

Town of Gaines

Summer has arrived!!!

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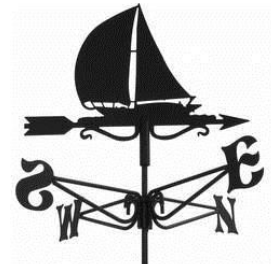
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Water Department News

From the Desk of the Supervisor.....

The wind was in the East but as we sail into summer we are finding **“A place for everything and everything in its place.”** All the water regs are updated, and on the website, the Employee Handbook is complete, the Policies and Procedures also approved, the fuel

monitoring system is installed, and operational, and the board approved Amato Fox proposal for the annual independent audit. I will continue to be attentive, work hard and tend to my duties as your Supervisor watching the town bloom as we move through



the summer. The activity with people coming into town and visiting is remarkable. We welcome everyone to enjoy the Town of Gaines



ATTENTION HUNTERS:

Starting Monday, August 3, 2015 at 8AM Hunting Licenses for the 2015-2016 hunting season will be available at the Town Clerk's Office. Anyone purchasing a hunting license will also be able to purchase a chance for a Deer Management Permit in two locations of your choice. There will be an additional \$10.00 fee for the DMP lottery.

Residential Hunting License Fees:

Hunting	16-69 years	\$22.00
DMP	14+ years	\$10.00
Bow Hunting Privilege	16-69 years	\$15.00
Muzzle loading	16-69 years	\$15.00
Turkey Permit	12+ years	\$10.00

From The Highway Department

Ron, and his Crew want you to know that the Highway Department has completed their annual flushing of hydrants and exercising main valves. The 2nd round of highway mowing has been completed. They are now Paving West Transit church Road. Northwood Drive will also be paved this summer.

What to do with the "Big Mess"?!

Abandoned Buildings, unkempt properties, parked trailers, and deteriorated homes.... We all see them and would love the "10-second tidy" by calling our Codes Enforcer. Sadly, it is NOT that easy! Our Codes Enforcer can attempt to site an individual on property maintenance laws but if the owner does not live there, the home is in foreclosure, or the bank owns the property, there is no magic wand to make it go away.

Foreclosure Laws are very STRONG in NY State! The homeowner has rights to reclaim even after foreclosure has taken place. Once a complaint has been made to

our Codes Enforcer the Home Owner or the Bank has to be located. Many Home Owners and Banks are out of State. The Codes enforcer cannot do anything until he gets a response with compliance; even if he does hear from the bank, in many situations the Bank's hands are tied if debris on the property has any personal items belonging to the homeowner. Banks are hesitant to remove debris because the homeowner has the right to sue the banks if they remove anything that could be considered personal property.

If the Town goes to Court there is no guarantee the bank or homeowner will show up.

What Happened to Our Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan (what you told us you want in your future) has been completed and is now in the Town Boards hands for review. A final public hearing date should be set soon. Once the public hearing is set your Town Board will vote on adopting it and all will be complete.



Court Fees and demolition along with removal of debris is very expensive to you the taxpayer. We can no longer burn homes in NY State they have to be removed. The Town of Gaines is not the only Town with this problem. This is a State Wide Problem.

Water Department News

Devin Rogers, our water billing clerk, has moved on to a full time position in Medina New York. We will miss her and wish her the very best in her new position.



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