

Victor Voice

TOWN AND VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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Winter 2013



Christmas in the Village on November 30

This daylong event features Breakfast with Santa beginning at 8:00 A.M., followed by: horse drawn wagon rides – costumed characters – visits with Santa – children's activities located in merchants' shops and more!

We will wrap up the event by gathering for the annual holiday tree lighting in Mead Square Park. Look for the special holiday advertisement in the Messenger Post Newspaper.





Jack Marren,
Town
Supervisor,
(585) 742-5020

Town Supervisor's News

The autumn season is already upon us and it is hard to believe we are more than three quarters of the way through 2013. This year has been a very successful and busy one for our Town residents and the Town.

An entire year's worth of Bicentennial Celebrations concluded on Hang Around Victor Day, September 7th. The fireworks display was a great way to end a wonderful day and a year's worth of Bicentennial events. At the September 23, 2013 Town Board meeting, the Town Board recognized the efforts of the Bicentennial Committee and presented them with certificates of appreciation. This committee spent ¾ of a year meeting and planning events prior to the first event in September 2012 and the conclusion this September 2013. The Committees' vision and passion for the Town's Bicentennial Celebration and its' success was apparent from day one. We have been so blessed to have a group of volunteers who were driven to create such a memorable calendar of events that would become part of this Town's history. On behalf of our Town residents, I would like to publically thank again:

- Ann Aldrich
- Katie Coyne
- Barbara Cole
- Jason Shelton
- Sue Stehling
- Michael Houser
- Muriel Nado
- John Palomaki
- Joe Pow
- Clint Emery

for their dedication and valuable time commitment to the Town of Victor!

While we are recognizing Town residents who give of themselves, I would like to also identify a few other committees and task forces that individuals served on this year:

- Traffic Task Force
- Sprinkler Task Force
- Land Use Committee
- Economic Task Force

Thank you to all of the individuals who served on these initiatives, both residents and non-residents. I would like to mention that both the Land Use Committee and Traffic Task Force have brought forth valuable information to the Town Board. Land Use and Traffic have been the last two components of the Comprehensive Plan to be agreed upon, in principle, by the Town Board. The Town's Comprehensive Committee, Land Use Committee and the Traffic Task Forces found these two issues to be the most debated and challenging, with no perfect solution found. The Town Board remains committed to finding the solutions and the resources needed to resolve and minimize these challenges.

I am pleased to report that after months of hard work, the 2014 Town Budget has taken shape. I wish to thank the contributions of all of our Department Heads for their efforts in meeting the budget challenges of today. Our Fiscal Manager, Gloria Dunton, did an outstanding job working to provide Board members with information they needed to make the hard decisions they faced.

I want to thank the members of the Town's Wellness Committee and our employees for their dedication to Wellness. The Committee continues to provide wellness programs that are creative and challenging to our employees that offer both educational and fitness opportunities. The results continue to be an annual reduction in Health Care costs to the Town. The Town's 2014 Health Insurance Premium increase, with the Health Care Reform included, is 7.6%. In comparison, the prior year of 2012-2013 was: 12.5%.

Certainly by no means is there a savings from one year to another - only a reduction on the escalating costs of health care to the Town. Pension costs to the Town for 2014 continue to increase but the rate of increase has slowed compared to previous years.

Next year's budget will include the purchase of several new pieces of highway equipment. As the Town takes dedication of roads following the building of new developments, the need to expand or create new snow plow routes takes place. The Town's budget does include a significant amount of financial resources for snow removal (salt, equipment, overtime). I also know the safety of our residents on Town roads is a priority for the Town Board. This Town has a fine reputation when it comes to road maintenance. I hear compliments all the time from both residents and visitors to our community. It is essential that the Town continues to provide the well-maintained roads for 2014.

The High Street Capital Improvement project was delayed this year due in part to the utility company's decision to move their infrastructure. This fall, RG&E will start to move the 66 telephone poles they have identified that need to be repositioned. Following behind them will be the other utility companies (telephone and cable), with this part of the project concluding by next spring. During the winter we hope to bid out the work, and start this project spring 2014. I have been advised that the project will probably start at the Village line and move towards Valentown during 2014 and conclude in 2015. The Town is planning on a public information session for those residents who live on or around High Street in the near future. This session would outline timelines and provide a review of the plans.

On behalf of the Town Board and all of the Town of Victor employees, we wish everyone a SAFE and Happy Holiday Season, and a Happy New Year!

News from the Town Clerk's Office

By Debra J. Denz, Town Clerk



**Debra Denz,
Town Clerk
742-5080**

Office Hours

The Town Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., and on Wednesday evenings until 7 P.M.

Town Board Meetings and Correspondence

Town Board meetings are scheduled every second and fourth Monday of each month during the year at 7 P.M. (with Holiday exceptions) and are open to the public. Should you wish to personally appear before the Town Board during the Privilege of the Floor portion of the meeting, please contact the Town Supervisor's Office, 585-742-5020, for inclusion on the agenda. There is a Public Comment Section on every agenda where citizens may speak regarding any subject. The Town Board meeting agenda is available for review on the Town of Victor web site address at www.victorny.org, and also in the Town Clerk's office. Completed meeting minutes are available after approval by the Town Board.

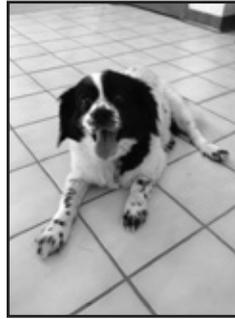
Any correspondence directed to the Town Board should be addressed to the **Town Clerk, 85 E. Main St., Victor, NY 14564**. Upon receipt, the Town Clerk will forward a copy to each Town Board member and make note during the next Town Board meeting.

Dogs - Lost, Found Or Strayed

All dogs harbored in Victor must be licensed. Dogs must be licensed at four months of age. Licenses may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office located in the Town Hall at 85 East Main Street. Call 742-5080 if you have questions.

Should you need to call our dog control officers, they can be reached at the following number:

**ONTARIO COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
585-396-4590.**



This is Maggie Moo. She likes to play with her squeaky toy and always enjoys bringing it back to you when you toss it for her. Her fur is thick and soft, and she looks like a young pup when she gets it trimmed for the hot weather or to celebrate special occasions. She has a gentle, loving nature, and is the best dog friend to the girl and boy she lives with in her family.

2014 Tree & Shrub Program

By Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District, 480 South Main Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424 (585)396-1450

Now you can order over 30 native, locally grown species of bareroot Evergreens, Deciduous Trees, Shrubs and Groundcovers, plus fertilizer tablets, marking flags and the New York State Bird, Eastern Bluebird, locally made nest boxes.

Starting in January – Go to www.ONTSWCD.com for more information.

Ontario County Office Of The Aging Gift Giving Tree

The Gift Giving Tree provides gifts for elderly people during the holiday season who may not have family or friends to provide them with a smile and a gift. Tags will be placed on the tree Friday, November 22, 2013. Gifts need to be received by Friday, December 13, 2013 to ensure the folks get their gifts before Christmas. The tree is set up on the second floor lobby of the Human Services Building, 3010 County Complex Drive, Canandaigua. Please call (585) 396-4040 if you have further questions.

Look for the Victor Parks and Recreation Program Guide Insert in the center of this newsletter

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Town Holiday Schedule for 2013/2014

All Town offices will be closed on the following:

Thursday.....	November 28, 2013	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	November 29, 2013	Floating Holiday/ Thanksgiving
Wednesday	December 25, 2013	Christmas
Wednesday	January 1, 2014	New Year's Day

Town

News from the Town Clerk's Office

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2014 Tax Collection

The 2014 tax collection process will be conducted by the Tax Receiver in the Town Clerk's office. Town/County tax bills will be mailed out in January.

In person payments by check, cash or credit card (with applicable transaction fees) can be made at the Town Clerk's office located in the Victor Town Hall, 85 East Main Street, Victor, NY, 14564. Our office hours are Monday to Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Wednesdays until 7:00 P.M. We can also be reached by phone at 585-742-5080.

For your convenience, there is a drop box located at the rear of the Victor Town Hall. Payments by check may be placed in the drop box. The drop box is checked daily by 8 A.M. on regular business days. Payments collected will be considered received on the prior business day.

