

Victor Voice

Winter 2024/2025



TOWN & VILLAGE
NEWSLETTER

www.townofvictoryny.gov

TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR:

Check out the programs this season in the Victor Parks & Recreation Activity Guide!

**THE TOWN & VILLAGE VICTOR VOICE NEWSLETTER
IS AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY.**

Please sign-up for notifications on the Victor Website at www.townofvictoryny.gov. From the home page, click on the Notify Me button (under the picture) and sign-up to receive an email or text notification when the latest issue is available.



CONTENTS

- 16 Boughton Park
- 35 Calendar of Events
- 21 Conservation Board
- 23 Economic Development/
VCDO
- 31 Historian
- 32 Parks & Recreation
- 6 Town Assessor
- 4 Town Clerk
- 8 Town Highway
- 30 Victor Hiking Trails
- 39 Village Clerk
- 40 Village DPW
- 41 Village Large Trash
- 36 Village Mayor

Town Supervisor's News

Fall is in the air; I cannot believe that we are moving towards the end of 2024. I hope each and every resident enjoyed their summer and found some memorable time with their families and friends. The summer season can be very short, but the local activities within our community can be endless.



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

PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

The Thursday night Summer Concert Series was blessed with great weather, food, sweets, adult beverages, and music. Thank you to the many residents who attended these concerts!

Taco Tuesdays over at Dryer Road Park continues to grow annually in attendance.

The summer day camp held on the VCS campus continues to grow in number of attendees. It is wonderful to see so many young families and grandparents experiencing these spring and summer events with their families. THANK YOU!

Thank You to our Parks Maintenance staff for keeping our parks, fields and buildings in pristine condition.

An additional thank you to the Parks Maintenance staff for their efforts on Operation Green Light supporting Veterans. The green lights are an effort to honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform. The staff made sure green lights were shining upon Town Hall and the Veterans Memorial Park from November 4th through the 11th.

CLIMB ABOARD 2024 - WOW!

Outstanding weather helped to increase the number of families that attended this year's event. This event allows so many Emergency Responders the opportunity to showcase their equipment, but more importantly to educate the public about the role they play in our safety. Thank you to the many organizations that participated in this very successful event! I also want to thank Councilman Drew Cusimano for his vision of this event and the many, many individuals who volunteered their time to ensure this day was memorable.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank the members of the Highway Department and Highway Superintendent Mark Years for another productive year of road and drainage projects.

We might not like the interruptions of traffic flow through construction areas, but the end result is well worth it. Thank you to the motorists for abiding by the construction signage within these zones.

Reminder - during the winter months I ask that you be aware of the snow removal equipment when they are out cleaning off our Town roads. We are committed to your safety and the safety of our Town employees - Thank you!

TOWN BUDGET 2025

The tax rate for 2025 will remain flat at \$1.71 per/thousand

for the third year in a row. The Town is complying with the New York State imposed tax cap in 2025. The Town has been able to maintain this tax rate while still delivering the high level of services our residents expect. I wish to express my appreciation to our Director of Finance, department heads, staff and Board members who worked hard to produce this budget.

Budget highlights

- General road repairs and capital road projects next year, including engineering and design costs, will be \$2,107,000.00. We will allocate \$1.5 Million from the Highway Road Reserve Fund to offset this expenditure. Six years ago, we made the decision to annually reinvest about \$2M in our roads. This dollar amount allows us to maintain an aggressive, but fiscally sound maintenance program for our Town roads.
- To keep our fleet of vehicles updated and generally maintenance free, we have budgeted \$1,218,500.00 for 2025. We are replacing two pieces of equipment that are 30 years old, and we are also going to purchase and share a road grader with the Town of Farmington. \$915,000.00 will come from the Equipment Reserve Fund to offset these purchases.
- We are also committing an additional \$750,000 to a Highway Capital Reserve Fund towards a future Highway Facility.

NEWSWORTHY ITEMS

- The Town of Victor Wellness

TOWN NEWS

Committee hosted a Health & Wellness Fair on October 2, 2024, here at Town Hall. This was an interactive and informative event for employees, retirees, and residents. This was a wonderful opportunity for our employees to receive health updates about themselves with a few simple tests. More than 30 vendors participated and promoted therapy dogs, fitness, nutrition, massage, stretch and physical therapy, elder care, and much more. This event was free and open to the public, and was a huge success, with positive feedback received from all.

- Please read Casey Paige's article under "Transfer Station" for information about rates for 2025.
- It is anticipated that all county residents will experience increases in waste disposal and recycling due to the Ontario County Landfill lease expiring in 2028. A final decision has not been made as to whether or not it will continue in its current state, or what other options will be explored and implemented.
- Get involved in our Town: The Town is advertising a number of openings in some of our paid and non-paid Board and Committee positions.

ONTARIO COUNTY NEWS

- The Ontario County Sheriff's department has formed a "Threat Assessment Committee". A press conference was held on 9/25/24. This is an effort to collectively work together with Law Enforcement, Probation,

School Districts, DA's office, Mental Health, and DDS to evaluate threatening situations around the county. This work was being done by each entity and now working collaboratively as a committee, the outcome will be more productive.

- A Local Law to establish Enforcement Authority for Prohibited Unlicensed Cannabis Activity within Ontario County was approved on October 3, 2024. Unlicensed cannabis activity refers to unlawfully selling cannabis, cannabis products, or any product marked or labeled as cannabis without obtaining the appropriate registration, license or permit, or engaging in indirect retail sales. This legislation will provide our Sheriff's department with the Authority to act with these illegal shops. Unfortunately, we have had a few cases here within our Town with these types of offenders.

On behalf of your Town Board and all of your Town Employees, please have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Season!

Please feel free to contact me at 585-742-5020 or at supervisor@townofvictoryny.gov with any questions or concerns you may have. Please take advantage of our comment cards on the Town's website at [*www.townofvictoryny.gov](http://www.townofvictoryny.gov) to let us know how we are doing or to offer suggestions on how to make Victor an even better place to live.

***Please note the NEW website address.**



Warm Wishes from the Town Clerk's Office!

WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!

The Clerk's office is here to serve our wonderful community with a SMILE! We wish you and your family a warm and healthy holiday season.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Effective October 1, 2024, Couples will need to make an appointment with the Clerk's Office to obtain their marriage license. Any person eighteen years of age and older can solemnize a Marriage Ceremony in New York State after obtaining a One-Day Marriage Officiant License from the Town Clerk. A One-Day Marriage Officiant does

not have to be a resident of New York State. A One-Day Marriage Officiant has the authority to solemnize a marriage anywhere in New York State. An application for a One-Day Marriage Officiant License may only be submitted after the parties to be married have obtained their Marriage License, and has a fee of \$25.00.

Marriage Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's office. Any Town or City Clerk in New York State can issue marriage licenses for ceremonies in any location in New York State. Marriage licenses must be obtained at least 24 hours before the ceremony and the license

is valid for sixty (60) days following the 24-hour waiting period.

OFFICE HOURS:

Our office is open Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM and for your convenience there is a DROP BOX located at the back of the building. We will also accommodate anyone who cannot make it into the office during regular business hours, please contact Town Clerk Karen Bodine at 585-742-5081 to make an appointment.

FREE NOTARY SERVICES PROVIDED

The Clerk's office provides in-person notary services during

our normal business hours. This service is free and available to all residents. Feel free to contact our office with any questions (585) 742-5080.

FOOD CUPBOARD DROP BOX

A friendly reminder, we have a food drop-off box located in the main lobby of the Town Hall for your convenience.



DOG PARK MEMBERSHIP

We now have a new Dog Park located at Harlan Fisher Park. Dog Park access is available to Victor residents only. The cost annually is \$30.00 and male dogs must be neutered. Currently, we have 200 registered dog park users.

As a reminder, we do have the Online Dog Portal which many residents use to renew their dog license. This portal is for dogs who are already registered and only need a renewal. Remember if you use this portal your dog's rabies must be up to date. Should you need to call our Dog Control Officers, they can be

reached at the following number: ONTARIO COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY - 396-4590.

FREE RABIES CLINICS BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 15TH, 9:00 AM-NOON IN CANANDAIGUA.

TAX RECEIVER

All Town/County tax bills for the Town of Victor are mailed to each property owner before January 1st of each year. To avoid any interest penalties, tax payments must be received by the Tax Receiver/Town Clerk's office or post-marked on/before January 31st. You can pay your tax bill with cash, check or credit / debit card.

There are three options for when to pay your taxes:

1. Full payment by January 31st at the Town Clerk's office to avoid any interest penalties. Full payments with interest penalties will also be accepted in February and March.
2. First installment payment by January 31st. The second installment payment must be paid during the month of February or March.
3. Only full tax payments are taken at the Canandaigua National Bank during the month of January.

After April 1st, any unpaid tax bills will be forwarded to the Ontario County Treasurer's office. Please contact them at (585) 394-4432.



Artist Wall

Ellen Fjermedal, Local Artist

Ellen Fjermedal, a resident of Victor, is a self-taught artist. She started drawing as a child growing up on the south coast of Norway in Arendal. "It was in my fingers!" Ellen Fjermedal explained. She has a studio and display area at home where she paints rosemaling (Norwegian) or kurbits (Swedish) decorations. Ellen also has a painting of the Twin Towers in the 9/11 Memorial Museum. Her paintings exhibited at the Victor Town Hall are in celebration of the Christmas season. The display will be up until mid-January.

Helpful Information from the Assessor's Office

Marlene J Murnan, Assessor & Erin Brandt, Assessor Aide

EQUALIZATION RATE

By now everyone should have paid their 2024/25 school tax bill. You may have noticed a full market value on the bill. The full market value is what your home could sell for, based on recent sales. This is not what your taxes are based on. Taxes are calculated on the taxable assessed value (assessed value less exemptions). The equalization rate is the state's measure of a municipality's level of assessment (LOA). This ratio is the total Town's assessed value divided by the Town's total market value as determined by NYS. This rate is used to apportion budgets among taxing jurisdictions. For example, the Victor School District is in five towns and three counties. The equalization rate ensures each municipality pays its fair share. The 2024 equalization rate for Victor is 68%.

