

VILLAGE OF ORCHARD PARK

2013 NEWSLETTER



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

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www.orchardparkvillage.org

A word from the mayor...

As we close the 2012-2013 fiscal year, our Village is on firm footing. We maintain healthy reserves and our use of the fund balance in budgeting for 2013- 2014 is well under control. Our budget was adopted staying just under the Governor's imposed mandate of 2% of the tax levy for the year.

The revenue generated from the 1.97% tax increase is less than the NYS Comptroller's estimate for our employee retirement contribution for the coming year. Like your personal investments, ours too produce little interest.

As a result of our two year old achievement based raise structure, the employees will receive modest raises based upon their performance during the previous year. Gone are the days of across the board percentage raises.

The new Federal Health Care Reform Act Program will be in effect in the second half of our fiscal year. Steering the Village ship through those waters will be challenging.

On the brighter side of Village business, last fall we partnered with the school district and applied for and received a Safe Routes to School Grant through Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) with funding administered through the NYS Department of Transportation. We will be underway with selecting an engineer for designing during the summer. Sidewalk improvements will take place on Clark Street, Bank Street and in the area of Yates Park.

As part of our computer upgrading program we will be able to accept credit card payments for water billing and other payments. Please refer to our website for more information.

Last December we suffered a loss in the center of our business district. Don Tequila's Restaurant was destroyed by fire. Hearing of the fire, I left my day job, looking to the south I could see a column of black smoke rising from my Village. The feeling in the pit of my stomach was indescribable. The jeep couldn't go fast enough. I spoke with the chiefs at the scene and the building owner. It was bad. The good news is that the building owner and the restaurant owner are working things out to rebuild and re-occupy the building later this year.

The Bank of Orchard Park building on East Quaker Street has been purchased and is going through interior renovations. It too, will soon be home to a new business in the Village. We are very fortunate to have our business district store fronts occupied.

Again this year the Garden Club has planted our hanging baskets, planters, and Village Garden. The BOP II (Beautify Orchard Park) program is funded through donations. If you would care to donate, contact the Village office.

GET INVOLVED! The fourth of July parade committee is looking for volunteers and parade participants. General information can be found on the Village website or email the committee at parade@roadrunner.com.

The Quaker Performing Arts Pavilion summer entertainment schedule is out. Check it out. Enjoy an evening of music; there's something for everyone's musical taste.

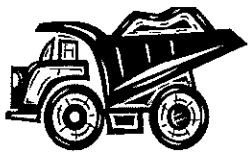
The Village Events and Celebration Committee plans for the Ice Cream Social and Street Dance are moving forward, the Lions Club Car Show is scheduled, and of course we can't forget the Chamber of Commerce "Caribbean Night". It all takes place the last week in July.

There's a lot to do in our Village. Take a walk, window shop, have a bite to eat at a sidewalk table, a glass of wine or iced tea; it's there for you. Enjoy the summer.

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

Best Regards,
John B. Wilson, Mayor

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



The dedicated team of professionals that make up the Public Works Department are responsible for providing many of the services and maintaining the infrastructure within the Village.

The most visible infrastructure we monitor is the 12.5 mile road network. We constantly observe the pavement condition and we do an annual assessment of road conditions. From this assessment, with the use of a pavement preservation program, we create a needs list of Capital Road Projects. In the previous year we were able to mill and repave .67 miles of road and install a surface treatment to .74 miles of road.

The water distribution system is used to supply safe drinking water to all homes in the Village 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is comprised of 14.5 miles of pipe and requires daily monitoring. The department has three individuals that maintain a Class D Water License from New York State and they continue their education yearly to renew their license. For more information on the water quality, see the attached Annual Water Quality Report.

The Federal and State Governments have recently added multiple regulations onto our storm sewer collection system. This infrastructure system is used to collect and transport clean water from runoff to our local waterways and water bodies. These new regulations are intended to lower pollution levels getting into the creeks, streams, and lakes and have changed the manner in which we maintain this infrastructure. Last year, we were able to create a map of the entire storm sewer system for the Village. We also cleared approximately 25,000 feet of drain pipe and 197 catch basins. We are mandated to inspect 20% of our 50 outfalls on a yearly basis for any signs of pollution and file a report with the NYS DEC every June 1st.

