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FROM THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

Randy Watson, Supervisor

Hello Town of Vernon Residents,

Every year in our newsletter I start by talking about myself as Town Supervisor. This year I want to take the opportunity to talk about our Town Employees, starting with our Town Clerk's Office. Anyone who has entered our building knows the first friendly faces you see are Jennifer Champney, Town Clerk and Julie McElroy, Deputy Town Clerk. These ladies work very hard to provide a multitude of services for all of our residents from answering questions to collecting taxes; issuing marriage certificates; death certificates; handicap passes; dog licenses and that's not all they do. They truly go above and beyond to assist all customers that visit our offices and always work hard. I am so proud they are part of the Town of Vernon family. I would also like to commend our Highway Superintendent Tim Murphy and the entire Town of Vernon Highway Department on doing an amazing job of keeping our roads safe and in excellent condition. Every department from Town Clerk, Codes, Assessor's, Highway and Court deserve recognition on doing an outstanding job. I honestly believe the Town of Vernon functions so well because all of the staff and elected officials in each and every department. We are fortunate to have people who truly love and care about their jobs and community.

Many of you may have noticed over the last year the Town has worked on updates and improvements to the town office building, parking lot and walking trail behind the town. During my term as Town Supervisor I felt it was important to keep the building and walking trail looking nice for all to enjoy. The Town Board and myself have been able to accomplish this through successful budgeting and all was done without any increase to taxes.

I would like to give an update on the Vernon Center Water Project. The Town Board and myself in coordination with Delta Engineers, Architects and Surveyors have been working diligently and are happy to inform you the project continues to move forward. There are several phases to a new water district:

- 1. Secure commitment for water Done
- 2. Secure funding Done.
- 3. Securing of temporary construction and permanent easements for the water line is in progress.
- Submission of Preliminary Engineering Plans has been made to the Oneida County DPW and NYSDOT.
- 5. Geotechnical drilling for soil evaluations scheduled for March of 2023.
- 6. Public hearing at Town Hall for the proposed improvements is tentatively scheduled for June of 2023.
- 7. New York State Department of Health approval is anticipated by the Fall of 2023.
- 8. Advertisement to bid project is anticipated by the Winter of 2023.
- 9. Commencement of work is anticipated by the Spring of 2024, and is contingent upon receipt of grant funding.

Now that is the simplified breakdown. Unfortunately, there are a lot of things that are required and the process takes time. We appreciate your patience and invite any and all residents to attend board meetings for regular updates. Last but not least, I am very proud to be a part of the Town of Vernon community and my door is open to all!

From my family to yours, stay safe, happy and healthy!



Randy Watson Supervisor, Town of Vernon











TOWN OF VERNON DIRECTORY

SUPERVISOR, BUDGET OFFICER	Deputy Town Clerk
RANDY WATSON(315) 829-2985 EXT. 6	JULIE MCELROY (315) 829-2422 EXT. 2
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	Assessors Clerk
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Court Clerk SHELLY REINOLD(315) 829-4481 EXT. 1	Superintendent of Highways TIMOTHY MURPHY(315) 829-2742 EXT. 4
Town Bookkeeper WENDY COSTON(315) 829-2985 EXT. 6	County Legislators 2ND DISTRICTKEITH SCHIEBEL
Town Clerk and Tax Collector JENNIFER CHAMPNEY(315) 829-2422 EXT. 2	



Sherrill-Kenwood Free Library

www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org 543 Sherrill Road, Sherrill Phone: 315-363-5980 • Fax: 315-363-4133

Hours

Monday: 10 - 4
Tuesday: 10 - 4
Wednesday: 10 - 7
Thursday: 10 - 7
Friday: 10 - 4
Saturday: 10 - 1
Sunday: Closed

Staff

Library Director

Bill Loveland

Youth Services Coordinator

Aileen Roark

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Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 5:00pm. We have seen a great deal of change over the past year at our library. Mary Kay Junglen retired after nearly 25 years of dedicated service to the community on July 1. For many of you, Mary Kay simply is the library, and her hard work, kindness, and friendship is part of the fabric of what makes the Town of Vernon an exceptional community.

Our library is extremely grateful for the funding and support we have received from the Town of Vernon throughout the years, and are also extremely grateful for our financial stability moving forward. We are expanding our hours, expanding our Youth programs, and our outreach and collection offerings are growing as well. We have a great deal to be excited about in 2023, and it would not be possible without your support.

