

**VILLAGE OF
SCOTTSVILLE**

**SPRING-SUMMER
2020**

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Village of Scottsville



The first day of Spring has arrived, but our thoughts are centered around the Coronavirus situation that is facing all our communities. At this point all non-essential operations operation in the Village are suspended, but let me assure you; we are still here. We just ask for your patience as we work, in a very different circumstances, to keep things running in as normal a way as possible.



Village Office: The office is closed. Johnson Park and Canawaugus Park are closed until further notice. No groups should be gathering there. The staff is working from home with regular check ins at the office. Email will be monitored at villageclerk@scottsvilleny.org and directed to the appropriate people. I can be reached at mayor@scottsvilleny.org. We are checking emails every day.

DPW: All non-essential operations have been suspended. Garbage and Recycling will be picked up on normal days. Items requiring a sticker will NOT be picked up until further notice. Any other essential operations such as plowing and emergencies will also be taken care of. Emergencies will be handled by calling Todd Schwasman at 585-202-5744.

Code Enforcement/Fire Marshall: The Code Enforcement Officer, Doug Barber, will monitor all emails, code@scottsvilleny.org, and get back to you.

The Village Board of Trustees will be conducting official business under the guidance of the Governor's Executive Order pertaining to Open Meeting Laws.

Utility Emergencies: If you need immediate attention, please call
NationalGrid 1-800-867-5222 or www.nationalgridus.com
RG&E 1-800-743-1702

Many organizations are postponing or cancelling events. Please check their Facebook page or Website to keep up to date.

Having grown up in Scottsville, I have seen this community pull together over and over again. The care and compassion that the residents show for each other is one of the reasons I love Scottsville. (Though, as children, everyone knew that your mother heard what you were doing before you got home!). I have no doubt that we are watching over and helping our friends and neighbors, especially our seniors and anyone who might need some extra help. Telephone calls and cards/notes can brighten someone's day.

We will keep you up to date on our Facebook page and Website. In the meantime, BE KIND to yourself and each other. We will get through this and be back to enjoying each other's company and all the events that make our community wonderful.

Eileen

From the Village Office

Village Taxes

Village taxes for the 2020-2021 fiscal year will be collected at the Village Office June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

Payments made with a check can be mailed to the Village Office.

Monday 7:30 am - 8:00 pm

Tuesday - Thursday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 7:30 am - 1:00 pm

After June 30, 2020, a five percent (5%) penalty will be charged through and including July 31, 2020. Taxes received after July 31, 2020, 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.



2020 Census

The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. The 2020 Census counts the population in the United States and five U.S. territories. Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire - online, by phone, or mail - between March 12-20.

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

It's also in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.



Community Calendar

The Village of Scottsville is a very community oriented Village, and as such, the residents are always interested in participating in activities being offered from several groups and organizations. Over the years, events have been advertised through different avenues and if you weren't in the right place, at the right time, you might miss it. The Village has discussed how to distribute that information to the residents and late last year, the Chamber put out an invitation to explore the possibility of having a joint Community Calendar, where by all events could be located in one place, and could be seen at a glance. The Village accepted the invite and work was started on the particulars of how, when and where. We are in the process of pulling that information together and hopefully it will come to fruition in the not so distant future. More information will be available as we move forward in this venture.



Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month immediately following the Fire Commissioner meeting at 6:30 pm. Agendas for meeting posted on the website the Friday before the meeting. Minutes can also be found on the website after the meeting the following month.

Planning Board and Forestry Board both meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. Zoning Board of Appeals meets as need at 6:45 before the Planning Board.

All Village Board Meeting, Workshops and meetings of Appointed Boards and Committees are open to the public. Meetings are held at the Wheatland Municipal Building.



DPW News

Summer Projects

North Road - RG&E has already started gas main replacement work. Once that is finished Monroe County Department of Transportation will begin resurfacing the entire stretch from Chili Ave. to Rochester St. Projected start time is May.

Oatka Place Sidewalk - The Village received money from Monroe County Community Block Development Grant (CBDG). We have been the beneficiary of many of these grants throughout the years. Our DPW will replace 815ft. Of sidewalk along Oatka Place. This is one of the biggest yet and will take much time and effort.

Of course weather plays a big part in scheduling these projects.



Retirement News

The Village of Scottsville has had two retirements in our DPW Department in recent months. Todd Richardson and Dan Walzer have sent in their retirement letters. Todd worked for the Village for 34-1/2 years. Dan worked for the Village for 30 years. That's 64-1/2 years of service to the Village of Scottsville!! WOW!! Our DPW spends their days taking care of those things that our residents depend on from garbage and recycling pick-up and plowing snowy roads to infrastructure maintenance. Todd and Dan have been mentors to new DPW workers, sharing with them the knowledge gained from years of experience. This experience and knowledge will be missed. I'm sure I speak for the Village as a whole when I wish these gentlemen all the best in their retirement, knowing that they have many new adventures ahead. **CONGRATULATIONS!!**



SANITARY SEWER NOTICE

DISPOSABLE WIPES, BABY WIPES OR PAPER TOWELS.

