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Words from the Mayor.....

Greeting from Village Hall

I hope this note finds you well and I'm sure, looking forward to spring and summer. After a very challenging winter, we are happy to look forward to much better weather.

I'm proud of our D.P.W and the great job Rich and Charlie have done in keeping our roads clean and safe. We have received may kind words thanking our crew.

I am very fortunate to work directly with a wonderful office staff. Our Clerk Vanessa Scott and Treasurer Kris Libordi make everything work so smoothly. They are great ambassadors of our Village as they work with our residents.

As you have noticed, we brought back the North Hornell Police Department. We have teamed up with Canisteo to use some of their part time Officers. The new Officers are under the jurisdiction of the North Hornell Village Board. They have North Hornell uniforms, will patrol with the Village Police Car and are on the payroll through the Village of North Hornell's Police Budget. It is an example of Shared Services to

benefit both communities. I thank Canisteo Police Chief Kyle Amidon and Canisteo Mayor Recktenwald for their assistance in setting up this program.

We are so grateful for our first responders. Thank you firefighters and police officers.

We are in the budget process now and will present the new budget which runs June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022 when it is finalized. We strive to keep our budget to one of the lowest Village tax rates in the State.

Our sewer system at times is maxed to its' capacity especially during the spring rains. I was informed again that a number of people have tapped into the sewer lines with their sump pumps. This is illegal according to Village Code, State and D.E.C. regulations. If you experience water in your basement, it must be pumped out to the yard or the street to empty into the storm drains.

Reminder: Anyone working in the Village of North Hornell must have a contractor license.

Ask to see it!



We continue to work under the guidelines of the CDC and the County Health Department regarding the opening of Village Hall. Hopefully good news may be coming soon in reference to this Covid-19 Pandemic.

We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Best Wishes,

Mayar Jahn Falci



Village Elections 2020

March 16, 2021, Village residents will have the opportunity to cast their vote for two Trustees.

Trustees Joseph Flint and Trustee Joshua Greenthal seats will be on the ballot.

Election hours will be 12:00PM to 9:00 PM

Social Distancing guidelines will be followed and Face Masks are required

Important Dates to Remember

Village Elections - Noon to 9:00pm	Mar 16
2021-2022 Budget Public Hearing—6:00pm	April 12
Regular Monthly Village Board Meeting - 6:15pm	April 12
Regular Monthly Village Board Meeting—6:00pm	May 10
2021-2022 Village Taxes Mailed Out	May 28
Memorial Day— <u>Anticipated</u> Memorial Service at Barillo Park	May 31



News from the Clerk's Office...... 607-324-7894

Office Hours for the Village Clerk

Monday 9:00am-8:00pm Tuesday 9:00am—5:00pm Wednesday 9:00am-5:00pm Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Any changes to office hours will be posted as necessary on the website and out in the front of the building.

• Taxes and Sewer Payments

Please note when paying your taxes and sewer bills: no payments will be taken after 3:00pm and they must be paid by separate checks.

Please stop in any time or call if you have any questions. 607-324-7894



This CodeRED system provides Village officials the ability to quickly deliver messages to the entire Village of North Hornell.

If you have not signed up to receive these notices or have and your phone number(s) have changed.....please contact the Village Office for your application. (607-324-7894)



Questions or concerns please call the Village Office at 607-324-7894

An Update from Clerk Vanessa Scott

Although the office is currently closed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we are eager to find a way to safely open the doors back up, and hopefully soon. We will keep all of you posted the best we can.

At this time, we continue to conduct contactless business and all payments accepted at the Village Office. These can be dropped in the black drop box in the front of Village Hall.

We anticipate this will continue through with tax season again but, If there are any changes, we will notify all residents as soon as we know.

We have a Facebook account that updates are posted on regularly as well as the Village of North Hornell website. Please look at either of those options for updates......

https://www.northhornell.com

However, if you have any questions, concerns, comments or suggestions, please contact the office. We look forward to hearing from you.



Kind Regards, Vanessa Scott - Village Clerk 607-324-7894

Fire Department Chief..... 607-324-1033

Village News Letter March 2021

Greetings to all from Fire Chief Mike Robbins. I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe throughout this winter. Everyone has been confronted with many challenges over the last year with the pandemic at our doorstep. Things at the fire station have been steadily moving forward so that we are ready if and when you need us to provide you the best possible protection that you have always been accustomed too.

Please remember to frequently check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure that they are working properly. It is a simple thing like that that could save someone's life.

Over the last year I was able to secure a grant thanks to the Bethesda Foundation to outfit the village offices and the Department of Public Works with an AED each. As you

all know an AED is essential as a life saving tool if someone has a cardiac emergency.