As a personal note, I would like to thank everyone throughout the Town of Vernon for their very warm welcome as I've settled in as your library's new Director. It is a pleasure to serve your wonderful community, and our greater VVS community as a whole. See you soon!

• Bill

Join us for Story Time!

Mondays & Wednesdays at 10:00 am in our Children's Area

These story times are intended for children under the age of 5, but all ages are welcome. We look forward to seeing you and your little ones there!

Become a Friend of the Library!

Our Friends group advocates for the and sponsors various library programs and services. Their book sale is held every September, and they hold their "Cookie Walk" every December. Their next meeting is Thursday, March 23 at 4:00pm. All VVS residents are welcome to join!

Join the library

We're free to join! If you're age 5 and up and don't have a card, stop by during our open hours with an ID and get a card. Your card serves all 45 public libraries in Oneida, Madison, and Herkimer Counties.

What can I do with my card?

We're more than just books! Borrow DVDs, Empire Passes, passes to Fort Rickey and the Syracuse Zoo, digital media, and more to come this year!



Sherrill-Kenwood **Free Library** 2022 Annual Report

Thank you for a great year!

20,625 **Items Borrowed**

13,634 **Visits**



2,300



2,985 **Program** and Event Attendees



5,443 **Digital Items Borrowed**



New in 2022 at SKFL

Expanded Hours



Twice-weekly story times





1,200+ new items



Water fountain with bottle filler

Revenue

Expenditures

\$202,270

\$218,134

ONEIDA CASTLE NEWS

The Oneida Castle Village Board has been busy this past winter finalizing plans for the installation of the new sewer system. Thanks to the efforts of Senator Shumer and Representative Tenney, the Village has received a \$4 million dollar grant for this purpose. This money is allowing Oneida Castle to move forward with this plan. Once this money has been received, the project will be rebid and digging can begin. When the diggings starts, all property owners will be asked to place a marker at the end of their property line to show where they want their lateral to be hooked up. Efforts are currently underway to obtain a grant for all single family homes in the Village that would give financial help for this hook up.

At our March meeting, the Board said goodbye to Trustee Cochran and thanked him for his service to the Village. Tom was instrumental in making a tree inventory where each tree in the village was tagged and marked according to condition. His other duties included overseeing all aspects of the park and grounds. Our next election will be held on March 21st, with Mayor Deschamps running unopposed for a 4 year term and Daniel Gwilt running for a Trustee position for a 4 year term.

We are all looking forward to spring and having our Green Thumb Garden Club of Oneida Castle plant their flowers that beautify our park and our Veteran Memorial. Their efforts are very much appreciated. Bricks for the Memorial are still available and may be ordered by calling the village office at (315) 363-1689.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dear Town of Vernon Residents,

My name is Timothy Murphy, Town of Vernon Highway Superintendent. I am proud to announce a new Highway employee; Daniel Greene. He is proving to be an asset to our crew. I would like to thank all of the residents for your cooperation and patience during this winter season! Below you will find a friendly reminder of information to take note of and a list of Annual Events and other Highway News.

NEW LOCAL LAW PASSED FOR ON-STREET PARKING

The Town of Vernon has enacted a local law prohibiting on-street parking on **Highland Avenue** in the Town of Vernon year-round, and prohibiting on-street parking on any Town Road from **November 1st to April 1st** to enable snow removal on town roads during winter season. In addition, whenever the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Vernon finds, on the basis of falling snow, sleet or freezing rain, or on the basis of forecast by the United States Weather Bureau



or other meteorological data indicating the threat of snow, sleet or freezing rain, that weather conditions could severely impede vehicular traffic in the Town, or are likely to create hazardous road conditions, the Town Superintendent of Highways shall be authorized to declare a "Highway" Snow Emergency". During a "Highway Snow Emergency" all vehicles shall be prohibited from parking on all Town streets, roads or highways.

HIGHWAY NEWS

The Highway Department was able to purchase a new wood chipper to replace our 32-year-old chipper. This new machine allows us to increase our brush pickup to twice a year.

This summer we plan to pave Wood Road, Day Road, Wentworth 100 block and 200 block and 11th Street. We ask for the residents' patience during the paving of these roads and to please slow down and respect the road crews.

