



TOWN TALK

News from the Town of Elmira

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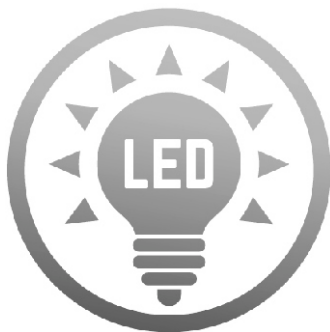
SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Issue Number 45

By Dave Sullivan

Green Things

Spring is finally here and I hope everyone is sufficiently thawed out.



Some good news to report. We have replaced the roof on the Town Hall and that enables us to move forward with replacing interior lighting with LED bulbs. This should occur this summer and a total of 174 bulbs will be replaced. It will result in substantial financial savings for the Town to the tune of approximately \$5,000 per year! Even better, the project contributes to our green initiative and reduces our carbon emissions by more than 38,000 pounds annually.

Financial Update

Thank you to everyone for paying your taxes. Our residents' financial investment in the Town accounts for about 30% of the budget, with sales tax, state aid and user fees making up the rest. The Board is working hard to bring you the best possible service at the lowest cost.

The financial health of the Town is stable. For year end 2018, after increasing the Fund Balance in our main general fund, I am happy to report that preliminary calculations suggest we will not be in any of the stress categories benchmarked by New York State. Instead we will be in the more favorable No Designation category.

Enjoy this issue and please feel free to email me if you should have any questions. I can be reached at dsullivan@townofelmira.com.

7 FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE WEST ELMIRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. When was the fire department founded?

The West Elmira Volunteer Fire Department (WEVFD) was founded in 1972 as a combination paid and volunteer fire department.

2. What services does the fire department provide?

The WEVFD provides fire, rescue and EMS services to West Elmira. Through a mutual aid agreement the department is available to other fire departments in the county to provide emergency response.

3. How many drivers are on duty at the station (1299 West Water St)?



Since the first week of January 2019 two paid drivers have been on duty 24/7. Paid drivers supplement emergency response to fire, rescue and EMS services in the community. As a result the average number of people responding to an emergency has risen to 5+ personnel. A total of 16 paid fire fighters (full and part-time) are available to sustain this manning level.

4. What types of training are required to be a fire fighter?

Many volunteers and paid fire fighters are certified first responders or EMT certified. Most fire fighters have had interior and exterior training to fight structural fires. They have been trained to operate highly specialized equipment necessary to rescue people and to put out fires.

5. Why do people make the commitment to volunteer at the West Elmira Volunteer Fire Department?

Originally fire services were formed with the idea that neighbors would help neighbors during an emergency. At the West Elmira Volunteer Fire Department members are still committed to providing service to the West Elmira Community. Often fire fighters have regular jobs. They commit their time and energy to making West Elmira safer. People from all walks of life - accountants, pharmacists, nurses, attorneys and engineers – to name a few - work as volunteers at the fire department. These

volunteers respond to emergency calls and more resources can be available to respond to an emergency.





Dog Licenses

All dogs must be licensed within the municipality in which you reside when the dog reaches 4 months of age. Failure to license or renew a license is a violation of the Code of the Town of Elmira and NYS Agriculture and Market Law. Any unlicensed dog may be seized and impounded until a license is obtained. If your dog remains unlicensed, you will be cited for violating Town Code and directed to appear in Town Court.

If you have any questions in regards to a dog license, contact the Clerk's office at 734-2031.

- Bring Proof of Rabies
- Spayed/Neutered \$8.50 per year
- Bring proof of Spay/Neuter
- Unspayed /Unneutered \$16.50 per year

There will be a \$5.00 late fee added on the 11th day of each month after the month your license is due if it is not renewed.

If you no longer have the dog or have moved please contact the Clerk's office so they can update their records.



CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

Please make sure that you are mowing your grass. Lawns cannot be more than 10 inches. Please make sure that you look at your sidewalks and repair any trip hazards and remove any junk in your own yard.



Springtime brings home repairs and improvements. I want to remind everyone that All deck installation requires a permit. Whether you are installing the deck yourself or hiring a contractor, please make sure that you obtain a building permit from the code office. When you are designing your deck, note that all decks that are 30 inches or higher off the ground are required to have a guard rail installed.



Please remember that a new roof, swimming pools, and fences all require building permits. If you are thinking about doing some work on your house whether it is outside or removing wall to open space, please contact the code office to make sure that you do not need to get a building permit. The code officer can be contacted at (607)734-3608 or email at codeofficer@townofelmira.com.

ENJOY FRESH-AIR EXERCISE AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ON A GUIDED NATURE HIKE ON THE WEST ELMIRA TRAILS

Chemung River Friends and the Chemung Valley Audubon Society are again offering Nature Stroller Hikes – including a summer hike on the West Elmira river trails.



