VILLAGE OF SCOTTSVILLE

FALL - WINTER 2021

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"Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves, We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves! " ~Humbert Wolfe



Summer seems to fly by! Here we are heading into Autumn! It's Back to School, Halloween, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and then it's time to get ready for December's Holiday Season. We are still dealing with the Coronavirus and its variants. Getting your vaccine and wearing a mask (especially in group situations) are the ways to keep this at bay and help us to enjoy the season's activities with friends and family. Remember that we can still enjoy the fun and beauty of a Western New York Autumn. Picking pumpkins or apples, enjoying apple cider and donuts, taking a Fall drive or walk to see the leaves, decorating for each holiday, remembering our veterans, or doing some planting for spring, plan some winter activities. There are still so many things that we can enjoy during the coming seasons.

The school year has started. As our children head back to school and the buses are on the road, please be watchful. Watch for crosswalks. The Village speed limit is 30 mph and 20 mph in school zones. There is NO passing a stopped school bus. The State of New York has tips for sharing the road with school buses:

- Remember buses make frequent stops. Be prepared to stop for them.
- Never pass a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing on the right or the left.
- Watch for children who cross in front of the bus when the bus is stopped. Look for children at bus stops and those running to bus stops.

Let's keep our children safe!

It is Leaf Time in Western New York. As well as enjoying the colorful display of leaves, residents will be spending time raking them up! Brush pick-up stops at the end of September Leaf "Vacuuming" starts at the beginning of October and goes through snowfall. There is no brush pick-up during leaf season. Leaves must be raked as close as possible to the road in long rows, instead of a big mound. It makes it easier to collect. Also, do not mix brush, nuts, apples, or other trash with the leaves. Check the DPW article, and your DPW handout for further guidelines.

With winter comes snow removal. The DPW is ready with plows and salt. Please remember that there is no parking on streets from November 1 - April 1, 2:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m. This allows our plows to do a thorough job of cleaning the streets before rush hour.

A note from Mayor Hansen (continued)

We have received the first portion of our ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money in the amount of \$98,655.64. We will receive the second portion in 2022. The guidelines state that we can use this money to:

- Remedy any Covid related needs
- Replace revenue loss
- Hire new employees this year
- Improve broadband or make technology purchases
- Invest in water or sewer projects
- Improve parks or public space for outdoor recreation

This money must be used by the end of 2026 and earmarked for use by the end of 2024. The Village Board has been discussing the use of this money and has already committed funds to put in a new epoxy floor in the Johnson Park pavilion. Funds will also be used to replace some of the picnic table inside the pavilion with folding tables and chairs. This will allow for better cleaning and disinfecting in the pavilion. The Board will look into our sewer, drainage and catch basin needs which can be covered by this, as well as technology and recreation needs.

Check out the section in the newsletter about Opting In or Opting Out of the Cannabis Legislation allowing local retail dispensaries and/or on-site consumption establishments. This summary will give you an idea of what it means for our municipality. The Board will be discussing this in our October and November Board meetings. Please email us your questions of comments and, of course, come to these Board meetings. We will be making this decision by the end of 2021.

Check out our Village Website. We've updated this site to, hopefully, make it more user friendly and provide residents with the day-to-day information they may need. The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us many things especially the need to get emergency information out to our residents when they are asked to limit social interactions. Besides social media, we are working with Pinpoint, our IT provider to set up a cloud PBX, migrate our current PBX to it, update all the phones and add a phone blast module to the system. They will allow us to send emergency texts and emergency emails to our residents.

Wishing all our residents a safe and healthy Fall and Winter!!

Did you know that the Johnson Park Pavilion has a fireplace?

You will be nice and warm at your winter parties held at Johnson Park. Great for an ice skating party and hot chocolate. Don't forget the marshmallows!

Ellen

The pavilion calendar fills up quickly. Go to the website, www.scottsvilleny.org to view the availability calendar and download the rental application, or call the Village Office to reserve your date. The non-refundable rental fee must be paid at the time of reservation.

Village Residents:

\$95.00 - Non-Refundable Fee \$50.00 - Refundable Deposit

Non-Residents:

\$145.00 Non-Refundable Fee \$50.00 - Refundable Deposit



You will see some nice improvements the next time you attend a party at Johnson Park. A portion of our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money will be used to lay an epoxy floor and purchase foldable tables and chairs. We are excited because this will make sanitation a lot easier and more versatile for your party needs.

