

# Victor Voice

## TOWN AND VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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### The Seneca Art & Culture Center at Ganondagan: A Long-Held Vision Becomes Reality *By Amy Blum*



Artist rendering of the Seneca Art & Culture Center, set East to West, with the existing Bark Longhouse seen on the upper left through the trees. Rendering Credit: FdMArch and Encore Design

This summer, a 30-year vision held by Ganondagan State Historic Site Manager Peter Jemison and the non-profit Friends of Ganondagan finally becomes a reality. In July 2015, the Seneca Art and Culture Center at Ganondagan opens, becoming a year-round interpretive facility to tell the compelling story of more than two millennia of Seneca and Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) contributions to art, culture, and society.

The 17,300 square foot Seneca Art & Culture Center will enable the State Historic Site - for the first time in its history - to become a full-time educational, cultural, and tourist destination for visitors from around the world. The 2015 opening also will feature the world premiere of *The Creation Story* live action and animated video, the result of a partnership with Ganondagan's Iroquois Social Dancers, Garth Fagan Dance, and Rochester Institute of Technology's School of Film and Animation, with support from the Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation.

The Center is designed to fit into the natural landscape and connects by two pathways - a stairway and a handicapped accessible one - to the full-size replica Bark



Artist rendering of the entry space, featuring the Gano:nyok (the traditional Thanksgiving Address). Rendering Credit: FdMArch and Encore Design

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

# Town Supervisor's News

## Town Budget

Besides leaves to rake, the fall season brings to us the time of the year when the Town Board works on the budget for the coming year. The process for the Finance Department and all of our Department Heads actually starts during the summer months. I have to thank them for much of our success because they continually meet the yearly challenges set forth with our budget guidelines. For the last two years the Town Board has continued to control spending and wrap our arms around the Tax Cap – with ALL departments holding a flat line with expenses. This year's guidelines for the budget was a 1% reduction in the overall budget of 2014. All Town Departments have met this request, with the exception of the Highway Department. This is one department that has no control over what Mother Nature brings and consequently has limited control over many of its expenses. Unfortunately for many of us the distant memory of last year's long winter is not so distant! With that said, last year's winter brought more challenges other than driving in it. To keep the Highway Department equipment going it takes a lot of fuel and road salt. We exhausted last year's salt allotment and another 10% on top of that. This year we have been notified that we will have a 34% increase in the cost per/ton. Throw into the equation the continued rising costs of all petroleum based products which has a significant financial impact on ALL Town road projects. The Highway Department like all departments has tightened their belt with expenses, but those expenses dealt by Mother Nature continue to be a challenge to any highway department. Now would be the ideal time to thank our entire Highway Department for the job they did this past year. Starting first with the winter snow plowing and then the pavement improvements throughout the 95 miles of Town roads. The members of this department work in a variety of temperatures and weather conditions in maintaining and providing the safest roads in Ontario County. I remind everyone, with the seasons changing, to please drive with speeds appropriate for the weather conditions.

## Recycling Center

The Victor Recycling Center for many years has been a great asset for the residents of the Town. Three years ago the Town Board implemented a \$20 per year charge to help offset the costs of running the center. This year the Town Board agreed that because of the escalating costs to run the center and the decrease in users, we will be raising

the costs of the yearly permit from \$20 per year to \$120 per year. In addition the hours of operation will go from 49.5 hours per week down to 20 hours per week. The financial analysis that was prepared for the Town Board identified potential users ranging from 1,200 to as high as 2,000. Based on the population of the Town, that would mean that between 20% - 25% of our residents are utilizing the Center. Those results would then indicate that the remaining 75%-80% of the Town residents are contracting with a private firm. I am aware that this decision will not be very popular with the current users. I also know that the Town Board has always maintained a mindset that those residents who utilize a specialty service shall pay for it. The funding source will now come from the users of the Recycling Center and not the residents who contract with a private firm.

## Beautification

New look for the Gateway to the Town. Though the Town's boundary lines from the west are actually by the entrance to Home Depot and Target, this area only captures a small portion of the many visitors to our Town. The Victor Garden Club proposed to our Town's Parks & Recreation Department a partnership to dress up the four corners of Route 96 and Main Street Fishers. The results were stunning, flowers with colors too many to mention. The Victor Garden Club has enjoyed planting the flowers outside our Town Hall for many years with much success. They have also partnered with the Village of Victor and their Department of Public Works in creating a beautiful Village. The large planters and many of the plants are a direct result of some grants the Garden Club received as well as their efforts in getting businesses to donate money towards the planters and flowers. I want to thank the Town's Parks & Recreation Department for the labor they supplied to plant the flowers and then the daily watering to keep the flowers as pristine throughout the good weather months. Plans are already under way to make the four corners by Denny's, Burger King, Cole & Parks and Chili's even prettier than they were this year.

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.

Please feel free to contact my office at 585-742-5020 if you have any questions or concerns on any Town matter.

# News from the Town Clerk's Office

By Debra J. Denz, Town Clerk

## 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](http://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 - 396-4590.



## Meet Charlie.

Charlie likes to go for rides, play tug of war with his girls and cuddle at night!

## Town Holiday Schedule for 2014/2015

All Town offices will be closed on the following:

Thursday, November 27, 2014	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 28, 2014	Floating Holiday/ Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 25, 2014	Christmas
Thursday, January 1, 2015	New Year's Day



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

## 2015 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 bare root 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](http://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 Monday, November 24, 2014. Gifts need to be received by Friday, December 12, 2014 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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**Debra  
Denz,  
Town Clerk  
742-5080**

# News from the Town Clerk's Office

*By Debra J. Denz, Town Clerk*

## Tax Collection

The 2015 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, 2015. This applies even if you choose the installment option

which requires that the first payment is paid by January 31, 2015.

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. You may also obtain a copy of your tax bill at [www.egov.basgov.com/victor](http://www.egov.basgov.com/victor)

## The Town of Victor offers the option to view or 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](http://www.egov.basgov.com/victor).

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

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. 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.basgov.com/victorschools](http://www.egov.basgov.com/victorschools).

If you are looking for Village of Victor tax information, it is available online at:

[www.egov.basgov.com/villageofvictor](http://www.egov.basgov.com/villageofvictor).

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.

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# Historic Resources in the Victor Community

By *Babette Huber,*  
*Town and Village of Victor Historian*



**Babette Huber,**  
**Town & Village**  
**Historian**

Historic buildings, objects, structures, landscapes and districts are all part of communities which can create a unique character and reflect the history of a community. Usually, using the National and State Registers of Historic Places guidelines, an historic resource is one that is over 50 years old or older as one criteria. If I were not human I would qualify as being an historic resource under that one criterion! So would Victorwood! BUT...other factors also come into consideration.

Victor, being over 200 years old, certainly has numerous historic resources - whether it be the historic homes and commercial buildings, the Centennial boulder on Main and High Street, the centuries old cemeteries, the Valentown Historic District, Ganondagan or the drumlins in our landscape.