STAR

The School Tax Relief (STAR) program offers property tax relief to eligible New York State homeowners. You can receive the STAR credit if you own your home and it's your primary residence. If you are eligible and enrolled

in the STAR program, you'll receive your benefit each year in one of two ways:

STAR Credit Check. If you are registered for the STAR credit, the NYS Tax Department will send you a STAR check in the mail each year. To be eligible the combined income of the owners and the owners' spouses is \$500,000 or less. All new property owners must register with the State for the credit check program. If you are a property owner turning sixty-five you may qualify for added savings. When you become eligible for Enhanced STAR, the State will automatically send you a check for your Enhanced STAR benefit. You only need to register for the STAR credit check program once.

STAR Exemption: a reduction on your school tax bill. If you've been receiving the STAR exemption prior to 2015, you can continue to receive it for the same primary residence. To still be eligible, the combined income of all owners and owners' spouses must be less than \$250,000. Note: This option is not available on any homes bought after 2015. You can make a one-time change from the exemption to the check by contacting the state below.

Any Basic STAR exemption recipient who is 65 and older may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption. You only need to apply once. All owners must be at least age 65 as of December 31, 2025, unless the property is jointly owned by a married couple or siblings. This year the maximum adjusted gross income is \$107,300 based on the 2023 tax return. The income limit applies to the combined incomes of all owners (residents and non-residents), and any owner's spouse who resides at the property.

Go to www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/homeowner-benefit-portal.htm or call NYS Department of Taxation and Finance at (518) 457-2036 to Register or Make the Switch!

ALL EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS OR EXEMPTION RENEWAL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 1ST, 2025.

EXEMPTION APPLICATION AVAILABLE HERE ON THE VICTOR WEBSITE!

EXEMPTION APPLICATION AVAILABLE HERE FROM NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE!

Please call (585) 742-5010 or stop by with questions or need assistance with the applications.

FREE



EASTER

egg hunt

SATURDAY
APRIL 12TH

Dryer Road Park
7405 DRYER ROAD

AGES 3-11 years • 10:00AM SHARP!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CHECK OUT THE
VICTOR PARKS & RECREATION ACTIVITY GUIDE!**

Town of Victor Highway Department

HOURS



Office Hours (Year-round)

Monday – Friday
7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Highway Superintendent and crew hours

WINTER HOURS

(November through March)

Monday – Friday
7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

SUMMER HOURS

(April through October)

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

SNOW REMOVAL

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

1. When snowplow operators are removing snow from the streets, please give them plenty of room to back up and maneuver the plow so that they can safely clear snow from the roads. We appreciate your patience during these snow events.
2. Do not plow snow in or across the road. Make sure contractors hired to plow driveways are aware that it is illegal to plow snow across a highway. It leaves a hazardous situation for the traveling public.
3. Residents are responsible for shoveling out and around their own mailboxes.
4. Do not let children play in snowdrifts near the roadway. It is difficult and almost impossible for plow operators to see them.
5. Keep your house numbers clear of snow in case of emergencies.

POTHOLE REPORTING

TOWN ROADS

585-742-5094

COUNTY ROADS

585-396-4000

STATE ROADS

1-800-POTHOLE
(1.800.768.4653)

PLOWING PROCEDURES DURING SNOW EVENTS:

There are nine main plow routes within the town. During snow events, clearing state and county roadways is 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 need 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 would not require the amount of surface treatment that is necessary on other local roads. The streets affected by this “Sensible Salting”



Mark Years,
Town Highway
Superintendent,
(585) 742-5094

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



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

YOU CAN KEEP UP TO DATE
BY “LIKING” THE TOWN OF
VICTOR OR THE VICTOR PARKS &
RECREATION FACEBOOK PAGE.

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 Way, Sachem Trail, Scudder Mills, Song Hill Lane, Springdale Court, Sunray Crest, Trillium Trail, Whispering Hills, Bradhurst Street, Esjay Drive, Saurer Farms, Bramwell Park, Yale Court, Royce Circle, Wartons Cove, Fox Hunt Drive, Morgan Circle, Beaumont Way, Claremont Court, Channing Court, Pelham Rise, Hackney Circle, Grayson Drive and Wildwood Lane.

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.townofvictorny.gov it is at the bottom of the home page.

PARKING

No parking on town roadways or in cul-de-sac areas from November 1st – 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 moved 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 a standard black aluminum box. The town will not replace anything other than a mailbox and post as described. Owners who 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 fences, landscaping, sprinklers, basketball hoops or any other property placed within the Town right-of-way.

DEER REMOVAL

Please report any dead deer carcasses found in the public right-of-way as follows:

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

***Note – The Town will not pick up dead deer carcasses on private property. There are multiple wildlife removal companies that can be found on the internet.

Please contact the Highway Department at 585-742-5094 with any questions you have regarding the Town roadways. Have a safe, healthy 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/commercial 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 taxpayers when it is used in that capacity. Please respect the rules put into place so

that we can retain this asset for our Victor community and manage the costs of running 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 for more information.

YEAR-ROUND TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

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. – 1:00 P.M.

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 28th and 29th (Open Sat., November 23rd)

Closed December 25th

Closed January 1st, 2025

Closed January 20th, 2025

****NEW PERMIT FEES****

Unfortunately, due to tipping fee increases and current Transfer Station fees not covering operational costs in 2024, we have no option but to increase permit fees by \$5 for residential to \$150, senior to \$135, commercial to \$150 and organics to \$110.

The punch card will increase \$15 to \$150. Our goal is to cover the expenses and keep our Transfer Station operational. Even with this increase, compared to an at home disposal service, which is approximately \$800-1,000+ per year, this is a great option for our town and village residents. We are fortunate to be able to offer this resource to residents.

We appreciate your patience and understanding with this increase and remind you that this is a decision made by the Town Board not our Transfer Station personnel. We appreciate your respect during this change.

In the near future, all Ontario County residents will experience increases in waste disposal and recycling due to the Ontario County landfill and Materials Recovery Facility lease expiration in December of 2028. Please take the time to review this website www.oclandfillfuture.org and understand what is involved in the difficult, complicated and multi-faceted decisions the Ontario County Board of Supervisors will have to make regarding this lease expiration and the landfill reaching capacity at the end of 2028.

2025 FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS, Effective 1/1/2025:

Residential Permits	\$150
Commercial Permits (recyclables only)	\$150
Senior Permit (65 and older as of January 1st)	\$135
Punch Card	\$150
Organics Only Permit - brush & food scraps (bucket exchange)	\$110

2025 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; **Not on the date payment is received.**

PAYMENTS

Payments can be made in person, by mail, placed in the drop box, or over the phone at 585-742-5094 with a credit card (2.15% processing fee applies).

NEW RESIDENTIAL AND SENIOR PERMIT APPLICANTS:

Permits can be purchased in person at the Highway/ Transfer Station Department, 60 Rawson Road, Building “B”, mailed, placed in the drop box and over the phone with a credit card (2.15% processing fee). Applications can be found on the website www.townofvictorny.gov or at the Transfer Station office. 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. Checks can be made payable to the Town of Victor. Residential transfer station permits are \$150 (2 per residence). Senior permits are \$135 for residents 65 and over (proof required).

COMMERCIAL PERMITS

Commercial transfer station permits are \$150 (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 is required, 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, CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, GARAGE/BASEMENT CLEANOUTS

Residents will need to purchase a punch card to dispose of any bulky items (furniture, rugs, mattresses) or construction type materials (wood, dry wall, shingles, etc.) and garage or basement cleanouts of miscellaneous items. Proof of Victor residency and registration to vehicle

is required. The cost is \$150 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.townofvictorny.gov or by calling the Transfer Station office 585-742-5094.

ORGANIC RECYCLING

With the landfill lease expiration in 2028 it is more important than ever for residents to participate in waste diversion. With your permit, we offer a bucket exchange for food scraps and organics. The Town encourages all Transfer Station users to take another look at participating in either the bucket exchange program or at home composting to dispose of organics and keep them out of the landfill. This is the future of waste management, and the town will continue to promote this to create a more sustainable community. To initiate waste diversion, the Town Board adopted an organic recycling program through Impact Earth. This is done through a bucket exchange and is now part of the residential Transfer Station Permit. We offer an “Organics Only” permit for \$110 to those Village or Town residents who only want to utilize the brush area and participate in the bucket exchange program.

Currently over 160 Transfer Station users are utilizing our bucket exchange program.

- Feedback from current uses:
- Garbage is not as smelly/less maggots.
- Less trips to the transfer station.
- Makes you mindful of what you are purchasing and how much food waste is going into the bucket. In turn this creates less food waste and lower grocery bills.
- Keeps organics out of the landfill and not in plastic bags where they cannot break down properly.
- Compost can be added back into our soils for beneficial added nutrients and to prevent soil degradation from occurring.
- Easy drop off and exchange system.
- Average food waste diversion per household/per year is approximately 50 tons (depending on family size).
- Start making behavioral changes in your households now before legislative mandates require food scrap recycling.

Please see information on the next page on acceptable materials for the bucket exchange program.

ACCEPTED MATERIALS

IMPACT EARTH COMPOSTING

FOOD SCRAPS

All food scraps & waste including: produce, meat, dairy, eggs, bones/shells, coffee grounds, etc.

PAPER PRODUCTS

Napkins, shredded paper, paper towels, cardboard, biodegradable paper takeout boxes

COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS

All "bio-plastics" labelled as BPI Certified or Commercially Compostable

NOT ACCEPTED

Animal or human waste, plastic, metal, non-biodegradable materials



FOR MORE INFO, FIND US AT

IMPACTEARTHROC.COM

SUPPORT@IMPACTEARTHROC.COM

585-315-0160

IG: @IMPACTEARTH_COMPOSTING

Please stop in the Transfer Station office for a bucket to participate in organics recycling.

AT HOME COMPOSTING TIPS

Ontario County offers composter bin sales a couple times of year. Click the link for backyard composting bin tips.

BACKYARD COMPOSTING BIN TIPS FOUND HERE!

