



VILLAGE OF ALDEN

Fall 2021 NEWSLETTER

Keep In Touch With Us: Please don't rely on rumors and second-hand information. Use the resources below to stay current.

Website: www2.erie.gov/village_alden/

Facebook: Village of Alden, New York

Twitter: Village of Alden@VillageAlden

Instagram: Village of Alden

Erie County: www2.erie.gov/covid19

New York State Dept of Health: www.coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home

COVID19 Vaccinations: The latest report from Erie County show ZIP Code 14004's vaccination rate is substantially below the county average in all age groups. Vaccines are readily available. Please consider getting yours.

MASKS: Are required for any unvaccinated person entering village hall.

Village Clerk: Sue Galbraith 937-9216 ex 110 or Deputy Clerk Donna Taylor ex 111: smgalbraith@rochester.rr.com The clerk's office is open from 8:30 to 4:30 PM daily. After hours you can leave payments in the drop box at the rear of the building or pay by credit card on the **village** website.

Village Court: Judge Michael Cole. Court Clerk Diane Casell 937-9216 ex 114: dcasell@nycourts.gov In person court is now open following the protocols set by the NYS Court System. Everyone must wear a mask while in the court building. We are continuing with Mail-In Pleas for Vehicle and Traffic tickets. Watch your mail for the mail-in plea option and return the waiver form. If you do not want to use this option watch your mail for a court appearance date. Court Clerk hours are Mon.-Tues. 9AM to 5 PM.

Building Dept: Joe Czechowski 937-9216 ex 121: ceojoe@rochester.rr.com You may visit in person or download forms from the village website and use the drop box to submit them for review. Permits are required for buildings, additions, alterations, certain renovations, re-roofs, fences, sheds, pools, decks, generators as well as demolition. If you have questions, call **before** you start a project. Projects started without a permit will be subject to additional fees and penalties

Dept. of Public Works: aldendpw@rochester.rr.com Superintendent Mark Pruitt 937-7392 (after hours emergencies 949-0042). The office is open from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Masks are required.

Brush pickup is the first Monday of the month. Maximum diameter is 6". No large chunk wood. Please put butt ends in the same direction facing the street. Yard Waste is picked up weekly. As we get into leaf season please put your piles in long rows close to the street.

Snow Removal: It is illegal to plow snow into the street or to block sidewalks with snow. If you use a contractor, please make sure they are aware of this. The parking ban is in effect from Nov. 1 to Apr. 1

Garbage and Recycling: Pickup day is Wednesday. Please refrain from putting it out the night before if it is windy. We do not supply refuse containers. Weight is limited to 50 lbs. per container or bag. The limit is eight bags per week. Please note that importation of garbage/refuse into the village is illegal. We do supply a recycling bin for each residence. If you have just moved in and don't have a bin, please call the DPW office. Please refer to the guide at www.moderncorporation.com to see what items are acceptable. We also accept waste oil. Latex paint can go in the weekly garbage if the lid is removed and the contents are in a solid state.

Bulk Trash: The Village has two bulk trash days per year in April and September. Please check our website to see what can be disposed of.

Electronics: Village residents can drop electronics for recycling at the DPW building on Railroad St. from 8:30 to 4:00. TV's and computer monitors require a \$5 fee payable at the Village Clerk's office prior to drop off.

Household Hazardous Waste: Erie County holds two appointment only drop off events per year at various sites. In addition, residents can go to erie.gov/recycling and find the voucher program which allows you to take 50 lbs. of waste to Hazman in Tonawanda.

Sewers: **Please do not flush "flushable" wipes.** They do not break down and can clog your sewer line and ours as well as our plant equipment. Please put them in the trash. Also, sump pump connections to the sanitary sewers are illegal. Both of these issues increase our cost of operations which is reflected in your sewer bill.

Water: Due to age, a number of our remote transmitters are failing. We are replacing them as we get supplies of new ones. In the interim, if the Clerk's Office contacts you please cooperate and provide us with your meter reading to avoid estimated bills. Also, please make sure we have your phone or email contact information. Contact the Clerk's office for billing questions and the DPW for service issues.

Fire and EMS: Fire Chief Erik Maderer 937-9216 x 116. Would like to remind everyone to change smoke and CO detector batteries. The entire detector should be replaced after **ten** years of service. To make it easier to find you, the fire dept. sells reflective address markers for \$15 which includes the post and installation. Order forms are available at the Clerk's Office. Both Fire and EMS are in need of **new members**. We provide all training. If you are interested in serving your community stop at the fire hall Mondays at 7:00 PM.

Open Burning: Is permitted in fire pits for recreational purposes only.

2021 Capital Projects

Elm St. Drainage (CDBG grant) Being bid this month
Exchange St. Water Connection to ECWA: (WIFA grant) Near completion
Broadway Water Connection to ECWA: (WIFA grant) In Engineering
DPW Building Repairs: Roof replacement October
Street paving (NYS CHIPS funds) Postponed to spring 2022
Sidewalk Repairs: Ongoing

American Rescue Plan: This is a federal program and we will receive \$ 262,000 over two years from it. We anticipate using the money to fund water and sewer capital projects.

Food: No one should go hungry in our community. Seniors can contact Alden Meals on Wheels at 937-7105. Families should contact the Alden Marilla Food Pantry at 710-9370.

Pedestrian Crossing Signal-Broadway/Emerson: The flashing signal is now operating. Please press the button before crossing. The other crossings at Westcott Ave. and Church St. are marked. While pedestrians in the crosswalk have the right of way and traffic must yield the right of way, please make sure it is safe to cross.

Crittenden Rd. Reconstruction: The project is underway and is being done by Erie County with an estimated completion date of November 24. Call the EC Highway Dept. at 858-2079 with any concerns.

Dogs/Cats: Village law requires all dogs to be leashed when off the owner's property. In addition, you must pick up after your pet. Cats must be kept on the owner's property. Please be considerate of other residents.

As always, if you have any questions or issues, please call us.

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The Alden Fire Department Needs YOU

Become a hometown hero

The Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Company is seeking candidates to become EMT's and Volunteer firefighters. The Village of Alden will train you. Become part of our family. Come to Village Hall 13336 Broadway, on Mondays at 7 pm, or call 937-9216x117

<http://www.aldenfire.com/>

