

Village of Wampsville Fall 2022 Newsletter
Website: www.wampsvillecny.org

Dear Wampsville Residents,

I hope that you had a safe and healthy summer. As the days start to get shorter and the nights a little cooler and school is back in session, you know it's time for Fall Newsletter.

LEAF PICK UP: T.J. Tornatore and the great Town of Lenox D.P.W. will start picking up leaves and normal yard waste from November 8th through the 11th. Same rules apply as previous years. All yard waste must be in biodegradable paper bags and should not exceed 30 pounds. Brush piles must be neatly stacked with cut ends together. The pile must be no longer than 8 feet, 6 feet tall, 6 feet wide, and no more than 6 inches in diameter. Arrangements can be made for additional pickups with a call to Town of Lenox D.P.W. at 315-697-2900. Please see the website for more specific information. As always, Wampsville gives thanks to T.J. and the hard-working crew.

SNOW REMOVAL: The Town of Lincoln will be plowing our village streets once again. They have been plowed for us for several years and do a great job. Please remember that it is the resident's responsibility to keep fire hydrants shoveled out. It is for your own safety.

ELECTIONS: Village Elections will be held Tuesday March 21, 2023. You will be asked to vote on two Trustee seats and the mayor's seat. All these appointments are four years. If you are interested in running for any of these seats, petitions can be picked up at the village hall after January 1, 2023. Information will be posted on the website for your review.

Community Events:

Annual Car Show: September 11th Wampsville Fireman welcome their annual car show.

Community Picnic: September 17th at Fireman's Field. Bring a dish to pass. The village will provide paper products, meats, rolls, drinks and a bouncy house.

Village Hall Open House/ Fire Prevention: October 8 at noon Location: Village Hall Come and check out the changes that have happened to the hall thanks to several grants. Thank the volunteer fire people who protect us as well! Parking is limited, so walk if you can. FREE HOTDOGS PROVIDED.

Pumpkin Carving and ice cream at Jakes Greenhouses. This activity will be open to village resident's children and grandchildren only. Tentative date: October 22 at 2 PM at Jake's

Trunk-N-Treat Saturday, October 29 1:00 PM Location: Fireman's Field. Participate by decorating your car trunk and handing out candy or by bringing your little gools and goblins around to trick or treat. A safe alternative to trick and treating. If interested, call the Village Hall to register your car to hand out treats. (315) 363-5810. Prizes for best trunk decoration.

Annual Tree Lighting and visit from Santa: Sunday November 27th at 6 P.M. join Santa and the rest of us for our annual tree lighting. Refreshments and gifts for all the children.

EVENT COMMITTEE: The village board is looking for volunteers for an event committee. We will have a meeting Thursday September 22 at 6:30 at the village hall. Please come and give us some ideas of what would work or what doesn't. If you find the meeting interesting, you can join the committee!

VILLAGE SAFETY: It has been the board's priority to make the Village a safer place to walk, ride bikes and enjoy the three trails and park that we have right in our village. To address the continued concern of cars speeding, we have purchased 4 electronic speed signs. These will be used on Rte. 5 entering the

village and on North Court St. and South Court St. where speeding has been a concern. The signs will be installed when we have the proper permits in place. NYS DOT has finished a sidewalk, so now it reaches Friar Lane, something we have been working with DOT for two years. Unfortunately, the sidewalk on Elm St. won't be done until next fall as it is being added to the County's Sewer project.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The planning board is almost finished on our comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan is a process that determines goals and aspirations in terms of community development. It will express and regulate public policies on transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, and housing. It should be finalized this fall. The planning board has done a remarkable job, spending almost 20 months on the project, and the board is grateful for the job they have done.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS: The Fire Dept and the village board has sent one of our trucks to be refurbished. Repairs to the body, frame, engine and new lights and paint job along with several other upgrades will be completed over a three-month period. The cost is approximately \$130,000.00 compared to \$750,000.00 for a new one. This process should extend the life of this truck 15 to 20 years. We have a truck fund to cover the cost as well as some help from the Town of Lenox, so this will not be an additional cost to the taxpayers. Do you have the fire in you? Fire Chief Chris Colvin is always looking for new members. Stop by on Wednesday nights to hear more about why you may want to join one of the best Fire Departments in the area!

Paving: Kay Drive, Citty Lane and Carjden Circle are on the schedule to be paved this fall.

VILLAGE MEETINGS Village board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. We encourage residents to attend. Get involved, we always need help with committees, and we could always use volunteers for village events. Additional information can be found on the village website at www.wampsvilleny.com. Keep checking the new sign for announcements!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q: What does our town tax cover?

A: Although we are a village, we are a part of a bigger community. The Town of Lenox. They provide leaf and brush pick up, funds for our fire department, assessor, codes, dog warden, dog licenses. The DPW assists with road repair and paving as well as help with storm sewer issues. We are also represented at a county level by the Town Supervisor who is John Pinard. John Pinard and I are in continued discussion about other ways that we can improve services to this community.

Q: What do I do if I have concerns or complaints?

A: The village website has a complaint form that must be completed before the codes officer can address the issue such as garbage on lawn, safety issues, etc. You are always welcome to come in the office when it is opened, and we can assist you if you are unable to print the form out. If the complaint is something outside of the village zoning such as loud noise all night, harassment, then you should call the Madison County Sheriff's non-emergency number (315-366-2381) Of course any emergency, you should call 911.

Have a Safe and enjoyable Fall and Winter

Mayor Gerald (Jerry) Seymour