Our office is happy to help and support any residents interested in trying one of these food scrap recycling programs. Please contact the Transfer Station office with any questions, concerns, or comments.

SWAP SHOP

This is an excellent way to repurpose unwanted items that are still in good condition and keep them from going into the landfill. The Swap Shop is closed for the season. Please take advantage and become a member of our Victor Community Swap Shop Facebook Group! Anyone interested in becoming a member, go to the Facebook web 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. If you are interested in being a Swap Shop volunteer next spring, please contact Casey Paige at 585-742-5094 cpaige@townofvictoryny.gov extension 2201 or Pat Bartholomew at 585-869-5062 or pattyj7586@gmail.com.

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@townofvictoryny.gov.

ACCEPTED MATERIALS:

RECYCLABLES (please sort as follows):

Any recyclable material dropped off in plastic bags are considered contaminated recyclables and thrown in the garbage.

- Comingle - Plastic, tin, glass, thermoform plastics (no Styrofoam or plastic bags)
- Corrugated cardboard
- Newspapers, boxboard, junk mail and magazines (no plastic bags)
- Metal / Steel, copper, non-ferrous and ferrous metal, appliances made of metal (except refrigerators and propane tanks, which can both be taken to ALPCO Recycling)

BATTERY RECYCLING:

- Alkaline, zinc, NiMH, NiCd
- All 9 volt and higher batteries and lithium-ion batteries must have both terminals taped with **clear tape**

NOT ACCEPTED

- Power tool batteries - Home Depot and Lowes recycle these for FREE
- Automotive batteries – Auto Zone, NuWay, Advanced Auto for FREE

SPECIAL COLLECTION PROGRAMS

If you are looking to recycle materials that cannot be recycled at our landfill there are other options for recycling. Check out the link for mail in and drop off programs or free events offered through Ontario County <https://ontariocountyrecycles.org/194/2319/Special-Collections-Programs>.

TREE AND BRUSH DEBRIS

Residents must have a Transfer Station Permit 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 is available to Transfer Station permit holders. It is located behind the Highway barns and is accessible Monday to Saturday, 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. (*Wednesday until 8:00 P.M., Saturday until 1:00 P.M.*).

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



TIRES

2025 will be the last year the Town of Victor will accept tires for recycling. Ontario County hosts special collection events for tires each year. Please check the link for these free events held during the spring, summer and fall months <https://ontariocountyrecycles.org/194/2319/Special-Collections-Programs>.

LARGE ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND GARAGE/BASEMENT CLEANOUTS

Must purchase a punch card to dispose of this type of debris.

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS: ELECTRONICS

Electronics are not accepted at the transfer station. For more information on electronic recycling go to www.ewaste.com or call 585-924-3840 or check the Ontario County website for upcoming events www.ontariocountyrecycles.com



HAZARDOUS WASTE (oil-based paints, pesticides, gasoline, chemicals, fluorescent bulbs)

Must be disposed of at hazardous waste disposal events.

For more information call 585-526-4420 or go to www.ontariocountyrecycles.com

PAINT RECYCLING

Full or partially full paint cans are now recyclable at local paint stores such as Sherwin Williams 585-924-2640 and Hadlock’s House of Paint 585-924-8420. They will take 10 gallons at a time.

LEARN MORE ABOUT RECYCLING PAINT HERE!

Jingle Mingle
 SIP SHOP • SAMPLE
December 7
 2:00-6:00P.M.

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:

- Mulch must be loaded by the residents, not staff.
- 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.

DO NOT PLACE BROKEN BULBS OR GLASS OF ANY TYPE LOOSE IN YOUR GARBAGE BAGS. PLEASE WRAP IN PAPER AND LET ATTENDANTS KNOW THERE IS BROKEN GLASS IN THE BAG!

If 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.



Join an FLCC Community Education Course in Victor this Spring

Planning for a Successful Retirement

Jan. 16, 23, 30, and Feb. 6 from 7–9 p.m.

Cost: \$29.00

Reduce financial uncertainty and anxiety that can come with retirement. Our experts will guide you in preparing a retirement budget and developing a financial plan. Explore topics such as health care costs, long-term care, and estate planning.

Beginning 3D Printing

March 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 5–7 p.m.

Cost: \$90.00

Learn to design an object in CAD and use a 3D printer to create it. You'll design objects, use slicing software, and develop a basic knowledge of printer settings and best practices. Provided to participants: 3D printing project, materials, and use of equipment.

Beginner Electronics

Feb. 13 and 20 from 5–7 p.m.

Cost: \$60.00

Explore electronics and coding through interactive projects involving LED control, temperature sensing, and more. Learn to use Arduino, breadboards, and basic components (such as sensors, resistors, and capacitors). Prior experience is not needed.

Basic Computer Skills and Security

March 13 and 20 from 5–7 p.m.

Cost: \$60.00

Gain a basic understanding or refresh your skills in computer literacy and applications. We'll cover file management, email, internet, video chat, and texting. You'll also participate in discussions about security concerns and cyber threat protection.

FLCC Victor Campus Center
200 Victor Heights Parkway, Victor, NY 14564

Visit fccc.edu/workforce and explore Community Education courses, or scan the QR code to register.

Call (585)785-1670 with questions.



Greetings from Boughton Park

Data Reports by Matthew VanKuren • Shared by Claudia Walsh

In the 2024 Spring/Summer Victor Voice Newsletter we wrote about our newly installed trail counters. In August, Matt VanKuren, Boughton Park Commission member, downloaded the data from the six counters and produced a data report. Please find below excerpts from that report.

“The purpose of collecting trail counter data is to better inform the 3 towns and the Boughton Park Commission on park usage.” This objective is aimed at supporting funding applications, guide future planning, and collect usage data over time. Data has been collected on 6 points of interest (POI’s) in the park over the last 6 months, since the beginning of February.

KEY FINDINGS:

- Park usage for the front half of the year has been relatively consistent.
- The most trafficked trail shifting from the Park road in the earlier months to the Fisherman’s trail as we entered summer.
- From most to least traffic this summer the POI’s are: 1. Fisherman, 2. Canoe, 3. Park Rd, 4. BP Lot E, 5. BP Lot W, and 6. Fisherman lot
- Roughly an average of 112 people per day and 3337 people per month

The data for this report was collected using the TRAFx DataNet System, a reliable and widely used tool for monitoring trail usage. TRAFx trail counters were strategically placed at key points within Boughton Park to capture accurate data on visitor traffic. These counters use non-intrusive infrared sensors, pointed down across the trail, to detect and record the number of visitors passing specific points on the trails.

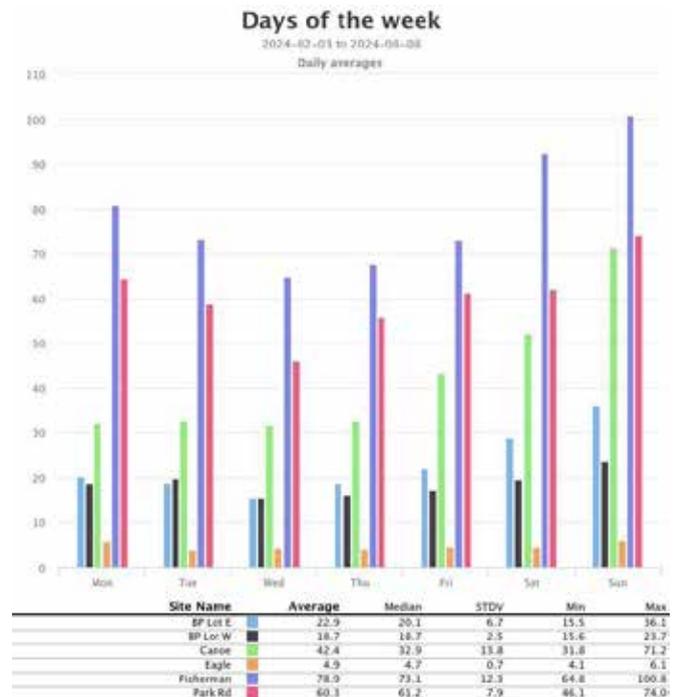
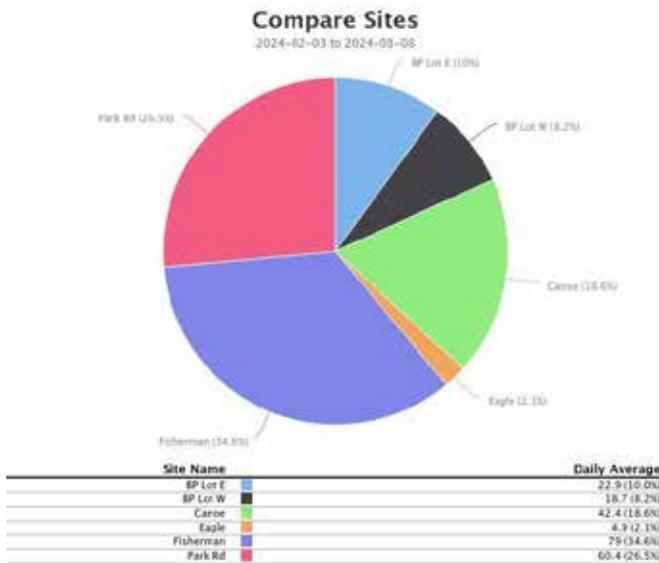
FINDINGS AND INTERPRETATION

Site Average Monthly Traffic:

- BP Lot East 698
- BP Lot West 577
- Canoe Storage 1265
- Eagle Trail 158
- Fisherman Trail 2370
- Park Road 1763

From this we can roughly calculate the number of people using the park each month. Sum of average monthly traffic at each of the 5 entrance POI’s (not eagle trail) divided by two. The average number of people in the park per month is 3,337.”

These charts along with the data will once again be updated in February 2025. It will be interesting to see if any trends change over the fall and early winter months!



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:

- You must bring your driver's license, car registration and proof of residency to the Town Clerk's office where you live
- 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 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 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.
- All fishing is CATCH & RELEASE ONLY
- 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 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.

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.