Tax bills may be paid IN FULL at any office of the Canandaigua National Bank, during regular business hours, throughout the month of January. The bank cannot accept partial payments. You must present your entire tax bill at the time of payment.

Payment without penalty is due by January 31, 2014. This applies even if you choose the installment option which requires that the first payment is paid by January 31, 2014.

Any checks incorrectly made out or postdated will be returned and subject to a penalty if received by the Tax Receiver after the penalty free period. It is not legally permissible for this office to change penalty dates or rescind penalties.

For payments made by check, change for less than \$1.00 will not be returned.

For payments made by mail, the United States Postal Service postmark (not a postage meter mark) is used as the payment date (RPTL §925). If there is no postmark, the date received will be used as the payment date.

Third party notification forms are available for any eligible taxpayer who is a Senior Citizen or is disabled. You may designate someone to receive a copy of your tax bill or statement of unpaid taxes. Information and applications are available at the Town Clerk's office.

If you will be spending the winter (January to March) out of town, and would like your tax bill mailed to a different address, you must notify the Tax Receiver in writing. Also, include phone number in case we need to contact you.

The Town of Victor Now Offers the Option to Pay Your Property Taxes Online

Town of Victor property owners can pay their Town & County taxes online using a credit card or e-check at www.egov.basgov.com/victor.

Online payments can only be made from January 1st to March 31st.

By law the Town is not allowed to pay the transaction processing fee (collected by the web service provider) therefore it must be paid by the user. Credit cards will have a 2.45% fee, VISA debit cards have a \$3.95 flat fee, and electronic checks have a \$1.75 flat fee. Please be assured that every precaution has been taken to make your online transaction safe and secure.

You can still view tax information on the same website.

Once on the site, you can choose which tax year you need information for in the drop down box (Choose Collection).

Please be aware of the following:

1 The School listed in the drop down is NOT for Victor Central Schools but for Pittsford Central Schools. (The Tax Receiver collects Pittsford Central School taxes for approximately 130 properties located in Victor).

If you are looking for Victor Central School tax information, it is available online at: www.egov.basny.com/victorschools.

2 All search information (Bill #, Tax Map #, Property Address, or Owner Name) must be entered exactly as it is listed in the tax rolls. If you are searching by property address it is better if you just use the number of the address and then select the correct one if several properties are listed.

3 Payments made at Ontario County Treasurer's Office will not be reflected on the website.

News from the Codes & Development Office

By Robert Graham, Director of Codes and Development



Robert Graham, Director of Codes and Development

Winds of Change

As we all know, change is inevitable, and being prepared to manage that change is important. The Victor Community as one of the fastest growing Towns in the State continues to change rapidly. To properly oversee this rapid growth, additional resources are required. The addition of these resources has opened the opportunity to restructure the Codes and Development Department to best meet the needs of the community.

As a result of the restructuring, this will be my last opportunity to address the community as the Director of Codes and Development. After nearly four years of

wearing the dual hats of Fire Marshal and Director, I will be returning to the single pursuit of being the Fire Marshal. I am looking forward to being able to refocus my energies on this role.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our entire Codes and Development Staff for their extraordinary performance and dedication to serving our community. Job well done!

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the community as the Codes and Development Director.

Boughton Park

Park Permit Decal

The decals used in the past have been replaced by Mirror Hang Tags for easier visibility by park security personnel. If a new Vehicle permit is needed, please stop at the Town Clerk's office; bring proof of residency and your vehicle registration to qualify for your new permit.

Canoe Rack Policy

Applications will be accepted at the East Bloomfield Town Hall, beginning the second Monday in March of each year.

Applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis, with preference going to:

- **Handicapped first**
- **Seniors Citizens second**
- **Opened to all if spaces are left**

Permits may be picked up after April 15 each year. Permits that are not picked up by April 30 will be given to the next person on the list.

Permits are valid until November 15 at which time canoes must be removed or they will be moved to the barn at a cost of \$15.00 and charged a daily rent in the amount of \$5.00 per day with a maximum of \$100.00.

The canoes will be considered abandoned by January 1 and will be sold at auction on April 15 of the following year.

Special Use Permits

Groups of 25 or more require Special Use Permits. These permits are issued by the Boughton Park Board of Directors. Applications shall be in writing including dates, specific use, and insurance coverage where applicable. **Call 742-5026 for more information.**

Victor Farmington Food Cupboard

Dear Neighbor,

Did you know that approximately 50 million Americans - 1 in 6 - struggle to get enough food to eat every day and that need is translating to our own community? Each month at the Victor Farmington Food Cupboard, our neighbors are able to get many of the items they need to provide more nutritious meals to their families because of people like you. Unfortunately, we have seen the number of families served by our food cupboard continue to grow and we are now serving over 500 families in our community each month. We have been humbled by the support from our community during these difficult economic times and we hope that you can help.

The Food Cupboard needs food right now, more than they need cash. The Town of Victor has started collecting donations for an ongoing food drive. We have located our donation box on the main floor "reception area" of our Town Hall for your convenience. Please consider donating an item when you stop by.

Feel free to drop your donations off directly at the Food Cupboard. They are located at: 1246 Commercial Drive, Bldg. B in Farmington, (585) 924-2720.

Thank you for your generosity and compassion in helping our neighbors in need.

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Bicentennial Heritage Fair

Photos from Hang Around Victor Day

Horse and
Wagon Rides



Local artist Connie Stevenson



Michael Galban demonstrating
canoe making



Storyteller Gretchen Sepik



Quilter



Visitor



Michael Houser
showing black-
smithing techniques

Harvey Limbeck
showing
Native American
artifacts to
Mel Townsend
and Edna Griffith



Town Historian
Babette Huber,
Supervisor
Jack Marren,
Kathi Nevin
(event planner)
and Sue Stehling



Honor Flight Rochester, Mission #31

By Mike Stockman, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

On Saturday, September 28, I had the privilege of assisting Honor Flight Rochester Mission #31 and its 46 veterans on their trip to Washington DC. Our group had 42 WWII and 4 Korean veterans. I personally had the chance to assist and speak to each individual as we made our way from the WWII Memorial, Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean, and Iwo Jima Memorials. In spending time with heroes with nicknames like Hot Dog, Ski, Derby, Red and more telling stories of the

battles and war made the effort that the Town of Victor puts forth each year in our “Week For Honor Flight” much more special. In the past 2 years we have sent 35 WWII veterans to Washington DC. Look for our 2014 “Week for Honor Flight” in May where we look to send even more American Heroes on the trip of a lifetime to see their memorial in Washington DC. Go to <http://Honorflightrochester.org> for more information on how you can assist this great cause.



Everywhere that we traveled on that weekend our group was stopped and thanked for their service. So at this time I would like to say to all of those who have served in our US Military, Thank you for your service!

Town



Mark Years,
Interim Town
Highway
Superintendent,
(585) 924-3323
Hours:
7:00 A.M. -
3:30 P.M.,
Monday-Friday

Town of Victor Highway Department

Starting November 4th - Fall/Winter hours at the Highway Department will be 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

High Street Capital Project

The project will consist of a cold in-place recycle of the existing travel lanes with full depth shoulders being added. South of Lane Road a new water main will be installed and a sidewalk will be constructed on the east side of the road to the projects southern limit. A closed drainage system will be added in various locations. All utility companies have been contacted and RG&E will look into starting at the south end (Village line to Thruway Bridge) at the start of the new year. Construction is anticipated to begin in March or April 2014.

Snow Removal

With the winter months fast approaching, the Town residents need to be aware of plowing crews that will be out doing snow removal operations. The following are some ideas to keep in mind during this period:

- Do not plow snow in the road or across it. If you hire someone to do your plowing, make sure they know that it is illegal to plow snow across a highway. It leaves a hazardous situation for the traveling public.
- Do not let children play in snowdrifts near the roadway. It is difficult and almost impossible for plow operators to see them.
- Keep your house numbers clear of snow in case of emergencies.

Plowing procedures during snow events

There are seven main plow routes within the Town. During snow events, clearing state and county roadways are the first priority. Plowing then proceeds on the main collector roads, followed by local roads, residential developments, business parks and cul-de-sacs.

If any resident should have an emergency health situation during a snow event and needs to have the road cleared, please contact the Highway Department at 924-3323.

