

Town of Gaines

Fall has arrived
What a Great
Summer!

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From the Desk of the Supervisor.....

Carol Culhane

WHERE WE WERE, WHERE WE ARE, WHERE WE ARE GOING!

Dear Gaines Taxpayer,
I want you to know that I understand. In your home, if you can't pay your bills you cut spending. That is why My Supervisor's Budget presented to your Board is again lowering your town taxes. How do we manage your money to get the best

services we can provide, yet make it not so outlandish that you can't continue to live here? We work within YOUR means. That is why I have been arranging financial meetings so we can refinance the town's debt at a lower interest

rates. By watching spending and always looking for a better opportunity without compromising the great services we provide, I have presented for the past three years, a lower town tax rate.

<u>TAX RATES</u>					
<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
4.19	4.19	4.12	4.03	3.90	3.37
<u>VALUE OF THE TOWN</u>					
<u>2016</u>			<u>2017</u>		
\$116, 551,683			125,144, 736 UP 9%		

It takes a great deal of hard work on the part of me, the Board, the Department Heads and the staff who are committed to make our town run efficiently and fiscally responsible for ALL our greater good.

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR TOWN CLERK:

Sharon Harding

We are pleased to announce that hunting and fishing licenses are NOW available at the town of Gaines!

I have been working on the recertification of Decals for hunting and Fishing license with the DEC since June. The DEC did respond that they were unable to add new agents between June 30 and December 1st; however, due to the fact that the application process was started before the cut off, we were able to take the test and the DEC did issue the license.

I would like to introduce Debbie Mitchell, deputy clerk. We are delighted to have her on our team and she is a great asset to the Clerk's office. Stop in to say hello.

From The Highway Department...

Ron Mannella

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. We ask that all residents please keep the fire hydrants around your residence free from snow. We also remind you that section 1219 of the NY State Vehicle and Traffic Law prohibits pushing snow from private drives onto a roadway or shoulder. This may cause an accident and the offender can be held liable.

Road projects completed this year:
Kenyonville Road has been paved from Ridge Road to Howlett Road.
West Bacon and West Transit Roads have been sealed.

Final round of roadside mowing has begun.

The highway department has recently received a visit from the NYS Dept. of Labor to inspect our facility and make sure we had proper programs in place. Thanks to town employees: Dave Rustay, Mark Radzinski, and John Foote. The inspection went well finding a few minor violations.
Also thanks to Supervisor Culhane for her time spent putting one of the required forms in order.

JUST A LITTLE BIT OF INFO:

Quote from "The Ridge Ontario Blossom Country"
Written by Arch Merrill

"Gaines now is just another hamlet that the traveler hardly notices as he whizzes by. But once she was "The Queen of the Ridge".

"All the stagecoaches stopped there, for Gaines had ten taverns and was the most important town between Rochester and Lewiston. There the first house of Worship, still standing, the first academy between the Genesee and Niagara rivers was built. Gaines had the first newspaper in Orleans County, the first attorney, the first circus, the first burying ground."

FROM YOUR WATER

SUPERINTENDENT... Ron Mannella

Please keep in mind that it is the responsibility of all water customers to keep their meter from freezing.

Should your frost plate freeze and break replacement fees are as listed.

- 1st Offense--\$ 25.00
- 2nd Offense--\$ 50.00
- 3rd Offense--\$ 100.00

FROM YOUR CODES ENFORCER.....

Dan Strong

Homes in the Town of Gaines are being addressed.

I am happy to meet with you and speak with you concerning all complaints. Feel free to contact me or leave a message at 589-4592 ext. 20.
Thank you!

HISTORIAN'S CORNER.....

Al Capurso

The original Centennial (1909) and Sesquicentennial 1959) booklets of Gaines are available while supplies last at the town building.

We are still looking to scan old photos and memorabilia of Gaines. Phone 590-0763.
Al Capurso, Historian

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