



Village of Oakfield Newsletter

Summer 2019



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Oakfield is our hidden gem in Genesee County. For me it's a great place to live. Even though a small, rural village, there is so much happening. Over the last several weeks the Village has been very active.

We hosted the Memorial Day Ceremony, enjoyed the Prom attendees (with their stunning attire) and the many well wishers who took so many pictures in Triangle Park. The Oakfield Historical Society also conducted its annual tour of the Village for our 2nd graders starting from the Village Offices. The Village-wide yard sale took place once again in June. The Village will host the OA Little League parade on June 22nd. The Village will be devoted to participating with the Oakfield Betterment Committee and the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce in hosting a tour of our Village Businesses—called “Start Up Genesee.” As a Village we are so very well represented, supported by many volunteers and offered so much! I continue to be impressed by the many individuals who are concerned about the well being of our Village and offer their own unique contributions. Special mention is merited about how each Village Trustee has taken to heart their responsibility in governing the Village. This also extends to the Village employees as well. Spread throughout our Village we have an excellent base of people who are true caretakers. They are a pleasure to work with as I serve as Mayor.

FUN IN THE PARK

Triangle Park is often referred to as “The Heart of the Village.” Its gazebo is depicted on the three “Welcome to Oakfield” signs as you enter the Village. This past year the park has hosted the Memorial Day Ceremony, PROM pictures, the OACS line art show, several church related activities and a variety of other community activities. Labor DAZE

has successfully returned to the Park and “Majestic Lights Christmas Tree Celebration”, highlighted by the many lighted Trees, gave that special glow. The Park's gazebo was refurbished last year including replacement of the flooring. This year, a major upgrading of the electrical system will be completed. This is to promote public safety and support the growing demand for electrical accessibility. (We are always disappointed when Mother Nature decides to rain in December and trip our Christmas Tree Lights!) Triangle Park will continue its legacy into the future, and we hope that its upgrading will encourage even more use.

MESSAGE FROM DAVE LANEY- SUPERVISOR OF MAINTENANCE

Cleanup from Winter is mostly done. With Spring comes Spring tasks---grass mowing, keeping weeds down, making outdoor repairs, getting out benches and planters, etc. Our winter street-parking hours ended April 1st and we thank you for cooperating so well this year. It made snow removal so much more efficient. With the coming of Spring and all the rain we have seen, our Waste-Water Treatment Plant and sewer system have worked well with very few problems. Please remember that the sewer system should not be abused. Do not flush things down the toilet that should be placed in the garbage. These include baby diapers, plastic bags, disinfectant wipes and paper napkins---just about everything except toilet paper. These foreign items clog the sewers and cause backups into basements. We are also doing weekly brush and debris curbside pickups. This is limited to items such as twigs, small branches and small bushes. PLEASE-no large tree branches or leftovers from commercial tree trimming. Finally, I want to thank the Town of Oakfield for the help that they have given the Village while we were short staffed. We gladly took up Alan Dennis' offer of help and look to return the favor.



WASTE-WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

Our Waste-Water Treatment Plant project is progressing nicely since our last update. Despite all the rainy days that delay work we hope the new equipment is operational in August. After that we will continue working on what we have come to call "Phase 2" items. These are prioritized items that were budgeted for and are possible because we did not encounter unexpected expenses. In addition, we used "value engineering". This resulted either in reduced costs or greater utility for the same dollar amount. For example, about \$70,000 was saved from constructing a roof over only 2/3rds of the sludge pools instead of the entire area. These saved funds will allow some of Phase 2 items to be completed. As with most projects our list of items to address is longer than what the project budget can support. However, our approach to completing the actual "build" portion of the project seems prudent and we will have an updated facility for well into the future.

TRIVIA

There are three "Welcome to Oakfield" signs. Do you know where they are located?

The Village has two parks. Where are they and what are their names?

Years ago, the term of service for the Mayor went from two years to four years. Do you know who the Mayor was then?

The Village operates its own municipal water system. Do you know the approximate average gallons used per day?

Answers to trivia can be found on our website.

BUILDING CODE REMINDER

When the Village Code/Zoning Enforcement Officer determines that a construction project does not meet the Village of Oakfield Zoning Law and a building permit is denied, the applicant has the option to apply for a variance. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has no authority to amend the zoning law but is given authority to interpret the zoning law and make decisions as to whether a proposed project is acceptable and/or needs a zoning variance. The Zoning Board of Appeals is a five-member board appointed to five-year terms. Current Board members are Judy Boyle, Ron D'Alba, Amy Klos, Matthew Santy and Marc

Wilder. Anne Engel serves as the alternate. The Planning Board reviews Site Plans, grants Special Use Permits & Temporary Uses and reviews and make recommendations of Use Variances to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Planning Board members are also a 5 year term. Current members are: Mike Dilcher, Ben Giambrone, Deb Deer, Denise DiMatteo and Roger Hogle. The Zoning Laws for the Village and applications for variances and permits are available online or in the Village Office. Guidelines for Typical Residential Permits is additionally found on the website and the Village Office. If in doubt if you need a building permit, contact Mike Morris through the Village Office auto-receptionist, option #4.

VILLAGE SAFETY

One of the most important responsibilities of your Village Board is to ensure the safety of our residents. The Emergency Water Plan has been updated and revised to include our new water tower and water districts within the village and town. A five-year plan has been established to make certain all village street signs and signposts are NYSDOT compliant. Work on the village's Comprehensive Emergency Plan has commenced in partnership with the Oakfield Fire Department and the Town of Oakfield's Disaster Coordinator. If at any time you become aware of a safety issue within the village, please call the Village Office.



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VILLAGE OFFICE

The Village Office hours are 7:30am-3:30pm Monday – Friday with a secured drop-box located behind the building for afterhours. Village tax bills have been mailed as many of you are aware. The Village Office accepts payments on those bills until November 1st, all unpaid village tax bills will be sent to Genesee County and outstanding balances will placed on the County & Town tax bill. Water and Sewer bills can be paid online through our website, you will need your Bill ID exactly as it appears at the top of your bill. Please contact the Village Office with any inquiries you may have, or use our auto-receptionist to speak with the proper departments directly. We hope you have a safe and happy summer.