The free walks along trails, streams and rivers, and are designed for parents and grandparents with toddlers in strollers or children on foot. The one-half-mile or less walks feature a sit-on-a-blanket snack break at the halfway point (snacks and water provided). Discover and enjoy new places to visit nature and learn about the local history, the environment and wildlife.

The 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Aug. 30 hike features a scenic stroll over primitive hard-packed soil trails that weave through woods and meadows along the scenic Chemung River. Wear hard-soled boots, shoes or sneakers.

For more information and to learn about the other Nature Strollers events go to www.chemungriverfriends.org.



TOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

By Patty Carozza

The Town Community Center (TCC) has become a hot spot in our town. When I was first asked to transform the building into a community center - I was up for the challenge. It was a great location, had plenty of green space for outside activities, and it would be an excellent place to hold most events. In the beginning it was almost difficult to find activities and people to rent it but someone told me to stick with it and it would take on a life of its own. I was glad I listened to my friend, Fell Cadwallader, because the TCC is a busy place and housing many events.



The first weekly event was a bridge group who were playing cards on Tuesday night at the Town Hall. They were thrilled to move to the community center and have been there ever since. We now have three bridge groups who love this space and feel as though they can call it home. They love the location, take care of the building,

and communication with them is phenomenal. I am grateful to have them at the TCC.

Other groups started using the building weekly as well: Bone Builders meet twice a week, ARC is there three full days and call it their HUB for activities, Yoga is there twice, and a lovely group of quilters meet weekly. This makes for a pretty full week at the TCC. We also have a number of groups that meet monthly or bi-weekly in the evenings. It has evolved into a true community center with a variety of groups utilizing the space.



Rentals have been phenomenal! There are renters most weekends with different types of parties. People use it for birthday parties, showers, graduation parties, and gender reveals. It has become such a hot spot for parties that it is booking out months in advance. It is reasonable to rent, bright and cheery, has a kitchen area, and of course, connected to our beautiful park!

If you are interested in more information about the Town Community Center – please feel free to contact me at patty.carozza61@gmail.com. It truly has been fun overseeing this center and watching it grow and take on a life of its own.



TOWN OF ELMIRA POOL SCHEDULE 2019

--SAVE--

Opening Monday, July 1, 2019, 12:00 Noon

Closing Sunday, Aug. 25, 7:15 PM

Pool Hours Daily 12 Noon till 7:15 PM



Monday, June 3 Swimming lesson sign-ups begin for Park District #1 residents only

Monday, June 17 Swimming lesson sign-ups begin for out of district residents

Monday, July 1 - July 12 **1st SET OF LESSONS**

Monday, July 15 - July 26 **2nd SET OF LESSONS**

Monday, July 29 - Aug 9 **3rd SET OF LESSONS**

Monday, Aug 12 - Aug 23 **4th SET OF LESSONS**

Adult Swim: Daily 4:30 – 5:30 PM

65 Years and Older NO CHILDREN ALLOWED.

The baby pool is **CLOSED** during this time.

Season Pass (available at Town Hall Office ONLY) for **Park Dist. #1 Residents**

\$30 Per Person **Lost patches will be re-issued at the same fee**

Season Pass (available at Town Hall Office ONLY) for **Out-of-Dist. Residents**

\$55 Per Person **Lost patches will be re-issued at the same fee**

NO PATCHES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE POOL

ALL PATCHES MUST BE SEWN ON SUIT OR BAG, NO PINS ALLOWED

Park Dist. #1 Resident Daily Pass: Must have for admittance @ Dist. #1 Daily Fee

Available at Town Hall Office ONLY

<u>Daily Fees:</u>	<u>Park District #1 Resident</u>	<u>Outside District</u>
Child	\$2.00	\$6.00
Adult	\$2.50	\$7.00
Senior Citizen	Free 65 years and older	

American Red Cross lessons: Four (4) two-week sessions.

40 children maximum per session **per session**, Age 4 and up.

Monday through Friday, 11:00 AM-1 :45 AM

Rain or Shine information please call Town Office @ 734 -2031

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RECREATION

Welcome to another fun filled calendar year of events. There are a lot of activities that are taking place in Pirozzolo Park this year. This year there will be numerous activities taking place including baseball, softball, soccer and the annual music in the park.



The baseball and softball leagues are in full swing! Cal Ripken Baseball will be hosting the Western New York State 9U and 10U Regional Championships July 4-7.



The Opening Day parade and ceremonies for Baseball and Softball took place the first weekend of May.



The summer music in the park program will provide eight weeks of entertainment again this year. Music in the park will be held every Wednesday from 6 pm to 8pm.