Stay Connected



The Village has upgraded the phone system to the Cloud. Besides the cost savings we will see on our phone bill,

the phones will be more reliable. More often than we would like, residents have said they could not get through to the DPW. This has been due to older technology that would cause the phone to drop off.

Also with the new system, we will be able to send out phone blasts to communicate pertinent information to our residents. For some, I may have your number and will input them right into the phone book. Many people will need to call the office 889-6050 or email Anne at villageclerk@scottsvilleny.org to get your number added. You can be added or deleted at any time.





Village Election

March 15, 2022 Noon - 9:00 pm Wheatland Senior Center

A General Election of the Village of Scottsville will be held on March 15, 2022, between the hours of Noon and 9:00 pm. To be elected are the following four year terms:

Mayor and two Trustees

Contact the Village Office or Monroe County Board of elections www.monroecounty.gov/elections for more information.

Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings

2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm

Planning Board Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm

Zoning Board of Appeals

As needed immediately before the Planning Board meeting.

Forestry Board Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm

Rochester St. Historic Advisory Board

As needed

All meetings are at the Wheatland Municipal Building. Check www.scottsvilleny.org for meeting updates/cancellations, agendas and meeting minutes.

Village Holidays

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

Labor Day September 6 Columbus Day October 11 Veterans Day November 11 November 25-26 **Thanksgiving** Christmas December 24 **New Years** December 31 MLK Day January 17 Presidents Day February 21

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

BRUSH AND DEBRIS - LEAF PICK UP



- Leaf vacuuming will begin early October and go until the snow falls.
- Leaves must be raked as close to the road as possible in long rows instead of a big mound.
- Keep sidewalks, streets and concrete drains clear of leaves as this can cause drainage issues.
- Grass clippings and all lawn rakings must be placed in recyclable paper bags. No plastic bags. Paper bags for lawn debris are available for purchase at most home improvement stores.
- Do not bag or use containers for leaves during this time.
- Do not mix brush, nuts, apples, other trash or animal waste with the leaves.
- After loose leaf pickup is complete, place leaves in biodegradable lawn bags for pickup.
- No brush pick up during leaf season. Brush pick up will resume in April.
- 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.
- Before October, for hauling large amount of brush, village residents may have a DPW truck dropped off at their home, 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.
- In the event of a wind storm that takes down branches, the DPW will add brush pick up, notice given on the website and Facebook Page.



Garbage Sticker Prices

Stickers must be purchased at the Village Office for the large bulk items.

Without a sticker, these items will not be picked up.

Your bulk items should go out on Tuesdays regardless of your normal garbage days. Remember to keep the roadway and sidewalk clear for the snow plow this winter when placing items out for pick up.

*Rugs	\$10.00
Bulk Items	\$10.00
Couch	\$10.00
Box Spring	\$10.00
Mattress	\$10.00
Recliner	\$10.00
Tube TV	\$25.00
Refrigerators	\$35.00

*Carpets must be cut into manageable pieces.

S-t-r-e-t-c-h Your Tax Dollars!

Be sure your recycling and garbage tote lids are closed. We pay to dispose things by the ton, rain and snow add unnecessary weight to the tote.



Do you have more recycling than fits in your tote? There are extra totes at the DPW, you can bring recycling up to the DPW during regular business hours.



Christmas Tree Recycling

The DPW will pick up Christmas trees through the end of January.



The Village purchased a new F450 to help out. It will be more recognizable when it has decals.

Along with the new truck, we have a few new guys,

From left to right: Todd Schwasman, Matt Bohn, Peter Depuy, Kenny Bohn and Cole Hanna.

Thank you guys for all the hard work you do around the Village for us.









The American Legion Smith-Warren Post 367

Upcoming Events

Watch for the startup of tailgate dinners in the Fall. Sundays and pop-up Wednesdays.

November 19 - Turkey Raffle

Check the Facebook page for status of events. https://www.facebook.com/Scottsvillelegion

We also have a hall rental.
COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions
must be followed.
Call Peggy at 585-889-9156
for all details.

Our Gazebo and Park are available for community events.

Did you notice the new bike rack at Johnson Park?

Donated to the Village by a local Girl Scout Troop.

Thanks, Girls! Thanks to your generosity and thoughtfulness, many people will be able to use this.



Generator Safety

The primary hazards to avoid when using a generator are carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust, electric shock or electrocution, and fire. Follow the directions supplied with the generator.

- To avoid electrocution, keep the generator dry and do not use in rain or wet conditions. Operate it on a dry surface under an open canopy-like structure, such as under a tarp held up on poles. Do not touch the generator with wet hands.
- Be sure to turn the generator off and let it cool down before refueling. Gasoline spilled on hot engine parts could ignite.
- Store fuel for the generator in an approved safety can. Use the type of fuel recommended in the instructions or on the label on the generator.

