

Village of Alden

Spring 2019 Newsletter

Sewer Plant Upgrade Project

Many of you have expressed concern over the increase in the village sewer rate.

- 1) Our current plant is 35 years old and the equipment has reached the end of its useful life.
- 2) The New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation has been pressuring the village for an upgrade. Our next step would have been a Consent Agreement with penalties.
- 3) The project has two parts: Upgrading the plant with new equipment which is more energy efficient and reliable. The second part is reducing ground water infiltration into the system which will result in less wear on equipment and lower utility costs.
- 4) The cost of this project is \$6.5 mil. We received a \$1.65 mil grant and 0% financing which will save about \$3.0 mil in interest payments.
- 5) We are not alone. The local media has reported recently on a number of area towns and villages such as Depew, Sloan, Cheektowaga and Lancaster who are also spending millions of dollars to upgrade their sewer systems. The Town of Alden recently spent \$1.4 mil to replace its small sewer plant on Alaura Dr.

While we understand this is a large burden for a small village such as ours, it is the price we must pay for clean water. Please call us if you have questions.

Contact Us

Clerk, Court, Code Enforcement, Fire Dept., Mayor and Board of Trustees 937-9216

Public Works, Water and Sewer service issues, Refuse, Recycling. 937-7392

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Upcoming Events

Bulk Trash Pickup: Monday April 29 and Monday September 30. We cannot accept tires, batteries or appliances containing refrigerant. Electronics and used motor oil can be taken to the DPW building during business hours with ID. Erie County is sponsoring several Household Hazardous Waste drop-offs this year at various locations and dates.

Brush pickup is the first Monday of each month unless it is a holiday. Yard waste is picked up weekly.

Village Sesquicentennial: Join us for the Village's 150th anniversary. Yearlong events are planned with the main celebration July 11-13 featuring a parade, fireworks, Olde Time Carnival and Games, Taste of Alden and the Dollars for Scholars 5K race.

Alden Car Truck and Cycle Show: Sunday July 28.

Upcoming 2019 Projects

Broadway Streetscape: North side from Crittenden to West Main St.

Elm St. Sidewalk Reconstruction

Sidewalk repairs in various locations.

Flashing Pedestrian Crossing at Broadway and Emerson: After almost 5 years of effort by the board and Supt. Sitzman, NYDOT will be bidding the project out in June.

Fire and EMS

Your fire department answered over 500 calls for fire and EMS assistance last year. We need more volunteer firefighters and EMT's to staff our ambulance. We will train you at no charge. If you are interested in serving your community please stop in at the firehall on Monday evenings or leave the fire chief a message at 937-9216 ex 116.

Refuse and Recycling

Pickup day for both refuse and recycling is Wednesday. While the recycling market is currently in flux, the village still saves \$50 per ton for each ton recycled. Refer to the **guide** posted on the village website for a listing of what can be placed in your recycling bin.

Code Enforcement

Permits are required for additions, demolition, fences, pools and signs and more. Please check with the Code Enforcement Officer before starting your project to avoid unnecessary delays.

Peddlers Permits

For the safety of our residents, the village requires door to door solicitors to obtain a permit from the Clerk's office. This includes a criminal background check. Ask to see their permit. If they do not have one call the EC Sheriff at 858-2903.