

# ***Village of Orchard Park***

## ***2014 NEWSLETTER***



### *A note from the mayor...*

For the Village, our calendar is a little different from the one that begins on January first every year. Ours begins on June first. I like to think it's six months ahead of the "other" calendar. In February, we begin the budget process and by April we have worked out a budget for our new year that begins on June first.

Looking back on 2013-14 things got started on the right foot. In July, we celebrated Quaker Days; the Chamber of Commerce's Taste of OP, The Ice Cream Social, Lions Club Car Show and the Street Dance. We dedicated the Southtown's Scenic Byway Point of interest sign at the Historic Depot. All were wonderful successes.

In September, construction on a warehousing facility began in our industrial zone on Bank Street and is now operational. Later in November, SPOT Coffee began renovating the Bank of Orchard Park Building on East Quaker Street. It has been open for business since late April.

Big changes are coming this year as well. Our Safe Routes to School sidewalk project is moving along. We have contracted with a firm to provide engineering design and inspection services. We are hoping to have the project well underway in late August. The Town will be replacing the Forest Avenue Bridge as soon as school closes and is scheduled to be reopened by the time school starts in September.

Our recycling and refuse collection will change on June first. Our contract with Modern Disposal has come to an end. Bids for the next three years were opened and Waste Management will be providing service starting on June first. Look for recycling carts to be delivered in late May. **Recycling** will be picked up every other week. Please refer to our website for more information.

The budget has been well thought out. Our nominal tax increase was in compliance with the Governor's punitive tax freeze legislation. The employees will receive modest raises, our services remain fully funded and our dependency upon reserves and the fund balance is not at a critical level. Our tax rate is still the lowest by half of the second highest in Erie County.

Our Village residents have high expectations when it comes to quality of life and we are working hard to provide a quality of life second to none in New York State.

If you haven't taken a walk or relaxed at one of our restaurants or taverns, it's time you did. Take advantage of all that we have in our Village. Our Village is a fun place to be; I'll see you on the street.

*And remember ... Get to me before you get mad.*

*Best Regards,  
John B. Wilson, Mayor*

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*The Village Board meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month at 7 pm (see our website for complete schedule)*

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Monday-Friday

[www.orchardparkvillage.org](http://www.orchardparkvillage.org)

**Mary Beth Jensen**, Village Clerk-Treasurer • **Andrew Slotman**, Director of Public Works  
**Kelly Stressinger**, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer • **Jeffrey N Sweet**, Code Enforcement Officer  
**Christine Hanavan**, Part-Time Clerk, ZBA and Planning Board Secretary

## Department of Public Works 662-3866

The Public Works Department consists of a team of eight devoted employees, consistently providing superior service to the Village residents. We are available twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, and can be contacted at 662-3866; after hours contact the Orchard Park Police at 662-6444 and they will contact the proper personnel.

The two most visible services are the curb side collection of brush and leaves and snowplowing of streets, sidewalks, and parking lots. There are a couple of guidelines regarding brush and leaf collection that assist us in being more efficient. Please stack all brush in the same direction with the cut ends facing the street. In the fall, leaves must be placed in separate piles free of sticks to allow us to use the vacuum machines for collection. All of the material that is collected is recycled at the Town's composting facility at 6909 Milestrip Road. For the complete list of rules regarding this service please contact us. The Village restricts on-street parking from November 1 until April 1 to provide snowplowing service. Village Law also prohibits the placing of private snow onto the municipal right-of-way, and states that if this practice is done, the homeowner will be billed for all expenses the Village incurs to remove the snow.

The department engages in many beautification projects throughout the Village. Last year we installed a unilock sidewalk and landscape bed to accent the Scenic Byway sign that highlights our historic Train Depot. This year, we are planning to upgrade the four Village entrance signs and their associated landscape beds. With the assistance of the Orchard Park Garden Club, we plant and maintain the hanging baskets and flower boxes; this program is funded through donations of local businesses and residents. If you would like to contribute, please contact the Village Office at 662-9327.

