#### VILLAGE OF SCOTTSVILLE

#### SPRING – SUMMER 2019

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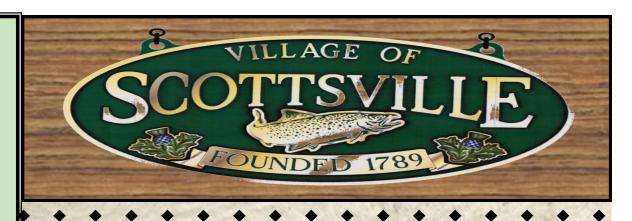
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It seems strange to be writing a Spring/Summer newsletter when I am looking at the ice and snow outside the Municipal Building. Never-theless, let's "Think Spring" and look forward to the warmer weather.



The "Life in the Finger Lakes" magazine published a lovely article in their Nov/Dec issue on Scottsville entitled "Scottsville – A Proud

Community". You can access the article at <u>https://www.lifeinthefingerlakes.com/scottsville-a-proud-community/</u>. The author, Jim Hughes spent a morning with Barbara Chapman, the Town Historian, and me talking about the history of Scottsville. We also did a little tour of some of the village's highlights. It was a morning well spent and served to remind me of all the reasons why I love our village!

Our DPW takes wonderful care of our village, and this is highlighted by the fact that they often go above and beyond the job. This past Fall, while collecting the garbage, they witnessed an accident. DPW workers, Dan Walzer and Kyle Carpino, secured their truck, but then went to check on the driver of the car. They spent time calming the driver and keeping the driver's neck stationary until EMS arrived. Kudos to these gentlemen!

Our thanks and appreciation also go out to the Scottsville Fire Department and the DPW for their work during February's windstorm. These dedicated people were there to respond to emergencies, make regular checks to clear debris, and provide any help needed.

Trustee Leslie Wagar and I recently attended a meeting at the High School to learn about a "Hometown Heroes" project. Many of you may have seen these banners in other villages and towns which recognize active service people in their communities. Karen Wilson at the High School is chairperson of this project. They plan to start with active service members that have graduated from the Wheatland-Chili Central School District. The banners would be displayed on the Main Street light poles from Memorial Day until Veteran's Day. The Village of Scottsville, and the American Legion, Smith-Warren Post #367 are happy to cooperate in this endeavor. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the active service members from our community.

With spring and summer coming, I know that everyone will be looking forward to getting outside again. Residents will be working on their yards. Please check the DPW article for information regarding yard debris pickup. Arbor Day will be celebrated on May 4. The Farmer's Market will be opening in May, and the community will be out visiting with neighbors and enjoying the produce and other products from local vendors.

Everyone is looking forward to better weather, but in the meantime,

STAY SAFE AND WARM!!

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## From the Village Office

## **Village Taxes**

Village taxes for the 2019-2020 fiscal year will be collected at the Village Office June 1, 2019 to July 1, 2019.



Monday 7:30 am - 8:00 pm Tuesday - Thursday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm Friday 7:30 am - 1:00 pm

After July 1, 2019, a five percent (5%) penalty will be charged through and including July 31, 2018. Taxes received after July 31, 2018, penalty to be computed pursuant to Section 924-A and Section 1456 of the Real Property Tax Law.

**Vendors and Door to Door Sales** April showers bring May flowers, and May flowers bring vendors? Maybe not, but with the warm weather come peddlers, vendors and solicitors going door to door in your neighborhoods. The Village of Scottsville requires a permit to allow door to door sales. If a solicitor comes to your door, please ask to see the permit issued from the Village. The permit will be on Village letterhead. If the solicitor cannot provide a permit, please as always, report any suspicious behavior to the Village Office or 911.



Village Holidays

The Village Office and DPW will be closed for the following holidays.

Good Friday	April 19
Memorial Day	May 27
4th of July	July 4
Labor Day	September 2

Residents whose garbage collection day is normally Monday should put out their toters Monday evening for Tuesday collection. Tuesday's collection will take place Wednesday and recycling will be picked up on Thursday.

## JOHNSON PARK RENTAL

Looking for a great place to hold that graduation party, a family reunion, a business picnic, a school reunion, or just a great day at the park? Consider renting the facilities at Johnson Park. The pavilion



has picnic tables for 64 people and a full kitchen. If you are interested in renting the park, please contact the Village Office.

Please take notice of new reservation policy.

\$75 Non-Refundable Rental Fee + \$50.00 Refundable Key Deposit for Village Residents \$125 Non-Refundable Rental Fee + \$50.00 Refundable Key Deposit for Non-Residents

The Non-Refundable Rental Fee must be paid at the time of the reservation.

