

TOWN OF PARISHVILLE

JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

SUPERVISOR:

I would like say thank you once again for allowing me to lead our community as Supervisor of this great north country town of Parishville.

We have continued our efforts with the downtown revitalization and clean up, including our addition of the new gazebo and John & Chloe Ann O'Neil memorial walk. The new Fire Station is complete, and is a welcoming sight upon entering town. This was a project that our volunteers worked tirelessly at and is a well-deserved space for all their efforts. Thank you for all you do!!

As we enter 2022, we are hopeful to keep making our community spaces more attractive and usable to the public. We intend to remove the deteriorating portion of the old fire station and have already begun transforming the newer section into a community center. This will take a lot of effort and planning, and we welcome the public's opinion as we move forward with this project. If you are interested in helping with this project, please reach out to the "Recreation Committee" at kellen105@yahoo.com

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Rod Yotra-Town Supervisor

TOWN CLERK:

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who came out and voted this past November. I will try my hardest as I always do, to do the best for the taxpayers. These past two years have been crazy and I pray that we will be ending this time of uncertainty soon. That being said, we do ask that if you are able to mail or drop off your tax payments, dog licenses and water bills, it would be recommended. There is a drop box on the side of the Town Hall facing the AMVETS and the mailing address for the Town Hall is PO Box 246 Parishville, NY 13672. As a reminder, we do take Credit Card payments. The charge on that is 3%, so on a \$5.00 dog license that would be 15 cents and on a water bill of \$60.00 the charge would be \$1.80.

January as usual, is time for the Town and County Tax bill. Tax payments may be paid in full without penalty until January 31st. After that time, a penalty for each month will be assessed. If you wish to pay in 3 installments, the first one **must** be received or postmarked by January 31st. All payments made through May are payable to my office. Tax receipts are mailed if you request one, by checking the receipt box on the payment stub. With postage being .58, it saves a great deal of money if it is not wanted or needed. Receipts are automatically mailed if your taxes are escrowed through a financial institution. The Town Clerk's Office also handles dog licenses, hunting and fishing licenses, marriage licenses, birth certificates and death certificates for folks who are born or die within the township, FOIL requests and Disabled Parking Permits. I am also a Notary Public.

My office hours are: Monday-8:30 to 5; Tuesday-8:30 to 4; Wednesday- **CLOSED**; Thursday-8:30-4; Friday-8:30 to Noon. (I am closed on Fridays in June, July and August.) I am more than willing to make arrangements to come in and meet you after hours if needed. Call 315-265-2131 ext. 1 if needed. I can check messages from home so I am always available. Check our Facebook page for changes or announcements.

Looking forward to a better 2022!

Connie Maguire- Town Clerk

Office of Code Enforcement

As of October 2019, New York State has adopted the 2020 International Uniform Code, replacing the 2015 codes. Please feel free to call our office to inquire about any changes that may affect you. As in the past, the Town Parishville requires Building Permits for additions, garages, decks, roofing, pools, woodstoves, chimneys and all structural work (changes) made to the building structure. Any interior renovations of 50% or more of your home. Outbuildings greater than 144 sq./ft. will also require a building permit.

Please be sure to maintain the fire protection system in your home. Batteries should be changed at least once a year even if your system is hard wired. Smoke detectors should be replaced after 7 years of service, while carbon monoxide alarms should be replaced after 5 years of service.

David Burt, Code Enforcement Officer

Assessor's Office

As of March 1st 2015, all new Basic Star and Enhanced Star Applicants need to register with The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance to receive a Star check. Visit www.tax.ny.gov or call (518)457-2036. Register by July 1 to receive your Star check in September. If you register after July 1, you will receive your check later. Current Basic and Enhanced Star recipients will keep their exemptions as long as they continue to own their current home. Current recipients of the Enhanced Star exemption who aren't enrolled in the income Verification Program must continue to file a renewal application with their Local assessor. Please call my office if you are having trouble contacting the Tax Department in registering for Star.

Property Sales in the town for 2021 have increased along with their selling price. All of St. Lawrence County has experienced this increase. I contribute this increase partly due to covid and people finding out just how beautiful the north country is.

As always, my job is to make your assessment Fair and Equitable for all property owners in the Town of Parishville.