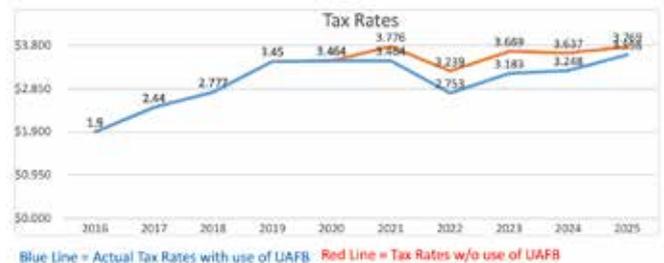
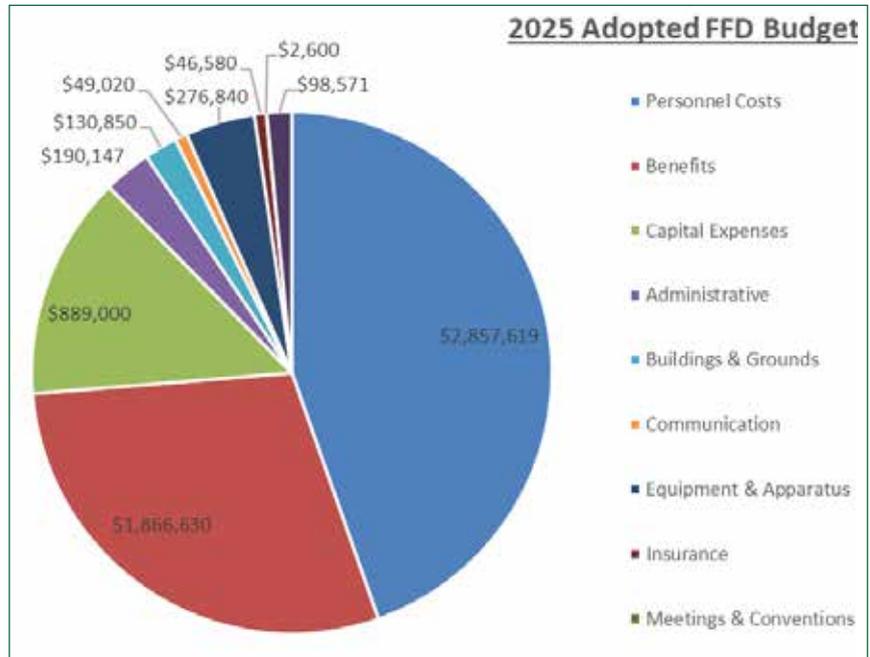
Or if you prefer, you can fill one out online. Go to www.townofvictoryny.gov it is at the bottom of the home page.

Fishers Fire District 2025 Adopted Budget

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fishers Fire District has approved the 2025 Fishers Fire District budget. The 2025 tax rate will be \$3.598 per \$1000 of assessed value. This is a \$0.35 increase over the 2024 tax rate of \$3.248. The reasons for the increase are as follows: workers compensation insurance and New York State Retirement employer contributions have significantly increased; repairs to buildings and apparatus are increasing due to aging and use; a 2-year extension of the Union contract was signed in 2024; and the inflation rate of 3.3%+ has impacted all operational costs. The Board used a zero-based budgeting approach and scrutinized every expenditure requested to try to minimize increases in the tax rate, but due to the reasons listed above, the Board had to override the New York State 2% tax cap.

In addition, for the past 4 years, the Board of Fire Commissioners has voted to use the District's Unassigned Fund Balance to lower the taxes. This fund balance has now been almost depleted, and only \$250,000 out of the \$550,000 in Tax Stabilization & Contingency Reserve Fund was used to lower the 2025 taxes, leaving a balance in that fund of approximately \$300,000 to be used for the District's emergency needs and to assist, if funds are available, towards the 2026 tax rate. The use of these funds in the 2022-2025 budgets has significantly reduced the unassigned fund balance and reserve fund amounts, and future budget years will not have these excess funds available to use to offset the tax rates.

The chart below illustrates the actual tax rates over the past 10 years, as well as what the tax rates would have been if the Unassigned Fund Balance was not used to artificially lower the tax rates:



The Board has chosen to use Reserve Funds for major capital projects in 2025, which include the purchase of a new fire truck, replacement of expired Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units; replacement of the Municipal Training Officer's vehicle; the repair of the Station #1 parking lot, truck bay drains, HVAC unit alerting system, and the relocation of the Station #1 fitness training area; and the roof repair/replacement of the training building. The use of the Reserve Funds for these projects will allow them to be completed without adding the costs to the 2025 tax rate.

The 2025 Adopted Budget can be found on the Fishers Fire District website at www.fishersfd.org. Questions regarding the budget can be submitted through the "Contact" button on the homepage of the website.

Fishers Fire District

Steve Tschiderer, Chief Fishers Fire District

Season's greetings from all of us at Fishers Fire! We hope you're staying warm and safe as the colder months approach. Over the fall, our department has been busy, responding to 50 more calls than this time last year. We also enjoyed seeing so many familiar faces at the annual Climb Aboard Victor event - it's always a pleasure connecting with our community in such a fun and engaging way!

This past summer and fall, we conducted numerous training events with neighboring fire organizations, enhancing our interoperability and ensuring we're prepared to work together seamlessly during emergencies.

Please remember your family's safety as we head into the colder months.

HERE ARE A FEW QUICK TIPS TO HELP!

1. Heating Safety

- **Space heaters:** Always place them on a flat, solid surface and keep them at least three feet away from flammable items such as curtains, furniture, or bedding. Turn them off when you leave the room or go to bed.

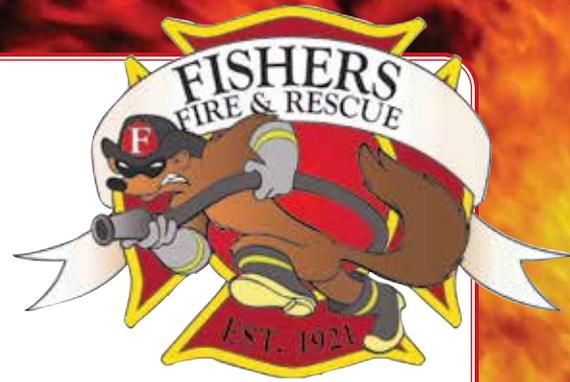
- **Fireplaces:** Ensure your chimney is clean and inspected annually. Never leave a fire unattended.
- **Furnaces:** Have your heating system inspected and serviced by a qualified professional to ensure its functioning safely and efficiently.

2. Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness

- **Install CO detectors** on every floor of your home, especially near sleeping areas. Test them monthly and replace the batteries twice a year.
- **Avoid running cars in garages**, even if the door is open. CO can quickly build up and spread to living spaces.
- **Portable generators** should be used outside and kept away from windows, doors, and vents to prevent CO buildup indoors.

3. Holiday Decorations

- **Christmas trees:** Keep natural trees watered to prevent them from drying out and becoming a fire hazard. Place them away from heat



sources such as radiators or fireplaces.

- **Candles:** Use flameless candles whenever possible. If you use traditional candles, place them on stable surfaces, away from flammable materials, and never leave them unattended.
- ### 4. Snow and Ice Removal
- **Clear driveways and walkways** of snow and ice to reduce the risk of falls for you and first responders in an emergency.
 - **Keep hydrants visible:** If a fire hydrant is near your home, clear at least three feet around it to give firefighters easy access in case of a fire.

5. Emergency Preparedness

- **Create an emergency kit** with flashlights, batteries, blankets, and a first-aid kit. Be prepared for power outages and difficult driving conditions.

CONTINUED on page 21...

- **Have an evacuation plan:** Know multiple ways to exit your home in case of a fire and ensure all household members are aware of the plan.

WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A PLEASANT AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

We offer multiple programs to educate and train our community; whether you're seeking training or eager to expand your fire safety knowledge, we've got you covered. Visit our website or scan the QR code to enroll.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in our services. Together, we are making Fishers a safer place.



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

YOU CAN KEEP UP TO DATE BY "LIKING" THE TOWN OF VICTOR OR THE VICTOR PARKS & RECREATION FACEBOOK PAGE.

GREEN LIVING IN VICTOR, NY:

Conservation Efforts for Every Home

In our tranquil Town of Victor, nestled amidst the scenic landscapes of the Finger Lakes region, residents have a unique opportunity to champion conservation efforts right from the comfort of their own homes. From reducing waste to fostering biodiversity, here are several practical conservation initiatives that every Victor household can implement:

1. Sustainable Waste Management:

Embrace a zero-waste lifestyle by prioritizing waste reduction and responsible disposal practices. Utilize reusable containers and bags for shopping, opt for products with minimal packaging, and compost organic waste to divert it from landfills. Set up a comprehensive recycling system to ensure that recyclable materials are sorted and disposed of properly, minimizing environmental impact and conserving valuable resources.

2. Energy Efficiency Upgrades:

Take proactive steps to improve energy efficiency and reduce your household's carbon footprint. Upgrade to energy-efficient appliances, such as ENERGY STAR-rated refrigerators, washing machines, and light bulbs, to lower energy consumption and utility costs. Invest in

programmable thermostats and smart home technologies to optimize heating and cooling schedules, further reducing energy waste. Simple actions like sealing drafts, insulating windows, and unplugging electronics when not in use can also contribute to significant energy savings over time.

3. Water Conservation Measures:

Conserve water resources by implementing water-saving measures throughout your home. Install low-flow faucets, showerheads, and toilets to minimize water consumption without compromising comfort or functionality. Fix leaks promptly and consider investing in water-efficient landscaping practices, such as drip irrigation and xeriscaping, to reduce outdoor water usage. Additionally, collect rainwater in barrels for use in gardening and landscape maintenance, further reducing reliance on municipal water supplies.

4. Native Plant Gardening:

Create a haven for local wildlife and promote biodiversity by incorporating native plants into your garden landscape. Native plants are well-adapted to the local climate and soil conditions, requiring less water, fertilizer, and maintenance than non-

native species. They also provide essential habitat and food sources for native pollinators, birds, and other wildlife, contributing to the overall ecological health of the community. Consider replacing traditional lawns with native grasses and wildflowers to support ecosystem resilience and enhance the natural beauty of your property.