Johnson Park Permit

Johnson Park Calendar

- Remember to LOCK your VEHICLE and your HOME.
- CLOSE YOUR GARAGE DOORS when no one is at home as you are only inviting problems.



- DO NOT LEAVE BICYCLES AND OTHER VALUABLE ITEMS OUTSIDE AT NIGHT.
- Please call the police IF YOU SEE OR HEAR ANY SUSPICIOUS OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. No call is too minor.

# **DPW News**

## **Garbage and Recycling Program**

The 95-gal recycling totes purchased with a matching grant from New York State DEC are being put to good use. These recycling totes



will save money on labor costs, will keep the neighborhoods free of blowing debris and make recycling easier for everyone.

Recycling collection has gone to every other week for a trial period to see if we can save the taxpayers some money. Please be patient with us as we see how this fits the needs of the program. If you find you have extra recycling that does not fit into your tote, the DPW has totes outside the gates at the garage to drop off extra recycling at your convenience.

In order to fit more in your totes be sure to not only break down boxes, but cut down to a size that will easily fit into the tote and crush the milk jugs and cartons.

Of course, the new garbage truck has been ordered. We are expecting \$65,000 from Senator Gallivan's office to help offset the cost of the truck

Both garbage and recycling totes should be out to the curb by 7 am on the appropriate collection day. And brought back away from the road that same day.

## **DPW Summer Projects**

It will be a busy summer for the DPW. Along with all the regular summer work of mowing, picking up brush and everything else they do, the DPW will be replacing sidewalks throughout the Village. You may have noticed some trees have already come down to make room for wider sidewalks that are ADA compliant. This work is possible with the help from Community Development Block.

The DPW also received a grant to repair catch basins, which will make drainage improvements throughout the Village. The rehabilitation project is entirely centered around repairing, renovating or fully restoring parts of the storm system infrastructure.



STREET LIGHTS...... If you happen to see a street light that is out or not functioning properly, please contact the Village Office. We are not always around at night to see the problems first-hand, so any help would be greatly appreciated.

Information needed: the address, along with the nearest cross street and the pole number.

#### **BRUSH AND DEBRIS**

- Brush, Tree Trimmings, Shrubbery, and other yard waste will be picked up April through September during the regular refuse collection cycles, except for weather-related emergencies. If yard waste is generated outside of a schedule general collection period, please call the DPW to make arrangements for pick-up. Charges may apply.
- The above must be cut into 4 foot lengths, tied and bundled. It must not be heavier than 50 pounds. Limit 5 bundles per week. If these conditions are not met, it will not be picked up.
- Village residents may drop off their brush at the DPW Recycling Center during the work week. Please call ahead. Proof of residency is required for dumping. Also, for your convenience, the gate at the DPW will be open on Saturdays from 8 am - 4 pm so you can dump your brush and yard debris in the designated areas. Follow the signs.
- For hauling large amount of brush, a village resident may have a DPW truck dropped off a charge of \$25 per day, per load. Please call ahead for this option. Removal of trees, plants and shrubbery on private property is the sole responsibility of the homeowner.
- For yard work and tree removal done by a contractor, it is the responsibility of the contractor to remove all debris.
- Removal of home improvement and construction debris, including and not limited to roofing materials, drywall, plywood, sinks, etc., is the sole responsibility of the homeowner.

# **Code Enforcement Office News**

VEHICLES...... All vehicles parked outside of an enclosed structure (garage) shall be current with both inspection & registration, shall not have flat tires or be dismantled and must be operable.

POOLS...... All pools (temporary or permanent) capable of holding 24 inches of water or more, must meet the building code regulations of the Village. Please fill out the building permit application prior to setting up your pool.

GARAGE SALE SIGNS......Signs must be independent and cannot be attached in any manner to trees, street lights or telephone poles. Signs must be taken down promptly after the sale.

BACKYARD FIRES......Small recreational fires are permitted for legitimate cooking or warmth; provided they be in some type of controlled area or enclosure, i.e., stone-surround fire pit, brick barbeque, metal fire stand, or clay chiminea. For more detail, please refer to the <u>Village Code</u>.

All village codes are available online at www.scottsvilleny.org. Scroll down to Quick Links on the home page and click <u>Village Code</u>. You will then have a search engine to help you navigate to the specific code of interest.

## **BACKYARD COMPOSTING**

Composting is nature's way of recycling and is simply decomposed organic material. It's a natural process that continuously occurs in nature, often without any assistance. However, backyard composting is a controlled process that improves the fertility and condition of the soil which in turn creates healthier gardens for your family and the environment. It also saves water by helping the soil hold moisture and reducing water runoff.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO GET STARTED

A compost bin (there are many types available at the local hardware store), a pitch fork or shovel (to turn the material) and a water can or hose (to wet the material).