Again <u>THANK YOU</u> to the Bethesda Foundation for their generosity.

If anyone has any questions for the fire department or would like any information on how to become a member please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mike Robbins

Fire Chief





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THANK YOU North Hornellians!

Happy spring to North Hornell residents.

All of us involved in the day to day operation of our village would like to just say THANK YOU!

The primary reason that our village continues to be a place where people want to buy or build a home is because our residents take care of their properties.

This not only makes North Hornell a great community to live in, but it also helps all of our property values.

So.....

- Thank you for keeping your lawns mowed.
- Thank you for keeping your sidewalks shoveled.
- Thank you for keeping up with the maintenance of your property.
- Thank you for keeping your properties clear of debris.
- Thank you for your involvement in the village by attending village meetings, voting, volunteering for committees, and looking out for your neighbors.
- Thank you for your understanding and patience as village officials do their best to address your concerns.

As you continue to keep doing your part, we will do our best to keep our end of the deal. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Enjoy your spring and summer!









Visit the Village Website for Current Information...<u>northhornell.com</u>

Village Elections

March 16h

Noon—9:00pm

HERO BANNERS:

Please submit your request for a banner in

honor of your family member

before March 30, 2021.

Contact Village Hall for more information 607-324-7894

Brush Pick Up
Second & Forth Monday
Of the Month

Introducing Our Police Department

Welcome back the Village of North Hornell Police Department. It has been almost two years since you have seen your own officers and patrol vehicle protecting and serving your community! Starting March 2021 your police force is back in action.

In in the beginning of 2021 The Village of North Hornell reached out for options and agreed to a contract with Police Chief Kyle C. Amidon to oversee the duties and responsibilities to get the Police Department back up and running with the hiring of part-time Canisteo Village Police Officers to work the road patrol. Chief Amidon has part-time officers working for him in the Village of Canisteo who can only work 19 ½ hours per week per civil service law who are always seeking for police work hours. Chief Amidon agreed to the administrative duties for the department for the operation to be complete.

Chief Kyle C. Amidon was born and raised in Canisteo, New York, graduating in 2006 from the Canisteo-Greenwood Central School District. In 2008 he received an Associates Degree from Alfred State College in Liberal Arts-Social Sciences. He then pursued his education at Daemen College in Buffalo for Childhood/Special Education. Kyle accepted a patrolman position with the Hornell City Police Department prior to finishing his Bachelors Degree in April of 2010. In 2011 he graduated from the Rural Police Training Academy in Batavia, NY and became a New York State certified Police Officer. In April of 2013 he left the Hornell City Police Department and took over the Canisteo Village Police Department and worked up through the ranks to Chief in 2017. Kyle is the Assistant Director and Defensive Tactics Instructor of the Alfred State Police Academy, President of the Western New York Association of Chiefs of Police, Secretary of the Steuben County Chiefs of Police Association along with other law enforcement credentials.

Chief Amidon brings on three part time patrolmen to assist him.

Officer Kurt Amidon, Officer Brandon Mills and Officer Tyler Crouch who all are New York State certified Police Officers.

Officer Kurt Amidon has been a police officer since 2016 and currently works for the Village of Canisteo Police Department and Village of Alfred Police Department.

Officer Brandon Mills has been a police officer since 2017 and is currently a police officer for the Village of Canisteo.

Officer Tyler Crouch recently became a certified police officer in 2020 and is currently working for the Village of Canisteo and Village of Bath.

This team of officers work well together and are ready to serve and protect the residents of North Hornell.

Some new programs that will be implemented in the near future include vacation/snowbird property checks, keep your head in the game bicycle helmet program, surveillance camera registration program, "Coffee with the Chief" and "Stop and Talk" community interaction programs and much more.

We are thrilled to be part of the community and here to assist you and your needs in any way to keep yourself, your family and your property safe and secure!

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please reach out to the email above or contact Village of North Hornell Village Hall. We look forward to meeting the members of the community and giving you the support and protection you value.

Sincerely;

Kyle C. Amidon

Police Chief Village North Hornell Police Department

North Hornell Police Department under the Direction of Chief Kyle Amidon



NHPD from left to right:

Officer Tyler Crouch Police Chief Kyle Amidon Officer Brandon Mills Officer Kurt Amidon







Hero Banners



The Hero Bandecorated ners Seneca Road another for year. We continue to get compliments and inquiries

from other families wanting to put their Veteran on a banner as well. We look forward to adding more banners for the 2021 spring/ summer season. If you are interested in sponsoring a family member or friend, contact the clerk's office and ask for a banner form. We will be accepting application through February.

The cost for an individual banner will be determined by the amount ordered.

