

Special Thanks to Town Highway and Parks Departments

The Town Highway and Parks Department have been busy all summer doing maintenance working on roads, drainage and park grounds.

There has been long awaited repaving of many State and County Roads throughout Town as well. From the first COVID stimulus package the Federal Government has made available funds for infrastructure repairs and upgrades. The Town has also received funds through the state from the federal government.

Highway Department Superintendent Jamie Dussing in a normal season budgets the repaving of usually three of our Town roads. With the stimulus funds this season the Highway Department repaved ten roads. Many cross culverts were also repaired or replaced this season. With our Highway Department performing most of the work, a new large box culvert was installed on Meadowbrook. In addition to our summer re-ditching efforts, our Town will continue to reduce water back up during extreme weather.

The Highway Department is still picking up brush on a monthly basis. Leaf season is just around the corner, and we ask that you please keep your brush separated from your leaves. For public safety reasons brush and leaves should not be placed in the street.

Our bike trails are well used by our residents. This season, both Highway and Parks has made stronger efforts to keep the grass along our trails at lower levels. There has been some graffiti left on our trails and benches that defaces public property and presents a public safety issue. Even if you have good intentions or do graffiti with washable or removable tools such as chalk, it is still considered graffiti.

Last weekend there was a head on collision between two bicyclists on our trail. There are always safety concerns when a bicyclist passes walkers or joggers on the trail. A rider distracted by unwarranted marking on the trail could easily be a factor in the accident with another trail user. Please do not hesitate to contact the Town if you are witnessing vandalism on our trails.

Last month, I wrote about the successful pool season in thanks to our Parks Department. Jim Burkhard and the Parks Department has also done a multitude of other great work for our parks this season. The Town has had to date 479 bookings for our pavilions. After every pavilion use, the parks employees clean and prepare the pavilion for the next rental. The new Town View Pavilion on Goodrich has been well received by the public and is now the most requested pavilion for rentals. The pavilion is a perfect size for most family gatherings. The round tables attached kitchen and bathroom facilities has dramatically improved the experience. Thank you, Superintendent Jim Burkhard and our Park employees, for keeping our Parks the best in Erie County for our residents.

With Labor Day weekend now behind us, I would like to thank all of the town employees for their hard work this year, and to all of the residents that have continued to work and help keep our economy moving, and our businesses operating.

Congratulations to the Clarence Center Fire Company for a very successful Labor Day Fair. Always a great event this year was special as we continue to try to get back to a post pandemic normal. The attendance showed that our Clarence residents were eager to get out and enjoy the company of each other. I was pleased that Ginger Linder was in the parade with the American Legion 838. Always working hard for our veterans she had been under the weather this summer. Keep getting better Ginger.

Lastly, best of luck to our students and teachers starting the school year this week. I hope you have a healthy, happy and prosperous year!