

# Town of Gaines

## Spring Is Right Around the Corner



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## From the Desk of the Supervisor... Carol Culhane

### Good News in the Town of Gaines!!!

The Jewel of the Ridge is beginning to shine! Thanks to great fiscal responsibility and tax cuts we have a successful business returning to Gaines and several more looking for the possibility of a new

business venture! Crosby's is so successful they invested in a complete facelift. We have two new homes being built, and several recently sold. There has been a rebirth of interest in the History of Gaines thanks to our wonderful

Historian who has invested time and energy into his position. I am excited about new opportunities for the Cobblestone as well. The seeds of hard work that have been planted are starting to sprout. **We love our little town and it looks like we are not alone!**

### Good News.....

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Town	Tax levy 2007	Levy 2012	Levy 2016	2007-2016 \$ Change	2007-2016 % Change
Albion	\$728,348	\$697,551	\$699,551	-\$28,797	-3.95
Barre	\$599,774	\$779,694	\$902,532	\$302,758	50.48
Carlton	\$544,922	\$835,086	\$902,391	\$357,469	65.60
Clarendon	\$579,074	\$751,187	\$742,477	\$163,403	28.22
Gaines	\$504,049	\$568,440	\$545,288	\$41,239	8.18
Kendall	\$584,306	\$664,633	\$670,610	\$86,304	14.77
Murray	\$592,436	\$630,735	\$777,360	\$184,924	31.21
Shelby	\$717,638	*\$876,402	\$940,540	\$222,902	31.06
Ridgeway	\$632,770	*\$900,240	\$946,972	\$314,202	49.66
Yates	\$550,008	\$583,060	\$614,523	\$64,515	11.73

Gaines has done very well even though costs have gone up and our population has gone down, we continue to work to use YOUR tax dollars to serve the needs of our community over the past 10 years.

**Hit List of Grant Money:** Thus far we have been awarded the JCAP Grant for \$16,000 and the DASNY Grant for \$75,000 from Sen. Robert Ortts office.

## **FACT OVER FICTION**

We all love to meet up at our local diner or have lunch with a friend. It's a small town and sometimes the "Breakfast Club" is a great way to catch up on news events; but just like the "Big Fish" someone caught, facts can be mixed in with some fiction. Our meetings are all posted on line and my office is open as well as my phone line for any questions that may need answered. If we can't immediately answer your questions, we will research and then get back to you. Remember the best and most accurate news is in person. We meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at our Town Hall.

## **Here is the latest**

We are using grant money to make much needed building improvements and make our building safer, more energy efficient and ADA compliant, so specs are coming in from various builders, which will give us needed guidance to put the bids together. The list for the building updating and renovation are as follows:

1. Foam the sill plate and the attic
2. Siding, insulation and possibly windows to the upper level
3. Enclose the front entrance
4. Change the location of the Emergency Exit at the west side of the building
5. Bring the sidewalk to the new front location of the above-mentioned door
6. New Windows in the Basement
7. New Emergency Door in the Basement
8. Tank less on Demand Water System

So far, we have installed security barriers in both the Court Clerk and Town clerk's windows. We also have a handicapped accessible door installed to make our building ADA compliant and have easier access for all.

1. We continue to monitor the water usage and look for water loss. We passed a resolution to become independent with a new meter system reader. We also approved purchasing Fire Hydrant meters for farmers to irrigate or bulk purchase of water for example filling a pool or wells. There will be additional charges to use this system. So far we have no significant water loss to date.
2. We are saving your tax dollars by installing more efficient LED lighting in the highway garage. We also have approved looking into cutting down the diseased ash trees in our town for additional revenue. We have an independent audit performed every year by an outside accounting firm to make sure we follow the government general accounting practices and to make sure we are keeping close ties on how your tax dollars are being spent. Thus, far the auditors have just completed 2015 and 2016 is almost complete. They have reported that they are satisfied with the manner in which we practice our fiscal responsibility.

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## **From the Town Historian... Al Capurso**

"Gee I wonder what's in that old attic trunk?" As spring cleaning time comes, please remember to be on the lookout for anything "Old Gaines" (old school photos, store receipts, ledgers, journals, etc. items will be scanned and returned and /or displayed at the Town Hall. We would like to thank those who have already stepped forward to share their treasures. Remember we have original Centennial 1909 and Sesquicentennial 1959 Books for sale; and free Bicentennial 200 Calendars. Happy Spring! Al Capurso

## **FROM THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

The Highway Department has been busy this winter to keep the roads plowed and salted for our safety.

When weather improves, we will begin fixing yards due to plowing.

### **WATER**

Annual valve exercising and hydrant flushing will begin soon.

Ron Mannella