Sensible Salting

As you may have noticed, the Town adopted a "Sensible Salting" program. This was implemented for environmental purposes and to cut down on costs. The streets listed below are areas where the road elevation is minimal and would not require the amount of surface treatment that is necessary on other local roads. The streets affected by this "Sensible Salting" program are: Canning

Parkway, Canterbury Trail, Falcon's Point, Fieldcrest Lane, Gypsum Mills, Highland Green (no salt in turn around), Hidden Brook Trail, Kensington Court, Mill Street, Rae Boulevard, Rolling Meadows Lane, Sachem Trail, Scudder Mills, Song Hill Lane, Springdale Court, Sunray Crest, Trillium Trail, Whispering Hills, and Wildwood Lane.

Parking

There is no parking on Town roadways from November 1st to April 1st unless otherwise posted.

Mailbox Repair Policy

Homeowners should shovel away the snow from around their mailbox. This allows mail to be delivered and the opportunity for plow operators to see the mailbox. Unfortunately, mailboxes are damaged yearly by the heavy snow and ice as it is being removed from the roadway. It is a New York State Attorney General ruling that mailboxes are private property placed in the public right-of-way, however mailboxes damaged during snow removal by the Town crew will be repaired or replaced by Town Highway personnel. Replacements will consist of a four-inch pressure treated post and cross arm and an aluminum box. The Town will not replace anything other than a mailbox and post as described. Owners wishing to make their own repairs will not be reimbursed. The Town Highway Dept would like to thank you in advance for your help in making snow removal safer and easier for all involved.

Deer Removal

Undoubtedly, there will be some deer carcasses that are found in the public right-of-ways. Please report any deer found as follows:

- On County Roadways call 396-4000
- On State Roadways call 396-4955
- On Village Roadways call 924-3311
- On Town Roadways call 924-3323

Please contact the Highway Department at 924-3323 with any questions you have regarding the Town roadways. Have a safe and happy winter season.

Recycle Department

Transfer Station Hours of Operation -

Recycle Center

hours are:

Monday-Friday, 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Wednesday, 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Saturday 7:00 A.M. to Noon

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Town of Victor Highway Department

Recycle Office

Monday-Friday, 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Holiday Closings

November 12

November 28 and 29 (open November 30th)

December 25

January 1

Recycle Center Updates

- EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1st THE RECYCLE CENTER WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO ACCEPT CRT TVS AND COMPUTER MONITORS. These are TVs and monitors that contain cathode ray tubes (older TVs and monitors that aren't flat screen). At this point, residents can still recycle these devices at the RCR&R facility **Free of Charge**. The facility information is as follows:
Regional Computer Recycling & Recovery
7318 Victor-Mendon Road Victor NY 14564
585-924-3840
Electronic recycling hours are: 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday-Friday
- NO DUMPING OF CONCRETE OR BLACKTOP
- NO DUMP TRUCKS OR DUMP TRAILERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE FACILITY
- ONLY RESIDENTS USING THEIR OWN VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED TO DISPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS (No special use permits will be issued to contractors)

Reminders

Please sort recycling as follows:

Paper, junk mail

Cardboard

Plastic, tin & glass

Batteries

Fluorescent Bulbs

Electronics

*There are separate containers for each of these items

Please be aware of attendants while unloading and moving through the building. Thank you for "thinking safety" while using this facility.

When dumping brush or related items, such as grass clippings, please remember – NO Plastic Bags. Much of this material is turned into mulch and made available to residents. The mulch pile is located at the Rawson Road complex behind the highway barns and is accessible during regular operating hours.

Should you have any questions, on where an item should go, please see an attendant. Thank you again for your continued safe use of this facility.

Residential and Commercial Recycle Stickers

Recycle permits can be purchased from the Highway/Recycle office at 60 Rawson Road, Building "A". These stickers can be purchased for \$40 through December 31, 2013. Beginning January 1, 2014, the cost will be lowered to \$20. All stickers will be valid until December 31, 2014. There is a maximum of two (2) stickers per household.

Please bring vehicle registration(s) for the vehicle(s) you will be using at the recycle center, your license or photo identification, and/or documentation that you are a Town or Village of Victor resident. Each resident will be required to sign a "release and waiver of liability" form and a recycle application, when applying for a recycle sticker.

Business owners who want to purchase a commercial recycle permit will be required to bring in registration(s) to the vehicle(s) to which they will be adhering the sticker(s). The commercial permits are to be used for recyclable materials only.

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding permits to the Highway/Recycle office at 924-3323 extension 2201.

When purchasing or changing vehicles, please remove the old sticker. Each permit is associated to the resident by the license plate number of the vehicle to which they affix the sticker. Replacement stickers will only be issued at no charge, to those residents who have their old stickers or their receipt of purchase. If a resident does not have the old recycle sticker the Recycle Department will charge \$20 for a replacement.

Special Use Stickers

If a resident does not have a recycle sticker and wants to utilize the center temporarily, a 30 day special use permit can be purchased for \$25. If a different vehicle is being used to haul garbage, recyclables or brush, a special use permit will be issued at no charge to residents who have a current recycle sticker.

Swap Shop Only Stickers

The Swap Shop is closed for the winter season.

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Town of Victor Recognizes Employees for Going Above and Beyond!

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH JULY, 2013

Sean McAdoo, Code Coordinator, was nominated for Employee of the Month. Sean is a member of the Victor Fire Department and he plays a vital role. He was elected 1st Asst Chief this past spring. We saw him in this commanding role when he was the Command Officer at a recent fire alarm here at the Town Hall. On June 13th, the day it RAINED in Victor, Sean was busy assisting the citizens of our community with multiple flooding concerns. Later in the evening he put the Code Enforcement Hat back on and responded to Farmington to cover for their Code Officer, at a home damaged by a falling tree. It was later learned this was the residence of one of our own employees and it was a total loss. These incidents show the unfortunate circumstances the Fire Dept and Code Officials are often called to. Regardless of the hat Sean is wearing at the time he is called to serve, our community is well served by Sean!



Sean McAdoo

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AUGUST, 2013

Gloria Dunton, Fiscal Manager, was nominated for Employee of the Month by Town Clerk, Debra Denz. Debbie appreciated that Gloria took the time to look up and resend the budget training material, which was used last year, to refresh everyone on how to complete the process this year. Gloria spent considerable time with Debbie until her confidence was at a level she felt comfortable with. Debbie knew that Gloria was busy with the budget process overall and thought it was nice that she offered to assist her. Kudos Gloria!



Gloria Dunton

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER, 2013

Steve Hendrickson, Recreation Supervisor, was nominated for Employee of the Month by co-worker Sharon Kaisen for working tirelessly from April until late August organizing his summer camp programs including 50-60 staff members and volunteers. He works 80+ hours a week culminating in the Dryer Road Park Family Campout. He always has a smile on his face and never complains about his long hours, including weekend trips with the teen Adventure Club. He is a treasured member of our staff and well loved by community members – especially the kids!



Steve Hendrickson

Victor Village Cemetery Restoration & Preservation Committee

By Bonnie Waters, Victor Village Cemetery Committee, bwaters@town-victor-ny.us

The Victor Village Cemetery Restoration & Preservation Committee, a volunteer committee of the Town of Victor, continues its ongoing commitment of preservation and restoration of the two Town owned cemeteries, Victor Village Cemetery, located behind the Methodist Church, East Main Street and the Parks Family Cemetery, located on Rowley Road across from Cole and Parks.

Restoration of the Village Cemetery began in 2007 with the formation of the committee. The pioneer cemetery is the final resting place of Victor's early settlers as well as Veterans from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War and Civil War. The earliest known burial is 1810, internments continued until 1949. We have been active in overseeing repairs to gravestones and creating an index of all known burials as well as landscaping and flower gardens. Over a three year span of time, fencing was installed around the perimeter. We work closely with the Town of Victor Parks Maintenance crew under the directive of Jeff Rader. A beautiful park setting has been created thanks to their constant mowing, weed trimming and maintenance of flower beds and shrubs. As part of our commitment to the preservation of our local history, we continue to research and document the family history of individuals who are buried in the cemetery. We work closely with Babette Huber, Town of Victor Historian, who is our advisor.