ANNUAL EVENTS

BRUSH PICK UP - 2X a year

- First full week of May and first full week of September is brush and weeds pick up. Once you have placed all of your material roadside call the highway garage (315)829-2742 and give your address. This will make scheduling of pickup more efficient for all. The Village of Vernon, City of Sherrill and Village of Oneida Castle have their own designated brush removal systems.
- We do have a site available at the highway garage at 4322 Churton Road for town residents to bring small limbs, leaves and grass clippings during warm weather.
- The Town does **NOT** accept Commercial green waste. These contractors are paid by the homeowner to remove their brush; therefore, they have to dispose at facilities that accept it, not at the Town. The Town's green waste site is limited in size and it can't handle the excessive amount that commercial green waste brings.

Thank you, Timothy Murphy Town of Vernon Highway Superintendent

VERNON CODES ENFORCEMENT NEWS AND UPDATES

All of the following require building permits through our office:

- New homes including doublewides
- · Garages, Sheds and Carports
- New septic systems or changes to existing septic systems
- Remodeling interior or exterior additions
- Decks, porches (including enclosed)
- Above ground, in ground pools and hot tubs/Jacuzzis
- Fences, ramps
- Chimneys, wood stoves, or outdoor wood/gas burning devices

A building permit application is available to print on our website. If you go to our homepage www.townofvernon.com, it will be on the left side. Click on 'Forms and Downloads" and look for 'Building and Zoning Permit Application'

Our Office Hours are Monday thru Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (315) 829-2434



Something to look forward to in the spring and summer is being able to cook outdoors! Below are some tips to help keep you and your family safe during BBQ season.

- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Small cooking fires are allowed.
- Fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished.
- Only charcoal or clean, dry, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned.
- Propane and Charcoal BBQ grills should be stored and used at least 10 ft away from any structure.

Wishing you a happy and safe spring

Frequently asked Questions

- 1) Can I put a fence on the property line of my residence? No, you must place the fence 3 ft. from your property line with the decorative side facing out.
- 2) What if I don't get a permit before I start work on a project? You may be required to uncover work at your expense to allow for required inspections. If required inspections can't be completed, you may be required to remove the project in its entirety at your expense.
- 3) My neighbor's dog barks all day long. Can you do anything about that? No, Code Enforcement does not take sound readings for barking dogs. We would suggest that you contact Dog control at 315-371-5429.
- 4) Does my inflatable pool need a fence? Yes, if it is capable of holding 24 in. of water or more.
- 5) Do I need a permit for garage sales, lawn sales and/or other temp. sales? Yes, if you live in the Village of Oneida Castle or the Village of Vernon, however there is no charge for the permit.

*** Please be sure to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and check the manufacturing date. Any smoke detector older than 10 yrs. should be replaced, even if they are working!!

TAX BILL OUTLINE

2020 County&Town Taxes - Town of Vernon

Owner(s):

Bill #:

1395

Parcel number for the property

Property owners name will appear here

Tax Map #:

xxx.xxx-x-xx.x 🛹

Shows were the property

Swis:

306005 306000 Sherrill is located

VVS School Dist

School Code:

School district the property is in

Property Address:

XXXXXXXXXXXXX

Land Value:

Assessment

5700

Dimensions:

82.5 x 162 Property size

Total Value:

Values

107000

Roll Section:

1

Full Market Value:

Value: 161631 ← Calculated value of property at sell

Class:

210 Defines if residential, rural, vacant, etc.

Exemption
VET WAR CT

Exemption assessment value

Value 13230

Full Market Value

Lists exemptions on the property and the value of the exemption

19985

% change Tax rate per Your tax Levy Description: from last yr amount \$1,000 taxable value **Taxing Purpose** Total Levy %Change Taxable Value Rate Tax Amount COUNTY 77343380 0.4 93770 9.757942 915.00 TOWN GENERAL 265077 0.5 93770 0.820184 76.91 HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE 93778 0.5 93770 0.290162 27.21

Total tax being collected by the taxing jurisdiction

Assessed value less exemptions

Total Tax Due:

1019.12

Taxes Paid: Balance Due: 1019.12

Payment Information:

Date Paid:

01/29/2020

Amount Paid:

1019.12

Check

This year's deadline for payments through the Clerk's office was:03/31/2020

The information above was last updated on: 10-14-2022, and only shows payments that were made through the Clerk's office. Any payments made at the County will not be shown here.

