage and added a short boardwalk over a gully. Part of the trail has also been rerouted due to the erosion of the original trail.

Commission member Lisa Roberts mapped out the park, adding new trail signage throughout. A new trail map will be posted soon online, as well as at the park in both parking locations.



The Boughton Park Commission would like to thank Kevin Henehan for keeping the park grounds in great shape and looking beautiful. We would also like to thank our park ranger, Matthew McDonald for keeping everyone safe this year at the park.

Now it's time to get out and enjoy Boughton Park!



# Economic Development / Victor Local Development Corporation



**Kathy Rayburn,**  
Economic  
Development  
Department,  
Executive  
Director,  
Victor LDC,  
(585) 742-5073

The pandemic has caused all of us to be put on pause and rethink how we do things at home, work and in our businesses. It has been a time of great distress, reflection and believe it or not, OPPORTUNITY!

*"In the midst of every crisis, lies great opportunity" - Albert Einstein*

The Victor Economic Development Department and Victor LDC have always maintained a working relationship with the Victor Chamber of Commerce, when COVID hit that relationship morphed in to more of a partnership, which presented the opportunity to form something even more impactful:

**Introducing the Victor Community Development Office** – an umbrella agency consisting of Economic Development, Victor LDC, Victor Chamber and Community Events that will serve as a one stop shop for business resources.

**Mission:** To be the catalyst for a successful, strong and thriving community.

**Vision:** Promote and lead

**TOWN NEWS**



**L-R Amy DiPrima, Executive Director Victor Chamber of Commerce and Kathy Rayburn, Director Economic Development/Victor LDC**

local businesses through our innovative partnership created to be a single resource for business support.

## **How we got here....**

For many years now the Victor community has had four agencies working to support business: The Chamber of Commerce, Victor Local Development, Economic Development Department and Victor Business Connection. While we are fortunate to have these entities available to provide business support, there is often duplication of

efforts and confusion amongst businesses regarding services provided. With similar goals of providing business support we believe that forming a strategic partnership will strengthen our efforts and provide a singular voice in the business community. By eliminating the duplication of services through this collaboration, we will be more efficient in providing services, guidance to business development/support within local government and eliminate the burden of competing sponsorship/funding requests.

We feel that by combining these agencies under one umbrella, we will be able to offer enhanced streamlined services to Victor businesses and elevate Victor's competitive advantage in attracting and retaining businesses. Now more than ever it is imperative to Victor's future that we stop working in silos and combine efforts to be successful. Assets of this new partnership include:

- Create a stronger, more unified engine to drive economic growth in Victor
- COVID-19 recovery/rebuild
- Coming together to amplify the reach and impact of their complementary efforts
- One stop shop-eliminates multiple points of contact
- Single source of economic development activity
- Stop competing for resources
- Combined fundraising efforts
- Take over community events that are not being offered through P&R
- Singular Voice in Business Community

A more formal roll out of the Victor Community Development Office structure will take place in January 2021, however we continue to collaborate on business and community initiatives. We organized five Mobile Merchant Markets in Victor to promote local businesses, coordinated

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the Scarecrow contest on Main Street, appeared in a local advertising campaign designed to attract businesses, and are working on ways to celebrate the Holiday's and promote local shopping while abiding by pandemic guidelines.

**Stay informed:** A new Victor Community Guide will be coming to your home produced by Genesee Valley Penny saver and coordinated by the Chamber; check out our new landing page for Victor Community Development

office at [www.victorcdo.org](http://www.victorcdo.org). For business happenings and events go to Victor Business Connection on Facebook.

**LIGHT UP VICTOR!**

We are encouraging residents and businesses to light up their buildings beginning December 1st so we can celebrate the season. More information on that will be coming.

**SCARECROW CONTEST WINNERS!**

Thank you to all that voted, here is how it was scored:

The graphic is a vertical purple banner with a moon in the top right corner. It features four horizontal sections, each with a different background color and a corresponding illustration on the left and a photo on the right. The text in each section is as follows:

- 1st Place Victor Hiking Trails:** Background is light purple. Illustration is a smiling jack-o'-lantern. Photo shows a person hiking on a trail.
- 2nd Place Victor Cheerleading:** Background is orange. Illustration is a white ghost. Photo shows cheerleaders in white uniforms.
- 3rd Place Community Clothes Closet:** Background is yellow. Illustration is a purple cauldron with orange flames. Photo shows people at a clothes closet event.
- Congratulations to the winners and all who participated!** Background is dark purple. Illustration is three lollipops.

At the bottom of the graphic, it says "Victor Chamber of Commerce & Victor LDC" and "Website with @victorny www.victorny.org".

As we all deal with the abrupt changes that have occurred over this past year, we've all had to make accommodations and even sacrifices. The Victor Farmington Library is no different. Just like many other organizations, we closed our doors in March, but I am happy to say that on June 29th we opened for curbside pickup and then reopened our doors on July 13th.

The library looks different than it did before we closed, with no more meeting room space to offer, and no more in-person story

times or evening programs and events, but we are still as vibrant and active as ever. We have a variety of craft kits available for young children, tweens, and teens to take home, we have numerous interactive, online activities for all ages, like children's story time, and adult chair yoga. And of course, we still have the wonderful books, DVDs, and other items you can borrow.