The other primary function of the department is infrastructure management. We have three major infrastructure systems that we are constantly monitoring and assessing. The most visible system is the 12.5 mile road network the Village owns. We have been utilizing a pavement preservation program to determine what road projects are necessary and completed. Last year we were able to mill and repave .73 miles of road, install a surface treatment to .67 miles, and 3 miles were crack filled; all of these treatments add new life to the road network. We are currently working with Cornell Local Roads to join their summer internship program; this program would provide us an independent evaluation of the condition of our road network and assist in creating a roadwork schedule.

The water distribution system is made of 14.5 miles of pipe that supply safe drinking water to our residents twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. The New York Department of Health regulates our activities to ensure the safety of our water. We perform an annual interview with our representative from the Health Department to document that all requirements were completed for the previous year and determine what testing is required for the upcoming year. The Public Works department employs three individuals that maintain a class D water license with New York State. For more information on the water quality, see the attached Annual Water Quality Report.

The third major network we maintain is the storm sewer conveyance system; it is made up of 17.25 miles of pipe and 683 drainage structures. This system carries clean water from our streets and parking lots to local water ways; there is no treatment of the water, and therefore pollution is a major concern. One source of pollution is sediment. To help prevent sediment buildup, we annually clean 20% of our system and remove the sediment. Last year we were able to clean 17,850 feet of pipe and 142 structures.

We strive to improve the services provided and encourage feedback. Please contact us with both negative and positive comments so that we may advance the department.

## Building Department 662-9327

To protect all residents and property owners, Building Permits are required to assure compliance with the NYS Fire Prevention and Uniform Building Code and the Village of Orchard Park Municipal Code. Permit applications can be found on our website ([www.orchardparkvillage.org](http://www.orchardparkvillage.org), Department Tab - Code Enforcement).

### A Building Permit is required (HOME AND BUSINESS):

- For all new construction or additions
- When the cost of a repair to an existing building exceeds \$10,000.00
- When a repair affects the structure of an existing building
- When an electrical circuit is installed or extended
- When a generator is installed
- When remodeling involves the removal or relocation of walls; or affects the structure of a building
- When the required fire safety features in an existing building are affected by repairs, remodeling or alterations
- For a shed, fence, or new paved surfaces

### A Building Permit is required (BUSINESS):

- When the use of a building is changed (i.e. a retail store to a doctor's office)
- **ALL SIGNS**

### A Building Permit is required (HOME):

- When a solid fuel device, such as a wood burning stove or fireplace is installed or repaired
- **All swimming pools that can contain 18" or more of water. This includes inflatable pools.**

### Other Information:

- House numbers are required to be placed on all houses in the Village of Orchard Park. Numbers must be at least 4" high and visible from the street.
- Remember to keep all generators, pressure washers or other gasoline-powered tools outside and NEVER store or use in garage, carport (covered patio) or basement. Keep all gasoline powered tools well away from windows, doors and air-intakes. They all produce large amounts of carbon monoxide (CO) that can build up to dangerous levels in minutes.
- **Recreational fires are permitted. Such fires must burn only seasoned firewood must be a minimum of 25 ft. from structures and must NOT produce smoke that is offensive or objectionable. A method of extinguishing the fire must be available. Such fires must be constantly attended until extinguished. Open burning of combustibles other than seasoned firewood is PROHIBITED.**

### As of February 22, 2010, Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors are required:

1. Within each dwelling unit or sleeping unit, on each story having a sleeping area.
2. Within each dwelling unit or sleeping unit, on each story where a carbon monoxide source is located.
3. Where the dwelling unit has appliances, devices or systems that may emit carbon monoxide or has an attached garage.

PROHIBITED LOCATIONS: Carbon Monoxide alarms shall not be located within or near the openings to garages, bathrooms or furnace rooms; shall not be located in or near locations specified as "prohibited", "not recommended" or the like in the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Jeff Sweet, Village Code Enforcement Officer, will answer questions and help with the permit process. He is available Monday - Friday 4-5 pm, after hours or Saturday mornings by appointment.