Make checks payable to:

Town of Vernon TaxCollector PO Box 643, 4305 Peterboro Rd Vernon NY 13476 (315) 829-2422 To pay in person:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm



ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

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TOWN OF VERNON NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2023 KEITH SCHIEBEL -- ONEIDA COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 1

As I write this, school is closed and the projected wind chills are for the coldest of the season. As you read now, that was a few short weeks ago. From time to time we all look back, be it a few weeks, a couple of years, or even decades. For those of us "more experienced" in life, times in society have certainly changed; and most may agree, not always for the better. While COVID is squarely in our rearview mirror, its effects on society may likely be felt for decades in areas such as education, health care, our workforce, and nearly every aspect of life.

Despite recent challenges, Oneida County continues to forge ahead to become "The Center of Growth in New York State". Several County-initiated projects continue to highlight our region's potential. Opened this past December in downtown Utica, the Nexus Center, a nearly 170,000-foot indoor sports facility featuring three sports playing surfaces for hockey, soccer, lacrosse and a multitude of other opportunities, is projected to bring more than 320,000 visitors, and their revenues, to our County. At Griffiss Technology Park, the newly opened Skydome is the largest UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) facility in the United States. In addition to Skydome, the former airbase is home to a multitude of hi-tech companies that employ nearly 6,000 people. And by next spring, the County's 1,330 space parking garage will open adjacent to MVHS's Wynn Hospital. These are but a few exciting initiatives for our area. For a complete listing and things to do, check out www.ocgov.net.

In response to the opioid epidemic, Oneida County created an Opioid Task Force with a focus on prevention, surveillance, recovery, treatment, and harm reduction. As fentanyl and other drugs enter our communities, we must all be vigilant in stopping the effects of these drugs on our youth, residents, and families. For more information and life-saving overdose recue kits, please check out www.ocopioidtaskforce.org.

Another goal has been to upgrade our Board of Elections. The past two general election brought a record number of voters to the polls. Unfortunately this past election, voters in Vernon Center were re-directed to the Town of Vernon offices and Oneida Castle residents were moved to Sherrill City hall. The Board of Legislators have set aside more than 2 million dollars to replace failing 15-year old machines and add more machines. This year the polling sites in Vernon Center and Oneida Castle are scheduled to reopen.

Also, as a result of the 2020 U.S. Census, the County's legislative districts were redrawn and our new legislative district now encompasses 1/3rd of the Town of Verona as well. For the latest election information, check out www.ocgovboe.net

One of our greatest challenges in County government is to secure competent employees to fill the literally hundreds of vacancies across almost all departments. If you are looking for a job or career in a multitude of departments, or know someone who is, check out the vacancies at https://oneida-portal.mycivilservice.com .

Our County Board of Legislators again recognize the burden property taxes place on our residents and for the <u>seventh consecutive year adopted a County budget that includes no increase in property taxes.</u> However, wages for County employees have not kept pace with competitive positions causing many staff shortages. This past year, our Board increased salaries and wages to attract a workforce needed for all County services.

As your County representative, it has again been my pleasure to serve you and work with our team of elected village, town, and city government officials on numerous exciting local endeavors including water projects, sewer initiatives and upgrades, and economic priorities. Our dedicated and competent supervisors, mayors, and board officials have been a tremendous asset to our collective communities. Thank you to all.

In closing, should you have an issue, question, or concern about our County services, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at Kschiebel@ocgov.net, call or text at 315-335-0887, or attend a local municipality meeting. Thank you for being an active part of our community.

MEMO FROM THE TOWN CLERK



TREE MEMORIAL

Come out and see all the new trees planted in memory of loved ones at the Walking Trail behind the Town of Vernon Office Building!!

In recent years it has become a trend to memorialize loved ones through planting of trees. The Town is excited to announce a Tree Memorial Park Program where anyone interested in memorializing a family, friend or loved one may purchase a tree to be planted at the Town of Vernon Memorial Park. This is a fabulous way to give a living tribute for decades to come.

The forms will be available at the Town Office Building to select what type and size of tree you would like planted. All trees will be planted during the proper season to optimize survival and growth. Each tree that is planted will include a ground plaque commemorating the person/persons for that tree.