As the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Victor evolves, so does the inclusion of our historic resources. Because of the need for planning, an historic resource survey is being undertaken to further assist in this endeavor.

A survey is the foundation for all historic preservation planning. It enables planners to make decisions about what properties ought to be protected and where development should be directed. It is NOT intended to establish a preservation law - the inventory would give objectivity to what historic resources are important in our community and how those assets work into the overall strategy for future planning in the Town and Village of Victor. The survey would achieve these goals--

- a. Create a body of information for project and land-use planning,

- b. Identify historic properties that many benefit from National and State Register listing and financial incentives,
- c. Increase public awareness and appreciation for history and historic properties,
- d. Establish priorities for preservation projects.

The Town of Victor has hired the Landmark Society of Western New York to produce this survey. Consultation will be made with the Town and Village Historian, Babette Huber, and with the State Historic Preservation Office of New York.



This historic resource survey will identify areas and properties worthy of further study - the Town Historian, through the *Historic Victor* program, has already started that process. The survey will also establish broad historic and architectural contexts that

are necessary for understanding our community's past. The completed survey will include the former as well as an inventory of historic resources accompanied by maps and photographs and lastly, recommendations.

If you have any photos or building history of your historic resource, please share them with me at [bmhuber@town-victor-ny.us](mailto:bmhuber@town-victor-ny.us) or call 742-5065 to set up an appointment to see me. Our historic resources are important to who we are as a community - let's plan to keep them and honor their place in this corner of the world that we call home - Victor.

## Greetings from the White House

By *Babette Huber, Town and Village of Victor Historian*

The White House Greeting Office will send greetings to couples who are celebrating their 50th (or more) wedding anniversary or a birthday greeting to citizens 80 years or older or veterans turning 70 or older.

Send the request at least SIX WEEKS IN ADVANCE and include:

- Name and home address of honoree(s)
- Form of address (Mr., Ms., Mrs., Dr., Miss, etc.)
- Exact date of occasion (month, day, year)

- Age (birthdays) or number of years of marriage
- Your (the requestor's) name and daytime phone number
- Any specific mailing instructions if other than to honoree's address

The address is: The Greeting Office, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20500. For possible faster service, requests can be faxed to 202-456-2461.

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Artist rendering of the Seneca Art & Culture Center showing the green vegetative roof and the pathway to the Bark Longhouse. Rendering Credit: FdMArch and Encore Design



Late-September construction photo of the Seneca Art & Culture Center. Photo Credit: Amy Blum



Artist rendering of the auditorium space. Rendering Credit: FdMArch and Encore Design

**Seneca Art & Culture Center** *from the cover*

Longhouse. The entry hall features the traditional Thanksgiving Address with associated artifacts. Gallery space, an orientation theater, auditorium, catering kitchen, gift shop, offices, and gardens incorporating traditional Seneca and Haudenosaunee plants round out the Center.

In the gallery will be the story of Ganondagan - including a map and a 3-D model of the original town - with changing exhibits about the Seneca and Haudenosaunee people through five centuries of artistic, cultural, and historical art and artifacts, including contemporary contributions. Planned exhibits include the Seneca's role in the Fur Trade, photos of contemporary Seneca communities and enterprises, the Iroquois Nationals lacrosse team, and a 10' detailed model of the Bark Longhouse, among many others.

Roll-out theater seating in the auditorium provides flexibility for events, performances, and exhibits, including availability for community use. Facilities for distance learning bring the Ganondagan experience to the global community.

The project is a partnership between Friends of Ganondagan and Ganondagan State Historic Site and is supported by hundreds of volunteers, members, foundations, New York State and the Seneca Nation. The Center's design architect is Francois DeMenil Architects and the architect of record is DeWolff Partnership Architects. The Pike Company and the Seneca Construction Management Corporation in Irving, NY are building the Center. Visit [www.ganondagan.org](http://www.ganondagan.org) for more information.

# The Dept. of Parks and Recreation Warms Up Your Winter Months!

*Brian C. Emelson, CPRE, Director of Parks and Recreation*

Certainly cooler weather will have arrived in the Finger Lakes by the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox. We have put away our lawnmowers and lemonade in favor of our snow shovels and hot cocoa. Nevertheless, we have many exciting new projects and programs to share with our residents. I'll try to capture a few of these opportunities in my note to you!

About one year ago, we started a "new" partnership with the **Ontario County ARC** to provide more leisure-time opportunities for youth and adults with developmental disabilities. In that time, we have jointly sponsored "Friday Night Socials" at our Lodge in Victor Municipal Park. These have included a *Halloween Bash*, *Holiday Happening*, *Spring Fling* and *Summer Picnic* with music, dancing, games and snacks. In addition, we held a *Free Wheel'n Bike Clinic* for children with Autism and an *Adaptive Cycling Clinic* with Rochester Rehabilitation's SportsNet program at our Fat Tire Mountain Bike Festival in July. Ontario County ARC staff presented an inclusion workshop at our summer day camp training and we work together to provide support staff for a variety of specialized and inclusive recreation programs. We are very proud of this joint venture and are looking forward to more to come in 2015!

This summer and fall, Eagle Scout projects were completed by area Boy Scouts **Reece Kreilick** and **Philippe Dora**. Reece's project involved the construction of five (5) pressure-treated wood benches for locations along the northwest sections of the Auburn Trail. In addition, Reece worked with Mark Rosenzweig, Project Manager at Dryer Road Park for



Genesee Regional Off-Road Cyclists (GROC) on a "new" trail connection and reclaiming the old trail. Philippe constructed a pressure-treated wood kiosk and message center for the multi-use trail system at Dryer Road Park. Philippe came up with the concept himself after spending many a day mountain biking with his friends at the park. Kudos to both Reece and Philippe and thank you for your commitment to Victor's parks and trails system!



**Contractors pouring the concrete footers for the new Victor Municipal Park Bandshell.**

In late September, we broke ground on the "future" **Dorothy and Sid Partington Memorial Bandshell** at **Victor Municipal Park**.

The structure will feature an open-air design with steel columns clad in stone with a standing seam metal roof. The construction materials and colors will complement the existing lodge and picnic shelter at the 47-acre park. This project was a main component in the master plan developed for Victor Municipal Park in (2006), so we are excited to bring it to the Town and Village of Victor in the spring of (2015)!

Grab your family and friends and catch our **Christmas in the Village** event on Saturday, November 29th from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the Village and our winter musical "**Frosty's First Adventure**" with performances on December 5th and 6th. In the New Year, please keep a look out for our **2nd Annual WinterFest** event as well as several changes to our Snowscapes Winter Concerts. Senior Citizens should join us at the Parks and Recreation office for a game of Wii Bowling, Pinochle or Bridge or possibly head out with the "**Out to Lunch Bunch**" or "**Early Bird Dinner**" groups.

If you would like to give us your input on a parks and trails project or recreation program, please contact us at (585) 742-0140 or join our Parks and Recreation Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the Department offices. Recent proposals being reviewed by the CAC include a community dog park and improvements to Harlan Fisher Park in the Victorwood neighborhood.

