



Village of New Hartford News

A Message from Mayor Ryan

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a great Holiday season.

I don't know if you are aware of the County Executive's agenda to change the County Sales Tax Redistribution. The County Executive's proposal is to take \$ 8 million dollars away from villages and small towns and then redistribute \$ 6.5 million to the County, \$ 1 million to the City of Utica and \$ 500 thousand to the City of Rome. One is a two year plan and the second is a four year plan to eliminate the villages' and small towns' sales tax distribution.

You may ask, "How will the County Executive's Sales Tax Plan affect the Village of New Hartford"?

The sales tax received from the County represents 25% of our Village revenue, or \$432,000. Village residents would be responsible to cover the lost revenue. The Village tax rate would double and at that point the Village would be in fiscal distress. As a result the Village Board would be forced to cut services by 25%. The loss in revenue would cause the Village Board to override the NYS tax cap to raise taxes. The Village has successfully kept taxes below the tax cap since it was proposed by the State. The Village savings plan was accepted by the State therefore allowing our residents to receive a refund check this past December. The County's plan would result in Village residents losing their future NYS refund checks.

The Village would have to consider consolidation. Village residents would have to decide if this is the right decision. Here are a few things that I have discovered about consolidation.

- 1) Village residents are still responsible for all Village debt. The Village bond rating would drop resulting in higher interest rates on existing bonds.
- 2) Employee contracts would have to be litigated at the expense of the Village residents.
- 3) Village residents would have to hire a private garbage hauler at their own expense of \$300 to \$400 per year per household and lose twice a year annual curbside pickup services.
- 4) A Fire District would have to be established with a Board of Commissioners and a paid clerk; leading to a separate tax to Village residents.
- 5) Additionally a Lighting District and Sewer District would have to be established with another separate tax to Village residents
- 6) The County Sales Tax Plan would eliminate funding necessary to maintain our infrastructure including streets, sidewalks, buildings and parks.

Just to name a few items!

The County has been on a spending spree of their own! The County settled with the Oneida Indian Nation in 2013 gaining \$12.5 million dollars from casino slots and another \$2.5 million dollars a year from the State for 19 years starting in 2014. Last year, the County sold the old County Airport to the State for \$10 million dollars. Now the County Executive wants to take \$ 8 million dollars of sales tax revenue from the Village of New Hartford and other villages and small towns. This is not a consolidation plan. This is your County government spending out of control.

Please contact our County Legislator Jim D'Onofrio by email jdonoerio@ocgov.net if you **do not want this County Sales Tax Redistribution Plan** to pass or contact me by phone at the village office **315-732-1147 X303** or by email mayor@villageofnewhartford.com.

DPW Reminders:

With winter upon us:

DO NOT deposit snow from driveway into the public roads. It creates a safety hazard. A fine of \$250.00 will be imposed.

The DPW plows the residents sidewalks "as a courtesy." The homeowner is responsible for maintaining their own sidewalks to allow walkers safe travel.

When any vehicle is parked on any street or public parking lot within the Village during a snowstorm, it may be towed by the DPW Superintendent, the Police Department or the Fire Department.

Recyclables:

Recyclables are picked up on Wednesday at 10pm. We pay for garbage disposal; however, we are not charged for recyclables. If recyclables are thrown in, it costs each of us more money in tax dollars. If this continues, we will be forced to consider mandating bags.



Codes and Zoning Reminders:

- **ZOMBIE LAW:** New York state passed a law stating that mortgage lenders must maintain vacant housing before foreclosure. A fine of \$5000 per day will be imposed for failing to do so.
- **VEHICLE STORAGE:** The gravity of the matter of the outdoor storage of trailers, boats, mobile homes, recreational vehicles and abandoned, junked, discarded and unlicensed motor vehicles upon privately owned properties within the Village increases with the passage of time. It is a vexation and annoyance not only to the members of the traveling public but to the owners and occupants of adjoining lands. The outdoor storage of such vehicles upon private lands is unsightly. It constitutes an attractive nuisance to children and a peril to their safety, in case of fire and explosion, whenever gasoline is left in the fuel tanks of such vehicles. It depreciates the value of neighboring properties. The preservation of peace and good order, the suppression of vice, the benefit of trade, the preservation of public health, the protection of property and the prevention and extinguishment of fire and explosions have motivated this Village law.





VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD

2017 Municipal Waste Collection Guidelines



Weekly Garbage Collections

Collected Monday and Thursday Night

At curb by 10:00 PM

- Garbage containing recyclables will not be collected.
- Garbage must be in cans or heavy duty plastic bags. No 55 gallon barrels.
- 50 pound limit per can or bag.
- No heavy commercial, industrial, or medical waste will be collected by Village crews.

Weekly Recyclable Collection

Wednesday Night

At curb by 10:00 PM

Refer to your Oneida Herkimer Recyclable Flyer

\$\$ SAVE ON YOUR TAXES \$\$

Garbage/trash collection and disposal is a major cost item in the Village budget and has a significant effect on your Village taxes. The Village pays a tonnage fee to the Oneida County Solid Waste Authority for all solid waste materials.

NO FEES ARE CHARGED FOR RECYCLABLES

Therefore, the more you recycle, the less it will cost for garbage/trash disposal

Green Waste Collection #1

April 1st through May 15th

October 1st through November 15th

- No specific collection day
- Each street collected once weekly. Monday AM
- Loose leaves collected between the sidewalk and curb.
- No leaves in plastic bags. Use cans only.
- Separate brush and vegetation from leaf piles.

