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Town Supervisor's News

I hope each and every resident enjoyed their summer. Once the wet spring subsided, we ended up with a very sunny and warm summer!



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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. The Highway Department's efforts to do more work in-house saves us all money. **Thank you!!**
- I do hope that many of you have had the opportunity to attend the Explore Victor Event in September. I appreciate the members of the Highway Department showcasing off some of the Towns equipment at this event, I know the children love the **BIG TRUCKS.**

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

PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

- The Town Board is very close to finalizing a purchase and sale agreement with the owners of 7891 Lehigh Crossing. This building has been the home of our Parks & Recreation Department since January 1, 2016. In addition, the Town Board is looking to purchase 7901 Lehigh Crossing. This is vacant land adjacent to the Parks & Recreation facility.
- 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!

E-BIKE SAFETY IN THE VICTOR COMMUNITY:

This is an issue that is throughout the Town, whether on the trails, within our parks, or on our Town and Village Streets. The

IT department and the Parks and Recreation Director have created a webpage regarding E-bike safety rules.

If you witness a person using an E-Moto bike on a roadway trail or in our parks, please contact 911. This will aid in enforcement.

The Town of Victor wants to ensure the safety of everyone who utilizes our roadways, parks or trails. With E-bike popularity on the rise, we want to ensure that you and your loved ones know the laws, regulations, and responsibilities associated with riding electric devices like E-bikes, and E-motos.

A few reminders for those who utilize this method of transportation: protect yourself, be aware of traffic and pedestrians, control your speed and brake early, stay visible, and most importantly, be safe.

Reminder this new information can be found on the Town's website on the Parks and Recreation homepage.

EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS:

In 2023 the state legislature passed the "Even Year Election Law", which required elections for most local offices to be held in even years. For the Town of Victor, this would mean the position of Supervisor, Clerk, Highway Superintendent and the Town Board members would all be impacted. The practical effect of this law is that elections this year will go forward as usual, but then

terms will be shortened such that future elections for these offices will all be held on an even year cycle. Terms for Town positions later this year will now lose one year of their upcoming term of office. If we had any terms that were for two years, they would be reduced by one year.

This even year election law does not impact certain positions like the county clerk, district attorney, county judges, or the county sheriff. Local judges and all City and Village officials will continue on an odd year election cycle.

TOWN BUDGET 2026

The Tax Levy (property taxes collected townwide) will see a slight increase of \$0.02 over 2025. The tax rate for 2026 will be \$1.73 per/thousand. The Town is complying with the New York State imposed tax cap in 2026. The Town Board continues to be committed to saving for tomorrow while still delivering the high level of services our residents expect. I wish to express my appreciation to our Budget Director, Department Heads, staff, and Board members who worked hard to produce this budget.

UPDATE ON THE FORMER LORD AND TAYLOR DEPARTMENT STORE:

Back on April 24, 2023, the Town held a public hearing regarding the potential acquisition of the former Lord and Taylor building, utilizing the Town's power of eminent

domain, also known as condemnation. In this case, it was our intention to utilize eminent domain for economic development purposes.

Eastview Mall is a major economic driver in the community, providing valuable jobs, property tax, revenue, and sales tax revenue to the town. However, the commercial vitality of Eastview Mall is being threatened by the ongoing long-term vacancy of the former L&T location, which has sat empty for more than four years. This vacancy has already resulted in the loss of jobs and sales tax revenue for the Town. It is presently affecting tenant renewal rates for nearby tenants in the mall's interior, and if it continues, the vacancy could have disastrous long-term effects on the health of an entire wing of the mall, if not the entire mall.

Upon the conclusion of the public hearing in 2023, this matter was litigated in Court and through the legal process for almost 2 years. The NYS Supreme Court unanimously dismissed the HBC Victor (L&T Owner) petition, confirming that the Town Board's desire to exercise their power of eminent domain was warranted.

Pursuant to article 2 of the EDPL, on August 19, 2025, the Town made an offer of compensation to HBC Victor in the amount of \$3.9 million. This amount represents 100% of the appraised value of the parcel, which was set forth in a March 10, 2025, appraisal.

Moving forward, the Town



secured a grant through the Dormitory Authority State of New York (DASNY) in the amount of \$3.5 million to be used to acquire this parcel.

The Town entered into an acquisition agreement with a Wilmorite Affiliate (LTEVM, LLC). LTEVM provided an additional \$400,000 for the acquisition of this parcel.

It is very important to note that in addition to the grant and the commitment from LTEVM, all of the Town's Legal bills have been covered 100%. The announcement of Bass Pro coming to Eastview Mall comes with NO Town Tax dollars spent throughout this process.

One of the requirements of the DASNY Grant was that the Town retained ownership of this building for three years. The Town has entered into a lease agreement with LTEVM.

On Tuesday, October 21, 2025, Bass Pro shops formally announced that they are planning to take over the former L&T 90,000 square-foot location at Eastview Mall. We are incredibly proud to welcome a retailer of this caliber to our community. The addition of Bass Pro not only revitalizes a key retail space issue at the mall but also strengthens our reputation as a top destination for shopping and leisure. We are excited about the economic impact and increased foot traffic that will be brought to this area. Many thanks to Johnny's World Renowned Bass Pro Team. Countless thank you's to our partners at Wilmorite, the Ontario County IDA, and the many individuals within our Town government who helped to bring this new tenant to the Town of Victor.

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 to let us know how we are doing or to offer suggestions on how to make Victor an even better place to live.

If you wish to contact the Town Board, please use the Town Board Form from our website. (<https://www.townofvictoryny.gov/formcenter/Town-Hall-6/Contact-Town-Board-Form-52>)