What can you look forward to in the New Year from your Department of Parks and Recreation? PLENTY!



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

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

# Town of Victor Highway Department

Fall/Winter hours at the Highway Department will be 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M., Monday through Friday starting November 3.

## High Street Capital Project

From the Village line to Lane Road, all drainage improvements, curbing, gutters, sidewalks, turning lanes and blacktop will be completed this year. From Lane Road to State Route 96 by Eastview Mall, some improvements may be started before the end of the year depending on the weather. Otherwise the bulk of the work will be done in the spring of 2015.

## 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.

1. 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.
2. Do not let children play in snowdrifts near the roadway. It is difficult and almost impossible for plow operators to see them.
3. 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, Bradhurst Street, Esjay Drive, Saurer Farms, Bramwell Park and Wildwood Lane.

## Parking

No parking on Town roadways from November 1st – 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 would like to thank you in advance for your help in making snow removal safer and easier for all involved.

**The Town is not responsible for damage from plowing operations to basketball hoops or any other property placed within the Town right-of-way.**

## 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.

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# Town of Victor Highway Department

## Recycle Department

### Transfer Station Hours of Operation through December 31, 2014:

Recycle Center hours are Monday-Friday, 7:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M., Wednesday, 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M., and Saturday 7:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

### \*EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 RECYCLE CENTER HOURS WILL BE CHANGED TO THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

Wednesday, 11:30 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Friday, 7:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Saturday, 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

### Recycle Office Hours (Highway Building A):

Winter hours Monday-Friday, 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Summer hours Monday-Thursday, 6:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

### Holiday Closings:

November 11

November 27 and 28 (open November 29)

December 25 and 26

January 1 and 2

### Residential and Commercial Recycle Stickers:

The Town Board has made a decision to increase the cost for recycle permits from \$20 to \$120 per year. These permits will be good for a year from the date of purchase. There is a maximum of two (2) permits per household for the \$120 fee. Vehicle registration(s) and proof of residency will be required (examples – driver's license, tax bill, closing papers, utility bill).

Permits can be purchased at the Highway Department Office, 60 Rawson Road, Building A, during office hours. There will also be an option to purchase permits online through the Town Web Site. This software program will be completed by January 1st and more information regarding this option will be located on the Town of Victor Web Site at [www.victorny.org](http://www.victorny.org).

Any **current** permit holders, whose names are listed on the current Village or Town Tax roll, will receive a letter in the mail with more detailed information on this renewal process. In order to give current permit holders time to renew their permits, we will extend the expiration date on all current permits until January 31, 2015. By January 31st anyone entering the Recycle Center has to have a current recycle permit or they will not be allowed to enter the facility. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

### SPECIAL USE PERMITS

Special Use Permits are no longer available.

### SWAP SHOP

The Swap Shop is closed for the winter season. The hours of operation will change, but will be determined in the spring.

### RULES AND REMINDERS:

**\*\*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, YARD DEBRIS OR ANY OTHER WASTE**

### 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.

If you have any questions regarding the recycle program, permits and/or the renewal process, please contact the Recycle Office at 585-924-3323 extension 2201.

**PLEASE DIRECT ANY COMMENTS REGARDING THE FEE INCREASE OR CHANGES IN THE HOURS OF OPERATION TO THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE AT 585-742-5020. THE EMPLOYEES OF THE RECYCLE DEPARTMENT HAVE NO CONTROL OVER THESE CHANGES.**

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**Katie Evans,  
Director of  
Development**

# Planning and Building Department - New Name, Same Department

*By Katie Evans, Director of Development*

Greetings Victor Community! I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful fall weather we have had. It is my pleasure to share with you that the Town Board has approved the request to rename the Codes & Development Department to the Planning & Building Department. The idea behind the name change is to make it easier for our customers to identify the department functions. As business cards and stationary are reordered, the name will be transitioned over.

For those whom may not be familiar with the department, we really have two divisions. Although we are all working under the umbrella of the Town, the Planning division consists of facilitating applications on behalf of the Planning Board, Zoning Board and providing technical support to the Conservation Board and Sustainability Committee. The Planning division typically first interacts with developers and carries projects through the review process until final plans are signed. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns for the Planning division, please call 585-742-5040 or e-mail [Planning@town-victor-ny.us](mailto:Planning@town-victor-ny.us).

The Building division handles all building permits, code enforcement, inspections, including the services of our Fire Marshals and the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Committee. The Building division is unique in that the Village contracts with us to fill this role. If you call to ask a question to the Building division you most likely will be asked if you are within the Village or Town. The reason is because both municipalities have their own separate "Codes" or laws even though we share the Victor community name. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns for the Building division please call 585-742-5035 or e-mail [Codes@town-victor-ny.us](mailto:Codes@town-victor-ny.us).

## **Comprehensive Plan Update**

It would not be possible for me to write a newsletter article without providing an update on the Comprehensive Plan. This is a document for both the Town and the Village that will identify who we are, what is important to us, and set goals and objectives to guide decision making for the years to come. It is a way to identify what is most important to us to provide a framework in which to direct our resources towards.

The last newsletter stated that the Draft Comp Plan would be provided to the Town and Village in early September. After reading the Draft document I respectfully requested additional time to work on it. Looking at such an important document it was very clear that it has taken several years and many, many, many individuals' input to get to where we are today. Participation is key to the success of such a project, but because of the way input was provided by the various committees the document lacked consistency in the presentation of information. The content is exceptional but lacked transition from one chapter to another. The other concern is that the document presently includes 71 strategies. Having identified so many areas to work on is a large task to accomplish in a five year period! Some strategies may take a few months' while others will take a few years to successfully implement. It may not be practical to implement all 71 strategies in five years. Also, because each chapter was worked on by a separate committee or task force, some information is repeated from chapter to chapter. These issues can be addressed with a few tweaks here and there.

The Town and Village granted additional time for me to work with our consultant, Mark Tayrien of LaBella Associates to edit the document and deliver an updated Draft on December 8th. I sincerely thank the community for your patience on this project. Our objectives are to deliver a document that is well organized, with information easy to find while still keeping all the content the former one had and have obtainable objectives within it.

Once the Draft is provided to the Town and Village Boards, each municipality will hold public hearings (likely in January to avoid the holiday season) and will hold a public comment period to get your feedback. It is important to note that once the Comprehensive Plan is eventually adopted all our ills are not solved. The document will serve as the work plan to start tackling the most important issues identified by the community. If you would like additional information or have questions or comments, please e-mail [compplan@town-victor-ny.us](mailto:compplan@town-victor-ny.us) or call 585-742-5040.

Thank you for your continued interest in our community! Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Planning & Building staff or myself if there is anything we can do for you.

