

# ***Village of Orchard Park***

## ***2015 NEWSLETTER***



### ***A note from the mayor...***

The Calendar year for the Village starts June 1. With this New Year I am happy to report we are financially sound. The Village still has the lowest tax rate in the area. Many projects are scheduled for the upcoming year. After a long winter we have had many water breaks. We are re-evaluating the lines and hope to start some replacements. The Forest Avenue Bridge is completed, and the roads in that area will be addressed.

Now that summer is here the flower baskets are hung and the charm of the Village grows. The Department of Public Works continues the daily care for our streets and infrastructure. We appreciate all they do. To help with the brush please place it stump side to the curb and bundle it with twine.

It has been a year since the change in the garbage and recycling contract and I am happy to report our recycling in the Village has increased from 18% to 23% of our total waste.

The Village's business district is growing and I am working to bring in new storefronts. If you have not been to the business district lately please visit our shops and restaurants.

As summer begins so does our season of events in the Village. I invite you to enjoy our Village and its offerings. The highlight of course is the Summer in the Park events lead by Trustee Wales. Mark your calendars for the Ice Cream Social July 24 and the Street Dance July 25. The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Orchard Park is July 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Lions Car Show is July 25<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to visit the Quaker Arts Pavilion and take in a concert.

I, along with the rest of the Village team (Deputy Mayor Rood, Trustees Hartung, Hogenkamp, and Wales) look forward to serving you in this upcoming year. We appreciate the Village staff and most of all, our residents.

***Best Regards,***  
***Jo Ann Litwin Clinton, Mayor***

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*The Village Board meetings  
are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Mondays of the month at  
7 pm (see our website for  
complete schedule)*

**4295 South Buffalo St.**

**662-9327 Phone**

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**Office Hours: 9 am–5 pm**  
**Monday-Friday**

[www.orchardparkvillage.org](http://www.orchardparkvillage.org)

**Mary Beth Jensen**, Village Clerk-Treasurer • **Andrew Slotman**, Director of Public Works  
**Kelly Stressinger**, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer • **Jeffrey N Sweet**, Code Enforcement Officer  
**Christine Hanavan**, Part-Time Clerk, ZBA and Planning Board Secretary

The Public Works Department consists of a team of eight devoted employees, consistently providing superior service to the Village residents. We are available twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, and can be contacted at 662-3866; after hours contact the Orchard Park Police at 662-6444 and they will contact the proper personnel.

The two most visible services are the curb side collection of brush and leaves and snowplowing of streets, sidewalks, and parking lots. There are a couple of guidelines regarding brush and leaf collection that assist us in being more efficient. Please stack all brush in the same direction with the cut ends facing the street. In the fall, leaves must be placed in separate piles free of sticks to allow us to use the vacuum machines for collection. All of the material that is collected is recycled at the Town's composting facility at 6909 Milestrip Road. For the complete list of rules regarding this service please contact us.

The Village restricts on-street parking from November 1 until April 1 to provide snowplowing service.

The department engages in many beautification projects throughout the Village. Last year we installed a unilock sidewalk and landscape bed to accent the Scenic Byway sign that highlights our historic Train Depot. This year, we are planning to upgrade the four Village entrance signs and their associated landscape beds. With the assistance of the Orchard Park Garden Club, we plant and maintain the hanging baskets and flower boxes; this program is funded through donations of local businesses and residents. If you would like to contribute, please contact the Village Office at 662-9327.

The other primary function of the department is infrastructure management. We have three major infrastructure systems that we are constantly monitoring and assessing. The most visible system is the 12.5 mile road network the Village owns. We have been utilizing a pavement preservation program to determine what road projects are necessary and completed. Last year we were able to mill and repave .61 miles of road, install a surface treatment to .48 miles, and 3 miles were crack filled; all of these treatments add new life to the road network. We are currently working with Cornell Local Roads to join their summer internship program; this program would provide us an independent evaluation of the condition of our road network and assist in creating a roadwork schedule.