The one thing each of us has learned from this experience is how to accomplish our goals in

a different way. We have re-tooled ourselves, and we strive to find new ways to connect with you and the rest of the community. The library is still here for you and continues to offer resources for educational, recreational, and cultural enrichment. We are thrilled to be open and once again be an active and accessible community organization. If you haven't already, I encourage you to stop in, say hello, and see what the library has to offer.

## Children's Department News

By Krystina Dippel, [kdippel@pls-net.org](mailto:kdippel@pls-net.org), 585-924-2637

What a different year we've had at the library! Things changed so fast and so many times for us this year, but we have embraced the challenges and have been working hard to adapt to offering library services that are safe, fun, and flexible. Here are a few ways that your children can engage with the library this winter:

- Virtual programs! We are offering two weekly storytimes on Facebook, a weekly chapter book readaloud called "The First Chapter" on Facebook, and monthly

tween programs on Zoom. We also upload storytimes, crafts, and other videos to our YouTube channel. The full program schedule can be found on our website's online calendar.

- Craft Kits and Activity Packets! Every Monday, we put out craft kits and activity packets for families to enjoy. Pick them up and complete them whenever you have the time. You can find specifics on which kits and packets we

are offering each week on our website's online calendar.

- Learn & Play at Home! We have been maintaining a special page on our website that will direct you to resources all over the internet for learning and for playing. On this page you'll find resources such as free online courses, learning games for young children, and museum tours!
- Borrow library materials! As long as

the library is open, you can browse our online catalog at [owl.org](http://owl.org) and place holds on items to reserve them for pickup. You can also download the Libby app or visit [owl2go.org](http://owl2go.org) to browse our digital catalog for free downloadable ebooks and audiobooks.

- Beanstack reading challenges! We are now offering seasonal reading challenges for

all ages through the Beanstack app and website. We have already completed successful summer and fall reading challenges, and we will be starting a new one in January. Download the Beanstack app or visit [victorfarmingtonlibrary.beanstack.org](http://victorfarmingtonlibrary.beanstack.org) to sign up the whole family!

- Social media! We are always sharing great resources that we

come across, as well as important library updates. Make sure you're following us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube!

- Subscribe to our Newsletter! Visit [victorfarmingtonlibrary.org/newsletter-sign-up](http://victorfarmingtonlibrary.org/newsletter-sign-up) and we will send you emails with all of our most important information and updates once or twice a month.

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## Teen News

By Dori Eisenstat, Teen Coordinator, [deisenstat@pls-net.org](mailto:deisenstat@pls-net.org)

Although we've had to make changes at the library, there are still a lot of opportunities for teens! We have virtual programs, craft kits, volunteer opportunities, reading challenges, a teen blog, and of course books and resources to borrow.

Join us online on select Thursday afternoons for Teen Thursdays, including online games and escape rooms, books discussions, and virtual arts & craft programs over Zoom. In addition, each month we will have a different Teen Take & Make craft kit available containing supplies and instructions to complete the craft at home. New kits are put out in the Young Adult area at the beginning of the month, and are available until supplies run out. Our December kits will include DIY Winter Ornaments! If you're interested in volunteering and earning community service

hours, we are always looking for teens to write reviews, produce videos, or create other original content to share with the library community.



Information on upcoming virtual programs, craft kits, reading challenges, and volunteer opportunities can be found on the teen page of our website at [www.victorfarmingtonlibrary.org/teen](http://www.victorfarmingtonlibrary.org/teen). Are you looking for your next great book to read? You will find a list of helpful readers' advisory

resources on this website. In addition, check out VFL Teens, our new teen blog at [VFLteens.blogspot.com](http://VFLteens.blogspot.com). In addition to book reviews and recommendations, the blog includes craft projects, writing prompts and resources, teen library updates, and other content just for teens. If you'd like personal book recommendations or other help with library resources, feel free to email me at [deisenstat@pls-net.org](mailto:deisenstat@pls-net.org).

We look forward to seeing you in the library and online soon!



# Adult Events & Community News Winter 2020-2021

Written and submitted by Greta Selin-Love, VFL Community Services Librarian

As we continue to navigate our world during the coronavirus pandemic, the Victor Farmington Library continues to adapt to our “new normal” and has much to offer! We have moved all of our programming online, so you, our patrons, can access information and programming from the comfort of your own homes.

Have you visited the new Victor Municipal Storywalk® yet?! If not, be sure to stop by and enjoy a stroll around the park while reading a beautifully illustrated book chosen for kids of all ages, whose pages encircle the park’s playground. The Victor Farmington Library, partnering with Victor Hiking Trails and the Farmington-Victor Kiwanis Club, installed the Storywalk® this fall as a great way for families to enjoy the benefits of physical activity as well as reading and literature, while spending time outdoors. The story will be changed approximately once a month, so check back frequently!



**Farmington-Victor Kiwanians cutting the ribbon at the Victor Municipal Park Storywalk in September 2020.**

(The *StoryWalk*® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library)

This holiday season is bound to be different than any others, with social distancing being practiced around the world and here in our own communities. The library will be presenting a unique online holiday activity this year, to help create a festive atmosphere and to celebrate the holiday season. Elisabeth Cowley, veteran gingerbread house creator and teacher, will be presenting a four-part online series for children of all ages (young children will need parental assistance), on how to create from scratch your own beautiful gingerbread cottage. This series will take families from mixing and baking the dough to decorating their creations. Even the December *Storywalk*® will be about gingerbread magic! To learn more, visit the library’s calendar of events at <http://victorfarmingtonlibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar> or call the library at 585-924-2637.