The Parks Family Cemetery is a small family burial ground deeded to the town in 1995. The Parks Family made major contri-

butions to the history of Victor. The original homestead [now Cole and Parks], which is across the street from the cemetery, was built by Simeon Parks in the early 1800's, thus making it one of the earliest structures in the Victor area. Mr. Parks was a very prosperous land owner. His children continued that prosperity; one son became a millionaire; a daughter married Reese Reed, a leading grower of potatoes; a granddaughter married Louis Locke, son of Fred Locke, inventor of the porcelain insulator. The burial ground was active until the 1920's when the road was reconfigured and the cemetery abandoned. This cemetery will be restored in the coming year, burial sites will be marked, grass and flowers planted. Very little information exists regarding the family and burials that occurred. We are appealing to the public for any information about the family and the grounds. Please contact Babette Huber, Town Historian with any information.

The Cemetery Committee is always looking for new members. This is an opportunity to assist in the preservation of one facet of history of the Town and Village of Victor, to learn about the past and people and participate in a volunteer effort as a community service. If interested, please contact the Victor Village Cemetery Committee at 85 East Main Street, Victor, NY 14564 or contact Babette Huber, Town and Village Historian [585-742-5065 or bmhuber@town-victor-ny.us.] We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the Village Hall. Meetings are not held November-February.

AARP Will Do Your Income Tax Return at No Charge

By Rod Walters, Local Coordinator for AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides free Federal and New York State income tax return preparation for those with low- to moderate-income especially those 60 and older. It's free, individualized and there are no strings attached. Residents of Victor and the surrounding area can make an appointment to have their tax return prepared by IRS certified volunteers at the Victor Town Hall by calling 585-742-5080. Please do not call until after January 1, 2014.

BE A TAX PREPARATION VOLUNTEER

The local AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is welcoming volunteers to do income tax returns for those with low to moderate-income taxpayers especially those 60 and older. Volunteers are trained and IRS-certified each year

Volunteers have an experienced mentor as well as multiple resources. Federal and New York State returns are done with tax software. Mileage reimbursement is available. Tax returns are prepared at the Victor Town Hall.

For more information call Rod Walters 315-986-3087 or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide

Victor Senior News

By Esther Green



Esther Green

Our meetings are the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Victor Town Hall; 85 East Main St, Victor, New York. Lunch is at noon followed by a meeting. Once a month, there is a program after the meeting. On the second Monday of the month, there is a sandwich meeting and dessert will be provided. There will be a tureen dinner on the fourth Monday of the month. Everyone brings a dish to pass and their own table service. Coffee and tea are provided.

We invite you to come to the meetings for lunch, to learn about our trips and activities. Residents only have to be 60 years of age to belong to the group. Only one spouse is required to make the age requirement. For more information contact Esther Green at 585-924-2285.

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Brian Emelson,
CPRP, Director
of Parks and
Recreation,
(585) 742-0140

Things to do this Winter in Victor!

The Department of Parks and Recreation is a great place to be during the winter months. My friends and family from down south often ask...“What do you folks do up there since it’s so cold and snowy in the winter months?” My typical response is...“we embrace it.” With nine community parks, fifty-five miles of multi-use trails and over one-hundred different recreation activities offered in our community this season, I am confident that you can find an activity to beat the winter blahs!

If you are a senior citizen in the community, please consider joining one of our card clubs, attending a Tuesday Travelogue, or drop by one of our morning fitness classes and start the day right. Perhaps you or your child would be interested in learning how to downhill ski or snowboard this winter? Please consider joining Recreation Supervisor Bill Lew for our popular Ski and Snowboard Club which heads down to Bristol Mountain Resort on Fridays during January and February. Maybe you have a spring or summer wedding to attend and need to brush up on your Fox Trot or Waltz? Grab a partner and join us on Wednesday evenings and let the magic begin.

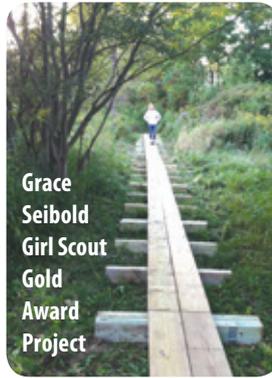
Now that the “new” Aquatic Center on the campus of the Victor Central School District has opened, we are starting a Masters Swim program in the mornings and evenings for residents that are looking to spice up their lap swimming or get back into competition! As always, we continue to offer an array of children’s dance, art, creative play and instructional sports activities during

the winter months. Please review this season’s Parks and Recreation brochure and visit us on the web at www.victorny.org.

Capital improvement projects we are developing (in 2014) include the kiosks, benches, plaza, wayfinding and mile marker signage for the recently completed Auburn Trail Extension project. In addition, we have several projects identified from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will be under design over the winter for spring and summer construction. Our partnership with area boy and girl scouts continued this past fall with Grace Seibold completing her Girl Scout Gold Award by constructing and installing a boardwalk on the trail at MaryFrances Bluebird Haven.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the residents of the Jacob’s Landing Subdivision for their ongoing support and commitment to our Department while we worked to bring Victor Municipal Park online for the entire community. It has been my pleasure to work with you on the landscape design, facility planning and development and the construction of this park for community use. Please keep the feedback coming on ways to improve our entire parks and trails system... we want our play areas to continue to be a model for neighboring communities in the Finger Lakes!

So don’t feel that you have to be stranded inside the house waiting for spring to come, embrace this time of year with your family and friends at the Victor Department of Parks and Recreation!



Grace Seibold
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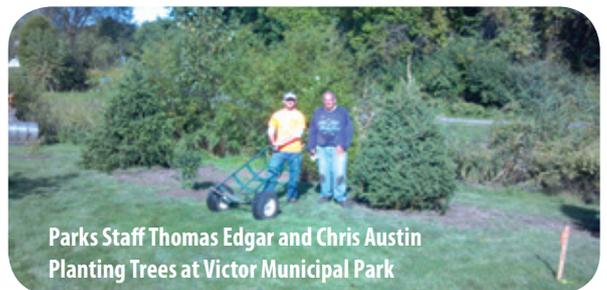
“New” Bocce Court at Victor Municipal Park



“New” Beach Volleyball Court at Victor Municipal Park



“New” Horseshoe Pits at Victor Municipal Park



Parks Staff Thomas Edgar and Chris Austin
Planting Trees at Victor Municipal Park

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Thank You Scouts!

By David Wright, Chairman, Victor Hiking Trails Inc

The Boy Scouts in our area continue to help us improve our parks and trails. Most recently Harrison Van Bork, Troop 105, of Mendon, NY. He built two 16' long by 6' wide bridges over two wet areas in Fishers Park. Harrison had to plan the entire project, get the building permit from the Town of Victor and order all the material. With the help of his troop he cut the pathway through the wild rose bushes on a Friday. The material was delivered to the park the following day. The lumber was quite heavy, requiring several adults and strong scouts to carry them to the building site. It was a full day of work for 10 adults and scouts to build the bridges. Several of the moms brought hot dogs to cook on the grills at the park, along with homemade tortellini, beans, cookies and brownies.



Four Scouts carrying a 16' 6 x 6 to the bridge site



photos by Carol Van Bork

Harrison Van Bork (to the right of bridge) supervising the completion of one of the bridges



Harrison Van Bork (in between two beams) supervising the assembly and installation of joist/beams for one of the bridges

Another Eagle Project completed this summer was by Mark Kruger. He built 5 very sturdy wood picnic tables at a site in Farmington that were then transported to various locations along trails and parks in Victor. Luck for Mark he was able to arrange off-road transportation as the various locations he chose were all at least ¼ mile from any road. The five locations he chose were Fishers Park (2 tables), Monkey Run Park, Seneca Trail behind Walmart and the Seneca Trail overlooking the Beaver Pond on The Apple Farm property.



Mark Kruger using a small tractor to deliver tables to a remote site. Photos by Mark Kruger's mom, Meredith Andler



Mark Kruger (right) and another scout taking a short break after installing a picnic table under a great oak on the Seneca Trail behind Walmart

More scout projects:

- Boy Scout Alexander Robinson and Troop 61 in Victor placed several nature signs identifying trees along the Monkey Run trails
- On November 2nd we had 50+ scouts to help us with 5 or 6 separate trail improvement projects as part of their community service requirements
- Another scout has agreed to clear a new path for a section of the Seneca Trail in back of Office Max
- A Girl Scout, Grace Seibold, is leading a boardwalk project at MaryFrances Bluebird Haven for her Gold Award

All of these projects are designed to make Victor Trails the best in the area. There is always need for improvements along the trails and in the parks. Scouts or other groups can contact Victor Hiking Trails and/or Town of Victor Parks and Recreation for information about Eagle or other community projects that currently need to be done.

