# Village of **STAMFORD**



## "Queen of the Catskills"

July - September 2018

## VILLAGE CONTACTS

#### Mayor

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#### Village Clerk

Gena Swantak -607-652-6671 Ext. \*#

#### Village Treasurer

Pamela Hladik - 607-652-6671 Ext. 1#

## **Public Works Superintendent**

Joe Hornbeck - 607-652-4710 Cell: 607-221-7411

#### **Pool Director**

Josh Burroughs - 607-435-3463

#### Village Attorney

Kevin Young - 518-438-9907

## **Codes Enforcement**

Tomi Tompkins - 607-267-3767

#### **Animal Control Officer**

James Milea - 518-965-4290

#### Tax Assessor

Charles Ferris - 607-652-7730

#### Village Historian

Anne Willis - 607-652-7839

#### Village Health Officer

Dr. Richard Ucci - 607-652-7583

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

Chairman

James Milea - 607-214-4028

#### Tree Board Chairman

Frank Parks - 607-643-5771

## **Village Updates**

## **Summer 2018 Project Updates**

As I type, today just happens to be the first day of summer, however our list of summer projects is well underway, and some are nearing completion.

## **South Delaware Street Water Mains**

The delay in construction of the water tower enabled us to expedite the South Delaware Street water main replacement. This part of the project has gone smoothly with a few minor exceptions. Excavation was interrupted by rain which punctuated the process for a few days with each rain event. Once the main was installed there was a lapse in progress while pressure and bacteriological testing was done in order to meet the Department of Health requirements. The laterals which connect each house to the water main were completed in a little over a week and once all of the lines were flushed the 9 residences affected now have significantly cleaner water and better pressure. Of course, part of the project required that each resident's water be shut down for roughly an hour, and there were 3 other events where the water had to be shut down for an hour. All told. residents were without water for roughly 4 hours cumulatively over the duration of the project. We had but one question regarding rebates for the time lapsed without water service. However, since the water we use is metered, residents only pay for the water that they use. Overall, those affected by the project seem very pleased with the results. We regret the inconvenience due to limiting South

Delaware Street to local traffic only, but

these inconveniences are inherent to this type of infrastructure project.

#### **Kirkner Hill Water Tower**

In the past few days excavation for the water tower has resumed. The Change Order process resulted in more than a month long delay in excavation. The engineers speculated the need to remove 700 cu. yds. of loamy soil, but when the excavation resumed, the amount of loamy soil was around 60 cu. yds. which was removed and replaced with approved fill within a few hours. The good news is that the work has been completed to the point where concrete forms are being installed, with speculation that ring wall and foundation slab will be poured next week. The concrete will need to cure for about a week before the new tank can be erected. Construction of the tank should take about 2 weeks. We expect that the new tank will be brought online with residents recognizing the benefits hopefully around August 1st. The remaining phases of the project, the Kirkner Road water main, Churchhill Road and Main Street intersection water main, and the old water tank demolition will be completed by the end of this construction season.

### **Retaining Wall Replacement**

The retaining wall between the Ace Hardware Store and John's Tavern has been deteriorating for several years. This failing structure was causing the sidewalk tablets to sag and



## Village of Stamford Dog Park is OPEN!

The Dog Park is Finally Open

A while ago this newsletter announced the Village of Stamford was establishing a dog park. With all the projects going on – new water system; normal village maintenance; a few emergencies here and there and so forth it is finally available to residents (and their dogs). It is not completely finished as we have ordered appropriate signage, disposal cans, and disposal bags. These will be installed over the next few weeks. A donor will be providing two park benches so you can sit and watch your dogs cavort.

It is located behind the tennis courts. Your best option is to park on the left side of the tennis court parking lot and lead your dog (remember the leash law) around the left side of the tennis court to a large double gate that provides entry into the park. Within the park dogs may be off their leash. Remember to bring bags for unexpected accidents. Currently these can be disposed of in a trash can next to the tennis courts. Soon there will be one or two in the park.

