



# TOWN TALK

News from the Town of Elmira

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## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Number 44

By Dave Sullivan



### A Greener Approach

True enough, we are enjoying more sunny and warm days. Our park is buzzing with activity and before you know it the pool will be open and the winter will be a distant memory.

We are doing something a little different with the Town Talk newsletter this year. This issue will be available mainly through a link on the Town's website. Hard copies will be available at the Town Hall only. We are trying to get a little greener, and reduce printing and mailing costs. The Fall/Winter issue will be printed and mailed to residents just like in past years.

Inside this issue you will read about some of the Town efforts to measure energy usage and take the first steps to conserve energy on the municipal level.

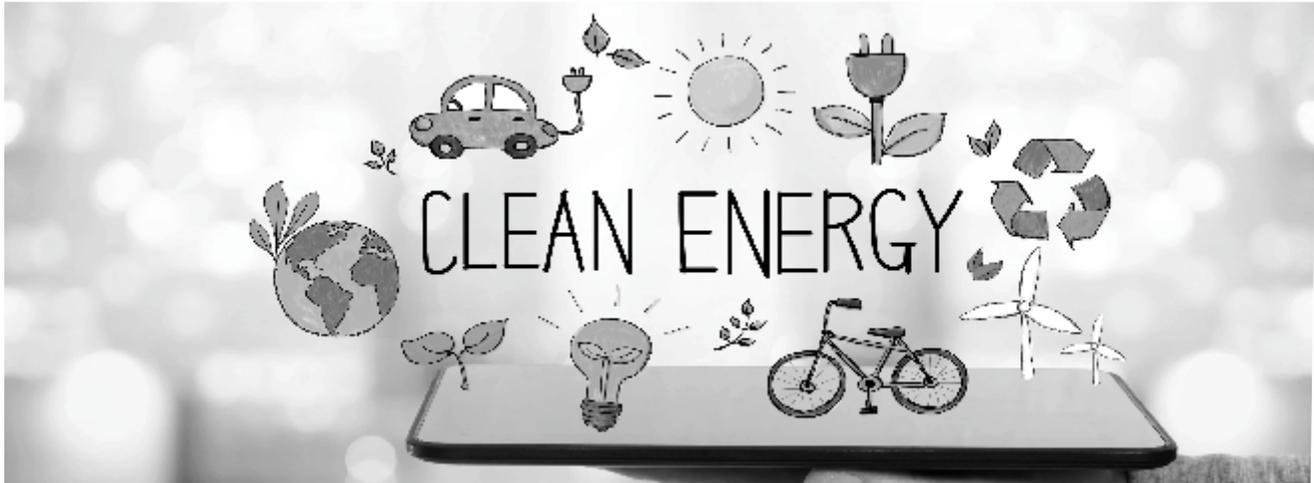
Enjoy this issue and please feel free to email me if you should have any questions. I can be reached at [dsullivan@townofelmira.com](mailto:dsullivan@townofelmira.com).



## AHEAD OF EARTH DAY 2018, THE TOWN OF ELMIRA TOOK FIRST STEPS TOWARD BECOMING A NYSERDA CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY.

-By Heather Stanton, Town of Elmira Resident

The Elmira Town Board voted unanimously on Monday night April 16th to pass two resolutions that put the town on a path toward becoming a NYSERDA Clean Energy Community.



These were:

- 1) Adopting the Unified Solar Permit (streamlines the process for installing solar)
- 2) Adopting benchmarking for the town (compiling and making public the town's utility bills)

"I'm so grateful to the Town for listening to us and acting so quickly," said Heather Stanton, West Elmira resident and team coordinator for the climate change advocacy group Mothers Out Front. "Thank you for your leadership!" The Clean Energy Communities program consists of 10 impact items a municipality can take. If they take four of them, they can be certified a Clean Energy Community and become eligible for grant money to use for green/clean energy initiatives such as making town buildings more energy efficient.

"Thank you for looking to the future for our children and grandchildren," said West Elmira resident Mary Beth Rogie. Rogie was tempted to stay home because of the dreadful weather but said, this was too important to miss.

Jennifer Carman (also of the town of Elmira) spoke about how much she enjoys having solar panels and seeing every day how much energy they are producing. "I'm pleased to see our elected officials demonstrating leadership in this arena."

Supervisor Dave Sullivan expressed support for moving forward with the NYSERDA program and reducing the town's carbon footprint. He thanked the town residents from Mothers Out Front for bringing it to the attention of the Town Board and asked them to continue to hold his feet to the fire.