5. Chemical-Free Lawn Care:

Transition to organic lawn care practices to minimize environmental pollution and protect water quality in Victor's waterways. Avoid the use of synthetic pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers, which can leach into the soil and contaminate groundwater supplies. Instead, embrace natural alternatives such as compost, mulch, and

organic soil amendments to nourish your lawn and garden without harming the environment or jeopardizing human health. Practice integrated pest management techniques to address pest issues holistically, prioritizing prevention and cultural controls over chemical interventions.

6. Environmental Education and Outreach:

Engage with neighbors, community organizations, and local government agencies to promote environmental awareness and action in Victor. Share knowledge, resources, and best practices for sustainable living through workshops, seminars, and neighborhood initiatives. Advocate for policies and programs that support conservation, renewable energy, and climate resilience at the

municipal and regional levels. By fostering a culture of environmental stewardship and collaboration, you can inspire positive change and make a lasting impact on the conservation landscape of Victor.

In Victor, conservation begins at home, with each household playing a vital role in preserving the natural beauty and ecological integrity of the community. By embracing sustainable practices, minimizing waste, and fostering biodiversity, residents can contribute to a greener, healthier, and more resilient future for Victor and generations to come. Through collective effort and individual commitment, every home has the power to make a meaningful difference in building a more sustainable community in Victor.

Fire District Elections

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Fire District Elections will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, for both the **Fishers Fire District** and **Victor Fire District** Board of Fire Commissioner offices.

More information on voting hours

and locations for the fire district in which you reside can be found on the Fishers Fire District website at www.fishersfd.org, and the Victor Fire District website at

www.victorfire.com.

News from Victor Community Development Office



L-R: Kathy Rayburn, Gina Ko



VictorCDO.org

Economic Development/Victor LDC

By Kathy Rayburn, Director

SHOP LOCAL - SMALL OR BIG BUT IN VICTOR!

It's time for me to preach about the importance of supporting local businesses as we move towards the most critical time for local shops and restaurants- the HOLIDAY SEASON. In Victor we are fortunate to have a mix of small businesses and national retailers to purchase from. My message is to encourage you to consider Victor businesses before you start your on-line search.

These are the businesses that support our fundraisers, sports teams and local events. Here are some interesting facts about shopping local:

Small businesses generate \$68 of local economic return for every \$100 spent with them.

Over \$9.3 billion would be directly returned to our economy if every US family spent just \$10 a month at a local business.

Businesses with fewer than 500 employees account for 99.7% of all US Employers.

Small businesses donate 250% more than large businesses to community causes.

Small businesses employ 58.9 million people.

Local business generates 70% more local economic activity per square foot than big box retail.

Gift Cards are a great way to support small businesses, it puts money in their bank account, and it gives you a chance to get someone else to try that business.

NEW BUSINESSES AND NEW LOCATIONS TO CHECK OUT!

- **The Venue at the Trail** – 14 Railroad Street
- **Finger Lakes Cannabis** – 5 Railroad Street
- **RGH Victor Medical Campus** – Cobblestone Court
- **Ross Dress for Less** – Cobblestone Court
- **Brand Bar** – 240 High Street
- **To The Core Lagree Fitness** – 300 High Street
- **Counterspell Tattoo** – 2 East Main Street (lower level)
- **Thai Delish** – 122 Cobblestone Court
- **East Izakaya** – Old City Tavern Site
- **Hokkaido Ramen House** – 407 Commerce Drive

COMING SOON!

- **Harbor Freight**
- **UMAI Revolving Sushi** – Victor Crossing
- **Thai Seasoning Bistro**
- **Suite T** – 10 East Main

VICTOR BUSINESS/COMMUNITY EVENTS:

The events coordinated by the Economic Development department and Victor LDC are community based but focus on awareness of local businesses. At the time I'm writing this article we are in the planning stages for Jingle Mingle on 12/7.

Scarecrows on Main went from October 1st through the 25th. Votes were tabulated and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners were:

CONTINUED on page 24...

VICTOR'S SCARECROWS!



1ST PLACE
Calhoun Chiropractic



2ND PLACE
Counterspell Tattoo



3RD PLACE
Girl Scout Daisy Troop #40079

Follow Us
On Social
Media

@discovervictoryny

DISCOVER
VICTOR

Stay
Connected!



Jingle Mingle - Saturday 12/7

This event will include an adult wine/beer & spirits walk from business to business but will also include fun for the whole family. Visits with Santa, face painting, costumed characters, horse drawn wagon rides around the Village, and new this year is a shuttle to take attendees to the High Point business area for more shopping and entertainment. The day will end with a Holiday Parade down Main Street led by the emergency vehicle convoy.

Be sure to keep up to date on Victor businesses and local events by following Discover Victor NY on FB & Instagram!



VILLAGE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Victor LDC and the Village Urban Renewal Agency joined forces to reintroduce the Village Façade Improvement program. With the assistance of some new committee members the program was restructured with new project parameters and an easier way for the committee to rank each project submitted. This is a matching grant program with the maximum grant award of \$5,000.

- 12 Submissions were received, and we were able to fund 8 projects for façade improvements. Maybe you've noticed work being done at these locations:

Projects Approved:

- ◇ Patio by Molly V's
- ◇ Repointing brick at 2 West Main
- ◇ Signage changes at 53 West Main
- ◇ Landscaping, retaining wall, steps at State Farm location
- ◇ Parking lot sealing at Black Diamond
- ◇ Exterior painting at 14 Railroad Street
- ◇ Repaving at 105 West Main - Allstate
- ◇ Window & Door replacement at 5 West Main

From the Library Director

Tim Niver, Director, tniver@pls-net.org

You may have noticed the amazing transformation of the landscaping in front of the library. Since the building was built in 1996, the bushes, flowers and ground covering have remained the same. However, over the last year in particular, the weeds began taking over and it became unruly. Many patrons were concerned about the look, but no one was more aware of how overgrown it looked than us. To make a long story very short, we put a plan together in April of this year, solicited landscapers for estimates, power washed the patio pavers, and donated the existing benches to the Victor Hiking Trails, and then replaced the existing weeds, shrubs, and flowers with native plants and bushes. The Village of Victor DPW was a tremendous help in removing the old landscape and benches, and we can't thank them enough. The majority of the project was completed in October, and we're currently working with a donor to

replace the old benches. It was very important to us to replant with native species, and then provide the community with an opportunity to understand how native plants are beneficial for the local ecology. We'll eventually have signs next to the shrubs and flowers that describe them and explain their ecological benefit. We hope you're as pleased with the outcome as we are.

The annual Day of Giving will be held on December 14 this year. This is an event, organized by the Library, where local organizations come together to support those who may need a little extra help around the holiday season. The Library, the Victor Food Cupboard, Farmington Victor Kiwanis, the Victor Farmington Rotary, the Victor Community Clothes Closet, and others will offer something that day. The Library will give away brand new books as holiday presents, for example. Stay tuned for more details, and if you or your organization would like to participate

in helping our neighbors, please contact me.

The Friends of the Victor Farmington Library had another incredibly successful book sale at Eastview Mall at the beginning of November. While they are not the major fundraising arm of the Library, the earnings from the bi-annual book sales provide a small yearly benefit to what you see within the current library. This past year, through a donation from The Friends, we were able to purchase four new end-cap bookshelves. Your book donations and patronage at the book sale helped provide these wonderful shelves.

Finally, the Library is winding down another very successful year. We are the highest circulating library of the forty-two libraries in the OWWL Library System, and we continue to see a steady increase in circulation numbers following the COVID pandemic. We thank you for your continued support and patronage in making this the busiest library in the system.

Victor Farmington Library Teen Services News

Whitney Whitfield, Teen Librarian, wwhitfield@owwl.org

There's so much to do here at the library in winter for our Teen patrons! We have many fun things planned, both in-person and take-and-makes, so I hope you're able to participate! Check our website for updates on our programs.

We have our Teen Book Box Subscription, which runs for a three-month period starting January to March. Make sure to sign up on our website for that! We also have a new

recommended reading collection in our teen room if you're looking for something interesting to read.

Keep an eye out for our spring and summer programs at www.victorfarmingtonlibrary.org.

Make sure you are following the library on social media for regular updates! Check us out on Facebook at facebook.com/victorfarmingtonlibrary and follow us on Instagram at [@vflteens](https://www.instagram.com/vflteens).

Children's Services News

Krystina Dippel, Youth Services Manager, kdippel@pls-net.org

We are so excited to be hosting a new monthly program for young children in partnership with Seneca Park Zoo! Each month from September to April, staff members will come to the library on a Tuesday morning during our regularly scheduled Storytime to read themed stories and show the children a live animal! We've had a couple of sessions so far, and it's so much fun! Here are the dates for the remaining Storytime Safari programs: December 10,

January 28, February 25, March 25, and April 29. All at 9:30 A.M. in the library's Malone Room.

In addition to the monthly Storytime Safari programs, Our Fall session for children's Storytimes and Playtimes began on September 9th and will continue until Friday, December 13th. Each week, we host 3 Family Storytimes, 2 Baby/Toddler Storytimes, and 1 Family Playtime for families of young children. I hope you'll be able to join us! After a break for the holidays,

Storytimes will be starting back up mid-January, as will a full schedule of activities for school-aged kids and teens. Keep an eye out for future programs on our online calendar at www.victorfarmingtonlibrary.libcal.com.

Make sure you are following the library on social media for regular updates! Check us out on Facebook at facebook.com/victorfarmingtonlibrary and follow us in Instagram at [@victorfarmingtonlibrary](https://www.instagram.com/victorfarmingtonlibrary).



Stay Connected with Notify Me®

Notify Me® is a way to stay connected with the Town of Victor. Sign-up today to receive notifications from a number of email lists. Subscribe to receive email or text message updates regarding the information you have requested.