We hope the readers of this article have an opportunity to hike, bike or ski on the trails this Fall and Winter and see some of the handiwork of the scouts in our area.



Fishers Fire Department

Fishers Fire District to Expand High Street Firehouse

By Galen Powers, Chair Board of Fire Commissioners



The back parking lot of the Fishers firehouse on High Street will soon be full of construction workers and their equipment as the Fishers Fire District kicks off its expansion project. While preliminary details are still being completed, we continue to look forward to starting construction in 2013 with an anticipated completion date of late 2014.

The High Street station was built in 1974 and has provided excellent service. However, times change and so do building codes and laws regarding accessibility. New technologies have changed the department's spatial needs to accommodate radio equipment, servers, printers, copiers, scanners, information displays and emergency power.

The upper floor of the addition will house sleeping quarters, kitchen facilities, ready room and code compliant bathrooms for our career firefighters when they are on duty for 24-hour shifts. These facilities will also be used by all members when they are on stand-by for extended emergencies. The existing office area will be upgraded from 1974 era facilities to a contemporary design.

The new lower floor will house a 50 percent larger meeting and training area with upgraded kitchen facilities. This room will accommodate larger meetings and additional

mandated training. It will also be available as a community meeting room, and district residents can reserve these facilities for their own family gatherings. The current meeting/community room will be remodeled into a small multipurpose space.

There are also environmental issues to consider, such as asbestos removal, reduced energy usage and new surface finishes that are more environmentally friendly. The \$1,500,000 estimated cost will be paid for by existing reserve funds with no tax change.

With changes to the Fishers Fire District's population base, we have to keep planning ahead to be able to serve that changing population. Today, higher density subdivisions, stores, restaurants and senior facilities have sprung up. There were 822 housing units in the Town of Victor (excluding the Village) in 1970 and in 2010 there were 4,679. In 2000, the Town of Victor population was 9,977 people. In 2010, it was 14,275 people and is still growing. This is why we are staffing our fire houses 24 hours a day and expanding our facilities to meet the needs of this large and diversified population.

Victor Free Library

By Lynne Madden, Youth Services Specialist, lmadden@pls-net.org

Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving Hours:

Wednesday, November 27th - 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Thursday, November 28th - Closed

Regular hours resume on Friday, November 29th

Christmas Hours:

Tuesday, December 24th - Closed

Wednesday, December 25th - Closed

Regular hours resume on Thursday, December 26th

New Year's Hours:

Tuesday, December 31st - 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Wednesday, January 1st - Closed

Regular hours resume on Thursday, January 2nd

Upcoming Activities:

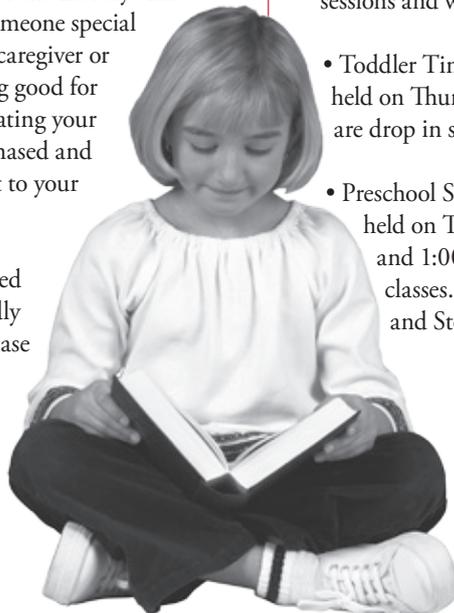
Christmas in the Village

We would like to invite families to visit the Victor Free Library on Saturday, November 30th as we join in celebrating "Christmas in the Village." We'll be holding a special holiday family story time at 11:00 A.M. featuring local author Lisa Olek. Lisa will be reading her newest picture book, *Yoshka's Journey to Christmas*. In addition to reading the book Lisa will tell us how she came to write this book. Copies will be available for sale at the program for \$22.00. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends.

Be a Star...Buy-a-Book for the Library

We'll be holding our annual Holiday Buy-a-Book campaign again this December. We invite you to come to the Library, look over our newly purchased children's books and choose one (or more) to buy for the Library. This is a wonderful way to recognize someone special in your life, a child, grandparent, caregiver or teacher, as well as doing something good for the community. Bookplates dedicating your gift will be put in each book purchased and we'll send a gift acknowledgement to your special person if you wish.

Buy-a-Book donations aren't limited to just children's books. We'll gladly accept honor donations and purchase a book suggested by you or we can choose something for you. Buy-a-Book donations are tax deductible.



December School Break Activities

We have a variety of activities planned for the school holiday vacation weeks. Programs include a Lego Fun afternoon, a Movie Morning, a Family Story Time and a Babysitter's Training class. Details on these and other library happenings can be found on the library webpage: www.victorfreelibrary.org and on our Facebook page.

Booked for the Evening Book Discussions

The Friends of the Library's monthly book discussions are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the Malone Meeting Room. The discussions are open to anyone interested.

- **December 10th** – *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey (Rochester's 2014 "If All of Rochester Read the Same Book" selection)
- **January 14th** – *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Rebecca Skloot
- February 11th – *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver
- **March 11th** – *The Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier
- **April 8th** – *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn

Winter/Spring Story Times

By the time you get this newsletter our Fall Story Times will be winding up. Now is the time to mark your calendars for our winter/spring story time sessions.

- Mother Goose Time for babies ages 0-18 months are held on Monday mornings at 10:30. These are drop in sessions and will begin on February 3rd.
- Toddler Times for children ages 18-36 months are held on Thursday and Friday mornings at 10:30. These are drop in sessions and will begin on February 27th.
- Preschool Story Times for children ages 3 to 5 are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:15 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Registration is required for these classes. Registration will begin on January 20th and Story Times will begin on February 4th.

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Victor Community Drug Collection Event

By Sarah Newton, Victor Senior High School, dance3569@gmail.com

The annual Victor Community Drug Collection took place on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Victor Early Childhood School. This was the 4th year of the event in Victor, sponsored by the Partnership for Ontario County, Town of Victor Sustainability Advisory Committee (VSAC), Mead Square Pharmacy, and the Ontario County Sheriff's Office. The purpose was to educate and promote proper disposal of unwanted and expired prescription drugs and over the counter medications. The event provided convenient and environmentally safe disposal as a substitute for the more common method of everyday trash or flushing the medicine.

The Process:

The annual event was led by Ms. Terry Whitt, the Project Director for Drug Free Communities at the Partnership for Ontario County. Sheriff Deputies commanded the event by providing security and gathering the outdated prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicines, prescription controlled substances and personal care products from residents in a "drive up window" fashion so they would not need to leave their vehicles. Mead Square Pharmacist, Christopher Casey, RPh, inspected the prescription bottles and medical items to confirm their content. Some items were not collected and these included hazardous waste, materials containing mercury or iodine, and illegal drugs. Members of the Town of Victor Sustainability Advisor Committee (VSAC), Kurt Bernier, Kathleen Draper, and Victor 10th grader Sarah Newton, provided assistance and surveyed residents to improve communication, promote future events, and provide input on other sustainability issues. Once the drugs were collected, all items were taken directly to an incinerator in Grand Island, NY, managed by the energy company Covanta Niagara. The collected items were in the custody of the Ontario County Sheriff's at all times, from initial collection to final incineration.

Local, State, and National Programs:

The Partnership for Ontario County has sponsored drug collection in Victor since 2010. Annual drug collections in Victor totaled 256, 410, and 370 pounds in 2010, 2011, and 2012 respectively, and vehicle counts averaged 136 per year. Since 2010, the drug collection program has gathered over three tons of unwanted medications in Ontario County [2]. Drug collections have become more common in the US due to the federal program called the "DEA National Take Back Initiative" [3] and have been fully supported at the NY State level by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) [4]. The DEC has developed a convenient list of Frequently Asked Questions on this subject [5].

In 2010, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act, which amended the Controlled Substances Act. This facilitates managers of adult long term care facilities, who can now ask for assistance from government agencies (law enforcement, EPA, DEA) to safely dispose of unwanted medications, instead of using informal and harmful methods like flushing [6].