Please do not flush disposable wipes, baby wipes or paper towels in toilets. Only toilet paper is designed to break down, flushable wipes, baby wipes and paper towels do not break down quickly and can create problems in sanitary sewer laterals, mains, and cause damage to pumps in sanitary pump stations.



The Garbage Truck is In!

You will soon see this baby on the road! Well, as soon as the DMV reopens and we can get it registered. The truck has a few added features to make refuse and recycling pickup more efficient. Once it is on the road we will auction off the old truck.

The DPW Crew only vacuums up leaves in the Fall. Springtime cleanup needs to be put in the large landscaping and brush tied and bundled.

Please continue reading.

- 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.
- 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.

NOTICE FROM MONROE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

COVID-19 and Refuse Pickup



We are all concerned about the effect of coronavirus, or COVID-19.

This virus has interrupted our lives in ways we had *never* imagined possible.

Monroe County is asking residents to keep in mind

Garbage and Recycling workers –

both private and public – who continue to provide this valuable service to Monroe County businesses and residents every day.

For now, garbage and recycling collection is operating on normal schedules.

Any changes to this will be communicated from your hauler.

Please use the tips below to help keep garbage and recycling workers safe and working efficiently:

Garbage should be placed in a hauler issued garbage cart or other provided receptacle on your designated pickup day.

Garbage should be bagged!

Limit loose items in your garbage cart.

Contact your hauler directly regarding bulk pickups

(i.e., furniture, mattresses, carpet pieces and construction materials) as these services may be reduced.

Cardboard recycling MUST be broken down, contained and left at the curb.

All other recyclables (paper, plastic bottles, plastic jugs, plastic jars, plastic tubs, glass bottles or jars, metal cans and containers) **should be placed in your recycling bin or cart and left at the curb on your designated pickup day.**

All materials MUST be clean and dry.

Recycling material in plastic bags will NOT be accepted.

Thanks for your help in creating safe and healthy working conditions for them!

Garbage and recycling are essential services!

We ask you to please help keep these critical workers safe!

Here are some ideas:

- ◆ Use soap and water or an alcohol-based cleaning product to wash-off the handles and lids of all trash and recycling bins that are physically picked-up by sanitation workers
- ◆ Ensure that bins and bags are closed and sealed properly
- ◆ Rinse off and wipe down bottles, cans, and other recyclables that you put into bins
- ◆ Keep to the rules outlined by your hauler and only place proper waste and recycling materials in the proper bins
- ◆ Practice social distancing by placing your bins out the night before the waste or recycling is slated to be picked up
- ◆ Donate new pairs of work gloves and/or bottles of hand sanitizer by leaving them on top of the trash lid as a gift (include a note so they know they're safe to use)

Monroe County appreciates our garbage and recycling workers, both public and private.

VACANT/ZOMBIE PROPERTY COMPLAINTS

Recent legislation at the State level now affords any citizen the ability to register any property that is currently in the foreclosure process, either owned by a financial institution or maintained by a third party under contract with a financial institution. To register a property go to www.dfs.ny.gov. Scroll down just a bit to “File a Complaint” and follow the prompts. You will fill out a questionnaire form regarding your complaint. The Village is limited in enforcement actions on these properties, whereas enacted legislation gives the State the ability to levy fines and stimulate action at a higher level of authority.



**The American Legion
Smith-Warren Post 367**

Upcoming Events

April 25, 4pm-7pm - Steak Roast - Cancelled
May 16 - We will be placing flags on veteran graves in the are cemeteries
May 25- Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony at the Post Home
June 13, 4pm-7pm - Chicken BBQ

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



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.

ISO Ratings Affects You Home Owners Insurance

Due to the training and commitment of our volunteer fire fighters, the Scottsville Volunteer Fire Department will receive a ISO Class 3 rating. That is good news for your home insurance!

Call your insurance company to be sure to get the best rate.

Great job to all our Fire Fighters!

Thank You!



Did you change your batteries?

Scottsville Midweek Farmers' Market

The Scottsville Midweek Farmers' Market returns for its 11th season! Wednesdays, from 4pm-7pm, June 3 - September 30, 2020 at the American Legion Smith Warren Post 367, 61 Main St., Scottsville, NY. The Market is sponsored by the Greater Wheatland Area Chamber of Commerce, hosted by the American Legion Smith Warren Post 367 and totally funded by vendor fees, corporate advertising and public donations. Last year was the first year that the market was completely self-sufficient. Thank you to all of our wonderful market patrons and corporate sponsors who helped us in this effort. This year, we'll be fund-raising again to keep the market alive with the goal of breaking even. Check our corn thermometer for weekly progress throughout the season.

