

Town of Gaines

From the Desk of the Supervisor...

HARVESTING HISTORY IN THE TOWN OF GAINES

Harvest Season is in full swing on our farms and town. I have been busy working and putting together a healthy budget to present to your Town board. After being supervisor for over three years, I am confident I have a clear understanding of the budget process. Our financial house is in order now. The over levying has repaid the water districts, our town spending has been very conservative and we, the Town Board and Departments, have worked in concert striving for fiscal accountability. I am very proud of the efforts made.

In search of past information, I have been going through boxes of history learning while preserving sacred articles and artifacts of our Town's past.

It is my goal as your Supervisor to see that you receive a budget that eliminates wasteful spending, historic documents are preserved and put to good use, and your vision for the future of Gaines through the updated Comprehensive Plan is implemented.



The effort to continue to move forward making our town the "jewel of the Ridge" it was historically known to be.

My office door is always open and the coffee pot will continue to brew just for you.

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From The Desk of the Town Clerk ATTENTION DEER HUNTERS

Leftover **DMP's (Doe Permits)** will be available on Sunday, November 1st. The Town Clerk's office will be open on Sunday, November 1st from 9AM to 11AM for your convenience. If you already applied for DMP's for the initial application period, there will be no additional application fee. If you are applying for the first time this hunting season, you will have to pay a \$10.00 application fee. Fee is waived for Resident and Nonresident Junior Hunters and Junior Bow hunters, and for Lifetime Sportsman licenses purchased prior to October 1, 2009.

You will be allowed up to two **DMP's** during the first-come/first served application period in

addition to any you may have received during the initial application period.



Just Dial 211?

2-11WNY is a comprehensive information & referral service accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week by dialing 2-1-1 or visiting www.211wny.org. 211 is a direct informational hotline connecting you to non-profit and government agencies in your community that offer health and human services such as mental health, substance abuse, assistance for seniors and people with disabilities.

From the Desk of the Highway Superintendent

Road paving has been completed on Northwood Drive and West Transit Church Road. The highway department is now starting the fourth round of roadside mowing.

As winter approaches the highway departments first responsibility is to maintain road conditions. It is the goal of the highway department to provide you with the safest travel conditions the weather will allow. The highway department asks that all residents please keep the fire hydrants around your residents free from snow. The highway department will also work to clear hydrants as time allows.

Section 1219 of the NYS VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW prohibits the act of pushing snow from private driveways onto a roadway or shoulder. This may cause an accident, and the offender can be held liable.

From the Desk of the Water Superintendent

Please keep in mind that it is the responsibility of all water customers to keep their water meter from freezing. Please be sure there is a heat source at the location of your water meter. Should your frost plate freeze crack the replacement fees are as listed below.

1st Offense - \$25.00

2nd Offense - \$50.00

3rd Offense - \$100.00

Water



Direct Payments for Water Bills

For those of you who hate to receive those pesky water bills or find yourself forgetting to pay on time, there is an option of "Direct Payment".

Simply fill out the "ACH Recurring Payment Authorization Form" (enclosed in this month's water bill) or download the form on our website. www.townofgaines.org. Your water payment will be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account so you will never have to worry about missing your water bill payment or those late fees again.

Home Rule, Article X, and What Does It mean to you?

New York State recently adopted the Power New York Act, which includes Article X, legislation establishing a state-level process for permitting electrical generation facilities of 25 MW and larger capacity. Under Article X, utility scale wind farms are now sited and permitted by a state siting commission, rather than by local municipalities.

However, the state siting commission may defer to local ordinances or it may overrule local requirements it considers to place an unreasonable burden on the applicant; so it remains

incumbent upon municipalities to establish zoning and/or planning ordinances that balance wind energy's clean electricity generation potential with the public health, safety, welfare concerns that may be involved. Furthermore, residential scale wind turbines, and wind farms of less than 25 MW, will still fall under local municipal control.



Don't forget to vote on Nov. 3rd

Found Archives

In 1910 the Original Town Hall burned to the ground taking with it many historical records or so we thought. To our dismay lost documents from the fire including minutes from 1832 to 1857 were discovered in one of many old cardboard boxes full of artifacts and treasures sitting in the basement.

The old folder contained the articles of incorporation for the "Village of Gaines" and when it was unincorporated plus the incorporation articles for the Gaines Academy. Priceless!!



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