# Townwide Assessment Update Scheduled For 2015

By Wayne Pickering, Assessor

The Town of Victor's Assessment Office is continuing to participate in the New York States Cyclical Reassessment Program and will be adjusting assessments for the 2015 assessment roll. Through this program, property sales and their corresponding assessments are statistically reviewed to determine how well the current assessments are reflecting sale prices. Since the 2012 town-wide assessment update, where assessments were established to reflect a 2011 full market value, property values have continued to appreciate 1.5% to 4% per year, causing some assessments to fall behind. The goal is to have all property assessments at 100% of full market value.

Notification of proposed assessment changes will be mailed in March 2015. Any property owner that believes the proposed assessment is incorrect can schedule an informal assessment review. Instructions on this procedure will be included with the notification and will also be available on the Town of Victor's website.

Questions concerning the Annual Reassessment Program should be directed to the Assessment Department at 585-742-5010. For general information concerning assessments or real property tax exemptions, you may go online to the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Service's website at [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov).

## Solicitation Alert!

A concerned citizen brought to the attention of the Victor Assessment Department, a solicitation that is being

mailed from a California based company to property owners. This solicitation states to property owners the importance of having "...a copy of your current grant deed and property assessment profile." The solicitation tells how you can receive this information using their company and the outrageous price they will charge. Don't Do It!!

It appears to this office, all the information that will be contained within this California Company's report can be obtained locally at the County of Ontario Office Building at 20 Ontario Street, Canandaigua and/or the Town of Victor Town Hall at 85 East Main Street, Victor, for a minimal charge.

The Town of Victor charges \$0.25 per copy. The County Clerk's Office: for a copy of a deed, charges \$0.65 per page. If you need the deed copy certified, the cost is \$5.00 for up to a four page document and then \$1.25 for every page over four.

Beware. Be conscious.



# Boughton Park

## Park Vehicle Permit

If you need a new permit, please stop at the Town Clerk's Office; bring proof of residency and your vehicle registration to qualify.

## Canoe Rack

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 of 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 and charged a daily rent in the amount of \$5 per day with a maximum of \$100.**
- 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.

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# Department of Economic Development & Victor Local Development Corp (LDC)

*Kathy Rayburn, Director of Economic Development; Executive Director, Victor LDC*

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## Shop Local – Support Victor Businesses

Operating a business is a challenge requiring a variety of skills including sales, marketing, accounting and communications. A large company has the capability of hiring staff to handle these tasks, however, the small business is often run by one or two people who have to wear many hats. Through my work with Economic Development and the Victor LDC, I encounter these multi-taskers in the retail/service businesses located throughout Victor. Some manage these tasks more easily than others, however all of them are striving for the same thing – customers!

Primary goals in Economic Development are business retention and attraction. The return to the community is two-fold: a healthy local economy through steady sales

tax revenues and the availability of goods and services for our residents. A key component for successful retention

and attraction is customers. Economic Development agencies are able to offer business assistance for things like equipment purchases, building improvements or working capital but we can't make the cash register ring, that's where you come in.

I've preached this before and as we embark on another holiday shopping season, I felt the timing was right to challenge Victor residents to SHOP LOCAL! It's easy to log on to a website and shop and is certainly a timesaver which we are all desperately trying to achieve, but those websites don't compare to the in-person purchase experience.

On Saturday, November 29, you can demonstrate your support of small businesses by participating in two events - Small Business Saturday and Christmas in the Village. Small Business Saturday was started in 2010 by American Express to help businesses with their most pressing need – getting more customers. The day encourages people to shop at small businesses the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The single day has turned in to a powerful movement and more people are taking part than ever before. Christmas in the Village is a fun filled day for the whole family with holiday activities located throughout the Village in local shops. The day ends with a tree lighting ceremony in Mead Square.

So I hope that you will take the challenge of shopping local on Small Business Saturday and all year long whenever possible. Take the time to explore these small businesses.

Here's a sampling of retail & service businesses that have opened within the past year for you to check out:

- JTech Solutions, Computer Services – 2 West Main Street
- The Griffen Bakery at 23 – A East Main Street
- Core Rhythm Pilates – 10 East Main Street
- Next Step College Career & Life Planning Center – 200 Highpoint Drive
- The Barrel Room, Tasting Room and Retail Store – 72 West Main
- Three Brothers Winery – Tasting Room at Eastview Mall
- Body Spa & Salon – 7398 Route 96
- Massage Envy – 7553 Commons Boulevard
- Joey's Pasta House – 75 Coville Street
- Victor Brewery – 6606 Route 96



ED/LDC

# Fishers Fire District Expanding & Renovating High Street Station

By Steve Limbeck, Board of Fire Commissioners, Fishers Fire District

If you've passed the Fishers fire station on High Street lately, you've probably noticed the construction activity at the rear of the building. In the photo, workers are doing foundation work on an addition to the current building. Extensive renovations will be made to the existing building as well.

Much has changed since this firehouse was constructed in 1974. Fire trucks are bigger and heavier. Energy standards for public buildings have become more stringent. Today's communications equipment requires more space. Increased training and certification mean that we need more training space. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires the building to be accessible to all. The community has grown substantially in the last four decades. Fishers has changed from an all volunteer department to a combination department, creating the need for career firefighter living quarters.

The \$1.9 million project includes a 4,500 square foot addition to the current building. Living quarters for three-to-six firefighters will occupy the second floor, which is on the same level as the truck bays. An expanded meeting room will be on the ground floor.

Two firefighters are on duty around the clock, but that could increase as the district grows. In case of an extended emergency, volunteers may need to stay over at the firehouse, so provision has been made for these very rare occurrences.

The larger meeting room will accommodate the expanded training needs, as well as groups of up to 95 people for meetings. This room, which will be equipped with two digital projectors and a commercial kitchen, is also available to district residents for family and other gatherings.

An elevator and compliant entryways will be part of the new addition. High efficiency walls and building systems will be used throughout, and emergency power will be added.

The original building will be renovated to bring it up to current codes and standards. The former conference room, which is now being used for staff quarters, will be returned to its original role. The chief's office will be more secure for greater privacy, and the current day room will be a shared office.

The downstairs meeting room in the original building will be converted into a fitness center for all members of the Fishers Fire Department.

Only minor changes will be made to the truck bays to increase efficiency, and asbestos abatement will take place throughout the original building.

More than 3,800 new homes have been built in the Town of Victor since 1970, and since 2000, nearly 4,300 new residents call the town home. Commercially, you have seen the building boom underway in the Eastview Mall area.

This growth has significantly increased the need for fire and rescue services in the Fishers Fire District, putting a strain on the physical facilities and compromising our efforts to comply with all standards. This expansion and renovation, which will be completed in spring of 2015, is expected to meet the district's growing needs well into the future.

The primary contractors for this project, which is being financed entirely from the district's reserve funds, are D'Agostino General Contractors, Landry Mechanical Contractors Inc. and Invictus Electrical.



## Local Artist Wall *By Babette Huber*



Courtney Maltman

Momentologie Photography by Courtney Maltman is the next featured artist of the Local Artist's Wall.

outdoor photographer, Courtney utilizes the beautiful landscape of our area in meaningful, emotional, and detailed filled photographs. She creates both beautiful, rich color and striking black and white images.