Store the fuel outside of living areas in a locked shed or other protected area. To guard against accidental fire, do not store it near a fuel-burning appliance, such as a natural gas water heater in a garage.

 Plug appliances directly into the generator, or use a heavy duty, outdoor-rated extension cord that is rated (in watts or amps) at least equal to the sum of the connected appliance loads.

Check that the entire cord is free of cuts or tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

- Never try to power the house wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet. Known as "backfeeding," this practice puts utility workers, your neighbors and your household at risk of electrocution.
- Remember, even a properly connected portable generator can become overloaded, resulting in overheating or generator failure. Be sure to read the instructions.

If necessary, stagger the operating times for various equipment to prevent overloads.

How to Prevent Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning When Using a Generator

- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area.
- Keep these devices outdoors, away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.
- Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent CO buildup in the home. Although CO can't be seen or smelled, it can rapidly lead to full incapacitation and death. Even if you cannot smell exhaust fumes, you may still be exposed to CO. If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak while using a generator, get to fresh air RIGHT AWAY - DO NOT DELAY.
- Install CO alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas to provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide

Test the batteries frequently and replace when needed.

• If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.

Call for help from the fresh air location and remain there until emergency personnel arrive to assist you.



NEW YORK'S MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION SUMMARY AND HOW IT AFFECTS SCOTTSVILLE

Medical marijuana has been legalized for several years in NYS. New legislation decriminalizes possession and use within limits (age, amounts, consumption, paraphernalia) and allows for on-site sales (dispensary) and on site consumption establishments.

NYS timeline as of April 2021:

- -Setting up agencies 12-18 months: Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) and Cannabis Control Board.
- -2023-2024 First Retail Sales
- -Cultivation 18 months after the first Retail Sales:

Regulations:

Other than for personal use in accordance with Penal Law 222.05, all individuals/organizations must obtain a license from the State to:

Engage in cultivating, processing, distributing, delivering or dispensing cannabis Operate a cooperative, microbusiness, nursery, or on-site consumption establishment.

Penal Law 222.05:

It is legal to possess, display, purchase, obtain or transport up to 3 oz. of cannabis and up to 24 grams of concentrated cannabis, cannabis paraphernalia.

It is legal to cultivate, harvest, dry, process cultivated cannabis in accordance with Penal Law 222.15.

Personal Cultivation (home) You may have:

3 mature and 3 immature plants per individual with up to 6 mature and 6 immature plants per household. All cannabis must be securely stored and not available to anyone under 21 years of age.

The density and distribution of sites is still being discussed, and will be determined by the 2 cannabis agencies. The purpose being to spread the sites throughout the state and not have an over concentration in any one area. There are NO home-based dispensaries or on-site consumption establishments. We are barred from discriminating against an individual for cannabis use.

Opting in vs. Opting Out:

If we opt-in we will receive sales tax revenue from the sale of cannabis within our municipality. This is 4 % locally, of which 1% will go to the county and 3% will stay in the municipality (to be shared with the Town, depending on whether they opt in. If we opt out there is no revenue.

If we chose to do so, we need to opt out of retail sales and/or on-site consumption establishments by December 31, 2021. If we don't, we are automatically opted in. Once you opt in, you are locked into that decision. If you opt out, you can opt back in at any time. Once you opt back in, that decision is final.

To opt out, we must pass a local law opting out of Retail Sales and/or on-site consumption. If the Board decides to opt out, the local law would be subject to a Permissive Referendum. A Permissive Referendum needs a petition requiring the municipality to present the law for a ballot/vote. The petition must be filed within 30 days of passing the local law and be signed by 20% of the registered voters in the previous general village election (not how many people actually voted). The Village may bypass the petition by submitting for permissive referendum on their own.

A local law subject to permissive referendum submitted by Jan. 1, 2021 would allow for a March ballot. (already scheduled for the Village Election)

The Village cannot make zoning laws cannabis specific:

We can, however, enact restrictions under the Public Health Law and the Clean Air Act in regards to smoking in Public Spaces (Main Street, Parks and Playgrounds). Smoking is not allowed with 200 feet of a church and within 500 feet of a school.

This discussion will take place at the October 12 and November 9 meetings and a public hearing will be scheduled December 14. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with this issue as it greatly affects our community.

Contact the Village Office and let us know if you are in favor of opting in or out. villageclerk@scottsvilleny.org