Every Wednesday



7/10 Corning Area Concert Band
7/17 Odessey
7/24 Top Shelf
7/31 The Developments
8/7 Gray Matters
8/14 Bad Bear
8/21 Doc Possum
8/28 The Hep Cats

WEST ELMIRA POLICE DEPARTMENT



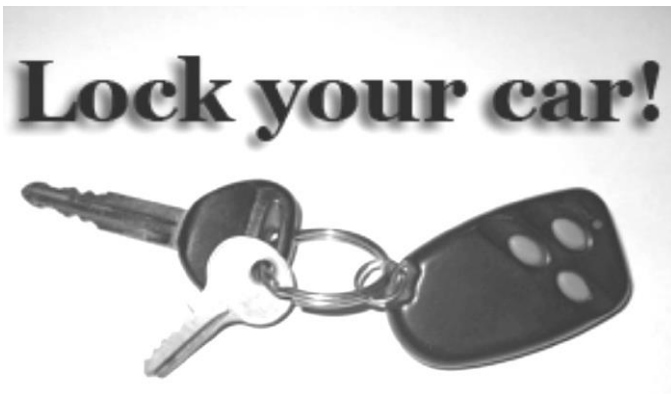
Reminder

Please make sure that when you are bike riding you are wearing a helmet and following traffic laws.

Another reminder that we would like to stress is making sure that your vehicles are locked at night. We receive more calls regarding vehicle break-ins once the warm weather starts. There are more prowlers out once the weather gets warmer which increases the chance of a break-in.

The West Elmira Police Department would again like to thank the Community Foundation for the grant awarded to

update the cameras in the park. The new camera system will be more efficient and help the department make the park a safe place for the residents and visitors. The Police department is currently working with several departments in the Town to be able to complete the installation of the new camera system by the end of Fall.



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6. How many volunteers belong to the WEVFD?

There are 30 + members of the West Elmira Volunteer Fire Department. Training is provided every Monday evening. Another group, the West Elmira Volunteer Auxiliary works to support the mission of the fire department. This group raises money for special projects and provides support to those responding to 911 calls. The Auxiliary has a total of 16 members.

7. Can you join the WEVFD?

Absolutely! We need your help. Contact Chief John Von Hagn at 734-2204. The department will train you and provide uniforms and gear. Participate in providing an important service in the community. Share your commitment with other people who believe in reaching out to others.



"The Town of Elmira congratulates resident Hailey Pipher on completing her term as New York State Dairy Princess. Hailey spent the last year travelling around New York State advocating for the dairy industry. Well done, Hailey!"

Contact Us

We Still answer the phones!

David Sullivan (Supervisor) 734-2031
Jo Ann Sherwood (Town Clerk) 734-2031
Tammy Stein (Deputy Clerk) 734-2031
Liz Lucarelli (Court Clerk) 734-5971
Eric Crandall (Code Enforcement Officer) 734-3608
Bruce Stanko (Assessor) 734-1486
Becky Carpenter (Assessor Aide) 734-1486
Peter Michalko (Chief of Police) 8:30 - 4:30 - 734-2031
Matt Mustico (Highway Superintendent) 734-0199

Councilpersons

Ron Allison 734-6474
Scott Bush 733-5899
Thomas Milliken 732-6760
Karen Krusen 734-9412



Police Business After Hours 735-8600

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Friendly Reminder and Updates

The Highway Department will be out sweeping the roads this spring. Please do not put grass clippings, leaves or branches in the road. You can bring those items to the compost site, which is now open for the season. The compost is available for residents to bring small loads of grass clippings, and other yard waste for disposal with a permit through the Town Clerk's office. We do not accept dirt, rocks, or any kind of construction material to be left at the compost site. If you have a large load for the compost, you must get permission by the highway department before you dump.



Road construction has started. Please remember to slow down and move over in work zones. Safety is our number one priority.



Start June 1st the Whirts Creek Project will be starting from York Ave down to Hanes Terrace. There are certain times during the day that the road will be closed. Due to road closure residents may have a short distance to walk from their vehicle to their house. We appreciate your patience. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Matt Mustico at (607)734-0199

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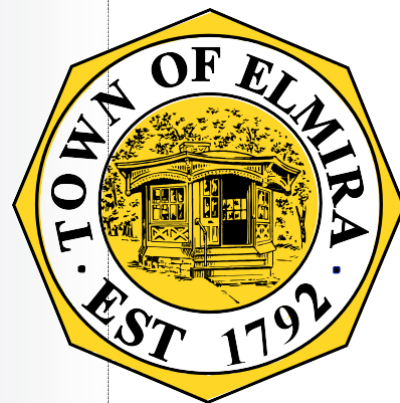
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