#### WHAT TO COMPOST

Think browns and greens. Browns being carbon-rich dry, woody materials, such as fallen leaves, pine needles, twigs & small branches, food soiled paper, newspaper or brown paper bags. The greens are nitrogen-rich, moist, green materials such as fruit & vegetable trimmings, lawn clippings, yard trimmings, coffee grounds & filters, tea bags & herbivore manure (chicken, rabbit, horse or cow).

#### WHAT NOT TO COMPOST

Meat, bones, fish, dairy products, grease, large amounts of grains, beans or bread, dog, cat or bird feces, diseased plants, candy or chemically-treated plants. Bacteria and other microorganisms start the process of decaying organic matter. Fungi and protozoa soon join the bacteria and later in the cycle, centipedes, millipedes, beetles and earthworms complete the composting process.

#### EASY COMPOST MAINTENANCE

1) Chop materials to help them breakdown quickly. The more surface area that is exposed, the faster the processing. 2) Mix browns & greens. The balance should be approximately 50/50 by volume. Always maintain a layer of browns on the top and bottom of the pile to contain odors and reduce pests. 3) Maintain air & water balance by keeping compost as moist as a wrung-out sponge and turning the material with either a pitch fork or shovel. If you provide a balance of "browns" & greens", sufficient air flow and water, your compost pile will begin to decompose. The process can take anywhere from 1-6 months depending on how small the pieces are chopped and how often the pile is turned. You'll know the compost is ready when it looks like potting soil. If your pile is not composting, it could be too dry (moisten slightly & evenly), or there's not enough "greens" (add grass clippings), or not enough heat (cover pile and/or insulate sides), or too small (add materials). If your pile smells bad, it's too wet and needs air. Add some dry materials, such as leaves or sawdust and mix. Uncover the pile to dry it out a bit. It you get pests in your pile, there is most likely meat, fat or oils in the pile. Remove the meat or fatty scraps from the pile and use an animal-proof bin. USES FOR COMPOST: Mix 2-5 inches of compost into vegetable & flower gardens each year before planting. As a potting soil mixture (1 part compost & 2 parts commercial potting soil). As mulch, spreading 1-2 inches around flowers & up to 6 inches around trees & shrubs.

## Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeal Vacancy

The Village of Scottsville is seeking applications for a position on the:

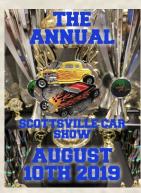
Scottsville Planning Board which would also serve as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Applicants must be residents of the Village of Scottsville and are asked to submit a resume and letter of interest by March 29, 2019.

#### TO: Village Clerk, Anne Hartman 22 Main Street, Suite 3 Scottsville, NY 14546

For further information call the Village Office at 889-6050 between the hours of Monday 7:30 am – 8 pm, Tuesday – Wednesday 7:30 am – 4 pm Friday 7:30 am – 1 pm.





## Scottsville Annual Car and Bike Show August 10th 9am - 4pm

Games and Food Vendors, 50/50 Raffle, DJ, Arts and Craft Vendors.

All to benefit the Golisono's Children's Burn Unit and our fallen veterans through Patriot Guard Riders. www.pgrny.org

We have many sponsors but are looking for more, if interested in becoming a sponsor or vendor please contact: Kevin Allen Kallen@Resolute-services.com

## Become a Chamber Member Today!

- Your membership entitles you to the following benefits:
- A business listing on the Greater Wheatland Chamber of Commerce website
- Connection to the Chamber Facebook Page
- Advertising opportunities
- General business meetings with guest speakers, member presentations and opportunities for social networking with other businesses
- Distribution of business flyers and business cards at the Chamber tent at the Farmers' Market and other community events.

The Greater Wheatland Area Chamber of Commerce next meeting is 6:00 pm, March 19th at the Mumford Library.

wheatlandchamberny.org

https://www.facebook.com/Greater-Wheatland-Chamber-of-Commerce-2110537752299383/

## **Scottsville Fire Department**

Are you looking to give back to your community?



The Fire Department is always looking for new members. Drill is every Wednesday night at 6:45 pm. Stop by if you are interested or call Chief Brown at 585-202-8647.

Did you know you can rent the Fire Pavilion for your parties? It has a full kitchen, a covered patio and the capacity for 99 people. For more information, please contact Dave Sheffield at 794-0630 Check your Carbon Monoxide alarm (if required) and Smoke Alarms in the spring and fall (changing clocks ahead or setback).