Medical Concerns:

Over the counter drugs and prescription medications have become a leading source of drug over usage. Unused and forgotten medicines found in home cabinets are a huge public health risk due to their possible misuse, either deliberate or accidental. Americans currently abuse prescription drugs more than cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined, according to the 2011 National Survey on Drug Use and Health [6]. Accidental use is also easy to understand when we consider the lack of security on a typical home medicine cabinet.

Environmental Concerns:

The NY State DEC has a well-developed website that explains the environmental hazards of flushing unused drugs and how consumers, businesses, and medical facilities can reduce their environmental impact through proper medicine disposal. The NY State DEC claims with recent higher technology measurement methods, they can determine if there are trace amounts of prescription medications in lakes and rivers [7].

The main hazards to flushing medications are threefold:

- Confirmation that household drugs have been found in 80% of US waterways (1999 study)
- Confirmation that harmful effects to reproductive systems in fish and aquatic wildlife, such as egg bearing (feminized) male fish, have been found when exposed to certain common drugs.
- Concern about the development of drug resistant bacteria

Summary:

The Victor Community Drug Collection was a success and will hopefully continue for many years to come. It is critically important to educate families, businesses, schools, and any institution where medicine is administered about this issue. Proper disposal of unwanted medications will keep these drugs away from our families and out of our local water supply, creating a more sustainable and healthy environment for our future.

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VSAC

Victor Local Development Corp

Town Expands Economic Development Initiatives

The Town is demonstrating their commitment to launching the Comprehensive Plan with a renewed focus on economic development initiatives. Currently economic development responsibilities fall under the Victor Local Development Corporation. Since its inception in 1999 the LDC has offered various economic development programs - business retention, recruitment and expansion – to improve the local business climate. The majority of those services were available to Village businesses until 2007 when LDC expanded its role to encompass all businesses in Victor. Budgeting for the Corporation came from contributions from both the Town and Village governments as well as fundraising through special events. Beginning in January 2014, the Town will take over the entire funding of the LDC and forming an Office of Economic Development.



The LDC has achieved its goals over the years exhibited by Village revitalization efforts, but there was always the need to do more. Victor's current growth in both business and residential creates more of a demand for streamlining our process and being more proactive. The Office of Economic Development will be aligned with other Town departments that are instrumental in developing a concise process for doing business in Victor, which will ultimately brand Victor as business friendly. The Town's Comprehensive Plan outlines specific economic development initiatives to be developed or improved

–increased retention & recruitment efforts, incentives, overall marketing of Victor's assets geared toward attracting new businesses—are a few examples. The Town continues its support of that Plan by moving forward to expand the role of economic development in Victor.

Where's LDC? The Victor LDC will remain intact and be managed by a Board of Directors and Executive Director Kathy Rayburn. The LDC will continue to offer existing services and will be focusing on new initiatives to offer local businesses. The LDC will be an additional resource/tool for the office of Economic Development with the ability to do things that a municipality can't – for example providing business loans & property acquisition. Ms. Rayburn will have a dual role managing the LDC and the new office of Economic Development.

How do we get there from here? This direction came about after two joint meetings of the Town/Village and LDC boards where discussion took place regarding new initiatives, review of the Economic Development section of the Comprehensive Plan and what the current priorities are. A Task Force was formed to review the vision, mission and overall organizational structure for the new endeavor. An important addition to the LDC structure will be developing and incorporating a Business Advisory Board to routinely collect business needs and feedback on LDC performance.



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Upcoming Events:

- November 30th – Christmas in the Village – Daylong event featuring: breakfast with Santa, wagon rides, visits with Santa, children's activities, holiday shopping all followed by the annual Holiday Tree Lighting.
- December 13th Holiday Wine Walk! Sample Wines and shop our merchants for the Holiday's – 5:30 to 8:30 P.M.



Victor LDC



Babette Huber,
Town Historian
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Village Street Names Reflect Victor Personages

Ellis? Walling? Ketchum? Woodworth? Webster? Andrews? Moore? Coville? Adams? How did these street names come to be?

One of the earliest streets to be named was Andrews Street—actually it was first recorded as Rowley Lane. That is because Dr. Andrew Rowley owned all of the land from East Main Street north to the end of Rowley Lane/Andrews Street. Dr. Rowley was said to have been very successful, especially in the diseases of women and children, of which he made a specialty, and in surgery. He began his practice in Victor in 1888.

Coville Street is another early street in the village—note that the family that this street is named after is spelled differently. It was named after the Covill family—a prosperous farming family who owned much of the land on the east side of Maple Avenue.

On July 4, 1865, less than three months after the Civil War ended, hundreds of people from all around Victor congregated in the village and marched in procession to the Covill grove. There they celebrated the return of peace with Lafayette Seavey reading the Declaration of Independence.

Moore Avenue, which crosses East Main Street at Maple Avenue, was named after John Moore. He built the three story brick building on the corner in 1872. It was to house his brother William's bank. Moore's bank failed in 1883, but was replaced by another private bank—Parmele, Hamlin and Company Bank which eventually became the Canandaigua National Bank.

Webster Heights (now Webster Avenue), a short street north of Moore Avenue was named after the Webster family. In the early 1900s, Milo F. Webster bought one of the two homes on "the heights" which had been built on the original lot of the Proprietor's Church—the first meetinghouse in

Victor used for all of Victor's denominations.

Street names in the relatively new subdivision of Jacob's Landing off East Street reveal historic personages important to the Village's history. Walling Street is named about the first President (now called Mayor) of the Village of Victor—James Walling. He built the first mini-mall on East Main Street in the Village in 1874 and called it the Walling Block. It burned in 1981 and is now Victor Village Place.

Woodworth Street is named after W. C. Woodworth, whose firm Loomis and Woodworth was among the largest wholesale produce concerns of Western New York. Their place of business was located near the New York Central tracks.

Ketchum Street—Jared Ketchum was one of the early settlers who, along with the Boughton family left Stockbridge, Massachusetts and settled in Victor. Mr. Ketchum's son, Joshua, married Sally Boughton (daughter of Hezekiah Boughton, purchaser of Township #11, Range 4, for 20 cents an acre—now the Town of Victor). He served in the Revolutionary War as a matross (an apprentice gunner).

Ellis Street is named after Boliver Ellis. Mr. Ellis was a surveyor and conveyancer, Justice of the Peace, Town Board Member for 24 years, Town Supervisor for 3 years, Ontario County Clerk and a prominent member of the Universalist Church.

As you walk and drive around the village other street names may intrigue you—Maple Avenue, School Street (where's the school?), Church Street, High Street. If you would like to see if your street has a history to its name, call me at 742-5065 or email me at BMHuber@town-victor-ny.us.

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Local Artist Wall

The newest Local Artist Wall exhibit is by the Colored Pencil Artist group. Artists and their works displayed are:

- Fran Carducci: Cherry Blossoms
- Arlyn Salamone: Lily
- Betty Caulkins: Peggy's Cove – Nova Scotia
- Sam Ferrara: B&P RR - In The Snow
- Rhoda Staab: Juleo – Galapagos Islands
- Beth Milliken: The Hudson Sisters 1927
- Donna Russell: "Who You Looking At?"
- Robin Pollot: Penn Yan Barn



Letter from Mayor John Holden

RG&E Tree Trimming

During the summer months Rochester Gas and Electric (RG&E) ‘trimmed’ many of the trees throughout the Village that were adjacent to their power lines. The rationale for this is that tree branches in contact or close proximity of the power line can create a hazard; particularly during a storm (ice comes to mind). This is a needed trimming to ensure electrical power to our residences and businesses. However, the extent of their aggressive tree trimming was, in my, and many others’ opinions, was well beyond the scope of their objective. The entire sides of trees were cut-off, some topped. The aesthetic beauty of trees was destroyed as well as concerns with the future health of these trees. The RG&E trimming concerns were voiced by both Town and Village residents. In response to the many concerns, Supervisor Jack Marren and I met with the RG&E forester and community relations representative to discuss this issue. After a lengthy discussion, in which the RG&E reps did agree that ‘perhaps some’ of the tree trimmings were too aggressive, Supervisor Marren suggested that RG&E develop a village/city model for tree trimming as compared to a rural model. I believe that this is a very workable solution to this issue. The village setting model would create a tree trimming program in which the aesthetics of the trees would be considered, yet still providing the necessary ‘clearance’ from the power lines. In addition, better supervision of the contracted tree companies that do the actual work. A future meeting with residents is being planned with RG&E representatives to ensure that future tree trimmings better reflect a village setting.