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 jams and jellies, honey and honey products, stained glass, woolen, dried flower, wooden, fabric and glass crafts, clothing and jewelry, spices, sauces and artisan cheeses. This was our fifth year as part of the Parade of Lights and it was a huge success as well as a lot of fun!

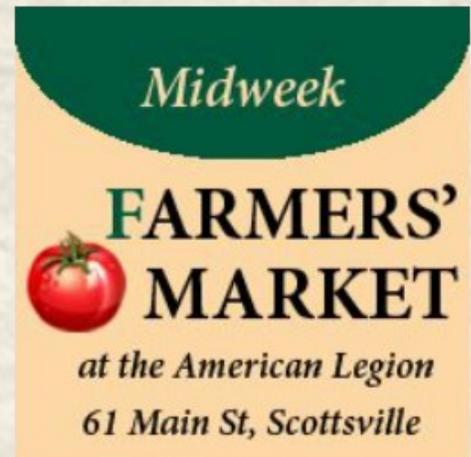
Each market day during the summer, we offer a hot meal for sale, prepared by a community group as a fundraiser for their group. (If your group is interested in cooking at the market, please see contact info at the end of this article). The Market strives to be a community gathering place for the Village 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, 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, guinea pig show, cooking demonstrations, glass blowing demonstrations and live music.

You can find us on Facebook: Scottsville Midweek Farmers' Market. 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, please contact the Market Manager: Marcy McCall, 585-889-3981 or kmemccall@aol.com.

New Bike Racks

This summer you will see new bike racks to use in front of the library and at Johnson Park. A special thank you to Girl Scout Troops 60574 and 60557. The girls wanted to use their cookie sale proceeds to give back to the community and decided bike racks would be helpful. We hope everyone is able to enjoy them soon.



Deck Safety

As warmer temperatures finally arrive many of us will enjoy more time outside. Many of us will spend time cooking, playing or just relaxing on and around decks constructed of wood. The North American Deck and Railing Association (NADRA) has proclaimed the month of May “deck safety awareness month”. With just a few simple inspections and tests you can help prevent injuries and accidents associated with unsafe conditions that aging decks can create.



1. Check the ledger board (where the deck attaches to the house) to make sure it is sound and securely in place. Look for separation and twisting. This should be firmly secured with lag screws or bolts.
2. Check the flashing. This is either metal or plastic that directs water away from sensitive areas of the deck and house near the ledger board. Look for cracking or standing water.
3. Check support posts and joists for structural soundness and decay. Use an ice pick to press in to the wood. If it presses in easily without splintering more than a quarter of an inch chances are it's starting to decay and should be replaced.
4. Check decking and stair treads for swaying or sagging. There should be no swaying or movement with normal walking.
5. Check that railings are secure by lightly pushing against them. Replace any missing or loose spindles.
6. Check that risers and stringers (the framing under stairs) are securely fastened.
7. Check for rusting fasteners. Replace any that show signs of severe decay. Drive in any loose decking nails and tighten any loose screws or bolts. Replace fasteners with the proper type for your deck.
8. Keep your deck clean. Sweep off any dirt and leaves. Clean off any moss with soap and water. Consider reapplying water repellent to extend the life of the wood.

Performing these quick and easy tests and inspections will help ensure you and your family will remain safe while enjoying your outside activities.

Scottsville Lions Club Medical Loan Closet

Serving the Scottsville Community

Did your child get a sports injury or are you recovering from surgery? The Scottsville Lions Club has a wide variety of medical equipment for loan including canes, crutches, wheelchairs, hospital beds, etc. If you or someone you know, is in need of medical equipment for loan, please contact us to make arrangements. Lion Gerard Sciera(585) 889-2233 or Lion Ernie Fingland (585) 260-5127.



Dog Days of Summer



Don't forget your pets during the “dog” days of summer. Make sure they are out of the sun in a shaded and protected area with access to fresh water.

Remember to **never** leave children or pets in a closed car. The temperature inside a closed car rapidly increases to dangerous conditions.

Dog Poop Stations

While out walking your dog, you will find Dog poop Stations at the corner of Wyvil St. and Main St. and on Browns Ave. at the entrance to Johnson Park. Please continue to use.

6 Reasons You Should Always Pick Up Your Dog's Poop

1. Maintaining a Sanitary Community
2. Dog Poop is NOT Fertilizer
3. Dog Poop is a Pollutant
4. Dog Poop Contains Pathogens That Are Harmful to Human Health
5. Dog Poop Can Easily Pass Parasites and Pathogens to Other Dogs Too
6. Dog Poop Attracts Pests