Memorial Day is the official unveiling of our banners and we usually start the season with a small service at Barillo Park with families, dignitaries and local veterans

groups. This, again will all depend regulations.



For several years the AMVETS riders have been in attendance.

Start time is usually 8:00am which will give more than ample time to attend other services throughout the area.

We hope to see more residents in attendance for this years service.



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Department of Public Works

Welcome to Spring from the YARD BRUSH PICK-UP North Hornell Department of Public Works. We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to combating this Covid-19 virus and getting back to normal. Our office is open from 7:00 am - 3:30 pm. Many times, we are out of the office These are items that you would not lage. If you should have any questions about the services we offer, down to please feel free to call our number at 607-324-7023 and leave a message. We will gladly return your phone call.

ics that you should be aware of as vided all year long. a Village resident:



HYDRANT **FLUSHING**

- SPRING AND FALL

The Village of North Hornell Department of Public Works flush all fire hydrants in the village twice a within the village. year, once in the spring and again in the fall. The City of Hornell determines the date so we can coordinate with them to make sure the system is properly flushed. When we flush the hydrants, you will be notified via the local newspaper, local radio stations and by phone It is illegal to blow grass clippings into Red system.

Village residents are encouraged to refrain from washing clothes durit clears up.

Hydrant flushing is a part of necessary maintenance to the water distribution system.

The Village of North Hornell offers a service to residents where we will drive around the village and pick-up large brush. 6 feet or less) and shrubbery. This service does not include grass, mulch and leaf pick-up.

working somewhere inside the Vil- normally fit in the trunk of your car. These items include tree limbs (cut

We provide this service twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. If we are busy with something else on those days, we will get to it the The following information are top- next available day. This service is pro-

MOWING **YARDS**

Village Code 27-1: The owners and/or occupants of land in the village shall cut,



trim, remove brush, debris, waste materials, rubbish, grass, weeds or the like growing or located upon such land

Should the owner and/or occupant default in complying with the above law, the Village DPW will mow the yard. A monetary charge will be determined by the Village Board of Trustees and will be assessed to the property owner.

or text message using our Code the roadway. Grass clippings compromise the storm drainage system in the village and create a hazard to motorists, walkers and bike riders.

ing flushing hours, and are also According to Article 33 - NYS Vehicle advised to run the cold water until and Traffic Law Section 1219: It is illegal to blow or rake yard clippings into the roadway.

> It doesn't matter if you're blowing the clippings into the roadway on purpose, or if they get there incidentally because of your mower. If they're in the road-

LEAF PICK-UP

The Village of North Hornell is fortunate enough to own a leaf vacuum trailer. This service is provided to village residents between October and the end of November. The trailer is equipped to vacuum and remove LEAVES ONLY. The raking of branches and twigs into your leaf pile will cause damage to the trailer. The Village of North Hornell DPW will determine if the pile is safe to remove. If there are twigs, branches and/ or yard waste including grass, mulch and lawn ornaments, we will pass your house and move onto the next residence.

The Village of North Hornell has an agreement with the City of Hornell to allow us to dump yard waste in the City.

If we pass your house due to excessive yard debris, you will be required to make arrangements to have your waste dumped in the City by a private contractor.



Rich Scavo—Superintendent

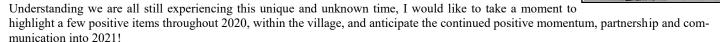


Charlie Harrison

Village of North Hornell - Highlights during a unique and challenging 2020!

Dear Village Residents,

As you all know, 2020 was quite a unique year for many, if not all, in one way or another. I am sure we've all had and/or are having our fair share of continued day-to-day struggles, challenges, obstacles, changes and overall being consumed by, what seems to be, the unknown.



North Hornell Village Hall: This past year had many challenges and obstacles to overcome throughout the continued COVID pandemic. The dedication of Mayor Falci, Clerk (Vanessa Scott), Treasurer (Kris Libordi) and Trustees were key components and reasons for North Hornell Village Hall's success in continuing to move forward and not be hindered. Together, our efforts and priorities were to ensure not only the safety of the employees and Board Members, but most importantly, the North Hornell Village residents. As a team, we developed processes and procedures to ensure open lines of communications continued between all full-time employees, Board Members and village residents. Although, the decision was made to temporarily close the Village Hall doors to the public, our main priority is to ensure continued safety and convenience for village residents. Having said this, our Village Board Meetings will continue to take place each month and will continue to be streamed live, by PeishTV (via YouTube Live), until further notice. I would like to further highlight both, Vanessa Scott and Kris Libordi, as they have been a significant piece to this past year's success. These two amazing women have ensured Village Hall's overall day-to-day routines stayed course without delays or any significant impacts to our residents and village as a whole. The overall teamwork amongst all these individuals is an example that, no matter what, we will stay positive and persevere through difficult times and not compromise or fall short of our village resident's expectations.