Village/Town Traffic Study Update

The Village and Town, as we know, are experiencing growing traffic issues. The Villages concerns are most focused on Rte. 96, Main Street, and the traffic signals. However, as traffic back-up on Rte. 96 and in the Village, alternative routes area sought, often creating traffic congestion and safety issues in these by pass routes.

As part of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, a Victor Traffic Task Force was established to review and devise a plan to address the traffic congestion. The task force included Village, Town, NYSDOT, Genesee Transportation Council officials and various consulting engineers. Previous Rte. 96 traffic studies were reviewed as well as current reviews of traffic flow in the Town and Village. Roadways throughout Victor were evaluated and ranked on a common template and based on “full

built-out” had occurred in both Town and Village.

Next steps: Recommendations were made to Village and Town Boards, including Planning, Zoning, Comprehensive Plan Task Forces, and Codes and Development. A public forum, including all boards, is to be held. Consequently, implementation of plans to alleviate traffic issues is a final goal for both Village and Town Boards. Victor will continue to have “traffic problems,” challenges, as we experience new growth or expansion in residential, commercial, and industrial building projects. It is our goal to resolve, or alleviate, these traffic issues the best we can.

Lastly, in the Village, I will continue to push for improvements in our 3 traffic signals to provide a better flow through the Village.

Village Streetscape Flowers



Have you seen the flowers in the Village of Victor? WOW! Hanging baskets and large pots of flowers are spread throughout our downtown. This colorful enhancement in our Victor community was collaboration between the Village and the Victor Garden Club. A special effort was made this past spring when the Victor Garden Club President, Mary Duprey, approached me with the ideas of enhancing the hanging flower baskets and adding large pots of flowers in the Main Street corridor of the Village. Working with the Village’s Department of Public Works Director, John Turner, Local Development Executive Director, Kathy Rayburn, and Victor Garden Club’s Mary Duprey and Marilyn Teel, plans blossomed. The Victor Garden Club received a grant from the Seventh District Federated Garden Clubs of New York State to purchase 7 flower pots and flowers, for a total of 10, towards the Village’s beautification project. In addition, merchants on Main Street and civic organizations donated money for a total of 19 pots to be placed in front of their



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businesses. Flower pots were also placed at Village Hall and Town Hall. The Garden Club, working with DPW Todd Wyman, also continued the annual planting of flowers in the existing large concrete pots also along Main Street. We have received numerous compliments from both inside and outside the Victor community on these attractive enhancements and additions to our Village. In addition, we are pleased in furthering our efforts of continuing to beautify Victor.

Village Revitalization

The Victor Local Development Executive Director, Kathy Rayburn, has again secured a \$200,000 Main Street Grant through the New York State Main Street Program. As in the past this grant money has assisted Main Street businesses improve their building façade or renovate interior space for their business. This is a matching, or 50/50 grant.

Odds & Ends

The Farmers' Market was once again a successful venue for our Victor community. The Farmers' Market, again, was located at the Village Hall parking lot this past season.

The Village budget process starts in January, 2014 as the Village's fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31. The Village budget workshops are posted and opened for public attendance.

Soon the snow will be flying. The Village DPW tries to salt the streets sensibly, please drive accordingly.

Feel free to contact me with your ideas, or concerns.

Mayor John Holden
924.3311

News About Your Basic

STAR Exemption

Do Not Forget To Register

You must register to keep your Basic STAR property tax exemption! The point of registering with New York State is to identify property owners with multiple STAR exemptions.

The registration letters for Ontario County were sent out the last week of August. You must register with NYS State Department of Taxation and Finance (NYS DTF) before December 31st, 2013 in order to keep your Basic STAR exemption.

If you don't register, NYS DTF will direct the Town Assessor to remove your Basic STAR exemption from the 2014 assessment roll.

The tax savings of a Basic STAR exemption on the Victor School tax bill in 2012 was \$485.59.

If you pay your property taxes through your mortgage, losing your Basic STAR exemption could mean a large increase in your monthly payment.

When you receive your notification from NYS DTF, do not ignore it!!! Follow the directions or bring it into the Assessor's Office and we'll be happy to help you.

This only applies to homeowners with the Basic STAR exemption – not the Enhanced.

If you have any questions, the phone number for the:

- NYS Department of Taxation and Finance is 518-457-2036
- Ontario County Real Property Tax Services is 585-396-4382
- Victor assessor's office is 585-742-5010

Village of Victor General Information

By Pamela Hogenes, Village Clerk



**Pamela Hogenes,
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The Village Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The Village Hall is located at 60 East Main Street. The Village Clerk's phone number is 924-3311.

The Department of Public Works normal working hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. The Department of Public Works is located at 150 Rawson Road. The DPW phone number is 924-2004.

Village Board of Trustees meetings are scheduled on the first and third Monday's of the month. The meetings start at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Hall and are open to the public.

Approved minutes from ALL the Village Board meetings can be found on the Victor website (www.victorny.org) under Agendas & Minutes.

If you would like to contact us via e-mail, please select departments, Village Clerk and contact us to the right at www.victorny.org. Or, feel free to e-mail the Village Clerk directly at villageclerk@villageofvictor.org.

Village Calendar

The Village of Victor is committed to providing our residents with any and all pertinent information regarding "All things Village" in one convenient location. To accomplish that, we started publishing a yearly calendar filled with meeting dates and deadlines, garbage and recycling schedules, important phone numbers, water/sewer billing schedules and Village Boards and members and much more. Please look for our 2014 calendar in your mail in December.

New Village Local Laws

For those who could not attend our regularly scheduled Board meetings listed below are the Local Laws that were adopted by the Village of Victor Board of Trustees in 2013. These changes were added to the Village Code after holding a public hearing and listening to public input:

Local Law 1-13

Amend Chapter 133, Site Plan Review. This revision addressed additional requirements to applicants in the residential district.

Local Law 2-13

Rezone 47 East Street. This parcel was re-zoned from SCR-3 Senior Citizen Residential to R-3 Multiple Residence.

Local Law 3-13

Repeal existing Chapter 47 and Adopt a new Chapter 47. Several changes and new restrictions were made to this Chapter addressing permits and restrictions.

Local Law 4-13

Repeal existing Chapter 116, Property Maintenance and Chapter 155, Abandoned Vehicles and Adopt a new Chapter 116. This local law was adopted to combine the two chapters as well as add additional restrictions.

Recycling & Garbage Changes

Thanksgiving Garbage:

Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Wednesday, November 27, 2013

Christmas Recycling:

Wednesday's Recycling will be picked up on Friday, December 27, 2013

New Year's Recycling:

Wednesday's Recyclables will be picked up on Friday, January 3, 2014

Special Note:

The Village will pick up Christmas trees that are placed at the curbside periodically during the month of January only.

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Village Holiday Closings

The Village Hall and the Department of Public Works will be closed the following Days:

Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 28, 2013*
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 29, 2013
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25, 2013*
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1, 2014*
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 20, 2014
Good Friday	Friday, April 18, 2014
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26, 2014

(* Indicates garbage or recycling change)

**IN CASE OF AN
EMERGENCY, CALL THE
VILLAGE'S CELL PHONE
AT 370-7564 OR 760-3738**



John C. Turner,
Director of
Public Works
for the Village
of Victor,
(585) 924-2004

Village Director of Public Works

By John C. Turner

Parking

Parking your vehicle on Village streets from the hours of 2:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M. is prohibited. Keeping the roads and streets clear for plowing, helps everyone in the long run. For this, failure to comply may result in ticketing or towing, at the expense of the owner.

Mailboxes

It's also a good idea to keep your house numbers clear from snow, in case of emergencies. Many don't realize just how much snow can obscure even a well-known area for emergency personnel. Along with house numbers, please help us by keeping your mailbox clear from snow. By shoveling round the mailbox, mail delivery is easier and it cuts down on the risk of losing the mailbox to a snowplow.

Plowing

If you hire someone to plow your driveway, please make certain the snow is not plowed into the road. It's not only dangerous for drivers, it's also illegal.