We continue to offer a variety of adult programming, all online until further notice, including travelogues, craft classes and more. To see our programs for all ages and to register for your favorites, please pick up a monthly event calendar next time you are at the library or view our online calendar at [www.victorfarmingtonlibrary.org](http://www.victorfarmingtonlibrary.org), and be sure to follow us on Facebook for timely updates.

## Victor Farmington Library Recurring Events

### ONLINE BOOK CLUB

Second Tuesday of the month,  
11:00 A.M.

Visit our online calendar for details!  
<http://victorfarmingtonlibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar>

### ONLINE CHAIR YOGA WITH ALISON GILBERT

Every Thursday, 11:00 A.M.  
Facebook Live!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/VFLChairYoga>

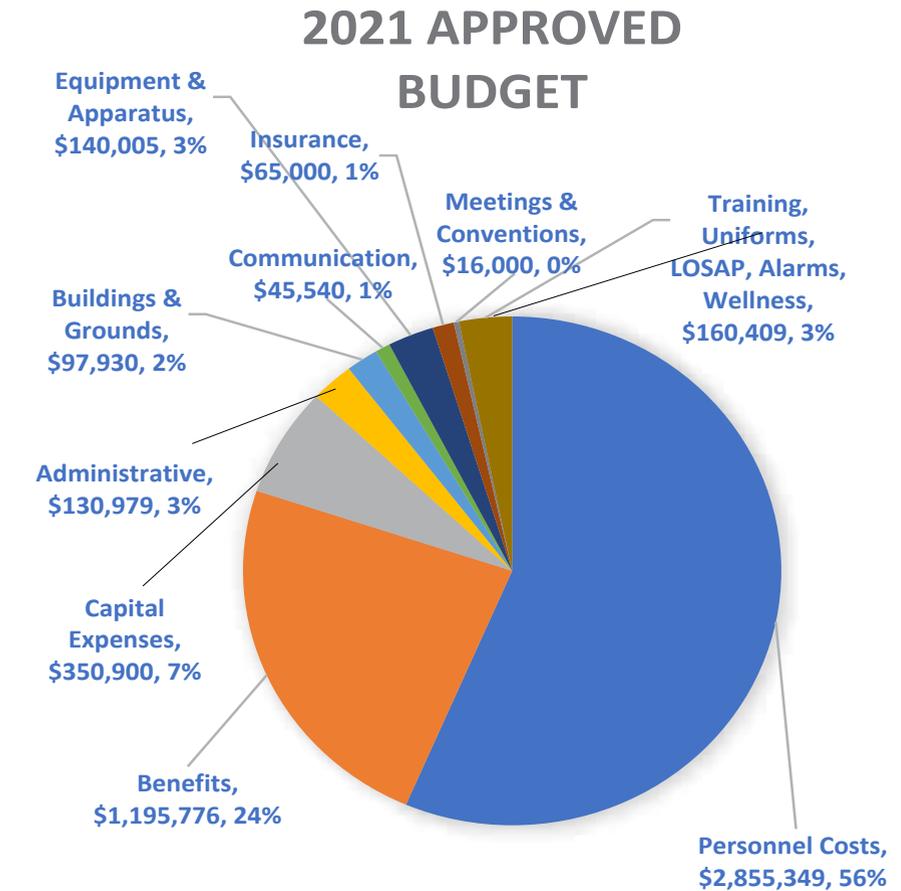


# 2021 Fisher Fire District Approved Tax Rate and Budget

The Fishers Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners Fishers held a Public Hearing on October 20, 2020, and approved the 2021 Fishers Fire District budget. The 2021 tax rate is the same as it was in 2020 at \$3.464/\$1,000 of assessed value. This represents a \$0 increase compared to the 2020 tax rate, and the Board of Fire Commissioners did not override the Tax Cap for the 2021 budget year. The total 2021 proposed operating budget is \$5,557,888. The breakdown of costs is located in the pie graph.

The District has been working very hard to keep tax increases to a minimum. We have enacted a variety of cost-cutting initiatives which include grants, consolidation of positions and services, use of New York State contracts when available for optimum pricing for materials and services, improved procurement processes, extended contracts, renewed relationships with neighboring agencies to avoid duplicate services and costs, and interest earnings on all reserves and operating accounts. The District has a full-time Chief, 27 full-time career firefighters and 7 volunteer firefighters.

The District received Paramedic certification in 2020, and has 6 Paramedics



on staff, which enables our firefighters to assist the Victor Farmington Volunteer Ambulance Corps in administering advanced medical assistance to patients prior to an ambulance arriving on scene.

Training is essential to be prepared for any possible situation. As of October, 2020, our firefighters have completed 6,316 hours of training.

When you call 911, you expect to get firefighters who arrive to the scene quickly, are fully trained to handle

your emergency, can address your situation, and minimize your losses. Your tax dollars fund this staff and operations so that they can be there for you, whenever you need them. Our firehouses are always open to the public – please come by to tour the equipment and facilities, and to meet our firefighters.

The 2021 Approved Budget can be found on the Fishers Fire District website at [www.fishersfd.org](http://www.fishersfd.org), or by contacting the Fishers Fire District at 585-924-5955.