DPW: Our very own Village of North Hornell DPW played a significant role during this challenging year, and every year for that matter. Superintendent, Rich Scavo, and Charlie Harrison are essential to our village's continued success with maintaining roads (crack sealing, milling/paving, snow plowing/salting, etc.), sidewalks, water lines, brush/leaf pick-up and the list goes on. This crew of TWO continues to put forth undeniable effort and take excellent care of our quaint village and YOU, our residents. Throughout the ever-changing pandemic guidelines and restrictions, they were not phased; they persevered and continued to perform at a high-level, while adhering to state mandated protocols, including social distant guidelines. Thank you, both, for all that you do, day-in and day-out. Your hard work does not go unnoticed!

North Hornell Fire Department: Our volunteer Village Fire Department, led by our Fire Chief (Mike Robbins) also continued to stay its course during this difficult year. This entire crew is an essential part of our Village's overall success and footprint. The Fire Department continues to grow by the numbers and throughout the year had consistently maintained their astonishing number of 30+ members. Fire Chief, Mike Robbins, has continued to groom this team this past year and together they have made the Village Fire Department a desirable "home" for future members to want to join. This crew handles various calls throughout the year and is always readily available. They continue to train on a regular basis, adhere to all mandatory, local and state, fire policies while improving their own internal policies, procedures, and processes This crew does an outstanding job taking care of our village, residents and surrounding areas, all while putting on local, village events to raise additional funds to ensure they have the necessities to continue to keep our village safe. Thank you, Mike and crew, for all that you do!

Code Enforcement Officer (CEO): Code Enforcement Officer (COE), Bill Rusby, is a wealth of knowledge. This past year, although it has had its challenges for many, it has been unique given the number of permits requested for various home renovations, fence/patio/driveway permits, etc. Bill has done an excellent job with providing a detailed report each month of these permits and their current state. Bill has been essential to our resident's needs; answering questions, concerns, complaints surrounding code enforcement. Thank you, Bill, for all that you do for our village and residents!

Tap Project: The updates to our, now, beautiful sidewalks and curbs is complete (with some minor finishes this spring). These sidewalks were completed at a perfect time, without even knowing it. They are more than just a necessary, long-term cosmetic upgrade to our village. During this difficult year, these new sidewalks/bike lanes gave many individuals motivation, inspiration, sanity, peace-of-mind, relief, stimulation and overall, just something to look forward to on any given day. The new sidewalks/bike lanes may have been quite possibly the best part of a resident's or pedestrian's day. Being able to enjoy a safe, long, smooth, uninterrupted, socially distant walk, during this difficult year, with family/friends and or pets, may have been exactly what one needed to get through the day and decompress. These sidewalks give much deserved and needed moments to our residents and many others, while allowing one to step back and enjoy some of the simple things in life. I would like to further highlight and thank, Mayor Falci and Deputy Mayor/ Trustee, Joe Ingalls. Their time and dedication to this project truly defines their servant leadership to this Board and village residents.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and safe spring/summer!



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Questions From our New Residents......

When are Village Board meetings held? On the second Monday of every month. If it falls on a holiday, it will usu-

ally be on the following day. Changes are posted on the website or in the Evening Tribune Laser ads. Does the Village have leaf pickup in the fall? Yes we do! (refer to the DPW article) What do I do if my water is dirty? We recommend that you first call the City of Hornell water department. They handle all water issues . It is also a good idea to let us know if and where there is a problem in the Village.

Do I need a building permit to put up a fence.? Yes!

Please call Village hall and we will give you all the necessary paperwork and put you in touch with the code enforcement officer. Not everything needs a permit, but it is best to check with us first. Remember: call and verify that your contractor is licensed to work in the Village.



Who do I call if I have a question about my assessment? Call Katherine Gabriele at the Town of Hornellsville. She can answer all your questions and help to lower your assessment if possible. If not,

grievance day is the last Tuesday in the Month of May. Village hall mails out the Village taxes June 1st.

Where do I get my dog licensed? Dogs are licensed in the Town of Hornellsville, 1 Park Dr. in Arkport. Cats are licensed in N Hornell at Village Hall.

When is trash picked up? Every Thursday, unless it is a holiday then it is the following day. Recycling is once a month on the Thursday that falls in the week of the 21st. You can always take your recyclables to the City if once a month is not enough.

Can I tap my sump pump into the sewer? No. It is illegal according to Village, State and DEC to tap into sewer lines with a sump pump. Talk to the DPW if you have questions.

Can I get my handicap tag at Village Hall? Yes. Bring in your doctors authorization form for a temporary or permanent tag.