Notify Me® is on the home page of the Victor website: <https://www.townofvictorny.gov/> or directly at: <https://www.townofvictorny.gov/list.aspx>

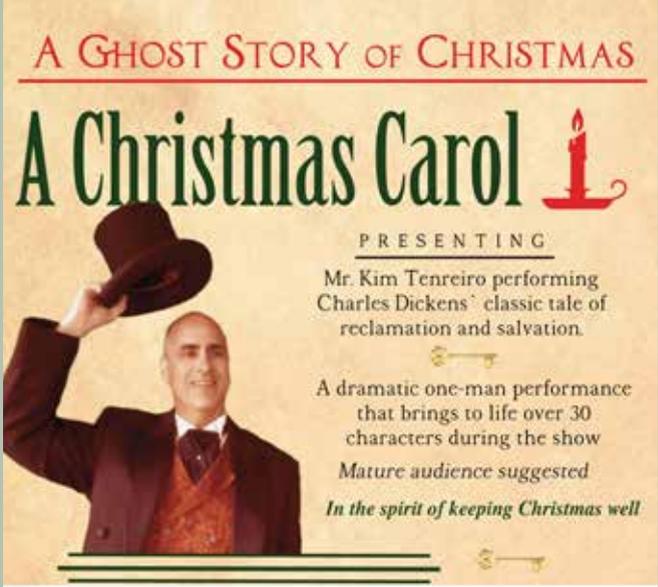
Start Your Holidays Off Strong & Help the Victor Farmington Library!

By Jessica Pritchard, Development Manager, jpritchard@owwl.org

Are you ready to fill up on holiday spirit? Kim Tenreiro's one-man performance of the Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol* is just what you need! Watching Ebenezer revisit days gone by and find gratitude for those in his life will warm your heart! Enjoy delicious cookies at intermission, plus holiday tunes by a local French Horn trio, The Twisted Horns.

A Dickens fan through and through, Tenreiro took on memorizing the novella and creating this performance to give back to non-profits in our community. His 2024 performance to benefit the Victor Farmington Library (VFL) takes place on Saturday, December 7th at 2:00 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church in Victor. Arrive at 1:15 P.M. to enjoy the optional pre-show prologue, which explores the life and times of Charles Dickens.

Tickets are now available. Individual tickets are \$15 each or buy four or more for \$10 each. Get yours in person at the Victor Farmington Library, by calling (585) 924-2637 x106, or visiting <https://tinyurl.com/VFLAChristmasCarol>. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Kim is generously donating 100% of the proceeds to VFL.



A GHOST STORY OF CHRISTMAS

A Christmas Carol

PRESENTING

Mr. Kim Tenreiro performing Charles Dickens' classic tale of reclamation and salvation.

A dramatic one-man performance that brings to life over 30 characters during the show

Mature audience suggested

In the spirit of keeping Christmas well

100% of the ticket price to benefit the

Victor Farmington Library

Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 2:00 pm
(optional prologue starts at 1:15. Recommended for ages 13 and above)

First Presbyterian Church, 70 E. Main St, Victor

Tickets: \$15 each, group rate \$40 for 4 tickets

Buy a ticket for someone in need of holiday cheer & brighten their holidays

Buy tickets online at tinyurl.com/VFLAChristmasCarol or call Jessica at (585) 924-2637

A New Landscape at the Victor Farmington Library

By Greta Selin-Love and Barbara Starr

A long-anticipated make-over of the front landscaping at the Victor Farmington Library was completed in October. The most exciting additions are the resilient, multi-faceted shrubs, native perennials and grasses that are now beginning to take their place of prominence, where they will mature into the areas created for them. This natural garden is for all of us, as residents of Victor and Farmington, to enjoy.

Once established, native plants need far less water than introduced plants, and do not require costly fertilizer or soil amendments other than occasional top dressing of mulch. They will attract hummingbirds and songbirds, butterflies and other pollinators, giving a dynamic dimension to the area, providing so much more than just pretty scenery.

One gem that has been renovated as part of



this project is the brick patio area. Long neglected and adorned by broken benches and weeds growing in the cracks between the bricks, the patio was evaluated by experts. They found the brick and substrate in excellent condition and worth the effort to remove the weeds, power wash, and repoint a few lopsided bricks. The result is a welcoming, attractive area ready for new benches and a lovely place for people to enjoy the updated garden.



Another advantage to the refurbished brick surface is that it is permeable. We are living in the time of climate change, and our rain now comes in buckets or not at all. Retaining areas that



can absorb these downpours so that water can soak into the terrain and be slowly released, is a critical bit of sustainability that is beneficial to the nearby plants while diverting water from inundating our sidewalk and parking areas.

This new native plant environment may look different from what

many have come to expect of a garden space. Some of these plants will contribute rewards of sweet scents, some will invite us to touch and experience their different textures, while others will attract hummingbirds, butterflies, and maybe even a few toads and fascinating

insects like the praying mantis. This creates an environment inviting children and the young at heart to explore the outdoors and perhaps even step away from electronic screens.

Planting in the fall ensures new shrubs and perennials will have time to become established and settled before the winter sets in and next spring's growing season.

The library's new landscaping consists of at least 70% native plants, providing a buffet for creatures that require nectar, pollen, seeds and various fruit to survive. In turn, these will attract insects including caterpillars, butterflies, spiders and colorful beetles, that are the real source of sustenance for our birds, providing nutritious fat and protein for their health and nutrition to raise their young. Although some introduced plant species may be consumed by our native birds, few if any provide the abundant nutrients contained in native plants and required to maintain a healthy avian population. Unlike introduced plant species, native plants that have been added to our library garden will not wreak havoc in natural areas when their seeds are spread by humans and other animals.

There is so much to learn from the new library garden. The library will continue offering programming that will focus on the value of native plant gardening. This information may even help enhance choices you make for your own yard or a favorite place you have adopted and contribute to helping our wildlife thrive. Next time you are in the village, be sure to visit our patio and native plant garden.



Victor Farmington Ambulance

From the desk of Michael J Carlotta BS EMT-P, Chief of Operations



Fall is here and I can't believe we are heading towards the end of 2024. 2024 has been another record year in terms of calls received and we have continued to serve the residents of our community with the utmost skill and care. From January 1st to September 30th, we received 2514 calls for service, which is an increase of 13.1% from this time last year. We have also increased our staffing by adding a 3rd crew 5 days a week from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. This allows us to increase our call coverage, especially during our typically busy hours of 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

I am happy to announce that many of the COVID-19 restrictions have finally been removed. Currently our providers are required to wear surgical masks only on calls where respiratory precautions have been advised or if the facility or location, we are responding to requires mask usage. We will continue to take every precaution to ensure our equipment and vehicles are clean, and our patients and providers are safe.

Victor Farmington Ambulance was proud to be in attendance for several community events this summer. We participated in the 2024 Victor Bike Fest at Dryer Road Park, stood by at Victor High School for various events, including Victor Homecoming football game, and the 2024 Courage bowl against Canandaigua. We will continue to be at the remaining Victor Varsity games for 2024, which hopefully will include a sectional playoff game.

Victor Farmington Ambulance was

proud to be in attendance for Climb Aboard Victor Days on September 7th. This was a monumental event for the Town of Victor, and we were proud to be able to not only show the residents our vehicles and equipment, but to offer them the opportunity to learn and practice hands-only CPR. We estimated over 2000 people visited us during the event. We look forward to participating in next year's event.

Victor Farmington is proud to announce that in addition to our regular CPR, First Aid and BLAST training classes. We are now offering child safety seat checks! This has been a long process in becoming a certified agency and I am very proud of the efforts of our newly certified technicians. To inquire about our CPR, First Aid or BLAST classes please contact us at (585) 924-3959 or info@victorfarmingtonambulance.org. To inquire about child safety seat checks Contact us at (585)924-3959 or email us at css@victorfarmingtonambulance.org.

With the fall and winter months approaching, that means school is in full swing. I want to remind everyone to be mindful of children walking and crossing streets, and to look out for school buses stopping to pick up/drop off children.

I hope everyone had a great summer and have an even better fall. We look forward to serving you this year and for many years to come.

Busy Summer and Fall for Victor Hiking Trails

By Chauncy Young, Trail Boss, VHT, trailboss@victorhikingtrails.org, 585-455-1932



Recently Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. (VHT) held its annual Volunteer Appreciation and Hall of Fame Dinner at Fire on Main Street. Victor Hiking Trails is a vital quality of life organization for our community that started in 1991 when there were no public trails in the Town of Victor and no Parks and Recreation Department (P&R). Now there are over 70 miles of trails with VHT spearheading more and better trail development while sharing responsibilities with P&R, Ganondagan and Genesee Regional Off-Road Cyclist (GROC) with the existing trails. Our volunteers provide over 2000 hours of recorded service plus many more that are not tracked. At this year's dinner Suzy Mandrino, Wizzy Geno, and Nat Fisher (posthumously) were honored for their extraordinary service to VHT in past years. Supervisor Jack Marren was also honored as a Friend of Victor Hiking Trails.



Besides normal maintenance, Eagle Scout Candidate Logan Springer completed a 120-foot raised boardwalk along the Seneca Trail at the Great Brook Apple Farm truss bridge necessitated because of beavers building a dam that flooded the approach to the bridge.



Additionally, VHT has partnered with TrailsROC on a couple of major projects. The first was a temporary bridge and reroute to keep the Seneca Trail open while Logan prepared for and completed his project. While this temporary bridge has been removed, it will be moved to another

site on the Helen's Way Trail. Many thanks to the Judsons and Faubels for allowing the creation of the reroute.

The other major project TrailsROC helped with was the re-decking of an old boardwalk on the Seneca Trail Loop behind Hoffend's Discount Liquor. TrailsROC provided expertise, manpower and ½ the cost of the materials.

Many more things are going on with VHT – for more information go to VictorHikingTrails.org. To view the latest VHT newsletter use the following link - <https://victorhikingtrails.org/newsletter>.

The last item I want to mention is, recently the VHT Board of Directors eliminated the Volunteer Coordinator position and created the new board position of Community Outreach Director. The position is currently open. The duties of the Director are to develop and implement strategies for increasing public awareness of Victor Hiking Trails using events, media and other venues. The Director should have knowledge of local and regional organizations, especially those impacting trail use and development. If you are interested in learning more about this position, send an email to Chair@VictorHikingTrails.org.