## Year in Review

By Chief Dan Chapman



**Dan Chapman**  
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providing the level of service that you are used to. I promised then that we would do our best not to raise our tax rate for 2021. This was a tall order and one that not many law makers or politicians would say, much less do. I am proud to say that as a team we were able to do just that. At the last budget meeting the Fire Commissioners voted to do just that while maintaining the level of service that you expect and deserve.

Now I am asking for your help. Our firefighters and their families have been through a lot of stress with the unknown of the pandemic. I am asking that you take a minute or two and thank them for the work that they do and more importantly the work they are ready to do at a moment's notice. I have said that we are like insurance, you pay for us to be here, but hope you never need us. There is a small fraction of our neighbors that are threatening to push to dilute the service that we provide simply to lower their taxes. They want to FORCE consolidation with Victor, or dissolve the Fishers FD (Not sure who they think will provide fire protection, rescues, and advanced life-saving support for our residents). We have tried to explain to them that we agree that this is the right direction for the fire service and although it was voted down a few years ago, I as the Chief am working with the Victor

As we come to a close of my first full year as your Fire Chief I would like to take a minute and reflect. As you know, my wife and I moved here last year upon my taking this job, after 19 years working as a career firefighter in Greece, N.Y. All while living in Caledonia/Mumford and being a volunteer firefighter for over 30 years. I am happy to report that I do not regret the move, even with the challenges that we have had and continue to have.

Who would have thought that we would have had a pandemic like COVID-19 and the disruption to life that it caused all of us? We here at the Fire District had to make a lot of adjustments on the fly with the ever changing guidelines from the Federal and State governments. Our mission never changed and the commitment of each and every firefighter stayed the course, we just had to go with the flow.

Early in the pandemic when there were clear indications of long term effects on the business and residents of our district financially, we made the commitment to hold the financial line while still

Chief moving forward as a team. Consolidation does not mean big money savings, cooperation does. Mutual Aid is defined as "Any Fire Department emergency response and/or incident mitigation assistance provided by one jurisdiction to another jurisdiction." When you compare numbers it appears that we are going there, more often, than them coming to help us. But if you do a closer inspection you will see that the total time spent is much more equal.

As with any business the biggest expense is the employees. For many years the fire service survived on volunteers. Unfortunately, there is a shortage of volunteers nationwide, especially in Fishers. You can look at any metropolitan area and see the transition happening as you drive away from the center. We are no different - about 22 years ago Fishers had to start staffing during the daytime to offset the loss of volunteers. We slowly transitioned from volunteer based with career support to career based with volunteer support. Victor currently is volunteer based but has identified the need to supplement them during the day. As a lifelong,

third generation, volunteer firefighter it saddens me to see the decline nationwide. Yes, I am a “Paid” guy, so I am lucky to do what I love. But, I am committed to help those that want to volunteer as we will NEVER have too much help. The short answer for all residents is if you truly want to lower or maintain your fire tax rate then you need to volunteer no matter what district you live in.

As a fellow tax payer I am asking for your help. We need to hear from each of you. I would hate to have a small fraction of our residents ruin both the level of service AND/OR our relationship with Victor FD. Our relationship with Victor is back on track and headed in the right direction for ALL residents of Victor. I have heard from a few residents that want to dilute our level of service. We NEED to hear from ALL of our residents so you know the direction we are headed and the facts of how and why we are where we are. I welcome communication as long as it is a two-way street.

## FISHERS FIRE DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

5:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Fishers Fire District  
Station #2,  
380 High Street, Victor

**CAST YOUR VOTES!**

## Victor Hiking Trails

By Chauncy Young, Trail Boss,  
trailboss@victorhikingtrails.org &  
David Wright, Chairperson



This has been a busy year even with Covid-19 restrictions. In fact, because of the restrictions the use of the trails was increased 3 to 4 times. Victor Hiking Trails (VHT) deemed its infrastructure work as essential. Early in the spring individual volunteers went out picking up trash and doing smaller tasks such as clearing trees across trails. It became clear that the greater use was causing problems, so over the course of the last 7 months many trail improvements were put into place, in addition to the normal mowing,

trimming, etc. that happens 4 times a year on each section of trail during the growing season. As I write this note, VHT is planning to head out on the last organized phase of maintenance for 2020, removing leaves from trail treadways to allow them to dry out quicker after rains and next spring. By the end of the year, VHT will have logged around 95 work sessions and well over 2000 volunteer hours maintaining the trails in Victor and making improvements like bridges, boardwalks and rerouting some sections of trail.



David Wright Directing Action on the Fish Creek Boardwalk Project



**New Bridge in Boughton Park Built with #TrailsRoc's Help**

You may have noticed a new yellow diamond shaped sign at the trail heads and road crossings. VHT created and installed these to help bring public awareness to Victor Hiking Trails. Using a QR reader on a smart phone, the QR code will go directly to the VHT website. The map on the VHT website shows current location when the locator button is pressed. Chairperson, Dave Wright took charge of installing these signs as well as reblazing most of trails this year.



**HIKE WITH US Sign**

A special shout out for Lisa Roberts, VHT Secretary, who coordinated VHT's participation with the Victor Farmington Library in the construction of a BookWalk® in Victor Municipal Park (see the Library's article). Also,

when it became evident that many trail users were new to the Victor Trails, Lisa took it upon herself to single handedly created and install wayfaring signage throughout the Victor trail system.