The water distribution system is made of 14.5 miles of pipe that supply safe drinking water to our residents twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. The New York Department of Health regulates our activities to ensure the safety of our water. We perform an annual interview with our representative from the Health Department to document that all requirements were completed for the previous year and determine what testing is required for the upcoming year. The Public Works department employs three individuals that maintain a class D water license with New York State. For more information on the water quality, see the attached Annual Water Quality Report.

The third major network we maintain is the storm sewer conveyance system; it is made up of 17.25 miles of pipe and 683 drainage structures. This system carries clean water from our streets and parking lots to local water ways; there is no treatment of the water, and therefore pollution is a major concern. One source of pollution is sediment. To help prevent sediment buildup, we annually clean 20% of our system and remove the sediment. Last year we were able to clean 20,580 feet of pipe and 162 structures.

We strive to improve the services provided and encourage feedback. Please contact us with both positive and negative comments so that we may advance the department.

To protect all residents and property owners, Building Permits are required to assure compliance with the NYS Fire Prevention and Uniform Building Code and the Village of Orchard Park Municipal Code. Permit applications can be found on our website ([www.orchardparkvillage.org](http://www.orchardparkvillage.org), Department Tab - Code Enforcement).

**A Building Permit is required (HOME AND BUSINESS):**

- For all new construction or additions
- When the cost of a repair to an existing building exceeds \$10,000.00
- When a repair affects the structure of an existing building
- When an electrical circuit is installed or extended
- When a generator is installed
- When remodeling involves the removal or relocation of walls; or affects the structure of a building
- When the required fire safety features in an existing building are affected by repairs, remodeling or alterations
- For a shed, fence, or new paved surfaces

**A Building Permit is required (BUSINESS):**

- When the use of a building is changed (i.e. a retail store to a doctor's office)
- **ALL SIGNS**

**A Building Permit is required (HOME):**

- When a solid fuel device, such as a wood burning stove or fireplace is installed or repaired
- **All swimming pools that can contain 18" or more of water. This includes inflatable pools.**

**Other Information:**

- House numbers are required to be placed on all houses in the Village of Orchard Park. Numbers must be at least 4" high and visible from the street.
- Remember to keep all generators, pressure washers or other gasoline-powered tools outside and NEVER store or use in garage, carport (covered patio) or basement. Keep all gasoline powered tools well away from windows, doors and air-intakes. They all produce large amounts of carbon monoxide (CO) that can build up to dangerous levels in minutes.
- **Recreational fires are permitted. Such fires must burn only seasoned firewood, must be a minimum of 25 ft. from structures and must NOT produce smoke that is offensive or objectionable. A method of extinguishing the fire must be available. Such fires must be constantly attended until extinguished. Open burning of combustibles other than seasoned firewood is PROHIBITED.**

**As of February 22, 2010, Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors are required:**

1. Within each dwelling unit or sleeping unit, on each story having a sleeping area.
2. Within each dwelling unit or sleeping unit, on each story where a carbon monoxide source is located.
3. Where the dwelling unit has appliances, devices or systems that may emit carbon monoxide or has an attached garage.

**PROHIBITED LOCATIONS:** Carbon Monoxide alarms shall not be located within or near the openings to garages, bathrooms or furnace rooms; shall not be located in or near locations specified as "prohibited", "not recommended" or the like in the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Jeff Sweet, Village Code Enforcement Officer, will answer questions and help with the permit process. He is available Monday - Friday 4-5 pm, after hours or Saturday mornings by appointment.

## Garbage and Recycling

1-800-333-6590

Waste Management is contracted to provide garbage and recycling collection for all one, two and three family homes in the Village. They will collect up to four cans/bags from each residence. Acceptable waste must be in watertight garbage cans with lifting handles or watertight plastic bags, not to exceed 40-gallon capacity and cannot exceed 60 lbs. A list of garbage and recycling guidelines can be picked up at the Village office or found on the Village website ([www.orchardparkvillage.org](http://www.orchardparkvillage.org)).

**Our collection day is FRIDAY** - all refuse and recycling must be within five feet of the roadside by 6:30 am. Bulk items will be collected the first Friday of every month (2 item limit). Waste Management observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day; collection will be on Saturday that week.

Waste "tags" can be purchased at the Village Office for extra bulky and regular waste.