First Day of School



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## Town of Victor Recognizes Employees for Going Above and Beyond!

### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – JULY, 2014

Mike Stockman, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, was nominated for Employee of the Month by Joan Cooley for his work on behalf of Honor Flight. The money raised this year, from Victor, was enough to send 32 veterans to Washington DC. What a wonderful way to say thank you to our veterans for their service to our country. Thank you Mike for heading this initiative and also for your vision to expand it to be a county wide effort.



Mike Stockman

Mike was also nominated by co-worker Bill Lew. During the absence of our cleaner, Mike stepped up and took on the role for weeks. He was emptying garbage cans, recycle bins, sweeping, mopping and vacuuming floors, etc. Mike works wonders all year for our community and the P&R Department. Some of the programs that Mike takes care of are: concerts in the park, annual Fishing Derby, Honor Flight Rochester and senior trips. Mike was also elected President of our local Parks & Recreation Society. Mike is a leader within our Town employees as well as amongst our residents of this community. He is well deserving of this recognition!

### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – AUGUST, 2014

Babette Huber, Historian, was nominated for Employee of the Month by co-worker Cathy Templar for the excellent programs she did with 375 second graders on early life in Victor. You can tell by watching Babette that she enjoys the kids and is definitely organized and loves her history! Way to go Babette!



Babette Huber

### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER, 2014

Cathy Templar, Planning Board Secretary, was nominated for Employee of the Month by co-worker Katie Evans. Katie was in the main meeting room practicing for a presentation that she was making in Toronto on the weekend. For some reason she couldn't get the slides on her laptop to sync with the projector screens, so she asked Cathy if she knew how to fix it. It was around 4:10 P.M. so Cathy stopped what she was doing to help Katie.



Cathy Templar

Once Cathy showed her how to display the slides, she asked what she was doing. After explaining that she hadn't had much time to work on the presentation, Cathy sat in the front row and said "go!" Katie told her she didn't have to do that. She not only insisted, but stayed after 5:00 P.M. on a Friday so that Katie could practice in front of an audience. Cathy very thoughtfully provided feedback, technical assistance, and her time after work hours on a Friday! It was greatly appreciated.

# “Fall” Into Home Comfort

By Justin Steinbach and John Palomaki, Victor Sustainability Advisory Committee



‘Tis the time of the year for pumpkins, falling leaves, turkey, trick or treaters and ... caulk?! That’s right it’s not only time for raking leaves, but checking to make sure your house is as tight as it can be to keep in all that precious warm air that you work so hard to pay for. There are simple steps you can take to not only save money, but also reduce your impact on the environment.

## Let the Sun Shine In (Otherwise, Cover Up)

When you get cold, you add another layer of clothing, and the same thing works for windows. Curtains, drapes, and blinds all help to add a layer of insulation to your windows. Let the sun shine in when you can on the south side, but on the other sides and when the clouds dominate, close the curtains and lower the blinds to keep the warm air in and the cold air out.

## “R” You Insulated?

Adding insulation to your house is a great investment - think of it as a warm blanket to keep in the warmth (and cooler air in the summer). The attic is the most important place to have adequate insulation levels. One way to tell if you have adequate insulation is to look at your roof a few hours after a snowfall. If the snow stays there, you’re probably good. But if it melts on the north side (where the sun doesn’t shine), the heat to melt it is coming from inside your house! Adding insulation in the attic is always a good thing, whether you roll out another 6” of unfaced fiberglass or, especially in trussed roof situations, blow in some loose cellulose (made from recycled paper!). The key is to add “R-value”, a number that indicates the insulation value, and higher numbers are better.

## Behind Every Faceplate...

While thicker insulation is good, cracks and gaps (air infiltration) can bypass that insulation and have a greater impact on home comfort. So what do you do? Find the crack and seal them up with a good, high-quality caulk (paintable silicone or acrylic latex) and/or spray foam. Autumn is the perfect season because you can investigate the house comfortably and feel the colder air coming in against the warmer inside air – a windier day is even better as the air is even more apparent. Some key places to check include:

- Around windows and doors
- Attic hatch
- Outlets, both on the wall and ceiling
- Bathroom ventilation fan
- Sill plate (in the basement, the wood that rests on the concrete foundation)
- Rim joist (above the sill plate, vertical piece along the outside)
- Baseboard trim
- Drain vent stacks (PVC pipe) and furnace flue/ chimney in attic (use fire retardant sealant)
- Recessed lights

You’d be surprised the number of areas of air infiltration (i.e. leakage) you find. The average home in the United States has enough air infiltration to equal a four square foot hole in the wall - imagine leaving your window open all season long and letting in the really hot or cold air!

## Turn It Down

Once you’ve insulated your house and sealed any gaps, it’s a lot easier to turn down your thermostat, since the warmth inside stays there. In any case, try to keep it at or below 68 degrees during the day, and turn it down even lower, 62-65 degrees, at night while you’re cozy under the covers. A programmable thermostat lets you set it once. Putting on a sweater or adding a blanket to the bed is much easier and cheaper than paying every month for more heat.

## Need More Information?

Another great tool to utilize in your efforts to improve home comfort is a home energy assessment. These free to low-cost assessments provide you more specific data and help to develop a plan to improve your home. For more information on air sealing and weatherization, check out the Energy Star website, Pathstone Energy for home energy assessments, or visit the Sustainability Committee’s webpage for more links!

[https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=home\\_sealing,hm\\_improvement\\_seal\\_insulate](https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=home_sealing,hm_improvement_seal_insulate)  
<http://www.pathstoneenergyinfo.org/index.html>

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# Victor Free Library

By Lynne Madden, Youth Services Specialist, [lmadden@pls-net.org](mailto:lmadden@pls-net.org), 924-2637

## Holiday Hours

*Thanksgiving Hours:*

Wed. Nov. 26th 10:00 – 3:00

Thurs. Nov. 27th Closed

Regular hours resume on Fri. Nov. 28th

*Christmas Hours:*

Wed. Dec. 24th Closed

Thurs. Dec. 25th Closed

Regular hours resume on Fri. Dec. 26th

*New Year's Hours:*

Wed. Dec. 31st 10:00 to 3:00

Thurs. Jan. 1st Closed

Regular hours resume on Fri. Jan. 2nd

## Upcoming Activities

### Christmas in the Village

We would like to invite families to visit the library on Sat. Nov. 29th as we join in celebrating “Christmas in the Village” once again this year. We’ll be holding a special holiday family story time at 11:00 A.M. Come join us for some holiday stories, songs and rhymes. After the stories we’ll be making a holiday craft to take home. And you’ll never know who you might find visiting the library after the program!

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

We’ll be holding our annual Holiday Buy-a-Book campaign again this December. We encourage 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.

### 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 9 – *Age of Miracles* by Karen Thompson Walker (Rochester’s 2015 “If All of Rochester Reads the Same Book” selection)

January 13 – *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes

February 10 – *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed

March 10 – *The Invention of Wings* by Tracy Chevalier

April 14 – *Orphan Train* by Christine Kline

## 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 Feb. 2nd.

*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 in Feb. 26th.