## Garbage and Recycling 1-800-333-6590

Beginning June 1, 2014, Waste Management will be contracted to provide garbage and recycling collection for all one, two and three family homes in the Village. They will collect up to four cans/bags from each residence. Acceptable waste must be in watertight garbage cans with lifting handles or watertight plastic bags, not to exceed 40-gallon capacity and cannot exceed 60 lbs. A list of garbage and recycling guidelines can be picked up at the Village office or found on the Village website ([www.orchardparkvillage.org](http://www.orchardparkvillage.org)).

**Our new collection day is FRIDAY** - all refuse and recycling must be within five feet of the roadside by 6:30 am. Bulk items will be collected the first Friday of every month (2 item limit). Waste Management observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day; collection will be on Saturday that week.

Waste "tags" can be purchased at the Village Office for extra bulky and regular waste.

**Recycling Carts will be delivered to each home before the first week of June.** Recycling will be collected every other Friday. (A schedule will be delivered with your recycle cart or refer to our website for more information).

Electronics that cannot be disposed of with curbside garbage pickup (i.e.: televisions and microwaves) can be dropped off at Modern Disposal's Facility at 3675 Jeffrey Blvd in Blasdell (824-3767).

For hazardous household waste disposal, call 858-6370.

## Planning Board

The dedicated volunteers who presently serve on the Planning Board are Chairman Gunner Tronolone, Dale Pyne, Michael Borowiak, Matt Hartung, Myrna Woodard and Alternate Stephen Bray. Christine Hanavan is the Secretary. The board reviews permit applications in residential and non-residential zones, all referrals from the Zoning Board of Appeals, and any other permits or matters referred by the Code Enforcement Officer or the Village Board. All permit applications must be submitted to the Village Office no later than noon on the Wednesday, one week prior to the meeting date. The Code Enforcement Officer and the Planning Board Secretary can be reached at the Village Office and will be happy to assist you through the process. Meetings are held in the Municipal Center the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm as needed.

## Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is also comprised of dedicated volunteers: Chairman Ted Pieczonka, Steve Snyder, Gary Phillips, Amy Glowczynski, Bill Riter and Alternate David Obrochta. Christine Hanavan is the Secretary. The Village Code Enforcement Officer reviews all permit applications to determine if variances to the Village's Municipal Code are needed. If a variance is required, the applicant completes a Zoning Board of Appeals application and a public hearing is scheduled. A public hearing is published in the Orchard Park Bee and notices are sent to all property owners within 200' of the subject property. At the public hearing the ZBA reviews the application and interested parties are given the opportunity to express concerns. The ZBA, which must follow specific criteria for granting any variance, then votes on the requested variance. Meetings are held the third Wednesday after the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm as needed.

## Selling a House in the Village?

A sewer inspection must be done on any property changing ownership in the Village of Orchard Park. The cost of the inspection is \$75.00, payable to "Village of Orchard Park". Please contact the Village Office when selling a house and we will contact Erie County Sewer to schedule the inspection. Once completed, we will issue a Certificate of Compliance.

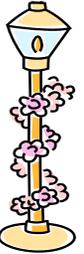
**ON-LINE PAYMENTS** *The Village of Orchard Park now accepts on-line payments for water & tax bills and miscellaneous fees. Please visit our website for information regarding on-line payments.*

## Village Justice Court 662-6415

The Village Court is in session the first Thursday of each month at 3 pm in the court room of the Municipal Center. The Village Court is represented by Village Justice Daniel B. Kane, Prosecutor Nancy Hart, and Acting Village Justice Philip M. Marshall, who is also the Village Attorney.

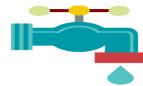
## Tree Planting and Beautification

Through the enthusiastic efforts of Mary Ann Schubert, Marianne Eimer, the Orchard Park Garden Club members, financial contributions, and the commitment of the Village DPW, we enjoy hanging flower baskets and planter boxes. Anyone wishing to make a tax deductible donation to Beautify Orchard Park II (BOP II) may do so through the Village Office.



## Rain Barrel

A Rain Barrel is a great way to help conserve water and reduce harmful water pollution to the Buffalo and Niagara Rivers. It collects and stores rain water for future uses, such as watering landscaping, and for decreasing the amount of storm water runoff that leaves your property. More information on rain barrels, as well as how to purchase one, can be picked up in the Village Office.



