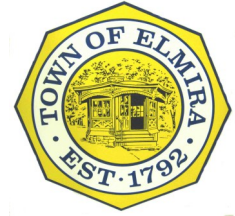




2025



**1255 West Water Street**  
**Elmira, NY 14905**  
**(607)734-2031**  
**Monday– Friday 8:30-4:30**  
**[www.townofelmira.com](http://www.townofelmira.com)**

**Update from the Supervisor**

The lovely month of May is here!

Good stuff happening in the Park with the more consistent warmer weather. Kids are loving the new basketball courts! It is so great to see a hard-earned project enjoyed right outside my office window, thanks to the generosity of Residents, local businesses, and a couple of grants. Thanks again for the persistence of brother and sister team Katie Goetz and Bryan Gilbert who were the champions of this task. We are looking to have a celebration of sorts later this month or next that the public will be encouraged to participate. Check the electronic board out in front of the firehouse for details when they are finalized. Pickle ball enthusiasts will be happy to know that the courts opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> of this month.

We celebrated Arbor Day at the Town at the end of April and it was well attended especially for a first-time event. Thanks to everyone who participated and the Tree Committee that planned it. Thanks also to WENY for the tv coverage.

I would like to ask dog walking Residents to please not dispose of dog waste in the cans designated for the dugouts. Our Park Director Sean Coggins has put out several cans throughout the park and there is the receptacle located in front of the Town building, that is preferred. On another note: I encourage all to be sure to be locking your cars overnight, even if in your own driveway. Our officers report that there have been property thefts and the offenders are seeking out vehicle doors that are unlocked.

Finally, get outside and enjoy the great weather we have been having!

“The beautiful spring came; and when nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.” – Harriet Ann Jacobs

**Town Board Meeting:**

May 12th at 7pm– workshop

May 19th at 7:00pm

**Planning Board Meeting**

May 5th at 7:00pm

**Zoning Board Meeting**

May 27th at 7:00pm

**CLOSED– May 26th– Memorial Day**

\*Meetings are subject to change please check the Town’s website for agenda details\*

**News from the Clerk’s Office**

The Pool Schedule will be posted on the Town website in the next few weeks.

Be sure to check for dates to sign your kids up for swim lessons.

Patches will be available in June, look for those dates.

The Town has a dispensary for retired flags in their lobby. Be sure to drop yours off to be disposed of respectfully at the 2025 Flag Day Celebration

# Did you know?

## The Town Adopted a Tree Law



The purpose and intent of this local law is to promote and protect the public health, safety, and general welfare by regulating the planting, maintenance and removal of trees, shrubs and other plants within the Town of Elmira which are on Town property or within the right of way of any public street. Further, the purpose is to establish and maintain a maximum diversity of tree species and promote the preservation of trees.

The Highway Superintendent, or his/her designee, the Code Enforcement Officer or a person designated by the Town Board shall have the authority and jurisdiction to implement, regulate and enforce the provisions of this law and specifically with regard to Planting, Maintaining, Removal and Replacement of Trees and Shrubs located on Town property or within the Town's right of ways or public streets to ensure safety, and preserve or enhance the aesthetics of such public sites.

### No person, except the Town employees or its agents, shall:

- Plant a Tree or Shrub upon Town property or upon Tree Lawn; or Remove, Replant, or Replace a Tree from Town property or the Tree Lawn; or Spray, Fertilize, or put any chemical on any Tree on Town property or upon Town Lawn; or remove any protector sleeves or water bags set by the Town or its agents.
- No trees shall be Planted on Town property or within the ROW that at maturity will interfere with overhead utility wires.
- All Public Trees which have branches overhanging a public street or sidewalk shall have said branches trimmed to a clearance height of 14 feet on the street side and 10 feet on the sidewalk side.
- All Public Trees designated for Removal shall be completely removed from the growing site and disposed of in an authorized manner.
- No Public Tree shall be planted closer than 35 feet of any street corner. Measured from the point of the nearest intersection curbs or curblines.
- No Public Tree shall be planted closer than 10 feet of any fire hydrant.
- No Public Trees other than Small Trees may be planted under or within 10 lateral feet of any overhead utility wire, or over or within 5 lateral feet of any underground waterlines, sewer line, transmission line or other utility.