**Lisa Roberts with one of her signs**



**One of Lisa's Signs – This One is in Monkey Run**

## Victor Fire District News

We knew when we started our first full year as a stand-alone fire district there would be unanticipated challenges. Nobody dreamed those would be in the form of a pandemic shut down.

This shut down caused delays in reaching some of our 2020 goals, most notably the hiring of additional staff to address daytime response needs and resolving HVAC issues. We did put a replacement chief's vehicle into service, rebranded the fleet, and provided additional online training for our volunteer firefighters to keep them training during the COVID shut down. The commission also used the remaining funds from 2019 to completely pay off the Quint lease, which will save nearly \$80,000 a year for the next 6 years.

The 2021 budget was adopted by the Board of Fire

Commissioners on October 20th. The budget includes addressing the staffing needs, the HVAC and other building repairs, and an increase in contribution to apparatus reserves. As the budget is \$25,561 under the State's tax cap limit (which accounts for inflation and assessment changes), your 2021 fire tax bill will remain the same as 2020.

Through October 31st, the Victor Fire Department has responded to 260 calls; 206 of these are classified as "fire" calls – fire, hazardous conditions, and alarms – and 54 are "EMS" – medical and motor vehicle collisions. On the average, we have a unit on scene with 7 minutes from dispatch and are on scene for about 27 minutes.

We are fortunate this fall to have received 4 membership applications to join our volunteer firefighting family, adding to the 2 who joined in the summer. The first

### VICTOR FIRE DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Victor Fire District,  
34 Maple Avenue, Victor

**CAST YOUR VOTES!**

year or so of joining is always the hardest – there is so much to learn, so much to soak up and understand. Our training program is tailored to the busy lifestyles so the new member can learn in manageable pieces and feel like they belong. It doesn't take long before they will be on the trucks, responding to help make a difference in their community.

If you, or a family member, is interested in joining, feel free to stop down on a Monday evening (our regular drill time is between 7 and 9) for a tour and to meet us. You can also stop by during regular business hours when our secretary is available. You can also call us at 585-924-3321 or email [info@victorfire.com](mailto:info@victorfire.com).



## Town of Victor Awarded Grant to Launch Employee Financial Wellness Program

**The Grant is Part of a New National Initiative Supported by the Wells Fargo Foundation in Collaboration with the Center for State and Local Government Excellence, the International Public Management Association for Human Resources and National Association of State Treasurers' Foundation**

The Town of Victor has been awarded a \$17,725.00 grant to establish financial wellness programs for Town of Victor employees. The programs will focus on financial and retirement planning, understanding spending habits and budgeting, establishing rainy day funds, preventing identity theft, and

investments, and will have approx.. 100 employees participating in the programs.

Funded by the Wells Fargo Foundation, this one-year grant comes at a time when many of the nearly 19 million state and local government employees across the U.S. continue to serve on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many governments are also confronting unprecedented budget shortfalls, and workers are increasingly concerned about family finances.

This grant is structured as a collaboration between the Center For State and Local Government Excellence (SLGE), the International Public

Management Association For Human Resources (IPMA-HR), the National Association of State Treasurers' Foundation (NASTF) and Wells Fargo. A total of 24 state and local government jurisdictions were awarded grants. A total list of the recipients can be found at <https://nast.org/wp-content/uploads/final-award-grants-press-release-september-2020.pdf>.

In a recent national poll conducted by SLGE, 56 percent of state and local public employees reported that their family has been negatively impacted financially by the crisis, and more than half are worried about their family finances, losing their job, furloughs, and pay and

benefit reductions. During the one-year initiative, the Town of Victor will provide financial education to employees through online classes, speakers, financial consultants, speakers, and LegalZoom.

**Victor Town Supervisor Jack Marren** would like to thank all of the supporting agencies that made this grant opportunity a reality. “These services will ensure that our Town employees have the very best educational resources available to them. This helps to eliminate much of retirement worry from our employees and will have a positive productivity effect!”

“Based on previous SLGE research, we know that only 29 percent of state and local government employers offer financial literacy programs to their workforce, while 68 percent of public employees would participate in these programs if they were offered one. This grant program offers a real opportunity for state and localities like [organization] to [launch or strengthen] financial wellness programs for workers who deliver important public services,” said Joshua Franzel, SLGE president and chief executive officer.

“Far too many public sector employees lack access to the financial wellness programs they want and need,” said Shaun Snyder, NAST and the NAST Foundation executive

director. “NAST is proud to continue its commitment to financial education through this collaboration with [organization], which will strengthen financial wellness opportunities for public employees.”

“IPMA-HR is honored to be part of this initiative, and we look forward to seeing results from the Town of Victor’s planned program. We know that state and local employees with financial security are more engaged and better positioned to serve the public, making this initiative all the more vital during these unprecedented times,” said Cara Woodson Welch, IPMA-HR executive director.

**The Center for State and Local Government Excellence (SLGE)** helps local and state governments become knowledgeable and competitive employers so they can attract and retain a talented and committed workforce. SLGE identifies leading practices and conducts research on public retirement plans, health and wellness benefits, workforce demographics and skill set needs, and labor force development. SLGE brings state and local leaders together with respected researchers. Access all SLGE publications and sign up for its newsletter at [slge.org](http://slge.org) and follow @4GovtExcellence on Twitter.