*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 Jan. 19th and Story Times will begin on Feb. 3rd.

## New Online Signup Calendar for Classes at the Victor Free Library

By Tim Niver, Community Services Librarian

Because of the increased demand for events and classes at the Victor Free Library, we have added an exciting new way to sign up for classes: an online signup calendar available through our website. This calendar can also be used to see all the great happenings going on here.

It’s simple and easy to use. Go to [www.victorfreelibrary.org](http://www.victorfreelibrary.org), click on the “Calendar of Events and Program Registration Here” picture. A calendar will open and show the different classes available for each month. Click on which class event you’d like to attend, and then register. It’s that simple!

Of course, you can still call or stop in to the library to sign up for any event, but this is another way the library is bringing added convenience to your busy lives!

# Blue Green Algae - Coming to a Lake Near You?

By *Kenneth Kolaczyk* Town of Victor Conservation Board

The recent algae blooms that have occurred on lakes close to us including Honeoye and Conesus lakes and the significant impact to Lake Erie this past summer that rendered the City of Toledo's water supply undrinkable for several days should serve as a Clarion call for us to adopt smarter practices regarding fertilizer and land use before our water supplies are similarly impacted.

## What is Blue Green Algae?

Blue-green algae can be considered as simple aquatic plants that exist naturally in marine waters, rivers, lakes, and ponds. Despite their name, blue-green algae are actually types of bacteria known as Cyanobacteria. When certain conditions are present, such as high nutrient and light levels, these organisms can reproduce rapidly. Fish species and zebra mussels consume algae as part of their natural diet; blue-green algae is less favorable as a food source and can end up being the prominent algae in the water source. This dense growth of algae is called a bloom. Some of these blooms are harmless, but when the blooming organisms contain toxins, other noxious chemicals, pathogens, or other impacts to recreation or economic activities, it is known as a harmful algae bloom.

## What does a typical blue-green algae bloom look like?

Some algae blooms can look like foam, or a thick slurry. The blooms can be blue, bright green, brown, or red and may look like paint floating on the water. Some blooms may not affect the appearance of the water.

## Why should I be aware of blue-green algae?

Some blue-green algae produce toxins that could pose a health risk to people and animals when they are exposed to them in large enough quantities, yet the mere presence of blue-green algae is not a cause for alarm. Health effects could occur when surface scums or water containing high levels of blue-green algal toxins are swallowed, through contact with the skin or when airborne droplets containing toxins are inhaled while swimming, boating, and skiing. A large percentage of the public will report "allergic" type reactions after exposure to blue-green algae, such as intestinal problems, respiratory problems, or skin irritations. Harmful Algae Blooms can appear (or disappear) rapidly. Always be mindful of any unusual look to the lake or water body including a green or brown color, scum, or paint-like appearance and if you see what might be a bloom, avoid the water and inform the department of environmental conservation.

## What can I do?

Algae like any other living organism needs food to survive and grow. If we can limit the amount of nutrients that enter our waters, the length and severity of the Algae Blooms will be reduced. Phosphorus and nitrogen found in fertilizer and animal waste are key nutrients for algae growth. Smart fertilizer and farming practices that minimize fertilizer use and prevent the runoff of animal waste need to be adopted. Septic tanks and leach fields need to be inspected and maintained. The waters of NYS are a public asset and protecting them is a shared responsibility. Each of us has a key role in keeping it safe. As the City of Toledo found the drinking water that we are protecting is our own.

## Victor Senior News

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.



Esther Green



# Future Projects on the Victor Trails

By David Wright, Chairman, VHT

Victor Hiking Trails (VHT) has had a couple of bridges on its radar for several years, but lacked the funds to start them. We now have a commitment from NYS to fund some of the materials for a bridge over Great Brook on Ganondagan State Historic Site property and donations for a bridge in Fishers Park.

The Great Brook Bridge will be the largest project we have attempted to date. The design will be similar

to the Apple Farm bridge and the Domine Trails bridge, but longer. In addition, it will have tall supports on each side of the creek with long ramps (see photo). The cost of the materials will be approximately \$13,000. We have a grant from the state for \$6,000 and a grant from L.L.Bean for \$2,000. This is enough for us to start the foundation this fall, before the weather gets too cold. Check our website, [www.VictorHikingTrails.org](http://www.VictorHikingTrails.org), for construction dates if you are able to help. We will continue to apply for grants and donations to complete the bridge in 2015.

Our second bridge will be across a tributary of Irondequoit Creek by the playing field at the corner of Main Street Fishers and Wangum Road. The old bridge has not survived all of the spring flooding and needs to be replaced. This bridge had been a pet project for Nat Fisher, who recently passed away. We have received over \$3,000 in donations in Nat's memory, earmarked for this bridge. We plan to construct a new bridge, above the flood level of the creek, in 2015. We will continue to apply for a grant and seek additional donations. Donations for this bridge can be sent to Victor Hiking Trails, 85 East Main Street, Victor, NY 14564, in Nat's memory.



Concept for pedestrian bridge over Great Brook (Note person on left under the bridge for scale). Photo by Chauncy Young

Hiking



**John Holden**  
Village of  
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## Letter from Mayor John Holden

This past summer the Village Dept of Public Works continued the infrastructure improvements in the Village. This year's projects included completing the improvements in the Victorwood subdivision (Somerset Lane to Lynaugh Road). Additional DPW projects included infrastructure improvements (sanitary sewer lines) on Coville Street, continuation of replacing bricks on Main Street with stamped concrete and Village Hall parking lot improvements for the Farmers' Market. The Village Board, Village Hall employees, the Director of Public Works and his crew would like to thank the aforementioned residents for their patience and cooperation during these projects. Furthermore, the planning and funding for these

Village infrastructure improvements comes from the Village's Capital Improvement Plan and budgeting process, (setting monies aside by utilizing reserve accounts) that allows us to plan and budget monies years ahead to





**Pictured L-R: Brian Emelson, Director Parks & Recreation; Jack Marren, Town Supervisor; Mary Duprey, Victor Garden Club; John Holden, Village Mayor; John Turner, Village Department of Public Works**

undertake these street projects, without borrowing money.

### **Village Streetscape Flowers**

Once again, the colorful enhancement in our Victor community was a collaboration between the Village and the Victor Garden Club. A special effort was made this past spring when the Victor Garden Club approached me with new ideas of enhancing the hanging flower baskets, the addition of several new large pots of flowers in the Main Street corridor of the Village and Mead Square. 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. In addition, merchants on Main Street and civic organizations, again, donated money towards this community beautification project. We have received numerous compliments from both inside and outside the Victor community on these attractive enhancements and additions to our Village.

### **Farmers' Market**

The Farmers' Market located at the Village Hall parking lot, has continued to be a successful and popular venue for our Victor Community this past season. Thank you Market Manager Natalie Baris for the smooth operation of the Farmers' Market. The Village DPW is currently working to provide a new space for the Farmers' Market, adjacent to the south edge of the Village Hall Parking lot. Future plans include a pavilion to house the market.