Any person, firm, entity, or corporation violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation and upon conviction fined an amount not to exceed \$50.00 in addition to the cost to perform the Tree Work identified in the notice. Any subsequent offense committed within two years of a violation, shall be a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not to exceed \$250.00 or may be imprisoned for a term not exceeding 15 days or both. Each tree affected by noncompliance with this chapter shall constitute a separate violation.

In lieu of or in addition to any fine or imprisonment or both imposed for conviction of a violation of this chapter, each such violation may be subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$250.00, to be recovered in an action or proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction. Each day a violation continues shall be subject to a separate civil penalty.

In addition to said civil penalty, recovery of the value of any tree damaged, destroyed or removed in violation of this chapter shall be had by the town in an amount equal to the value of said tree or trees, based on the International Society of Arboriculture's (ISA) valuation of landscape Trees, Shrubs, and other plants.

The Code Enforcement officer or his designee shall have the authority to issue an appearance ticket for a violation of this Law. The Town Court shall have jurisdiction to adjudicate matters established in this Law.

Please visit the Town of Elmira website to view the entire Tree Law

**ANYONE WANTING TO PLANT, PRUNE OR REMOVE A TREE IN THE RIGHT OF WAY MUST OBTAIN A TREE WORK PERMIT FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE PRIOR TO DOING ANY WORK**

# Pirozzolo Park



Pirozzolo Park is a wonderful place with many activities for all ages. It takes EVERYONE to keep it running smoothly and safe. West Elmira Police work hard at keeping it safe, the Grounds Keeper works hard at making sure the park is clean for all.

The past few years we have had several complaints and have seen vandalism take place in the park. We are able to view these incidents thru the security cameras throughout the park. We are asking anyone that frequents the park to please keep a look out and call the non emergency line at 607-735-8600 if they see anything.

When vandalism occurs, it is the tax payers dollars that go into the clean up.

HELP KEEP OUR PARK SAFE AND CLEAN!!!!

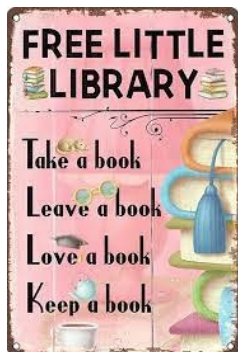


We have many people who love to walk in the Town, whether it be in the park or on the sidewalks. The town has stations set up to discard your animals wastes. Please help the Town stay clean by picking up after your pet.



**Wednesday's at 6:00pm**

**Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the summer concerts in the park**



6/25– Corning Area Concert Band

7/2– Michael Burrell

7/9– JLC Country Music Duo

7/16– Top Shelf

7/23– Doc Cavallaro

7/30– Payton Clark

8/6– Al Pacete

8/13– Lil' Rowdy



With warm weather brings reports of car break ins.  
Be sure to **ALWAYS** lock you vehicles when unattended.  
Residents are encouraged to call the non-emergency dispatch number at (607)735-8600 to report suspicious activity.

## Tis the season for lawn mowing

Did you know there's one thing you may be doing while mowing the yard that's actually illegal in New York State?

As mowers are being brought out of winter storage, you need to keep this in mind to avoid a fine.

**Blowing your grass clipping in the road is against the law in New York.** You may not only be fined but you could also get sued if the clippings cause an accident.

Section 1219 of the [New York Vehicle and Traffic Law](#) prohibits grass clippings and other debris on streets and highways.

No person shall throw or deposit upon any highway any glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, snow, **grass clippings** or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon such highway.

Grass clippings can reduce traction and cause a motorcycle driver to lose control.

If there's an accident, you're responsible.

**ALSO be kind to the many walkers and keep the sidewalks clean**



## Lawn Care Tools and Hours of Operation

With the spring and summer months upon us, the West Elmira Police Department would like to remind residents and lawn care companies of the Town of Elmira Noise Ordinance.

**Lawn care and gardening tools that are audible beyond the property line, are only permitted to be operated between the hours of 8 AM to 8 PM on weekdays and between 9 AM to 8 PM on weekends.**

Violations of this ordinance can be reported by calling police dispatch at (607) 735-8600.

Thank you for your cooperation and have a safe summer.