Green Waste Collection #2

May 16th through September 30th

At curb by 7:00 AM on Wednesday

- Leaves, grass, clippings, and hedge clippings must be in metal or plastic cans.
- No plastic bags or stumps allowed.
- Limbs must be tied in bundles no longer than 6 feet.
- Do not pile in roadway

Disposal Collection #1: Curbside Collection

Second Monday in May and October

7:00 AM of collection day (No return visits)

- Includes construction material, sanitary waste (furniture, bedding, etc.), metal appliances (1 per residence)
- Tires (dismounted) limit 4, hardfill
- Loose material must be in cans
- No batteries, paints, or liquids
- *Do not pile material in roadway*

Disposal Collection #2: Drop Off at Dumpster

- At DPW garage (Mill Street)
- Second Saturday of April, June, July, August, September, and November, 8 AM-4 PM
- January, February, March, and December (no construction/demo); 8 AM-12 PM
- No hardfill (stones, rocks, dirt, etc.); 8AM-12PM

Other Information

- Christmas trees will be collected at the curb January 1st through January 31st.
- Compost is available free of charge while supplies last and can be picked up outside the Village hardfill dump located at the end of Graham Ave.
- **Bring a shovel and a container.**

Disposal Collection #3: Village Dumpster Rental

- Village residents only
- Call Village office (732-1147) or DPW office (724-0379) for cost information and details.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Garbage at curb by 10 PM Curbside junk collection 2nd Monday: May & Oct		Recyclables at curb by 10 PM Green waste pickup at 7 AM	Garbage at curb by 10 PM		Dumpster for junk at DPW garage: 2nd Saturday each month



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2017 Water Quality and Drainage Systems Control



Overview

Normally, our sanitary sewer system has the capacity to operate properly. However, during heavy rains and sudden snow melts, stormwater can overwhelm the sanitary sewer system and cause overflow into the Mohawk River. That stormwater enters the sanitary sewer system from multiple sources: deteriorated and damaged public sanitary sewers; and private property connections, such as **roof leaders** and **sump pumps**. Contact the Village of New Hartford at (315) 732-1147 to determine if your downspout falls within the legal parameters as many are unsafe and can overwhelm the sanitary sewer system.

"Use a rain barrel to catch runoff water"

Capture the water that used to drain into the sewer system from your roof by using a rain barrel, then repurpose it in your gardens or other outdoor jobs

- 1) Position the barrel directly under a downspout. Make sure it is level
- 2) Use a hacksaw to cut your downspout
- 3) If needed, add a converter to direct the downspout to the screened opening on top of the barrel.



**SUMP PUMPS CAN OVERWHELM
THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.
USE MODERATELY.**

Disposing of Fats, Oils, and Greases

- 1) Pour warm (**not hot**) into cans, jars, or containers
- 2) Wait for liquid to cool
- 3) Dispose of waste into trash or drop off at Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority's Utica Residential Convenience Station on Leland Ave. in Utica (normal business hours). If you have more questions contact the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority at (315) 733-1224.



DO NOT FLUSH...

- Baby wipes
- Hazardous waste (i.e. paint, gas, cleansers, or chemically laden products)
- Hygiene products
- Rubber or latex
- Prescription drugs
- Dental floss
- Fats, oils, greases

Common Sources of Fats, Oils, and Greases

- Cooking oil
- Meat fats
- Lard, shortening, butter, and margarine
- Salad dressing and mayonnaise
- Fatty or greasy food scraps
- Baked goods and pastries
- Cream-based sauces
- Dairy products

Fire Department

The New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department officers for 2017:

Chief Thomas A. Bolanowski II was re-elected for his ninth consecutive term.

Other officers include:

First Assistant Chief: James H. Monahan

Second Assistant Chief: Scott L. Nicotera

Third Assistant Chief: Richard E. Alexander

First Captain: Brian D. McCormick

Second Captain: Sean M. Luley

Third Captain: Jonathan E. Reese

First Lieutenant: Kevin J. Monahan

Second Lieutenant: Robert S. Cornish

Third Lieutenant: Jeremy M. Spinella

Fourth Lieutenant: Steven G. Karrat

Fire Police Captain: James E. Monahan

Fire Police First Lieutenant: William H. Randall

Fire Police Second Lieutenant: Jon S. St. Louis.

The above elected Line Officers represent over 242 years of combined experience of serving our neighbors within the New Hartford Fire District.



The Department's 2017 Benevolent Officers were also elected:

Re-elected to his ninth term is: President, Joseph S. Luker.

Other officers elected are; Vice President, David W. Butler; Recording Secretary, James F. Luley; and Financial Secretary, Michael J. Galligano. James P. Kreutzer was elected Director for 2017– 2018 -2019. In addition, David E. Maier was appointed Treasurer and James F. Spellman appointed as Assistant Treasurer. Both will serve a one year term.

The Department will hold its 116th Annual Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 21, 2017.

On behalf of Fire Chief Tom Bolanowski, the Officers and members of the New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy New Year!



Village of New Hartford
48 Genesee Street
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VILLAGE TAXES

The Village tax rate for the fiscal year of June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017 is \$53.25 per thousand and the equalization rate is 5.67%.

Contact the Village Office

Phone: 732-1147

Contact the Public Works Garage

Phone: 724-0379

Internet Website:

www.villageofnewhartford.com

Village Officials

- Mayor: Donald J. Ryan
- Trustee: Andrew N. Alesia
- Trustee: John J. Grygiel
- Trustee: David D. Butler
- Trustee: Richard C. Sherman
- Attorney: Gustave J. DeTraglia
- DPW Superintendent: Timothy Hughes
- Village Clerk: Janet M. Durr
- Administrative Assistant: Kathy P. Briggs
- Treasurer: Earl R. Cunningham
- Codes Enforcement Officer: Jonathan D. Purdy
- Fire Chief: Thomas J. Bolanowski
- Police Chief: Michael Inserra