Harlan Fisher, Victorwood Park and Now Harlan Fisher Dog Park

By Babette Huber, Town and Village of Victor Historian

In June 2024, the Harlan Fisher Dog Park opened on Lynaugh Road. Who was Harlan Fisher and what is the history of this park?



Harlan Fisher was the name of the father of Gene W. Fisher. Gene Fisher was born in 1917 on a farm in East Bloomfield, NY. After graduating from high school, he attended Cornell School Of Agriculture and Syracuse University. After college he returned to the family farm for 12 years.

In 1950 he started a company known as GWF Homes Corp and obtained a franchise with National Homes, headquartered in Lafayette, Indiana, with a manufacturing plant in Horseheads, NY. Between 1950 and 1980, he built nearly 1000 homes in Ontario County.

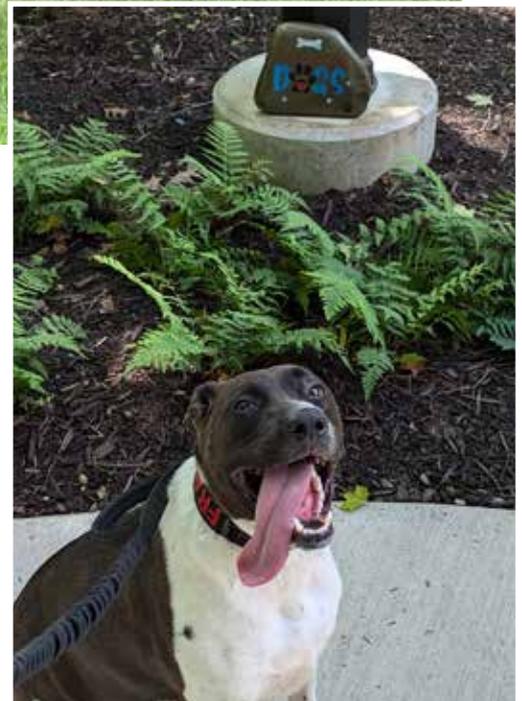
Gene Fisher built and developed Victorwood, which is adjacent to the park. Originally begun in 1961, when the first building permit for the first housing development in the Village of Victor, was issued. It was developed for families who dreamed of housing that would be affordable. At the time, people could put down \$99 and pay \$99 a month to buy their home. As Mr. Fisher sold homes to families, he decided to set aside a six-acre parcel for the children to have a park in which to play. Gene Fisher credited his father Harlan A. Fisher for instilling in him the values of hard work. In memory of his father, he donated a parcel of land to the Village of Victor, now known as Harlan Fisher Park.

Victorwood streets were named so because Gene Fisher's secretary at the time was from England and she suggested using the names of British titles for the streets - Kent, Tareyton, Ambassador, Winston, Somerset... Many of the street names became names of cigarette brands so Victorwood became known colloquially as "Cigarette Hill".

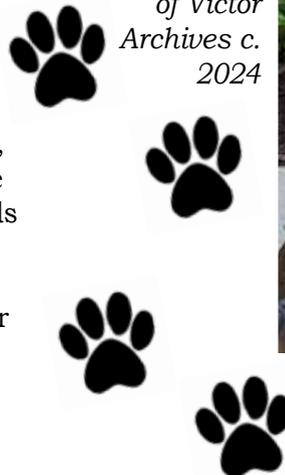
Gathering input in 1993 the Village of Victor

asked its residents what it would like to see as they thought about updating the park. The residents wanted to see a picnic pavilion, playground, wooded area and walking trails for the park.

Over sixty years after Gene Fisher made the park for children, it now includes a park for dogs. Mr. Fisher's legacy continues as our furry pets now have a playground to enjoy thanks to Brian Emelson and the Department of Parks and Recreation.



Information for this article came from Dan Fisher and the Town of Victor Archives c. 2024





GREGG RICHARDS



MARK ROBBINS



PAUL MOZAK

WE CAN BE THANKFUL ALL YEAR!

Brian C. Emelson, Director of Parks and Recreation

We hope that the fall season finds you warm, well and ready to give thanks. Our Department of Parks and Recreation has many reasons to be thankful this year! To begin, we are appreciative of the ongoing spirit of volunteerism that has been demonstrated by numerous groups in the Victor community, many of which we interface with on a weekly or even daily basis. These volunteer-led organizations vary in mission from the Victor Garden Club to Victor Hiking Trails...and Victor Youth Soccer and Lacrosse as well as multiple civic organizations including the Victor-Farmington Rotary and Farmington-Victor Kiwanis. And although they may differ in mission, the result of ALL their work helps to increase the quality of life for Victor residents and families!

One such group that helps guide our department is the Victor Parks and Recreation Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC). This seven-member advocacy group

has worked with our staff to design and develop recent projects including the off-leash dog park at Harlan Fisher Park, the environmental stewardship program and pond habitat restoration project at Lehigh Crossing Park and the expansion of the Fishers Park tennis courts to include the (4) permanent and (4) overflow pickleball courts. In the New Year, we will see some changes to this group with long-time members **Gregg Richards, Mark Robbins** and **Paul Moszak** moving on to new adventures. Gregg, Mark and Paul have worked tirelessly as local leaders creating access to parks and recreation services, including the previously mentioned projects. In addition, these folks held roles as special event coordinator, multi-use trail steward, bicycle and pedestrian connectivity advisor, youth soccer club scheduler, and many more! We wish Gregg, Mark and Paul the best and thank them for their spirit of volunteerism. And while there are big shoes to fill...we know that there are

other Victor residents ready to step up as new members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

In August, and on the heels of opening the wildly popular, off-leash dog park, we issued a survey requesting input on future priority projects that residents would like to see in the near term. The list of amenities for the survey was created from items that were initially documented in the (2019) Parks and Recreation Master Plan. We asked residents to rank their preferred projects in order of importance. The top five amenities ranked in order of importance from the survey data collected in September included...#1 Recreation Center, #2 Pedestrian / Bicycle Connectivity, #3 Outdoor Courts, #4 Spray Park and #5 Lodges / Picnic Shelters. We heard statements including...

"Improving connectivity will help keep our kids safe."

"More access to indoor athletic fields that are family friendly."

"Pickleball has become very popular in the last 2-3 years & the few courts at Fishers Park are insufficient for the current demand."

"A spray park was my highest priority because it's great fun for kids of all ages."

"Need more access to lodges for reservations... book up very quickly."

"RC vehicle track!"

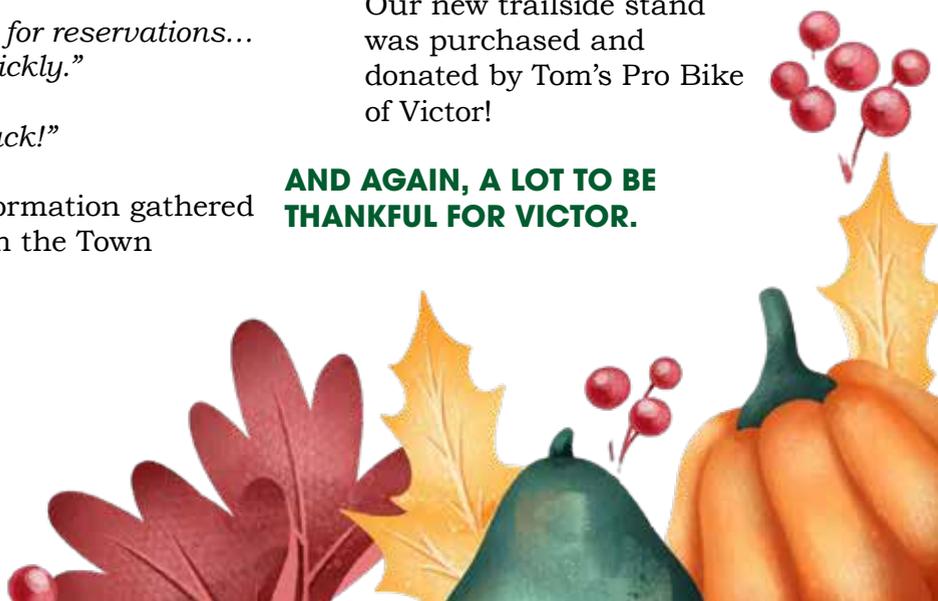
Our goal is to use the information gathered from the survey to work with the Town

Board to develop upcoming capital project proposals. If you would be interested in working with us to help create and guide these projects, please consider joining the Victor Parks and Recreation Citizens' Advisory Committee. The CAC is appointed by the Victor Town Board and meets formally once a month with special project and sub-committee work as needed. If you are interested, please reach out to me at (585) 742-0141 and we can discuss the opportunity to help Victor increase its quality of life. We want our community to continue to be a great place to live, work, play and stay! Please help us make that happen.

In closing, other notable Department initiatives in this summer and fall included:

- Public access Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) installed at Dryer Road Park, Victor Municipal Park, Mary Frances Bluebird Haven, and Fishers Park.
- Athletic field renovations at Dryer Road Park Field #1 and #2.
- Installation of two memorial benches at the Veterans Memorial Plaza at the Victor Town Hall including a bench dedicated by the Stehling Family to longtime resident, Bill Stehling, Sr.
- Bicycle repair stand established on the Auburn Trail at Main Street Fishers. Our new trailside stand was purchased and donated by Tom's Pro Bike of Victor!

AND AGAIN, A LOT TO BE THANKFUL FOR VICTOR.



Coloring Fun!



December

7
Jingle Mingle, sip, shop & sample. Kids activities and more fun! Various Downtown Businesses, 2:00-6:00 P.M.

Downtown Victor - Holiday Car Parade at 5:30 P.M.

8
Historic Lecture Series, "Bethlehem to the Apple Farm: The Immigration Story of the Bahai Family"; Munir Bahai, Victor Town Hall, 2:00 P.M.

14
Victor Hiking Trails Monthly Hike; Powder Mills Park, 9:00 A.M. Meet at the parking lot on Woolston Road. For more details go to: www.victorhikingtrails.org

January

1
Victor Hiking Trails Special Hike; First Day Hike on the Auburn Trail starting at Fishers Fire Station #1, 9:00 A.M. For more details go to: www.victorhikingtrails.org.

