



Village of Alden

Spring 2018 Newsletter

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937-9216 Village Clerk/Treasurer, Code Enforcement and Court
937-7392 Public Works, Refuse, Recycling, Streets, Water and Sewer Service

Upcoming Events:

- Farmers Market May-October, Saturday 8am to 1pm
- \$ For Scholars 5k, Taste of Alden June 1
- Summer Concerts sponsored by the Town of Alden. Wednesday evenings in July and August in Firemen's Park
- Alden Car and Cycle Show July 29

Fire and Emergency Medical Service: Volunteers are needed for both Fire and EMS. Training is provided free of charge. Be part of a dedicated group of people who respond day or night to help their neighbors when there is a fire, medical emergency, accident or severe weather event. Call 937-9216 Ex. 116 for more information. Chief Mark Pruitt.

Wastewater Treatment Project: Phase One of the \$6.8 million Wastewater Plant rehab is almost complete. The village was awarded a state grant of \$1.66 million which is 25% of the cost. We have been advised that we are eligible for 0% financing for the balance which will save \$3.0 million in interest. Phase 2 will begin soon and concentrate on sewer infiltration. Residents need to be aware that it is **illegal** to connect sump pumps and downspouts to the sanitary sewers.

Public Works: Supt. Keith Sitzman. We continue to work to make the village more walkable. This spring and summer we will replace the sidewalks on Elm St. using a \$100,000 CDBG grant and repair 2,000 feet on West Main, Exchange and Kellogg Streets. We will soon begin planning for the streetscape project for the north side of Broadway from Crittenden to West Main using a \$325,000 Smart Growth grant.

Recycling: The village saves \$53 per ton of recycled material. It is important to consult the list on the village website for items we can/cannot take. Contaminated material will be rejected by our contractor.

Electronics and Used Motor Oil: Can be taken to the DPW building during business hours. We cannot take tires, batteries, oil based paints or appliances containing freon.

We can take latex paint in the refuse pickup if it is solidified. Erie County sponsors Household Hazardous Waste drop offs twice per year.

Code Enforcement/Building Inspector: Joe Czechowski Ext. 121: Permits are required prior to starting work. This includes but is not limited to new construction, certain renovations, storage buildings, pools, fences, permanent generators, wood stoves, re-roofs and demolition. Please call **before** you begin to prevent problems later. The CEO is also the point of contact for Planning, Zoning and SEQR issues.

Justice Court: Judge Robert Woods Ext. 114. The court handles criminal, traffic and small claims cases.

Vehicle & Traffic: Speeding and reckless driving complaints have been on the rise. The village wide speed limit is **30 mph** and is enforced by the Sheriffs Patrol (858-2903) and State Police (937-3391). The speed limit at the Crittenden St. school is 15 mph when the yellow lights are flashing. There is no parking on the either side of Crittenden on school days. You may stop only for drop off or pick up or use the school's turnaround. **Keep our kids safe!**

Broadway Pedestrian Crossings: We had requested permission from NYDOT to install three user activated flashing pedestrian crossings. Following a traffic study, they approved one at Broadway and Emerson St. We are working with them to finalize details for installation. NYS law requires drivers to **stop** for pedestrians in the crosswalk

Brush and Yard Waste: Brush is collected on the first Monday of the month. Yard waste is collected weekly.

Open Burning: Open burning is not allowed except for recreational fires contained by a fire ring or outdoor fireplace. This includes burning of leaves.

Dogs-All dogs off the owner's property must be leashed. Please clean up after your pet. Animal Control is provided by the Town of Alden and can be reached at 937-6741

Curfew: An 11:00 PM curfew is in effect for all minors 17 and under unless accompanied by a parent or responsible person over 21.

Mayor Michael Manicki