I work for you guys: *David Burt*, Assessor

Highway Department:

The goal of the Highway Department is to make the roads safe to travel on in the winter and summer both. I would like to remind everyone traveling in the winter, to allow yourself extra time to reach your destination. Traveling too fast for the road conditions is the cause of nearly all winter accidents. When the trucks are out plowing during a storm, each truck route is nearly 4 hours long. So, when a truck plows the road you live on, it sometimes will be 4 hours before they go back again. I would also like to remind everyone that plowing snow out of a driveway into the road or pushing snow across the road is against the law and very dangerous.

Thanks. *Steve Hart-Highway Superintendent*

Dog Control Officer:

New York State law requires ALL dogs over the age of 4 months to be licensed and vaccinated against rabies. You will need a current rabies certificate and if your dog is spayed or neutered, that proof will also be needed. The cost for a license in Parishville is \$5 annually for a dog that is spayed or neutered and \$15 for an unneutered male or an unspayed female dog. You may license your dog up to 3 years at a time depending on the expiration of the rabies vaccine. You may be **finned up to \$25** for each unlicensed dog. Please be sure your pets have adequate food, water and shelter and they **MUST** be under your control and not allowed to leave your property without you. The St. Lawrence County Department of Public Health will have a list of rabies clinic on their website, when they get the dates and places confirmed.

Robert Phillips- Dog Control Officer

Parks and Recreation Update

A reminder that the Parishville Park will be open for skating this winter as weather permits, as it is an outdoor rink. The bathrooms and warming rooms will be open. We encourage people to be responsible their own health and safety as it pertains to COVID. The rink has skates of all sizes available for public use for no charge. The rink offers hockey hours and free skating hours. Please call the park for hours-315-265-8308. There are some cross-country skis available for use on our nature trails.

The old fire station is in the process of going under some renovations for use as a community center. First steps have been to install new lighting in the Fire Truck bays and new rubber flooring so the space can be used for indoor activities to include Bitty Basketball starting in the New Year. We will be working on the spaces to make the best use for our community.

O'Neil Memorial

We, the family of the late Assemblyman John G.A. O'Neil and Assemblywoman Chloe Ann O'Neil cannot begin to thank the Town of Parishville for the huge gift and honor of creating and dedicating a park to my parents.

Our family and the community were brought together on such a beautiful fall day. When the dedication memorial stone was unveiled overlooking the St. Regis River, seeing them in living color at peace together dancing and smiling by the water looking over us all will be forever etched in our memory and will be a part of the town's history for generations to come.

There were many laughs and a few tears shared bringing us all back to earlier times. We had the opportunity to reconnect and learn things about them we didn't even know. Through every shared personal and professional story, we were able to discover more greatness about them.

Our family would like to thank all the speakers and all the volunteers that made O'Neil Memorial Park a reality.

There were countless hours and resources donated. We encourage all to come visit the park.

We will forever remember this day of dedication fondly and with great appreciation,

Beth Anne O'Neil Rice and John O'Neil Jr.

Transfer Station

The Parishville Transfer Station is available for use by residents of Parishville or taxpayers only. A reminder that all Parishville residents using the transfer station should have a sticker on their vehicle. These can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office or Transfer Station for \$1.

If assistance is needed, the Transfer Station attendant will be more than happy to help. Glass and plastic containers and aluminum cans that are rinsed out are placed in the same compactor as cardboard and CLEAN paper for recycling. Please do not place broken dishes or paper plates in the recyclable bin. These items are trash. Items such as plastic lawn chairs and toys, go in the trash compactor or overflow bin. Oil cans, anti-freeze containers and 5-gallon buckets are considered trash and should also be placed in the compactor. We can no longer accept fluorescent bulbs or the old large computer monitors or TVs at our Town transfer station. If you have these items to discard, you must now take them to the Casella site in West Parishville for disposal.

Residents are doing a great job helping the Transfer Station run smoothly. Thank you for your continued co-operation. *Toad Daby- Transfer Station Attendant*

Transfer Station Hours:

Wednesday – 7:30 am- 5pm **Saturday** – 7:30 am to 5pm **Sunday** – 7:30am to Noon

2022 Town Board Meetings @ 5PM- January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22, December 27