



VILLAGE OF ALDEN

June 2020 NEWSLETTER

There are uncertain times for everyone, including your village government. We are working to maintain village services and move projects forward while keeping our employees safe. It appears we will be facing a large drop in sales tax revenue which accounts for about 15% of our revenue. We will continue to monitor events and make spending adjustments as necessary.

Keep in Touch With Us: We are now entering Phase 2 of reopening but state and county directives are changing daily. 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

Erie County: www2.erie.gov/covid19

New York State DOH: www.coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home

Village Clerk: 937-9216 ex 110 or 111: The clerk's office is staffed from 8:30 to 4:30 PM daily. You can leave payments in the drop box at the rear of the building or pay by credit card on the village website. Tax bills will be out June 1 and are due July 1. For those requiring direct contact, social distancing **must** be observed. **A Mask Is Required For Anyone Entering Village Hall.**

Village Court: 937-9216 ex 114: The court is entering Stage II and is awaiting further instructions about reopening from the NYS Justice Court System. If you have questions, please leave a message and your call will be returned in a timely manner. If you have an appearance ticket that specifies a date to appear, please do not come. We will send you a letter with a new court date when village court resumes. Please note that the state passed a new law this year requiring adult rear seat passengers to wear seat belts.

Building Dept: 937-9216 ex 121: ceojoe@rochester.rr.com The department reopened to the public on May 26. You may download forms from the village website and use the drop box to submit them for review. Permits are required for buildings, additions, alterations, roofs, fences, sheds, pools etc. If you have questions, call **Before** you start a project.

Dept. of Public Works: 937-7392 (after hours emergencies 949-0042). The office will remain closed to the public through June.

Brush pickup is back to the normal first Monday of the month schedule. **Yard waste** is picked up weekly.

Garbage and Recycling: Pickup day is Wednesday. Please refrain from putting it out the night before if it is windy. Please follow the enclosed recycling guide to see what items are acceptable.

Electronics: We will evaluate the success of our May 30 collection event to see what works best in the future.

Sewers: Please do not flush “flushable” wipes. They do not break down and can clog your pipes and ours as well as our plant equipment. 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.

Fire and EMS: Our fire chief would like to remind everyone to change smoke and CO detector batteries. 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. Also, with the warm weather upon us everyone should keep hydrated.

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

2020 Capital Projects

Broadway Streetscape: Should be finished by July 1.

Exchange St. Water Connection to ECWA:

Baxter Ave. Stormwater Outfall Repair

DPW Building Repairs (roof, HVAC)

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: NYDOT has let the contract with a completion date no later than December 2020.

Crittenden Rd. Reconstruction: We do not have a current status on the project from Erie County.

Village Elections: Postponed until Sept. 15

2020 Census: Please complete your census questionnaire. Funding for federal programs such as Community Development Block Grants are based on census data and save our residents tax dollars. In the past we have used these funds for sidewalks, sewers and stormwater improvements.

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