

Dear residents of the village of Wampsville,

It's spring, time for sunshine, longer days, fresh air, new beginnings and yes the spring newsletter. Time to let you know what your village board has done and plans we have for the upcoming year. You can find this information on the village website www.wampvillecn.org and on our electronic sign or follow announcements on our Facebook, page; Village of Wampsville NY.

ELECTIONS: Elections were held on March 21st with the following results; Mayor - Gerald Seymour 32 votes(unopposed)wins. Trustee 2 seats: Marcia Rafte 31 votes-Ellen Bowe 21 votes and Ken Armstrong(write -in)1 vote. I would like to thank everyone who has put that trust in me to be mayor again. I am honored and humbled and excited for the next 4 years. Congrats to Marcia and Ellen who help make this a great team!

TENTATIVE BUDGET: The village board just finished its 2023-2024 tentative budget. Their again will be no tax increase. After some long consideration on a tax cut the 2nd year in a row, the board felt that with the uncertainty of the economy and the current high rate of inflation we would maintain the current tax rate. If inflation would stabilize and give us some confidence, we will consider a bigger tax cut next year.

BRUSH/LEAF PICK UP: T.J. Tornatore and the crew from the Town of Lenox Highway Department will be picking up brush the week of April 17th-April 21st.This is a tentative date and could be subject to change with weather conditions. We will keep you posted on our website and sign. 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 limbs no more than 6 inches in diameter. Arrangements can be made for additional pickups by calling Town of Lenox Highway Department. at 315-697-2900. T.J. and the crew do a remarkable job and the village thanks them for it.

DOG-GONE-IT: A friendly reminder,village ordinances require all dogs be on a leash and any dog deposits must be picked up by the owner of the dog!Please be respectful of your neighbors yard.

RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBOR: The nice weather brings us all outside to enjoy our yards.Please respect your neighbors so they might enjoy it also.Keep your music at a respectable volume.Please bring the dogs in if they are barking for an extended period of time.We all should be able to enjoy our space equally.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:"Rita's Retreat" coffee hour has been a huge success.Tuesdays from 10- 12 we encourage anyone to join us for coffee or hot tea and a treat.One of my goals when I took office was to get the residents of Wampsville more involved with its neighbors and community.Coffee hour has done that.We have made some new friendships and rekindled many old ones,please stop in and check it out!

EASTER EGG HUNT: Wampsville will be hosting an Easter egg hunt on April 8th at 1 p.m. at the village park/playground.Fun for kids of all ages please join us!

VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE:The village will hold anfull weekend of garage sales on Friday May 19th-Sunday May 21st.The village will do all the advertising and put together a map of where the houses are that are holding garage sales,to make it easier for the public to find them.look for more info on the website.

ANNUAL CAR SHOW:September 10th the Wampsville Fireman welcome their annual car show.The event committee will hold another Trunk-n- Treat In October and the Christmas Tree lighting after that.Those events will have more information in the Fall Newsletter.If you have any ideas or would like to help please contact us or come to a monthly meeting and let us know

Fire Department: The village board would like to welcome new fire chief Monte Colucci and Assistant chief Symon Sumner; both have been around a while and it will be a smooth transition. I would like to thank Former chief Chris Colvin for his service as chief. Chris will still be an active role just not as chief. Its been a pleasure working with Chris and an honor to consider him a friend. I think we got a lot accomplished in the past few years. Wampsville Fire Department responded to 135 calls in the previous year. However big or small the call is, or what time of day or even what day it is, they always answer the call. I know I have said this in the past but it's worth repeating it again. As the mayor of Wampsville, I can't tell you how proud I am to call them our Fire department We are truly blessed to have such great people in this organization. The department is always looking for new members. If you are interested, stop in on any Wednesday night while they are practicing or anytime you see vehicles in the parking lot.

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 or follow our Facebook page Village of Wampsville NY and keep checking the new sign for announcements!

Have a safe, healthy, and fun summer!
Mayor Jerry Seymour