**Spring Forward,** DST begins on Sunday, March 10, 2019, at 2:00 A.M.

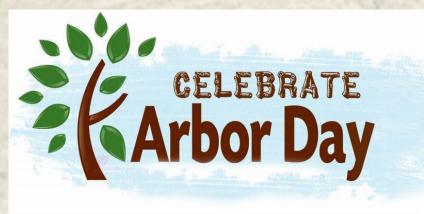




Last year's Float For Santa was a huge success! The money raised went to fund the Parade of Lights in December.

You won't want to miss out on floating down the Oatka Creek! Check the Chamber of Commerce website or Facebook page for details as they become available.





## FORESTRY BOARD

In November, the Department of Environmental Conservation awarded the Village a \$22,000 grant for the purpose of conducting tree assessments on the village's aging municipal forest. The Forestry Board wrote and submitted the grant proposal in order to aid the DPW in its management of the village's trees. Many of the village's trees are silver maples over eighty years-old and in need of maintenance or removal. This grant money will allow the village to hire a certified arborist who will be able to determine which municipal trees need the most assistance and this will allow for more efficient use of the DPW's tree removal budget. The Forestry Board and the Village Board are currently working to find an arborist and begin the assessment process.

The Forestry Board also accepted an offer of five special hybrid oak trees developed by Cornell's Urban Forestry Institute. These five oak trees were bred by Nina Bassuk, who leads the Institute, to be street trees. Oaks are not normally tolerant of the conditions found along urban streets and these new hybrids represent an entirely new aspect to the urban forest. Scottsville will be among the initial group of municipalities across the state to use these as street trees. As part of the offer, Cornell will periodically send monitors to check on the trees. It is an exciting program and the Forest Board is proud to have Scottsville be part of it.

Finally, the Forestry Board is happy to announce that it will be holding its annual Arbor Day Community Tree Planting event on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The Forestry Board was able to make arrangements with officials from the Greenway Trail to obtain several varieties of trees for planting within both Johnson and Canawaugus Parks. The Forestry Board will again be working with the school and the local scouts to plant these trees.

## Arbor Day Foundation Names Village of Scottsville Tree City USA

Village of Scottsville, NY was named a 2019 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Scottsville achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of a least \$2 per capita and Arbor Day observance and proclamation!

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together, and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education.

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling cost, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

About the Arbor Day Foundation: The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nature and celebrates trees. More information is available at arborday.org



# 2018 SCOTTSVILLE MIDWEEK FARMERS' MARKET



We hope that you joined us in December for the Parade of Lights. The market participated again by hosting a one -day winter market inside the Senior Center. We had a variety of products including chocolates, honey and honey products, crafts, spices, sauces and artisan cheeses. This was our third year as part of the Parade of Lights and it was a huge success, as well as, a lot of fun!

Each market day during the summer, we offer a hot meal for sale, prepared by a community group as a fundraiser for their group. (If your group is interested in cooking at the market, please see contact info at the end of this article). The Market strives to be a community gathering place for the Village of Scottsville as well as the greater Wheatland area.

Last year, we had a wonderful mix of fruits, vegetables, honey and honey products, baked goods, fresh-cut flowers, hard cider, pasture-raised meat and eggs, artisan cheeses, jams & jellies, spices, sauces and pickled vegetables. This year, we hope to have all of this and more. We also try to have a family activity each week. Past activities include: informational tables, kid-friendly activities and crafts, a guinea pig show and live music.

You can find us on Facebook: Scottsville Midweek Farmers' Market where our weekly menu and activities are posted, as well as, our vendors and products for the week. We also have a market-only email list that we use to send out a weekly reminder on Mondays during the market season with the menu and activity as well as a list of vendors and products. The market is open rain or shine, unless there is thunder and lightning! Mark your calendars and join us this year!

For more information, contact the Market Manager: Marcy McCall, 585-889-3981 or <u>kmemccall@aol.com</u>



## AMERICAN LEGION SMITH-WARREN POST 367

2019 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Smith-Warren Post 367. Please check our website and Facebook page for events to help us celebrate.

#### **Upcoming Events**

**Corned Beef Dinner** March 16, 4 to 8 pm Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Dinner & Ceremony March 29, 7 pm Children's Easter Party April 20, 12 pm Steak Dinner April 27, 4 to 7 pm Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies May 27, 9:30 am Chicken BBQ June 8, 4 to 7 pm Corn & Sausage Roast Sept. 8, 4 to 7 pm 100 Year Community Picnic, Parade and Open House Sept. 21

We also have a hall rental that seats 120 Our Gazebo and Park are available for community events.



"And let us never forget that in honoring our flag, we honor the American men and women who have courageously fought and died for it..." -President Ronald Reagan