Please keep an eye on your dog if there are other dogs present. Most simply play with each other but, if there is a disagreement among dogs that leads to injury that is not the village's responsibility; it is a civil matter.

I have brought my boxer Rosie there several times and she loves it. Other local residents have had similar experiences after learning that it is now open and safely encloses dogs.

#### Remember

- · Always be respectful and clean up after your dog.
- Use a leash prior to and after leaving the park
- · Keep an eye on your dog when others are present
- · Most of all have a good time letting your dog run around in a space meant for their well-being

Reid Golden, Trustee

## Village Updates Cont....

eventually could have affected the water main buried under the sidewalk and, if not corrected Main Street (Route 23) could have eventually been partially undermined.

Our village crew in consort with the Town of Harpersfield crew have removed the failing retaining wall and erected a new wall using Tonka Concrete Blocks. The use of Tonka Blocks cuts the cost and helps to expedite the construction process. Once the wall was set, the crew was able to lift and sure up the tablets rather than replace a sizable section of the sidewalk. The project was completed in 2 days.

New York State has mandated that municipalities strike Inter-municipal Agreements with the goal of cost savings. The Village of Stamford has entered into these agreements with several neighboring municipalities including the Town of Harpersfield. When the state

mandate was announced, many of us smiled simply because we have been using this strategy as a cost saving measure for years. This collaborative effort enabled us to complete this project for about half the cost.

On behalf of the Village of Stamford, thank you Russ Hatch and the Town of Harpersfield crew for helping us orchestrate and complete this project. We look forward to working with you in the future.

John Bonhotal, Deputy Mayor



## Village Clerk's Corner

## **Upcoming Village Meetings:**

July 17th @ 7PM Aug 7th @ 7PM & 21st @ 7PM Sept 4th @ 7PM & Sept 18th @ 7PM

## Water & Sewer Bills

Please Remember that your Water and Sewer bills are considered utilities. Although we understand mail can get lost or misplaced, you are still responsible for making your payments on time so that there will be no interruption in your water service.

## **Upcoming Billings:**

SEWER
September 1, 2018
December 1, 2018

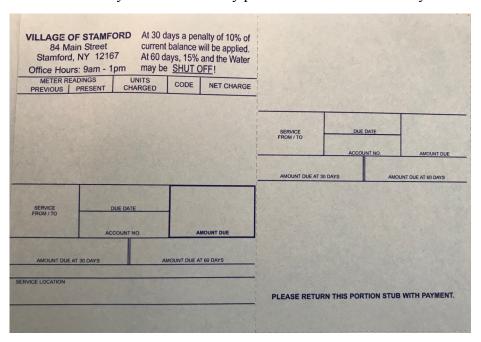
WATER
October 1, 2018

## **Coming soon:**

The clerk's office is getting a face lift! We will soon have a service window located right when you enter the Village Hall! Please bear with us during this transition.

## New Billing post cards!

In an effort to make your bills easier to read, we have updated the billing cards! Please take note your 30 and 60 day penalties are now listed on your bill.





Do you need to update your water/sewer contact information? Please print clearly and send back to:

Name:

**Phone Number:** 

Address:

Village of Stamford Gena Swantak 84 Main Street

Stamford, NY 12167

**Email:** 



## **Village Crew Hours:**

[All water emergency calls should be directed to Joe Hornbeck @ (607) 221-7411]

June - August

Monday - Friday 6:00AM - 2:30PM

September - May

Monday - Friday7:00AM - 3:30PM

Make your Water, Sewer, and Tax payments on our Website at: www.stamfordny.com

## Village Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday
9:00AM - 1:00PM and by Appt. between 2-4PM
84 MAIN STREET, STAMFORD, NY 12167
OFFICE: 607-652-6671 FAX: 607-652-3567

WWW.STAMFORDNY.COM

\*\* Please be advised that our payment center does not work with Firefox Browser \*\*

Closed Holidays, Open Thru Lunchtime (Payments can be left in the outside drop box at anytime!) [Street Parking with Handicap Access at the rear of the Building]



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