**The National Association of State Treasurers’ Foundation** promotes and

improves the educational initiatives that enable members to pursue and administer sound financial policies and programs benefiting the citizens of the nation. NAST Foundation programs provide for the enhancement of public officials’ understanding of the public financial arena and delivers education to the public about personal financial management. Founded in 2000, the charitable organization is governed by five-member board made up of State Treasurers. For more information, please visit [nast.org/foundation/](http://nast.org/foundation/)

**The International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR)** represents the interests of public sector human resource professionals at all levels of government. IPMA-HR provides comprehensive resources and solutions to assist public sector human resource professionals in ensuring that their organizations have the right talent to achieve their missions. The association provides a wide range of programs products and services that include research, professional development, certification, communications, public policy, and assessments. Additional information about IPMA-HR is available at [www.ipma-hr.org](http://www.ipma-hr.org).



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**Gary Hadden**  
Village of  
Victor Mayor,  
(585) 924-3311

Hello All,

If my memory serves me correctly it has been almost a year since the newsletter has been published due to impacts of COVID-19. What a year this has been for everyone everywhere. When COVID hit in early March the “status quo” was nowhere to be found. Throughout late winter, spring, summer, and into fall, executive orders from the Governor along with rules, regulations, and protocols changed constantly. Uncertainty and unpredictability became the norm. Village and Town government, VCSD, families,

## Letter from the Village Mayor

residents, businesses; literally everyone was thrown into a state of confusion. Thru it all the community has responded remarkably well. As challenging as it is please continue to wear masks, social distance and wash hands. Recent reports from the Ontario County Health Dept. are proof that social or business gatherings regardless of permitted numbers can be very risky. Please take care.

On a positive note I thank our staff at Village Hall and the Department of Public Works for continuing to safely serve the residents and businesses of the Village. A thank you to Chamber of Commerce president Amy DiPrima and Executive

Director of the Local Development Corp. Kathy Rayburn who have spent countless hours helping local business in the Village and Town by providing contacts, resources and promotional events in person and virtually during this ever challenging business environment. I want to thank all the businesses for their efforts to overcome the many challenges they continue to face and the residents who support them. Most importantly I thank the Fire Districts, Ambulance Corps, and healthcare workers for their courage, conviction and commitment in service of our community. Back in June here in the Village we experienced a Black Lives Matter Protest.

During this very stressful time of civil unrest our community rose to the occasion around the critical issue of social injustice and the end result was peaceful participation and heightened awareness of the problems we face as a society in our nation. My last but not least thank you goes to the Ontario County Sheriff's Office and the NY State Police for their appropriate and professional facilitation of the event.

As you know the NYS Dept. of Transportation began construction on a major roundabout project at the intersection of Lynaugh Road and Route 96 early in the spring of 2020. We all know that there were issues that caused delays and frustration near the end of the project. However I think it is worth remembering that the work continued in spite of COVID-19. Also originally it was planned as a 2-year project but it actually was completed within 1 year. The improvements in safety and traffic flow will serve our community for many years to come.

In other news for 2020, here in the Village we have moved forward with decisions to make improvements at our Wastewater Treatment Facility. We have completed phase one reconstruction of Moore, Webster and Dryer Avenues. RG&E has installed new gas mains at various locations in and around the Center Business District and we are launching our Community 36 | **WWW.VICTORNY.ORG**

Choice Aggregation (CCA) Program. After two years of researching and developing the program we are now ready to begin. With the help of a local entity called Roctricity we have held in person and virtual forums in 2019 and 2020. These forums were designed to explain and answer questions regarding the benefits of community aggregated purchase of 100% renewable electricity supply. By the time this newsletter is available in early December a letter from the Village should have reached residents and small businesses in the Village regarding this program. The letter contains information on the program including a simple process to opt out if you do not wish to participate. I am hopeful that most will participate in the program as higher numbers of participation will bolster our ability to achieve better supply rates. If you currently are in a contract with an ESCO for electricity supply you will not receive the letter. You still have the option to become part of the CCA program if you choose to end the ESCO contract. The new 100% renewable electricity supplier that we have chosen is Source Power. If you are part of the program the new rate for 100% renewable electricity supply begins January 1, 2021 and will be reflected in your RG&E bill for February. RG&E will remain as the delivery and service provider for your energy. Please take a look at



the insert that will accompany the above mentioned letter for a great opportunity to participate in a community solar program also offered to us by Source Power. This program would provide additional savings on the electricity bill in conjunction with the CCA savings! You can access information at: [gatewaycommunitypower.com](http://gatewaycommunitypower.com); [roctricity.com](http://roctricity.com); or call 585-244-0244.

If you need further assistance my email address is: [gary.hadden@villageofvictor.org](mailto:gary.hadden@villageofvictor.org) or you may call Village Hall at 585-924-3311 and I will return a call to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes to all for a safe, healthy, and Happy Holiday Season!

Gary A. Hadden, Mayor



**Pamela Hogenes, Village Clerk**  
(585) 924-3311

The Village Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The Village Hall is located at 60 East Main Street. The Village Clerk's phone number is 924-3311 or e-mail [villageclerk@villageofvictor.org](mailto:villageclerk@villageofvictor.org).

