

Many Great Blessings As We Close Out the Year

As you may know, a few weeks ago, the Town caught the tail end of a large November snowstorm. Even though there was a County wide driving ban, Highway Superintendent James Dussing felt it was important to keep our roads cleared for first responding vehicles assisting our residents. The Highway crews were plowing around the clock keeping our roads cleared. The snow was falling at such a heavy rate that even our Town plow trucks were getting stuck trying to clear the snow, particularly at the entrance to our streets that were left full of snow by the State and County plows. Main Street had snowbanks as high as five feet tall.

After the storm, both Highway and Parks personnel worked to get our roads and public parking lots cleared of snow and snowbanks. Hard to believe today that three feet of snow is gone, and the Town is making its final round of leaf and brush pickup. Thank you to our Town Highway and Parks Departments for your hard work and long hours in extreme weather conditions to keep us safe.

November 28th was the kickoff date for Waste Management's new 96-gallon garbage and recycling totes. Any extra garbage left outside of the tote may not be picked up. Both Waste Management and Modern Disposal are switching to large totes in an effort to have single operator trucks. They offer additional removal services for waste that will not fit in your tote, a call to them for this service is necessary. If you feel that the 96 tote is too large for your needs, smaller totes are available from both vendors.

Erie County Legislator Chris Greene was able to obtain a grant from the County for our historic Clubhouse at our Main Street Town Park, and for the Clarence Veteran's Memorial. In an effort to go "Back to the Future" a patio is planned for the rear of the Clubhouse, similar to the one that was there in 1911. The grant is also going to help with a dedicated sponsor garden area next to the memorial.

Bids were received for the Wehrle Drive South Shore Trail extensions to the Harris Hill Sunset Park. This extension will allow bicycle riders from the Harris Hill Garden area to safely access the entire Clarence Trail System without going on any public roads. The bids were on budget and a contract was issued for the work. Construction will start early spring with the trail available for use by next summer. Thank you Town Engineer, Tim Lavocat and Director of Community Development, Jonathan Bleuer for all your hard work on the trail extension.

Lastly, Congratulations to The Clarence Lions Club on the return of their Annual Pancake Breakfast. The Lion's moved their breakfast from springtime to last week, in conjunction with our Youth Bureau. There was a special appearance by Santa, and it was wonderful having the event during the Holiday Season. Santa's appearance certainly brought in a much younger crowd to our Clubhouse who also got to enjoy its decorations for the Season.

We are very blessed to have a town filled with such hardworking, dedicated, talented people from all walks of life keeping this town safe, clean, beautiful, and fulfilling.

May you all have safe, healthy and a happy holiday!