### **Budget Workshops: 2015**

The Village budget process starts in January, 2015 as the Village's fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31.

The Village budget workshops are posted and open for public attendance.

### **Village/Town Traffic Study Update**

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

Recently a Village resident questioned the Village and Town's commitment to resolve these traffic issues. Yes, there has been a recent traffic study involving Village and Town officials, including myself, NYS Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) and Genesee Transportation Council representatives, and various consulting engineers, which addressed all of the major/minor roads intersections in both Village and Town. Previous Route 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" in all areas that could occur in both Town and Village. The study's recommendations were made to Village and Town Boards, including Planning, Zoning, Comprehensive Plan Committee, and Codes and Development. A public forum, including all boards, was 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, our responsibility, to resolve, or alleviate, these traffic issues the best we can.

Lastly, in the Village, I will continue to push for improvements in the Main Street traffic signals to provide a better flow through the Village. These three (3) traffic signals on Main Street, NY Route 96, are owned and maintained by the NYS DOT, which operate mechanically, completely independent of one another. And due to the fact that these signals are not linked, or synchronized, when one signal falters, it impacts on the flow of traffic as the other two signals are out of synchronization with the faltering signal. In several meetings, with NYS DOT and others, going back to 2004, I have pushed for the signals to be synchronized and that traffic be monitored via camera, (same as Route 96 at Eastview Mall), so that signal lights can be remotely adjusted to react to increased traffic flow in the Village. At this point, NYS DOT, has not committed to resolving this traffic signal dilemma. In this day and age, with all of the new and improved technology, you'd think that we could move forward to implement this traffic signal improvement. As Mayor,

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and the Village Trustees, we are very frustrated in that we see no movement on the NYS DOT's part to resolve this issue. I realize that this will not resolve all of Victor's traffic concerns, but will certainly help alleviate, not eliminate, and help reduce the traffic congestion in the Village. I will continue to address this issue with NYS DOT. Additional traffic/pedestrian concerns in the Village that were addressed at the last traffic study are the intersections of Church Street and Lynaugh Road which intersect at East Main Street. Plans for improvement, again, involve NYS DOT.

**Village Elections**

This coming March, 2015, there will be Village elections. This is my last term as Mayor as I will not be seeking re-election in 2015. I have been Mayor since 2005. It has been a privilege for me to serve as your Village Mayor. I have been involved in the Village since 1984; Village Planning Board, chair for several years, elected to Village Board as Trustee in 1992, Deputy Mayor from 1996 to 2004, and mayor beginning in 2005. In addition, I was President of the Victor Local Development Corporation (LDC), a joint effort with the Village and Town to 'revitalize' downtown Victor. Working with current Executive Director Kathy Rayburn, LDC Board, Victor Merchants Group and Chamber of Commerce, our downtown business district is vibrant and successful and continues to grow. Our successes in the Village of course involve our Village Hall staff and Department of Public Works. They have worked in conjunction with me and Village Board to continually improve

our Village. In addition, thank you to our Board of Trustees, past and present, and other Village Boards that have committed themselves to serve and seek improvements in the Village and to be fiscally responsible with our taxpayers' money. And I certainly value the cooperation and collaboration with the Town. Supervisor Marren and I have most often been on the same page when dealing with Village/Town issues, committed to improving our Victor Community. Thank you to all of the residents, business owners, taxpayers, for your concerns/ thoughts, and working to resolve issues and improving our Village, and your support. The people and experiences that I have had in this position has been very educational, gratifying and interesting.

In addition, Tim Acquilano will not be seeking re-election as a Trustee. A comment from Trustee Acquilano:

*"Dear fellow residents: After much contemplation I have decided not to seek re-election. I just wanted to let all of you know that it was both an honor and privilege to serve as your Village Trustee during the past 6 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the residents of the Village of Victor and working with the entire Village Board. I now look forward to traveling to see my adult children a bit more often! Respectfully yours, Tim Acquilano."*

I thank you Tim for your time, efforts and service to the Village.

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.

## Village of Victor General Information

*By Pamela Hogenes, Village Clerk*



**Pamela Hogenes,  
Village Clerk  
(585) 924-3311**

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.

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](http://www.victorny.org). Or, feel free to e-mail the Village Clerk directly at [villageclerk@villageofvictor.org](mailto:villageclerk@villageofvictor.org).

Board Agendas and Minutes Notifications  
If you would like notifications of Village Board agendas and minutes either emailed or texted to you, please go to the Victor website ([www.victorny.org](http://www.victorny.org)), select Notify Me to the left and click on the envelope and select how you would like to receive the notifications and from which boards.

**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 2015 calendar in your mail in December.

### Direct Debit Program

The Village Clerk’s office would like to remind our water/sewer customers that we do offer a direct debit program for your quarterly billing. An enrollment form for this program can be either picked up at the Clerk’s office or one will be mailed to you by simply contacting the Clerk’s office at (585) 924-3311. This program is of no cost to the customer.

### Holiday Closings

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

Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 27, 2014*
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 28, 2014
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25, 2014*
Day after Christmas	Friday, December 26
New Year’s Day	Thursday, January 1, 2015*
Floating Holiday	Friday, January 2, 2015
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, Jan. 19, 2015
Good Friday	Friday, April 10, 2015
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2015

(\* ) Indicates garbage or recycling change

In case of an Emergency, call the Village’s Cell Phone at 370-7564 or 760-3738

### 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 2014. These changes were added to the Village Code after holding a public hearing and listening to public input:

- Local Law 1-14  
Amend Chapter 24, Planning Board. *This amendment was adopted to give the Planning Board the ability to issue Special Use Permits.*
- Local Law 2-14  
Adopt new Chapter 153, Trees and Vegetation. *This chapter was added to put guidelines in place regarding tree trimming, planting and maintaining trees within the Village limits, including creating a Tree Board.*
- Local Law 3-14  
Adopt new Chapter 77, Festival and Special Events. *This chapter was adopted to put procedures in place regarding festivals and special events.*
- Local Law 4-14  
Enact a moratorium on new subdivision applications for less than 5 lots. *This local law was adopted to give the Village Board time to add a section in Chapter 174 to address Minor Subdivisions*

## Village Director of Public Works

By John C. Turner

### Sidewalk Plowing

The Village DPW received several complaints about the sidewalk plowing last winter. Our employees work very hard not to ever damage private property but it is extremely difficult to tell where the sidewalk is after a heavy snow. To prevent damage to your lawn, please stake beside the sidewalk where your property is.

### Parking on Village Streets and Parking Lots

Parking your vehicle on Village streets or in Village owned parking lots 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.

### Keep Your House Numbers and Mailboxes Clear

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.