The Department of Public Works normal working hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. The Department of Public Works is located at 150 Rawson Road. The DPW phone number is (585) 924-2004.

Village Board of Trustees meetings are scheduled on the first and third Monday's

## Village of Victor General Information

Pamela Hogenes, Village Clerk

of the month (unless otherwise noted). The meetings start at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Hall and are open to the public.

### **BOARD AGENDAS AND MINUTES NOTIFICATIONS**

If you would like notifications of Village Board agendas and minutes either emailed or texted to you, please go to the Victor website ([www.victorny.org](http://www.victorny.org)), select Notify Me to the left and click on the envelope and select how you would like to receive the notifications and from which boards.

### **VILLAGE CALENDAR**

The Village of Victor is committed to providing our residents with any and all pertinent information regarding "All things Village" in

one convenient location. All Village residents will be receiving the 2021 calendar in December. Please keep it handy to find your water/sewer billing schedule, brush pickup, large trash pickup dates, meeting dates and important phone numbers.

### **DIRECT DEBIT PROGRAM**

The Village Clerk's office would like to remind our water/sewer customers that we do offer a direct debit program for your quarterly billing. An enrollment form for this program can be either picked up at the Clerk's office or one will be mailed to you by simply contacting the Clerk's office at (585) 924-3311. This program is of no cost to the customer.

# Trees of the Village of Victor

By Ruth Nellis, Village Tree Board Member



Calling all lovers of trees. The Victor Village Tree Board has a new guidebook to help you enjoy our urban forest conceived and designed by Board member Ruth Nellis.

This notebook gives information on the trees seen in the Village of Victor along the streets and in the parks as planted and cared for by the Victor Tree Board. The notebook is in the Victor-Farmington Public Library.

It may seem strange to discuss trees at this time of the year. But, as seeds for your garden are planned for in advance, you may start planning for that new tree in your yard at this time. Spring and autumn are the best times to plant a tree. This notebook may give you some assistance in your selection.

Recent revisions to the book include more trees. And, as requested, there is an aerial view on which you can locate a tree as noted by a red circle(s). Also, there is a printout specifically noting the streets/parks on which the tree may be found as well as the numbers of that tree in the Village of Victor. A map of the entire Village, noting the locations of the trees, is in the planning stages. If you cannot find this notebook in the library, ask one of the clerks for help.

Many thanks to Bob Haggett for helping collate the location information.



The Village of Victor Tree Board





**John C. Turner,**  
**Director of**  
**Public Works**  
**for the Village**  
**of Victor,**  
**(585) 924-2004**

**2020/2021 PROJECTS**

Due to COVID-19, it was a very difficult year for completing road work. We were to reconstruct Moore, Webster and Dryer Avenues but only completed the water main and 50 % of the drainage. We did finish installing the sewer main on East Street and repaved the street. In 2021, I am planning on finishing Moore Ave, repaving the North Parking lot, sealing the Library and Village Hall parking lots, and oil/stone Huxley Way.

**SIDEWALK PLOWING**

To prevent damage to your lawn, please put stakes beside the sidewalk to mark where your yard is.

# Village Director of Public Works

John C. Turner

**PARKING ON VILLAGE STREETS AND PARKING LOTS**

Parking your vehicle on Village streets or in Village owned parking lots from the hours of 2:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M. is prohibited. Keeping the roads and streets clear for plowing, helps everyone in the long run. For this, failure to comply may result in ticketing or towing, at the expense of the owner.

**KEEP YOUR HOUSE NUMBERS AND MAILBOXES CLEAR**

It's also a good idea to keep your house numbers clear from snow, in case of emergencies. Many don't realize just how much snow can obscure even a well-known area for emergency personnel. Along with house numbers, please help us by keeping your mailbox clear from snow. By shoveling round the mailbox, mail delivery is easier and it cuts down on the risk of losing the mailbox to a snowplow.

**DRIVEWAY PLOWING**

If you hire someone to plow your driveway, please make certain the snow is not plowed into the road. It's not only dangerous for drivers, it's also illegal.

**VILLAGE SPEED LIMITS**

Now is also a good time to remind the Victor residents that the speed limit in **ALL VILLAGE** subdivisions is 25mph. It is also 25mph on Church Street, Hillcrest Drive, Maple Avenue and East and West Parkway. All other streets and highways in the Village are 30mph.

**LARGE TRASH REMINDERS**

Please separate the following:

- Brush
- Household items
- Construction Debris
- Appliances

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call the Village Hall at 924-3311.

# Village Brush & Yard Waste Collection Schedule



**John C. Turner,**  
**Director of**  
**Public Works**  
**for the Village**  
**of Victor,**  
**(585) 924-2004**

**Beginning the first Monday in April through the third Monday in November (weather permitting)** the Village will provide curbside brush and yard waste collection following a monthly schedule (Listed below). **Please place brush and yard waste at the curb no earlier than 6:00 P.M. the day prior to your scheduled collection day and no later than 7:00 A.M. of your scheduled collection day to insure pickup.** In order to keep on schedule, it is essential that residents follow these procedures. Any brush which

does not meet regulations, or is set out on the wrong date, will not be picked up. If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at 924-2004, or the Village Hall at 924-3311.