The department is involved in numerous beautification projects throughout the Village. Each year we maintain multiple landscape beds and with the assistance of the Orchard Park Garden Club, we plant and maintain the hanging baskets and flower boxes that decorate the Village all summer long.

We provide the curb-side collection of brush and leaves. For the specific requirements of these services, please contact us. The material that is collected is taken to the Compost Facility at 6909 Milestrip Road, where it is processed into mulch and compost. These materials are available for purchase; for more information, contact the Town Clerk at 662-6410 or the Compost Facility at 667-6066. We DO NOT collect grass clippings; they do not decompose into a usable product. Grass clippings should be bagged and placed for pickup with your regular garbage.

The department furnishes snowplowing and removal services. In order to perform this, we restrict all overnight parking on the street from November 1st until April 1st. Other laws pertaining to residential snowplowing prohibit the placing of snow into 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. Please notify your private snowplow contractors of this regulation. The code book also stipulates that homeowners are responsible for the sidewalks on their property; this includes the clearing of snow. The Village assists with this task by using a sidewalk snowplow; however, if additional clearing is necessary, it is the property owner's obligation.

The Public Works employees work diligently to surpass the expectations of the residents. To assist us in reaching this goal, we encourage feedback. Please contact us with both positive and negative thoughts so that we can better serve the public.

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, 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.

Modern Disposal Services, Inc. is contracted to provide garbage and recycling collection for all one, two and three family homes in the Village. They will collect up to eight cans/bags from each residence. A list of garbage and recycling guidelines can be picked up at the Village office or found on the Village website.

Each Tuesday all refuse and recycling must be within three feet of the roadside by 6 am. Bulk items will be collected the first Tuesday of every month. If the following holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, your collection day will be on Wednesday for that week only: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Christmas Day.

Electronics that cannot be disposed of with curbside garbage pickup (i.e.: televisions and microwaves) can be dropped off at Modern's Facility at 3675 Jeffrey Blvd in Blasdell; or on September 14, 2013 at the Electronic Recycling event hosted by the Village, at 100 West Highland Avenue in Orchard Park from 10 am - 1 pm.

Acceptable waste must be in watertight garbage cans with lifting handles or watertight plastic bags not to exceed 40-gallon capacity. Each can or bag must not exceed 60 lbs. Recycle bins can be purchased in the Village Office for \$7.50.

A low volume discount is available, call the Village Office for more information. 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. Clara Lewis 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. Clara Lewis 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.

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.

ON-LINE PAYMENTS *The Village of Orchard Park will soon be accepting on-line payments for water and tax bills. Please visit our website for information regarding on-line payments. www.orchardparkvillage.org*

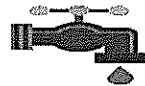
Tree Planting and Beautification

Through the enthusiastic efforts of Maureen Davern and many other volunteers, 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. Each year trees are added and dead or diseased street trees throughout the Village are replaced. Your concerns regarding trees can be called into 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

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.

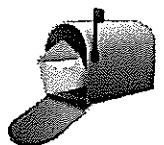
Post Office

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 858-8526

Youth

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



ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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 27, 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 24 (Wednesday) (6:00-10:00 pm)

Summer in the Park:

Ice Cream Social: July 26 (7:00—9:00 pm)
(followed by fireworks)

Car Show & Street Dance: July 27
Car Show begins at 11:30 am
Street Dance from 7:30-11:30 pm



Erie County Fair and Expo: August 7—August 18
(649-3900) www.ecfair.org

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

Quaker Arts Festival: (667-2787)
September 21-22 at the Orchard Park Middle School

Veterans' Day: November 11
Service in Veterans Park at 11:00 am



Holiday in the Park: December 7 at the Depot

UTILITIES

Water Village of OP	662-9327
Sewer Erie County	823-8188
Electric	NYSEG 1-800-572-1111 service 1-800-572-1131 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.