Lisa Marshall, a community organizer for Mothers Out Front commended the board for their leadership. "My husband served for 21 years in the United States Navy. The Department of Defence considers climate change one of the greatest threats to our national security. The seemingly small things we do at the local level have implications for our entire nation and world."

Future impact items the Town may choose to take include installing an electric vehicle charging station and converting the street lights to LED.

The town residents attending the meeting applauded the town board for taking these steps.

## TOWN COMMUNITY CENTER



The Town Community Center is now offering **YOGA** classes on Monday evening (6-7) and Thursday evening has two classes (6-7) and (7-8). The fee is only \$5.00 and Danyell Peris offers a variety of practices. Come check this out!

If you are interested in renting the Town Community Center, please contact Patty Carozza at [patty.carozza61@gmail.com](mailto:patty.carozza61@gmail.com)

We plan to start offering different types of activities for people to come and learn or just be social. Look for these offerings in the FALL newsletter.

Patty Carozza  
Recreation Director

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

By Matt Mustico

**Friendly Reminder:  
Please remember to put recycling bins and garbage cans  
away after garbage pick -up has occurred.**

The highway department will be out sweeping the roads for the spring. Please do not put any grass clippings, leaves, or branches in the road as we do not have a spring pick up. You can bring those items to the compost site which is now open for the season. You can bring small loads of grass clippings, and other yard waste. We do not except dirt, rocks, or any type of construction material. If you do have a large load you must get permission by the highway department first before you dump. Don't forget that we have plenty of free mulch this year so please help yourself.



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

One other reminder if you are having an invisible fence installed - please do not put it in the Town of Elmira right of way. We have no way of locating it and if we damage it your pet could get out which could have devastating results.

**THANK YOU**

## PARK NEWS...



The park has seen numerous renovations projects from fall to spring. Most noticeable is the removal of the green steel backstop on the main softball field. A new modern backstop has been installed.

Next, you will notice that all new swing seats and support chains along with 2 loads of fresh playground cushion has made our playground safer. The addition of 3 new barbeque grills are in place for summer picnics.



There has been an additional shed installed to help with the storage for our Sports Programs. Our sports fields have received many loads of topsoil for repairs along with planting new grass, they should be looking great.

The construction of the Pickle Ball courts is now complete and we now have this great sport in our park! They are located north of the tennis courts on Grandview Extension.



And finally, when nature calls park patrons will see a much-needed upgrade to our public restrooms. The concrete floors have received a beautiful epoxy coating and new partitions have been replaced with shiny new panels.

Scott Eschbach

## WELCOME TO THE EAST HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PAGE



Spring is in the air...with that in mind, we would like to remind everyone there is a **NEW YORK STATEWIDE BURNING BAN IN EFFECT FROM MARCH 16TH UNTIL MAY 14TH. NO OPEN BURNING DURING THIS PERIOD...PLEASE BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL!!**



Our membership is continuing to host a variety of fund raising events throughout the year and with the public support, they have been very successful. Over the winter, we held a monthly breakfast at the firehouse, which was very well received and successful. We will resume the breakfast again in the late fall.



Last summer we began hosting **chicken barbecues** at the station and we will be resuming those beginning June 9 at the firehouse at 266 Jerusalem Hill Road from 12 Noon until they are gone. We have set a tentative schedule for the summer/fall barbecues as follows: June 9th, July 21st, August 18th, September 22nd, October 13th (Fire Prevention Week).

All will be held at the East Hill Fire Station located at 266 Jerusalem Hill Road beginning at Noon and lasting until sold out. We will deliver to business and other fire departments and will take orders via phone the day of the event. The fire station number is 734-5535. You may eat in or take out.

We also have two ongoing fund raising projects that will continue all year long. The mailbox address sign program is ongoing and the signs are \$20 each. We will install the signs to residents in the East Hill Fire Protection district. The signs are available to the public by calling the fire station at 734-5535 and leaving a message or by stopping by the fire station any Monday night from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM. We are continuing with the bottle and can drive fundraiser project. We have drop-off points at the fire station at 266 Jerusalem Hill Road in the large wooden box out front or at the corner of Watercure Hill Road and Bowlby Road in the trailer located at that intersection. This has been very successful for us. Thank you!!

If you live in the East Hill Fire Protection District and would like to join us as a member please feel free to stop by the station any Monday evening at 7:00 PM to see what we have to offer or just to visit. Again, thank you for your support and be safe.