**Recycling** will be collected every other Friday. A schedule is available in the Village Office or on our website. Additional recycle carts are available at no charge – please call the Village Office.

Electronics that cannot be disposed of with curbside garbage pickup (i.e.: televisions and microwaves) can be dropped off at Modern Disposal's Facility at 3675 Jeffrey Blvd in Blasdell (824-3767). Beginning 2015, Modern does charge a small fee for TV disposal. Best Buy Stores will recycle TV's (under 32") and computer equipment at no charge.

For hazardous household waste disposal, call 858-6370.

## Planning Board

The dedicated volunteers who presently serve on the Planning Board are Chairman Gunner Tronolone, Dale Pyne, Michael Borowiak, Myrna Woodard and Stephen Bray. Christine Hanavan is the Secretary. The board reviews permit applications in residential and non-residential zones, all referrals from the Zoning Board of Appeals, and any other permits or matters referred by the Code Enforcement Officer or the Village Board. All permit applications must be submitted to the Village Office no later than noon on the Wednesday, one week prior to the meeting date. The Code Enforcement Officer and the Planning Board Secretary can be reached at the Village Office and will be happy to assist you through the process. Meetings are held in the Municipal Center the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm as needed.

## Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is also comprised of dedicated volunteers: Chairman Ted Pieczonka, Steve Snyder, Gary Phillips, Amy Glowczynski, Bill Riter and Alternate David Obrochta. Christine Hanavan is the Secretary. The Village Code Enforcement Officer reviews all permit applications to determine if variances to the Village's Municipal Code are needed. If a variance is required, the applicant completes a Zoning Board of Appeals application and a public hearing is scheduled. A public hearing is published in the Orchard Park Bee and notices are sent to all property owners within 200' of the subject property. At the public hearing the ZBA reviews the application and interested parties are given the opportunity to express concerns. The ZBA, which must follow specific criteria for granting any variance, then votes on the requested variance. Meetings are held the third Wednesday after the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm as needed.

## Selling a House in the Village?

A sewer inspection must be done on any property changing ownership in the Village of Orchard Park. The cost of the inspection is \$75.00, payable to "Village of Orchard Park". Please contact the Village Office when selling a house and we will contact Erie County Sewer to schedule the inspection. Once completed, we will issue a Certificate of Compliance.

## DRIVEWAY PLOWING REGULATIONS

Village residents and/or property owners must not permit snow from private property to be placed or stored on a Village Right of Way (ROW) or street. Due to the severity of the past two winters, and on several occasions, the DPW has had to remove snow placed in the ROW in order for the street to be properly plowed. To date, this snow removal has been completed at Village expense, but in the future, this work may be charged to the property owner. If notified, property owners will be given an opportunity to remove the snow; if the snow is not removed, it will be removed by the Village and the cost will be added to the property tax bill. To prevent occurrences such as this, we recommend the property owners discuss this law with the person or contractor that may place snow on a ROW. Keep in mind that the ROW includes sidewalks and extends beyond the street pavement.

## Village Justice Court

662-6415

The Village Court is in session the first Thursday of each month at 3 pm in the court room of the Municipal Center. The Village Court is represented by Village Justice Daniel B. Kane, Prosecutor Nancy Hart, and Acting Village Justice Philip M. Marshall, who is also the Village Attorney.

## Tree Planting and Beautification

Through the enthusiastic efforts of Mary Ann Schubert, Marianne Eimer, the Orchard Park Garden Club members, financial contributions, and the commitment of the Village DPW, we enjoy hanging flower baskets and planter boxes. Anyone wishing to make a tax deductible donation to Beautify Orchard Park II (BOP II) may do so through the Village Office.



## Annual Water Quality Report

Enclosed please find a copy of the Annual Water Quality Report, complying with State & Federal regulations. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. Additional information is available in the Village Office, or on the internet at [www.ecwa.org](http://www.ecwa.org)

## POLICE—FIRE—EMERGENCY 911

NON EMERGENCY 662-6444

The police station is located in the back of the Municipal Center. Police Chief Mark Pacholec and his very competent detectives and police officers are always available to serve and protect us. The police department uses an enhanced 911 emergency calling system that helps locate the origin of any call received. The appropriate police, fire, or medical emergency personnel are then sent in response. Fingerprinting, by appointment, is available for adoptions, naturalization, securities licenses, liquor licenses and numerous other reasons, to all Orchard Park Town and Village residents at no charge.