## Annual Water Quality Report

Enclosed please find a copy of the Annual Water Quality Report, complying with State & Federal regulations. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. Additional information is available in the Village Office, or on the internet at [www.ecwa.org](http://www.ecwa.org)

## POLICE—FIRE—EMERGENCY 911

NON EMERGENCY 662-6444

The police station is located in the back of the Municipal Center. Police Chief Mark Pacholec and his very competent detectives and police officers are always available to serve and protect us. The police department uses an enhanced 911 emergency calling system that helps locate the origin of any call received. The appropriate police, fire, or medical emergency personnel are then sent in response. Fingerprinting, by appointment, is available for adoptions, naturalization, securities licenses, liquor licenses and numerous other reasons, to all Orchard Park Town and Village residents at no charge.

## Post Office 662-4110

The Orchard Park Post Office is located on School Street between South Buffalo Street and South Lincoln Avenue.

The hours of operation are:

Monday thru Friday 8:30am — 5:00pm  
Saturday 8:30am — 1:00pm



**Library** 662-9851  
4570 South Buffalo Street

The Orchard Park Library is part of the Erie County Library System. It is located at the corner of Highland Avenue and South Buffalo Street.

## RECREATION

**Yates Park**— Parking stickers are available at the Recreation Building or in the Town Clerk’s Office for Orchard Park residents. For information regarding shelter rentals, call 662-6450.

**Chestnut Ridge Park** 662-3290

### Senior Citizens

Senior Center 662-6452  
Meals on Wheels 662-7178  
Senior Citizen Van 662-8378  
Senior Nutrition 662-8378  
Senior Discount Cards 851-4141

### Youth

Boys & Girls Club 662-1941  
Town Recreation 662-6450  
YMCA - Southwestern Blvd. 674-9622



## ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOLS

[www.opschools.org](http://www.opschools.org)

General Information 209-6200  
4040 Baker Road  
South Davis Elementary 209-6246  
55 South Davis Street  
Eggert Elementary 209-6215  
3580 Eggert Road  
Windom Elementary 209-6279  
3870 Sheldon Road  
Ellicott Elementary 209-6278  
5180 Ellicott Road  
Middle School 209-6220  
60 S Lincoln Avenue  
High School 209-6242  
4040 Baker Road  
Community Education 209-6295  
4040 Baker Road

## Churches and Organizations

A complete listing of area churches appears in our local phone book “Who’s Who in Orchard Park”. This book is prepared as a yearly fund-raiser by the local Boy Scout Troops. Copies can be purchased for \$5 in the Village Office or at various local businesses.

A list of community organizations and phone numbers appear on the bulletin board in the main hall of the Municipal Center.

## AREA EVENTS

**Memorial Day Parade:** May 26, 9:00 am from the Library to Veteran’s Park, where a service is held.



**Quaker Arts Pavilion Concert Series:** (662-7387)  
Concerts June thru August by a variety of musical performers. Programs available.

**Fourth of July:** (870-9091) (parade@roadrunner.com)  
8pm parade from Baker Road to the Middle School. Fireworks at dusk.



**Caribbean Night:** July 23 (Wednesday) (6-10 pm)

### Summer in the Park:

**Ice Cream Social:** July 25 (7-9 pm)  
(followed by fireworks)

**Car Show & Street Dance:** July 26  
Car Show begins at 11:30 am  
Street Dance from 7:30-11:30 pm



**Erie County Fair and Expo:** August 6—August 17  
(649-3900) [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org)

**Orchard Park Symphony Orchestra:** (474-5843)  
September—April at the Orchard Park High School

**Quaker Arts Festival:** (667-2787)  
September 20-21 at the Orchard Park Middle School



**Veterans’ Day:** November 11  
Service in Veterans Park at 11:00 am

**Holiday in the Park:** December 6 at the Depot (4-7pm)

### UTILITIES

Water	Village of OP	662-9327
Sewer	Erie County	823-8188
Electric	NYSEG	1-800-572-1111 service 1-800-572-1121 emergency
Gas	National Fuel	686-6123 service 1-800-444-3130 emergency

Information is available in the Village Office regarding the Prevention of Stormwater Pollution.