**“Branden Gooshaw joins the West Elmira Police Department in a part-time capacity. He also serves the Trumansburg Police Department in a part-time capacity.**

**Welcome Branden!”**



**Eric Crandall joins the Town of Elmira family in the capacity of Community Service Officer. Eric will be receiving classroom training as well as hands-on experience in many areas, including Code Enforcement issues.**

**Welcome Eric!**

## YOUR WAY TO SMART HOME ENERGY SAVINGS!

### GET A FREE PROFESSIONAL HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENT

AND QUALIFY FOR :

- 1. EMPOWER NY**– Provides incentives For families making below 60% of the state median income (\$53,484 for a family of 4). This covers 100% of the cost of qualified Energy Efficiency Improvements, Up to \$7000, such as insulation, air sealing, new refrigerator and lighting
- 2. WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**– Provides Additional Energy Improvements such as heating units at no cost
- 3. ASSISTED HOME PERFORMANCE WITH ENERGY STAR**– For families making below 80% of the state median income (\$71,312 for a family of 4) This covers 50% of Additional Energy Improvements such as additional insulation and a heating system up to \$4000.



### GET RENEWABLE HEAT INSTALLED FOR ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES.

(WOOD HEAT INCENTIVES ARE AVAILABLE IN AREAS WHERE NATURAL GAS ISN'T ACCESSIBLE)

- **WOOD PELLET STOVES**– Get \$1500 - \$2500
- **WOOD PELLET BOILERS**– Get up to \$41,000
- **WOOD BOILER**– Get up to \$10,000
- **AIR-SOURCE HEAT PUMP**–Get \$500 **GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMP**–Get up to \$15,000/ \$500,000

### GET COMMUNITY SOLAR –GET YOUR SOLAR FROM A LOCAL SOLAR FARM!

- 1. SUBSCRIPTION**– Sign up and get up to 10% off the current electric rate
- 2. PURCHASE**– Get solar energy credited to your utility bill every month from panels you purchase. Get 25% state and 30% federal tax credits as well as additional NYSERDA incentives (see below).

**BLOCK GRANTS**– Get .30/watt toward a solar panel installation

**NY-SUN AFFORDABLE SOLAR INCENTIVE**–Doubles the Block Grant incentive per watt for low income

For questions or if you would like a **FREE** Home Energy Assessment, Contact one of our Community Energy Educators:  
**Broome, Tioga, Chemung Counties:** Eileen Hanrahan t. 607.744.9324 eeh85@cornell.edu  
**Schuyler County:** Phil Cherry t. 607.535.7161 pc526@cornell.edu  
**Tompkins County:** Karim Beers t. 607.272.2292 kwb6@cornell.edu  
**Delaware, Chenango Counties:** Tara Jo Donadio t. 607.865.6531 tjd238@cornell.edu

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LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS AT [WWW.SMARTENERGYCHOICES.ORG](http://WWW.SMARTENERGYCHOICES.ORG)

## CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

### PLEASE



My springtime litany is the usual: **PLEASE** mow your grass; **PLEASE** look at your sidewalk and repair trip hazards and **PLEASE** keep junk out of your back yard!



But the unusual is that the community is fortunate by having several new members of the West Elmira Fire Department and as they learn firefighting skills they're also learning the streets and neighborhoods in the district. A problem is that too many homes are lacking legible house numbers.....and some have no numbers at all!

Therefore, I will implement an inspection program this summer to identify those homes and if necessary, issue Notice of Violation (because it's a New York State requirement) if the owners fail to comply. It would be a sad and tragic thing to have the fire truck pass by your house because they can't find your number, so **PLEASE** check your house.....are numbers there? Can they be seen from the street.....realistically?

A grim reminder of the importance of Carbon Monoxide detectors was the recent tragic loss of an entire Iowa family while vacationing in Mexico. Authorities at the time of this writing have only said that the cause of death is due to "inhalation of toxic gases." It is my personal belief the gas may well have been Carbon Monoxide, and the same thing could happen right here in our own homes....so **PLEASE**, if you don't have one, invest in a simple, easy to install, Carbon Monoxide detector in your home. Call me if you have questions and....



**PLEASE** have a safe and enjoyable summer!

**Chip LeValley**  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Codeofficer@townofelnmira.com  
607 734-3608

## RECREATION NEWS

Welcome to another fun filled calendar of events in 2018 at Pirozzolo Park. As you may have noticed, there has been more progress done to keep the facilities up to date.



The tennis courts were refinished and are looking great.

There has been an addition of two pickle ball courts.

Softball field #1 is receiving upgrades and a new backstop currently being installed. The baseball and softball leagues are starting their practices and are in full swing playing games.

The Opening Day parade and ceremonies took place on the first weekend of May.