Village Speed Limits

Now is also a good time to remind the Victor residents that the speed limit in ALL subdivisions in the Village

of Victor is 25mph. It is also 25mph on Church Street, Hillcrest Drive, and East and West Parkway. All other streets and highways in the Village are 30mph.

F.O.G. (Fats, Oils, Grease)

Disposing of oils and grease down the drain has caused major problems in the areas of School Street and Coville Street. When the oil or grease hit the cold water it causes it to form a ball that blocks the sewer flow. Also, anything toxic cannot be poured down drains: Paints, Thinner, Motor Oil, etc.

Sewer Backup

In the case that you have a sewer plug in your home, you are responsible to unplug the sewer to the property right of way. From the ROW to the street, it is the Village's responsibility to the Main. If there is an outside cleanout, the Village will be glad to try to unplug sewer before you have to call a plumbing contractor.

If a plumbing contractor is called first and it is determined that the issue is in the Village right of way, the Village of Victor is not responsible for reimbursement to the plumbing contractor.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call the Village Hall at 924-3311.

Village Spring Large Trash Pickup Schedule

The Village of Victor has designated two times during the course of the year in which residents can dispose of appliances, household items, and large quantities of brush.

If you need to dispose of these items at any other time during the year, you may reserve the Village Rolloff for a fee of \$180.00 by calling the Village Hall at 924-3311, or you may utilize the Town of Victor's Recycling Center after first obtaining a permit from the Town Highway/Recycle Office, Building "A" at 60 Rawson Road.

We appreciate your cooperation in not placing these items at the curb with your weekly garbage.

Please note: This service is for Village residential properties only.

PLACE ITEMS AT THE CURB NO EARLIER THAN 6:00 P.M. TWO DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY, AND NO LATER THAN 7:00 A.M. MONDAY MORNING TO INSURE PICKUP. NOTE: DO NOT PLACE FOOD GARBAGE, WET PAINT, TOXIC ITEMS, OR RECYCLABLES IN THIS PICKUP.

April 14, 2014

Alpine Way	East Parkway	Salem Circle
Ambassador Drive	Forest Avenue	Somerset Lane
Andrew Street	Kent Drive	Tareyton Drive
Clover Lane	Lynaugh Road	Winston Drive

April 21, 2014

Church Street	S. High Street	Sagamore Way
Dryer Avenue	Hillcrest Drive	Valley View Circle
Dunbridge Lane	Huxley Way	Valley View Drive
Duxbury Circle	Latchmere Drive	Webster Avenue
Glendower Way	Moore Avenue	West Parkway

April 28, 2014

Brookline Avenue	Ketchum Street	School Street
Cambridge Circle	Maple Avenue	Walling Street
Coville Street	Medford Way	Waltham Street
East Main Street	Railroad Street	Wellington Drive
East Street	Rawson Road	West Main Street
Ellis Street	Rothbury Circle	Woodworth Street

Please Note:

Additional Fees - To be paid in advance at the Village Hall

- Tires 16" or under without rim: \$2.00 per tire
- Freon Removal (Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, etc.): \$15.00 ea.

FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL CALL ONTARIO COUNTY RECYCLING AT 585-526-4420

Victor Volunteer Fire Department

By Joseph Murphy, Fire Chief

On October 9, 2013, the Ontario County 911 Center moved into their new 911 center in the City of Canandaigua. In addition to moving into the new center, all of the public safety agencies in the county, including the Victor Fire Department, began using the County's new 700 MHz trunked radio system. The new 911 center and radio system have been in the planning and building stages for the past several years and cost approximately \$17 million to build.

Prior to October 9th, fire departments, EMS, law enforcement, and public works agencies within Ontario County were using several different radio systems and did not have direct communication between each other. The chiefs of the Victor Fire Department often carried two or three separate radios in order to communicate with everyone on the scene of an emergency. The new radio system places all of those agencies on a single system allowing interoperability among all emergency responders. In the event of a large scale emergency where multiple agencies are working together, such as an accident or natural disaster, the firefighters can speak directly with the highway department, ambulance or law enforcement to coordinate their responses.

In addition, the former radio system used by the Victor Fire Department consisted of 1950's technology. On a fire scene, we had difficulty contacting the 911 Center by radio to request additional resources or assistance. The new radio system guarantees at least 95% coverage for our radios meaning that we will be able to call for assistance without delay thereby improving both the safety of our firefighters and the general public.

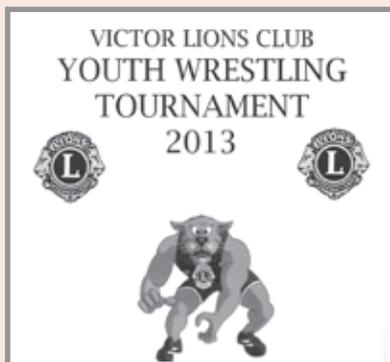
The Victor Fire Department was responsible for purchasing and installing all new radios in our trucks and fire house without any financial assistance from Ontario County. We were able to replace the radios without any tax increase to the residents of our fire district due to a Department of Homeland Security grant that we were awarded in December, 2011. The grant, written by Victor Fire Department Assistant Chief Sean McAdoo, totaled \$343,962 and provided funding to the Victor, Fishers, and Farmington Fire Departments and Victor Farmington Ambulance to purchase a total of 122 radios to be used with the new radio system.

I would like to personally express my gratitude to Assistant Chief McAdoo and Firefighter Dick Garrett for managing the radio project for the Victor Fire Department over the past two years. The two of them have donated hundreds of hours of their own time installing, distributing, and programming radios for not only the Victor Fire Department but our surrounding fire departments.

Finally, I would like to welcome Rob Merkel, Lance Richards, Toni Brindisi, Gary Boock, Harry Parks, and Christian LaMarco as the newest members of the Victor Fire Department family. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with the Victor Fire Department, please stop by the fire house on Maple Avenue any Monday evening and speak to an existing member. We are always looking for new volunteers and would love to show you how you can help your community.

Victor Lions Club Fundraiser

"Victor Lions Club Youth Wrestling Tournament," our 1st tournament, was held in March 2013. We are planning our 2nd this coming March 2014.



Contact for more info:

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E-mail: jswannel@yahoo.com

US Mail: P.O. Box 85 Victor, NY 14564

Web site: <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/victorny/>

"We Serve" Helping the Community

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2013

November 30 – Breakfast with Santa, Victor Fire Hall, 34 Maple Avenue, 8:00-11:00 A.M.

November 30 – Christmas in the Village; Downtown Victor, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

November 30 – **Santa Train Excursions; Village Hall parking lot, 60 E Main Street, 1:30 P.M. and 3:30 P.M.

December 2013

December 6 – Winter Musical, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, VEC Auditorium, 7:30 P.M.

December 7 - Winter Musical, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, VEC Auditorium, 12:00 P.M., 3:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M.

December 13 – Holiday Wine Walk; Main Street in the Village, 5:30-8:30 P.M.

January 2014

January 25 – Snowscapes Concert; VEC Auditorium, Soul Express, 1:00-3:00 P.M.

February 2014

February 1 – Snowscapes Concert; VEC Auditorium, Mike Kornrich Band, 1:00-3:00 P.M.

February 8 – Snowscapes Concert; VEC Auditorium, Four on the Floor Quartet, 1:00-3:00 P.M.

February 22 – Ganondagan Winter Games & Sports; Ganondagan State Historic Site, Route 444, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P. M.

March 2014

March 8 – Chili Challenge; Downtown Victor, Noon to 3:00 P.M.

March 13 – Women of Excellence Awards; Ravenwood Golf Club, 6:00-9:00 P.M.

April 2014

April 12 – Easter Egg Hunt; VCS Primary Baseball Fields, 10:00 A.M.

May 2014

May 3 – Pitch, Hit & Run; VCS Campus Field #24, 10:00 A.M. (Rain Date: 5/10/14)

May 9-16 – Week for Honor Flight Fundraiser; Victor Businesses, for more information contact Mike Stockman at (585) 742-0147

***Train Excursions, sponsored by Victor's Friends of the Railroad (FORR) for December 2013 will be posted on www.friendsoftherailroad.org, when available. The FORR Board meets at 7:00 P.M. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Victor Free Library, 15 West Main Street.

All these events and more can be found on the Victor website
under the Community Calendar at
www.victorny.org/calendar.aspx