### Driveway 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.

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

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### Village Speed Limits

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

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

### Garbage Changes

#### Thanksgiving Garbage:

Thursday's garbage will be picked up on the following **Monday, December 1, 2014**

#### Christmas Garbage:

Thursday's garbage will be picked up on the following **Monday, December 29, 2014**

#### New Year's Garbage:

Thursday's garbage will be picked up on the following **Monday, January 5, 2015**

#### Christmas Tree Pick-up:

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

## 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, located at 60 Rawson Road, 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 13, 2015		April 20, 2015		April 27, 2015		
Alpine Way	Kent Drive	Church Street	Latchmere Drive	Brookline Avenue	Maple Avenue	Waltham Street
Ambassador Drive	Lynaugh Road	Dryer Avenue	Moore Avenue	Cambridge Circle	Medford Way	Wellington Drive
Andrew Street	Salem Circle	Dunbridge Lane	Sagamore Way	Coville Street	Railroad Street	West Main Street
Clover Lane	Somerset Lane	Duxbury Circle	Valley View Circle	East Street	Rawson Road	Woodworth Street
East Parkway	Tareyton Drive	Glendower Way	Valley View Drive	East Main Street	Rothbury Circle	
Forest Avenue	Winston Drive	S. High Street	Webster Avenue	Ellis Street	School Street	
		Hillcrest Drive	West Parkway	Ketchum Street	Walling Street	
		Huxley Way				

### 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.

# Home Fire Safety

By Robert Graham, Fire Marshal and Joel Richter, Deputy Fire Marshal

## Winter Safety Reminders

Winter in Upstate New York certainly provides many opportunities for winter wonderland adventures, but eventually, we all have to come inside and warm up! In fact, we typically spend a considerable amount of our time inside during the winter months. The very nature of being inside more leads to a greater exposure of carbon monoxide and risk of fire. Please take a few minutes to review the following safety tips.

## Wood Stove / Fireplace Safety

Chimneys are one of the most common locations of residential structure fires in New York State. The Chimney Safety Institute of America reports that creosote accumulation is the leading cause of chimney fires. A chimney that is dirty, blocked or is in disrepair can inhibit proper venting of smoke up the flue and can also cause a chimney fire. Nearly all residential fires originating in the chimney are preventable.

Prevention measures include having your chimneys, woodstoves and fire places inspected by a qualified technician and cleaned and repaired when needed. If you plan to have a fireplace or woodstove installed, please remember a building permit is required.

In the event you do have a chimney fire or an out of control fireplace or woodstove fire, **immediately evacuate all occupants from the building and call 911.**

## Clear Snow at Exits and Vents

Buildup of snow and ice can quickly block outside doors and other exits from your home and where you work. During cold weather, make sure all of your exits are kept clear of snow and ice. To reduce the risk of carbon monoxide buildup in your home, be sure air intakes and vents, even those close to the ground, are cleared of snow and ice.



## Buried Fire Hydrants Cause Dangerous Delays for Community Firefighters

When you “Adopt A Hydrant” and keep a clear, wide path from the road to the fire hydrant nearest your home, **and** an area cleared of snow three feet around the hydrant, you help firefighters more quickly get to these needed sources of water during a fire. Your help can save precious time during a fire emergency at your home.

## Carbon Monoxide

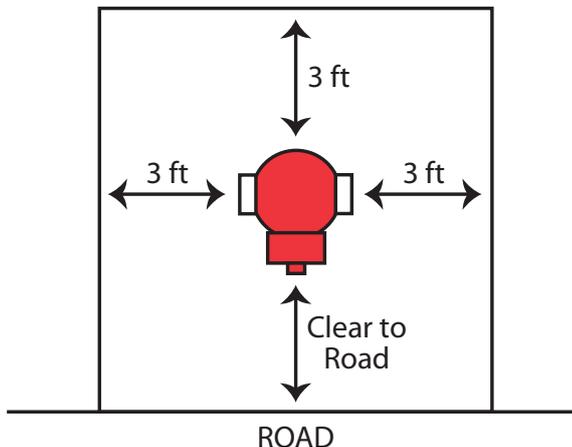
Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas that can kill you if inhaled. You cannot see it, smell it, or taste it. It is sometimes called the “silent killer” because it can take your life without warning. Most people that die in home fires die at night, while they are asleep. They don’t wake up because the CO puts them into a deeper sleep. They are unable to respond and escape.

The symptoms of CO poisoning are flu-like, including headache, fatigue, nausea, dizziness, and confusion. Prolonged exposure can result in vomiting, blackouts, and, eventually, brain damage and death. The amount of CO inhaled and how long you are exposed to it determines the effect.

CO is a product of incomplete combustion. Any fuel-burning device has the potential to produce dangerous levels of CO gas.

The only way to know the level of Carbon Monoxide in your home is by having a properly installed and operating Carbon Monoxide Alarm installed. All residences containing carbon monoxide producing equipment are required by the Building Code of New York State to have Carbon Monoxide Alarms installed. For further information on where to place a Carbon Monoxide Alarm, please contact the Codes and Development Office.

For additional information on these safety topics and more, please call the Victor Fire Marshal’s Office at (585) 742-5035 or visit the NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services – OFPC (<http://www.dhss.ny.gov/ofpc/resources/co-toolkit/index.cfm>) and the Fire Safety Pamphlets section at <http://www.dhss.ny.gov/ofpc/publications/index.cfm#pamphlets>. We will be pleased to answer your questions about fire safety.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## November

**November 29 – Christmas in the Village;** Downtown Victor, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

## December

**December 5 – Winter Musical, *Frosty's First Adventure*,** VEC Auditorium, 7:30 P.M.

**December 6 - Winter Musical, *Frosty's First Adventure*,** 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 to 8:30 P.M.

## February - 2015

**February 7 – Snowscapes Winter Entertainment Series,** Mike Madeen's Magic Show Extravaganza, VEC Auditorium, 1:00 – 2:30 P.M.

**February 14 – WinterFest;** Victor Municipal Park, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

**February 14 – Snowscapes Winter Entertainment Series,** Valentine's Day Lunch/Show featuring The Traveling Cabaret, St. Patrick's Community Room, Maple Avenue – Pre-Registration is Required

## February 21 – Snowscapes Winter Entertainment

**Series;** Sunshine Jam – Cabin Fever/Winter Luau, Legacy at the Fairways, 683 High Street, 1:00 - 2:30 P.M., New Location

## March

**March 12 – Women of Excellence Awards;** Ravenwood Golf Club, 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.

**March 28 – Easter Egg Hunt;** VCS Primary Baseball Fields, 10:00 A.M.

## May

**May 2 – Pancake Breakfast in the Woods,** Victor Municipal Park, 8:30 A.M.

**May 2 – Pitch, Hit & Run;** VCS Campus Field #24, 10:00 A.M. (Rain Date: 5/9/15)

**May 8 – Food & Brew Fest,** Ravenwood Golf Club, 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.

**May 8-15 – 4th Annual Week for Honor Flight Rochester Fundraiser;** Victor Businesses, for more information contact Mike Stockman at (585) 742-0147

**All these events and more can be found on the Victor website under the Community Calendar at [www.victorny.org/calendar.aspx](http://www.victorny.org/calendar.aspx)**