The Village of Victor no longer collects yard and garden waste bagged in plastic. Yard and garden waste may be placed in a can or receptacle; filled weight not to exceed 75 pounds. Larger brush and tree limbs should be bundled, with rope or twine (not wire), in bundles no longer than 4 feet long, or weighing more than 75 pounds.

Residents interested in bagging their materials should use large paper leaf bags. These 30-gallon paper bags are available for purchase at most home and garden stores. Do not rake, sweep or place yard waste of any kind on street pavement or gutters as they may clog the drains. Do not mix leaves with sticks.

**THE VILLAGE DOES NOT PICK UP SOD.**

## AREA 1

### 1st MONDAY of Each Month

Alpine Way	Kent Dr
Ambassador Dr	Lynaugh Rd
Andrew St	Salem Cir
Clover Ln	Somerset Ln
East Parkway	Tareyton Dr
Forest Ave	Winston Dr

## AREA 2

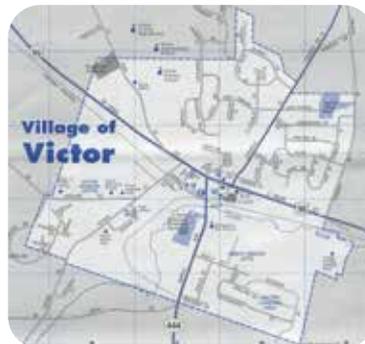
### 2nd MONDAY of Each Month

Church St	Moore Ave
Dryer Ave	S. High St
Dunbridge Ln	Sagamore Way
Duxbury Cir	Valley View Cir
Glendower Way	Valley View Dr
Hillcrest Dr	Webster Ave
Huxley Way	West Parkway
Latchmere Dr	

## AREA 3

### 3rd MONDAY of Each Month

Brookline Ave	Railroad St
Cambridge Cir	Rawson Rd
Coville St	Rothbury Cir
East Main St	School St
East St	Walling St
Ellis St	Waltham St
Ketchum St	Wellington Dr
Maple Ave	West Main St
Medford Way	Woodworth St
Railroad Ave	



### NOTE:

**When a Holiday falls on your regularly scheduled Monday, place the items out for Tuesday.**

### FOR LEAF VACUUM:

Approximate dates are October 15th through Thanksgiving or the first heavy snowfall. Place loose leaves in a row at the curb line. Do not mix leaves with sticks. Please keep leaves out of gutters and ditches. This will help protect your property from flooding.

# Village Large Trash Pickup Schedule

The Village of Victor has designated two times during the course of the year in which residents can dispose of appliances, household items, and large quantities of brush.

## NOTE

**Please put these items into separate piles as follows:**

- Brush
- Household Items
- Construction Material
- Appliances

If you need to dispose of these items at any other time during the year, you may reserve the Village Rolloff for a fee of \$180.00 by calling the Village Hall at 924-3311, or you may utilize the Town of Victor's Transfer Station, located at 60 Rawson Road, after first obtaining a permit from the Town Highway Office in Building "B".

We appreciate your cooperation in not placing these items at the curb with your weekly garbage.

**Please note:** This service is for **Village residential properties** only.

**PLACE ITEMS AT THE CURB NO EARLIER THAN 6:00 P.M. TWO DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY, AND NO LATER THAN 7:00 A.M. MONDAY MORNING TO INSURE PICKUP.**

**NOTE: DO NOT PLACE FOOD GARBAGE, WET PAINT, TOXIC ITEMS, OR RECYCLABLES IN THIS PICKUP.**

## April 5, 2021

Alpine Way  
Ambassador Drive  
Andrew Street  
Clover Lane

East Parkway  
Forest Avenue  
Kent Drive  
Lynaugh Road (Village)

Salem Circle  
Somerset Lane  
Tareyton Drive  
Winston Drive

## April 12, 2021

Church Street  
Dryer Avenue  
Dunbridge Lane  
Duxbury Circle  
Glendower Way

S. High Street  
Hillcrest Drive  
Huxley Way  
Latchmere Drive  
Moore Avenue

Sagamore Way (Village)  
Valley View Circle  
Valley View Drive  
Webster Avenue  
West Parkway

## April 19, 2021

Brookline Avenue  
Cambridge Circle  
Coville Street  
East Main Street  
East Street  
Ellis Street

Ketchum Street  
Maple Avenue  
Medford Way  
Railroad Street  
Rawson Road  
Rothbury Circle

School Street  
Walling Street  
Waltham Street  
Wellington Drive (Village)  
West Main Street  
Woodworth Street

## PLEASE NOTE:

Additional Fees - To be paid in advance at the Village Hall:

- Tires 16" or under without rim: \$5.00 per tire
- Freon Removal (Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, etc.): \$15.00 ea.

## PLEASE NOTE: EWaste+ at

7318 Victor Mendon Road (Route 251) will take computers, monitors, keyboards, TV's and other electronics. For more information, please call (585) 924-3840.

FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL CALL ONTARIO COUNTY RECYCLING AT 585-526-4420



# SHOP VICTOR SHOP LOCAL

Shopping is on many of our minds as we embark on the Holiday season. Shopping local should be on our minds all year long and this is a good time to reiterate the many positive impacts of purchasing from local Victor businesses.



## THIS CHRISTMAS:

Buy from Local                      Buy handmade  
Buy from people you know      Buy from self-employed

Remember, the big stores don't do a little "Jig" when they make a sale.  
*Make someone "Jig" this year*