The Bands in the Park will be scheduled as follows:

**Every Wednesday – 6 pm- 8pm**

July 11th **CORNING AREA COMMUNITY BAND**

July 18th **SUSPECT**

July 25th **TOP SHELF**

August 1 **GRAY MATTERS**

August 8th **AL PACETE**

August 15th **ODYSSEY**

August 22nd **MATTHEWS FAMILY REUNION**

August 29th **THE DEVELOPMENTS**



### Other Event Dates:

#### MOVIES IN THE PARK

– tentative dates are 08/08/18 and 08/22/18  
(Movies will start after band).

#### Spook House

– tentative dates 10/12/18 and 10/13/2018  
from 6:30 – 8:30 PM



# MOVIE NIGHT

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## ASSESSOR'S NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018

Below is information on paying your Tax Bills and who to call with questions concerning your Bill.

### School Tax

**For the Elmira City School District the payments are in two installments due October 31 and March 31:**

Payments should be mailed to School Tax Collector, P.O. Box 5504, Binghamton, NY 13902-5504. If choosing to pay in person, taxpayers should present their tax bill and payment (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY) to any teller at Community Bank, NA, located at 300 W. Water St., Elmira, NY.

Elmira City School Tax Collector phone number is 735-3017

After March 31 contact the Chemung County Treasurer at 737-2927

Taxes can be paid by Credit Card as well for an added fee.

### Town and County Tax

Town of Elmira and County Tax are on one bill and is due January 31 each year.

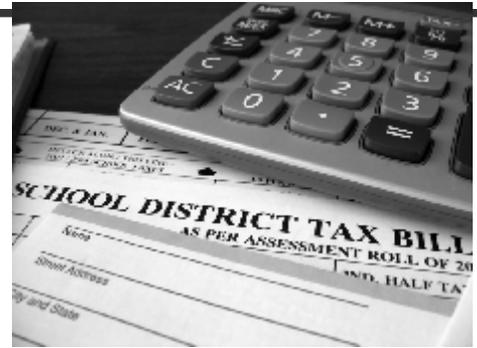
Questions about your Town and County bill can be answered at 734-2031

Bills are payable in person or by mail at Elmira Town Hall, 1255 West Water Street, Elmira, NY 14905

Contact the Assessor's Office for Address changes and Exemption information only.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.**

Bruce A. Stanko  
Assessor



## Contact Us

### We Still answer the phones!

David Sullivan (Supervisor) 734-2031

Jo Ann Sherwood (Town Clerk) 734-2031

Lori Rupp (Deputy Clerk ) 734-2031

Liz Lucarelli (Court Clerk ) 734-5971

Fred (Chip) LeValley (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



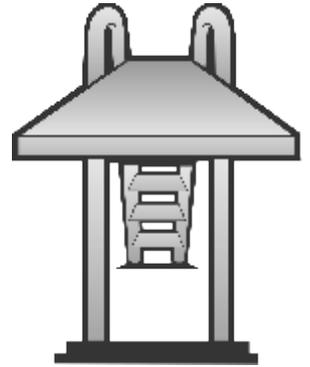
Police Business After Hours 735-8600

## TOWN OF ELMIRA POOL 2018 Schedule

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Monday, June 4 Swimming lesson sign-ups begin for Park District #1 residents only  
Monday, June 18 Swimming lesson sign-ups begin for out of district residents

Monday, June 25 - July 6 1st SET OF LESSONS  
Monday, July 9 - July 20 2nd SET OF LESSONS  
Monday, July 23 - Aug 3 3RD SET OF LESSONS  
Monday, Aug 6 - Aug 17 4TH SET OF LESSONS



**Adult Swim:** Monday through Friday, 4:30 - 6:00 PM  
18 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**  
\$30.00 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**  
\$55.00 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

Daily Fees:	Park District #1 Resident	Outside District
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  
\$35 per session, Age 4 and up. Monday through Friday,  
11:00 AM-11:45 AM Rain or Shine  
For information please call Town Office @ 734-2031

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Elmira, New York 14905

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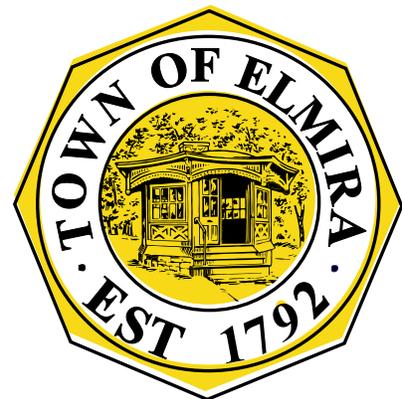
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