## CODE RED

Emergency alerts are issued by The Town of Orchard Park. Citizens must register to receive alerts. If you are not yet registered, go directly to the Town's website...

<http://orchardparkny.org/content/EmergencyManagement> and follow the CodeRed link.

Some examples of alerts: boil water notices, criminal activity, evacuation notices, fires, floods, travel bans, missing person cases.

## Post Office

662-4110

The Orchard Park Post Office is located on School Street between South Buffalo Street and South Lincoln Avenue.

The hours of operation are:

Monday thru Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm  
Saturday 8:30am – 1:00pm

## Library

662-9851

4570 South Buffalo Street

The Orchard Park Library is part of the Erie County Library System. It is located at the corner of Highland Avenue and South Buffalo Street.

## RECREATION

**Yates Park**— Parking stickers are available at the Recreation Building or in the Town Clerk's Office for Orchard Park residents. For information regarding shelter rentals, call 662-6450.

**Chestnut Ridge Park** 662-3290  
Shelters 858-8355

### **Senior Citizens**

Senior Center 662-6452  
Meals on Wheels 662-7178  
Senior Citizen Van 662-8378  
Senior Nutrition 662-8378  
Senior Discount Cards 851-4141

### **Youth**

Boys & Girls Club 662-1941  
Town Recreation 662-6450  
YMCA - Southwestern Blvd. 674-9622



## ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOLS

[www.opschools.org](http://www.opschools.org)

General Information 209-6200  
4040 Baker Road  
South Davis Elementary 209-6246  
55 South Davis Street  
Eggert Elementary 209-6215  
3580 Eggert Road  
Windom Elementary 209-6279  
3870 Sheldon Road  
Ellicott Elementary 209-6278  
5180 Ellicott Road  
Middle School 209-6220  
60 S Lincoln Avenue  
High School 209-6242  
4040 Baker Road  
Community Education 209-6295  
4040 Baker Road

*This Newsletter is enclosed with your Village Tax Bill "by order of the Orchard Park Village Board of Trustees."*

## Churches and Organizations

A complete listing of area churches appears in our local phone book "Who's Who in Orchard Park". This book is prepared as a yearly fund-raiser by the local Boy Scout Troops. Copies can be purchased for \$10 in the Village Office or at various local businesses.

A list of community organizations and phone numbers appear on the bulletin board in the main hall of the Municipal Center.

## AREA EVENTS

**Memorial Day Parade:** May 25, 9:00 am from the Library to Veteran's Park, where a service is held.



**Quaker Arts Pavilion Concert Series:** (662-7387)  
Concerts June thru August by a variety of musical performers. Programs available.

**Fourth of July:** (870-9091) (parade@roadrunner.com)  
8pm parade from Baker Road to the Middle School. Fireworks at dusk.



**Taste of Orchard Park:** July 22 (Wednesday) (6-10 pm)

### **Summer in the Park:**

**Ice Cream Social:** July 24 (7-9 pm)  
(followed by fireworks)



**Car Show & Street Dance:** July 25  
Car Show begins at 11:30 am  
Street Dance from 7:30-11:30 pm

**Erie County Fair and Expo:** August 12–August 23  
(649-3900) [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org)

**Orchard Park Symphony Orchestra:** (474-5843)  
September–April at the Orchard Park High School

**Quaker Arts Festival:** (667-2787)  
September 19-20 at the Orchard Park Middle School



**Veterans' Day:** November 11  
Service in Veterans Park at 11:00 am

**Holiday in the Park:** December 2 at the Depot (4-7pm)

### UTILITIES

Water Village of OP 662-9327  
Sewer Erie County 823-8188  
Electric NYSEG 1-800-572-1111 service  
1-800-572-1131 outages  
Gas National Fuel 686-6123 service  
1-800-444-3130 emergency

Information is available in the Village Office regarding the Prevention of Stormwater Pollution.