You are invited to join the CAC Spring League
TWO PERSON TEAMS

SPRING BOWLING LEAGUE

WHEN April 5,2023 Spring League Meeting 6pm

Open Bowl 6:30pm

WHERE CAC 139 East Hamilton Ave

April 12,19,26 May 3,10,17,24,31 June 7,14

FOR MORE INFO BVANDREASON@SHERRILLNY.ORG OR CONTACT: CAC 315-363-6525

3RD ANNUAL DUCK DERBY



MAY 13, 2023



OUR

LITTLE DUCK IS ABOUT TO ARRIVE



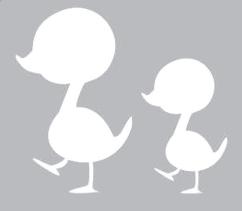
\$10 DONATION PER DUCK SHERRILLREC.COM OR CITY HALL



377 Sherrill Rd 12pm-2pm 1pm Duck Drop

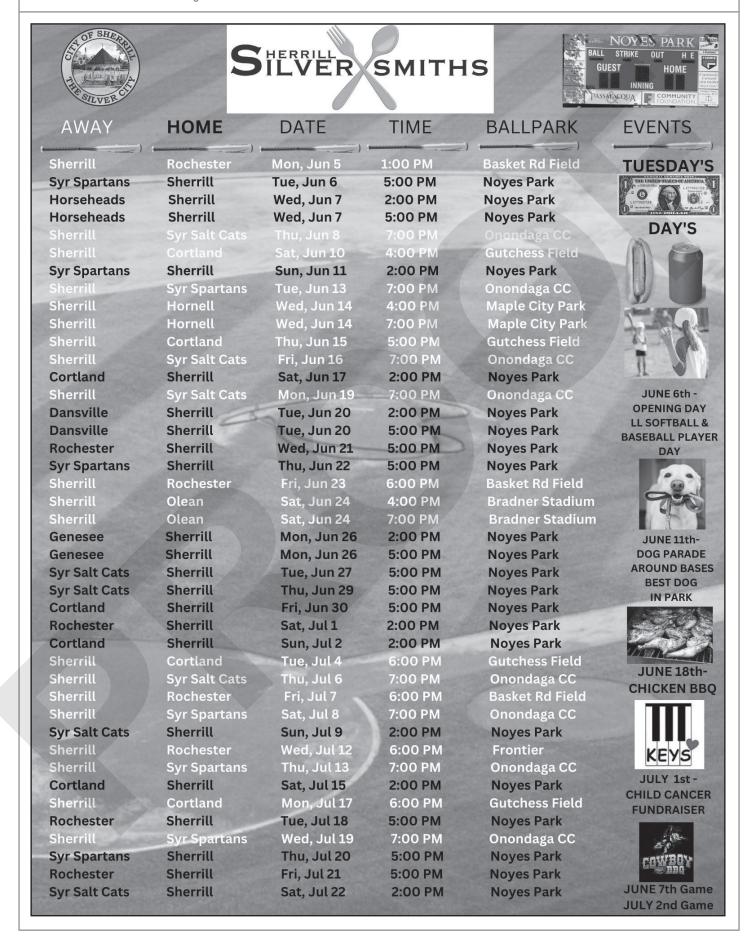






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The eargerly anticipated!

2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Summer Concert Series is back!

Presented by City of Sherrill

LIVE at Reilly-Mumford Park 377 Sherrill Rd

June 20th Chasing Neon 6pm-8pm

Sponsored by Access Federal Credit Union

• June 27th Kimo and Anna 6pm-8pm

July 11thFrank and Esce 6pm-8pmJuly 18thAfter the Echo 6pm-8pm

July 25th Beadle Brothers 6pm-8pm

July 29th Fireworks

Darling and Dapper 4pm-6pm

Gridley Paige 6:30pm-8:45pm

August 8th Car Show- Sponsored by VVS Rotary Club

Mark Macri and the Funk Junkies 6pm-8pm

August 22 Fritz Polka Band 6pm-8pm

September 12 Matt Chase 6pm-8pm

September 16th Fall Fest Fireworks

Shawn Halloran 4pm-6pm

Walrus 6:30-8:30p

Food trucks on-site

For more info: bvandreason@sherrillny.org



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