11
Victor Hiking Trails Monthly Hike; Ganondagan State Historic Site, 9:00 A.M. For more details go to: www.victorhikingtrails.org.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

8
Victor Hiking Trails Monthly Hike; Boughton Park, 9:00 A.M. For more details go to: www.victorhikingtrails.org.

March

8
Victor Hiking Trails Monthly Hike; Mendon Ponds Park, 9:00 A.M. For more details go to: www.victorhikingtrails.org.



ALL THESE EVENTS AND MORE CAN BE FOUND ON THE VICTOR WEBSITE UNDER THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT WWW.TOWNOFVICTORNY.GOV/CALENDAR.ASPX

April

12
Victor Hiking Trails Monthly Hike; Powder Mills Park, 9:00 A.M. For more details go to: www.victorhikingtrails.org.

Easter Egg Hunt; Dryer Road Park, 9:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M. SHARP!

13
Historic Lecture Series, "TBD," Victor Town Hall, 2:00 P.M.

May

8
Victor Business Awards Luncheon; Ravenwood Golf Club, 11:30 A.M.

10
Victor Hiking Trails Monthly Hike; TBD, 9:00 A.M. For more details go to: www.victorhikingtrails.org.

11
Historic Lecture Series, "TBD". Victor Town Hall, 2:00 P.M.





Letter from the Village Mayor

Hello to all,

Fall is a great time of year in the Finger Lakes and here in our Village! I hope you have enjoyed the colors, the harvest and special times with your families. I also want to give a shout out to all of you who attended the great events of the summer season here in the Village. Thanks for participating! Below are some topics I would like to share.

PROJECTS RECAP:

I thank the Department of Public Works for their accomplishments.

1. Maple Avenue water main repair, new pavement
2. Sidewalk, new public patio, and landscape behind south side of Main Street up to Village Hall parking lot

3. New pavement for Village Hall parking lot
 4. New pavement for Framark Drive
 5. Oil and stone cap for Maple Avenue
 6. Crack sealing in other areas
- The Christa Construction Senior apartment building at 160 School St is progressing. Contact Howard Hanna Realty for information.

IT UPDATES:

The Village has invested in technology updates over the last few months. Due to the age of our server, we have migrated to a cloud-based service through Integrated Systems to provide greater security of our data. Additionally, we will have multiple backup systems to address

problems should there be an interruption of service. Integrated is a local company and the process has gone well.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION:

In the spring/summer newsletter I provided an overview of our most recent revitalization efforts and a process to move forward. After several public workshops facilitated by Labella Associates, we established some priorities. The first of those was to establish citizen-based subgroups of 3-7 people. Each group has a leader and a Village Board member as a liaison to the Village Board. The



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

groups are comprised of residents, business owners and volunteers from the community at large. Each group has a topic to focus upon. The groups are: 1) Connectivity and Mobility as it relates to downtown and the trails system; 2) Events/Activities as it relates to evaluating existing events and possible new events while seeking a volunteer base to assist at events/activities; 3) Business Improvement relationships as it relates to strategies and marketing for events and activities and the how that effects local businesses; 4) Railroad Past/Present/Future as it relates to how we can incorporate and preserve the history of the railroad into downtown revitalization; 5) Historic Preservation as it relates to the impact and importance of the mission of downtown/community revitalization.

This last topic is the cornerstone of downtown revitalization. In all prior studies and plans done for the Village by professional consultants, preservation of the historic nature of our downtown has been included in the mission statements as a top priority. To this end, Village trustee Carol Commisso has worked tirelessly to secure a \$15,000 grant through the Preservation League of NYS and the NYS Council of the Arts for the purpose

of conducting a cultural/historical resources inventory of the Village as a whole focusing in particular on the downtown area. The survey will be conducted over the next several months by the Landmark Society of WNY. There will be a public information meeting soon. More details on that will be available soon. Please check the Town/Village website. This is a great opportunity that has been proven in other communities across the state to promote economic development, revitalization and growth.

There is currently another citizen/business group formed and operating independently but cooperatively with the Village's revitalization effort. This group is called Reimagine Victor. Private investment in the revitalization effort is a part of their focus. The goal is to create a cooperative effort that helps realize economic development downtown. Again, our consultants over the years have identified this as a productive strategy for downtown revitalization.

OTHER GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

As mentioned in the previous newsletter the Village has been awarded a NY Main St grant. Approximately 11 property/business owners have identified projects and

applied for a share of the \$300,000 overall award. The next step in seeking funding for these and other future projects is an application for a NY Forward grant which could be \$4.5 million or more if awarded. Labella Associates is facilitating the application process for the Village. The deadline was October 18. Our application was successfully submitted by the deadline. The award announcements should be forthcoming by December 2024. Our application meets several of the required criteria including many letters of support from individuals and organizations within our community and the surrounding area. Our application will be competing with other small rural communities from the Finger Lakes Region. It is my understanding that there may be 2 awards within the region.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

As you may remember the Village has completed significant upgrades over the last few years to the WWTP. Even so every year or two the Department of Environmental Conservation evaluates the Plant and mandates new restrictions for environmental safeguards. One of the problems we face at the WWTP is

the infiltration of storm water and runoff in the wastewater system. Those two sources periodically overwhelm the normal flow of wastewater through our plant by adding tens of thousands of gallons of excess water flowing through the plant. That in turn, can cause the DEC to site violations pertaining to the legal limits for the effluent from the Plant. To combat this, we are in the process of developing a multifaceted plan with the help of our village engineers from MRB group. The plan will likely target three areas of concern: 1) manhole infiltration, 2) replacement of a portion of main sewer trunk line from School Street to Maple Avenue, 3) removal of residential sump pump water currently discharging into the sanitary sewer system, rather than to the storm water system where it belongs. Our most immediate focus will be on the first two target areas mentioned. We will develop a plan and provide public information and feedback opportunities before any decisions are made on the 3rd target area. These improvements along with those we have made already, will improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of our WWTP.

BUDGET

The Village fiscal year

runs from June 1st through May 31st. By the time you receive this newsletter we will be approximately halfway through our 2024-2025 budget year. Budget workshops for the Village 2025-2026 fiscal budget will occur beginning near the end of January or early February 2025. The workshops are open to the public, but we ask that you notify us a week in advance if you wish to attend. These are open public meetings solely for the purpose of formulating the next budget; they are not public hearings and therefore there is not a requirement to allow public comment at the workshops per the open meeting law of NYS.

VILLAGE ELECTION

There are no Village elections held in November. The Village election will be held March 18, 2025. A caucus is usually held in January for the purpose of candidate nominations. The caucus is not a function of Village Government. It is an independent caucus of the Citizens Party and only registered voters residing in the Village of Victor can participate and vote at the caucus. The actual date of the caucus will be posted and published in the Daily Messenger ten days in advance.

WINTER SNOW

As winter approaches please be aware that as

always, the Dept. of Public Works will do all they can to plow and clear roads in a timely fashion. Please do not plow or blow snow into the roadway. They will also make reasonable attempts to clear sidewalks as a courtesy. However, they are not required to clear sidewalks by code. Please reference Chapter 139 article 2. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

DECEMBER EVENT

Please don't forget the Jingle Mingle event in the Village on December 7th. This includes an adult beverage walk through participating village merchants. There will also be an emergency vehicles parade followed by a local car parade, both of decorated vehicles for the Holidays! A must for family fun in the holiday spirit. The event is sponsored by the Local Development Corporation.

In closing, I want to wish all of you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season. Please travel and celebrate safely. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

**IF YOU NEED TO REACH ME
FOR ANY REASON:**

Phone: 585-924-3311

Email: gary.hadden@
villageofvictor.org



Village of Victor General Information

By Pamela Hogenes, Village Clerk



Pamela Hogenes, Village Clerk
(585) 924-3311

The Village Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 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.

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 Mondays 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.townofvictoryny.gov/village), select How Do I, Notifications, enter your e-mail 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 2025 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 @ (585) 924-3311. This program is of no cost to the customer.

VILLAGE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Village Hall and the Department of Public Works will be closed the following days:

- Thanksgiving Day– Thursday, November 28, 2024
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 29, 2024
- Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25, 2024
- New Year's Day – Thursday, January 1, 2025
- Martin Luther King Day – Monday, January 20, 2025
- Good Friday – April 18, 2025

In case of Emergency, call the Village's cell phone at 370-7564 or 329-7423.

Village Director of Public Works

By John C. Turner

2024 ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The Village DPW completed the Reconstruction of Maple Avenue from Route 96 to Adams Street, replacing water valves and repaired a water leak. We also paved the Village Hall parking lot, built a new concrete deck behind TK's Pizza, oil & stoned Glendower Way, Latchmere Drive, and Maple Avenue, and repaved Framark Drive.

SIDEWALK PLOWING

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

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 the snow. By shoveling around 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, but 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 & 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.



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

Village Spring 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, building materials and large quantities of brush.

During Large Trash, please separate 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 ENSURE PICKUP.

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

April 7, 2025

Alpine Way
Ambassador Drive
Andrew Street
Clover Lane

East Parkway
Forest Avenue
Kent Drive
Lynaugh Road

Salem Circle
Somerset Lane
Tareyton Drive
Winston Drive

April 14, 2025

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 21, 2025

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
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, dehumidifiers, etc.): \$15.00 ea.

The Village DPW does not pick up TV's, Monitors, or Electronics in general.

These items can be taken to EWaste+ at 7318 Victor Mendon Road. (Route 251). For more information, please call (585) 924-3840.

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



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS MONTHLY HIKES!

DECEMBER 14

Powder Mills Park

JANUARY 1

**First Day Hike on the Auburn Trail
Starting at Fishers Fire Station #1**

JANUARY 11

Ganondagan

FEBRUARY 8

Boughton Park

MARCH 8

Mendon Ponds Park

APRIL 12

Powder Mills Park

MAY 10

TBD

FOR MORE DETAILS GO TO: WWW.VICTORHIKINGTRAILS.ORG