



VILLAGE OF ALDEN

WINTER 2023

NEWSLETTER

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Village Clerk: Sue Galbraith 937-9216 ex 110 or Deputy Clerk Donna Taylor ex 111: The clerk's office is open 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. Tax bills will be out June 1 and are due July 1.

Village Court: Judge Louis Mussari, Court Clerk Diane Casell 937-9216 ex 114: Court Clerk hours are Mon.-Tues 9AM to 5PM

Building Dept: Joe Czechowski CEO 937-9216 ex 121: ceojoe@rochester.rr.com or Assistant Chris Twaragowski, You may visit the office 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 etc. If you have questions, call Before you start a project. Projects started without a permit will be subject to additional fines and penalties.

Dept. of Public Works: Phil Fleck 937-7392 (after hours emergencies 949-0042). The office is open from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Brush pickup is back to the normal first Monday of the month schedule. 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.

Garbage and Recycling: Pickup Day is Tuesday for recycling and Wednesday for garbage. 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 8 bags per week. Please note that the importation of garbage/refuse is illegal. We do supply a recycling bin for each residence. If you just moved in and don't have a bin, please contact 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.

Electronics: Village residents can drop electronics for recycling at the DPW building on Railroad St. from 8:30 to 4:00 PM

We would like to Welcome our new Superindendant of Public Works, Mr. Phil Fleck. Mr. Fleck has hit the ground running and is currently looking into our garbage collection. As mentioned in the last newsletter that we had aging trucks and a decision had to be made if we stay in garbage collection or have it contracted out. We are also looking into updating some of our equipment with new ones. Our plan is to purchase a new piece of equipment, when the piece it is replacing will have enough value, hopefully we can break even or just spend a little for a new one. This has been done for years in other municipalities and school districts in the area. If we do this, we will have fewer repairs, thus saving money and allowing us to build our equipment reserves on items that we cannot do this with.

As you noticed the Elm Street Reconstruction has been completed, this project was done in many phases starting years ago with sidewalks and sewer relining. The past two phases storm sewer/drainage and the complete reconstruction of the road surface. The last 2 phases of construction came in both under bid, just under 1 million, of this we received \$250,000 in CDBG grants to help cover some of the construction costs.

This year the Village received \$17,750 from Legislator Frank Todaro for upgrades to our HVAC control system in the Municipal building. We also received \$15,337.04 from FEMA for the Blizzard last December as our claim for last November was denied. In 2018, the Village was awarded a \$70,000 DASNY grant, to this date we have still not received this money. When will we see this Money?, who knows no one can tell any of us.

The Village is always looking to save money, to date we have replaced all our street-lights and many of our buildings have been upgraded to LED lighting with little to no cost to taxpayers. These upgrades will cut our utility bills, the last building we must complete is our municipal building.

DPW

This Summer we were short-staffed, and somethings did not get finished or done in our typical timeframe, this included moving recycling to Tuesdays, as we had equipment breakage and were affected by supply chain issues. Our employees did a tremendous job this summer, being short-staffed they were able to finish some projects that needed to be completed. We have addressed the items that we will be working on in the Spring and Summer of next year. We are building relationships with other municipalities, and by doing so, we will hopefully be paving some more of our streets that have been neglected over the years.

Water/Sewer

Over this past summer we have replaced most of our transmitters, if you receive a letter from us, please contact us and make an appointment for replacement. These transmitters not only help us, but they help you as well, they can tell if you have a leak just by doing a history reading. The Department also replaced some of our older Hydrants and more are scheduled for next year. We also completed a small sewer project this fall on West Main and are finishing improvements at Well site #1 with our ARPA funds that we received.

Developments

The Slade Drive project is moving right along, as many have noticed, the road is in and paved. The property owner intends on starting construction on the apartments soon and Arc starting their portion in the spring. We have received a preliminary site plan for Exchange Street, and this project should start moving along sometime next year.

Code Enforcement

We would also like to welcome our Assistant CEO Chris Twaragowski to our Village staff. We have hired an assistant to help our current CEO Joe, and as our 2 projects get underway there will be a lot of work to do. This position will also help in the long-term plans for the department and the Village.

Fire Department

The Fire Department received a federal grant for over \$300,000 for new SCBAs. They have been applying for this grant for the past 3 years and this year they were awarded.

We encourage all our residents to sign up for CODE RED, if there is an emergency or important announcement this will keep you notified. Also, if there is a significant event, the Municipal building is an emergency shelter/warming center and will open if we need to. Also be prepared, you should have enough supplies on hand for at least 72 hours. Please visit FEMA.gov

Hopefully this keeps you informed on what is happening in the Village, if you have any questions give us a call, stop in, come to a meeting.

Household Hazardous Waste: Erie County holds 2, only drop-off events during the year (must register prior to the event), The county also offers a voucher program which allows residents to drop off up to 50 lbs. per year to Hazman in Tonawanda. To find out more go to erie.gov/recycling

Bulk Trash: The next bulk trash day is April 29th. Please check our website to see what can be disposed:

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.

Water: Most of our remote transmitters have been replaced. If the Clerk’s office contacts you, please cooperate and provide us with your meter reading to avoid estimated bills and to set up an appointment for replacement (usually takes about 10 minutes). Also, please make sure we have your phone or email contact information. Please contact the Clerks office for billing questions or the DPW for service issues.

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. Both Fire and EMS are in need of new members. We provide the training. If you are interested in serving your community stop at the fire hall Mondays at 7:00 PM

Code RED: The Village has teamed up with the Town of Alden to alert our residents of emergencies, this program also allows us to contact Village residents only. We will be able to notify residents if we have issues with garbage or recycling our other issues that may arise. Register at <https://public.coderedweb.com> or Text "ALDENNY" to 99411

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

Mulch and Compost: is available to free to village residents, bins are located next to our waste water treatment plant at the end of Willow Woods.

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.

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

Village of Alden Elected officials:

**Trustees: Doug Becker, Theron Kibbe, Mary Refermat, Mark Casell
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