



Town of Cambria 2017 Spring Newsletter

Monthly Meetings

Planning Board ~3rd Monday at 7:00 pm
Town Board ~ 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm
Zoning Board ~ 4th Monday at 7:00 pm



Town of Cambria Court

Justice Jowdy ~ 1st Tuesday at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
2nd & 5th Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Justice Jowdy III ~ 3rd & 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Cambria Town Board Meets 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm

Wright H. Ellis

Supervisor
433-8523

Matthew P. Foe

Councilman
433-3370

Jeffrey S. Hurtgam

Councilman
791-4146

Joseph Ohol

Councilman
830-5506

Randy M. Roberts

Councilman
433-0183

Department Heads

Debra A. Littere

Assessor
Tax Collector
433-8161 x122

James P. McCann

Building Inspector
433-8161 x126

Jon T. MacSwan

Highway Supt.
433-8829

Tamara J. Cooper

Town Clerk
433-7664

The Town Hall is open
Monday-Friday from
8:00 am-4:00 pm

Hours vary for each office.

From the Desk of Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor

Spring Greetings from the pages of our Town Newsletter. Crocuses are breaking through the ground, daffodil green is pushing up about three inches and road salt is washing and wearing away from the surface of our roadways. Those are all good signs of a change in the seasons.

Last year we completed two (2) major construction projects in the Town. The first involved boring under the CSX Railroad on Comstock, Subbera and Cambria roads to connect their north and south waterlines, all of which run from Saunders Settlement or Upper Mountain roads and are then terminated at the railroad crossings. This has produced six (6) "dead-ends", potential health hazards which must be flushed out twice a year, a time-consuming process and necessary waste of considerable water, as it is flushed out on the ground at the hydrant. The project was complex, involving extensive coordination with the railroad and utilities, and expensive. However, in addition to saving water and labor, it will also provide additional loops in our water system. The resulting redundancy improves the security of our water system and enables us to isolate smaller sections of the system when repairs are needed to repair leaks. Fewer households are inconvenienced with no water while repairs are in progress.

The second project was the Comfort Station, 95% complete when work was halted for the winter. Located in the center of the Town Park, it will provide handicap-accessible restrooms, storage and space for an eventual concession stand. The Comfort Station is also expensive, in part due to the high cost of bringing utilities from Upper Mountain Road to the site. The good news is that we were successful in obtaining grants totaling \$225,000, offsetting much of the cost. Most of the funding is coming from the New York Power Authority, courtesy of the Greenway Commission. Additional funds were obtained via NYS Senator Robert G. Ort's Office and Casino funds were obtained via Niagara County Legislator David E. Godfrey. So, no more porta-potties needed in the Town Park. The new facility should be fully operational shortly after we open the Park.

Last fall, I announced in the newsletter that former Councilman George Bush was stepping down from his Chairmanship of our annual Town-Wide Yard Sale. I asked for a volunteer or two from outside the Town Hall Staff to "fill George's shoes" and handle the many details associated with our past success and which are necessary to enable the tradition to continue. The silence of the response has been deafening. If interested, please call George at 731-9352 or my office at 433-8523. We need help!

Enjoy the articles herein and remember that the Town Staff is here to serve the citizens of Cambria. However, we cannot address your concerns unless they are brought to our attention. Thank you.

WATER DEPARTMENT

As always, conservation of our natural resources is important. You can play an important role in conservation by checking for small water leaks in your home. A faucet with a small drip or a toilet that leaks can waste several gallons of water as well as increase your water bill. We will continue to review quarterly meter readings that reflect a leak; however, a periodic check of your home's plumbing issues, by the homeowner, is also a good idea. We sometimes find it necessary to contact our customers regarding water service issues. This can only be accomplished if we have your current contact information in our files. Please contact our office to update phone numbers if necessary.



SELLING YOUR HOME:

Our water department continues to practice procedures that ensure the public safety of our customers. The Town of Cambria Water District Rules & Regulations state that all water services must be equipped with a double check valve. If you are planning to sell your home, call the water department office to schedule a compliance inspection. This inspection must be completed before the home is sold. **Failure to schedule this appointment can affect your closing date.** Final readings are scheduled close to your closing date. We will need the name and address of the individual responsible for payment of the final bill and, if possible, provide us with the name of the new owner. As we look forward to spring, we will begin scheduling clean-up and grading restoration work from previous water/sewer related projects. If you have an area that needs restoration work due to water or sewer construction, please contact our office at (716) 433-2468. If you have any questions or concerns, we will be happy to help you.

2016 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Copies will be available at the following locations:

- ~ Town of Cambria Town Hall
 - ~ Sanborn –Pekin Library, 5890 West St., Sanborn, NY
 - ~ Ransomville Free Library, 3733 Ransomville Rd., Ransomville, NY
 - ~ Posted on our website: www.townofcambria.com :
- <http://www.townofcambria.com/water.asp>

BUILDING INSPECTOR ~ James P. McCann

Recently the Town Board approved changes to the Zoning Ordinance that allows property owners of residential lots less than (5) acres to apply for a "Special Use Permit" to harbor chickens (**no roosters**) on their property. The fee for this "Special Permit" will be waived if you have ten (10) chickens or less. If you are interested in harboring chickens or if you are currently doing so without a permit, please contact the Building Dept. so we can explain how the process works. Spring clean-up is right around the corner and a good deal of our department's time is devoted to enforcing the section in the Zoning Ordinance related to "Junkyards". We routinely patrol the Town noting violations and attempt to have them corrected in a timely manner. Unlicensed and/or unregistered vehicles continue to be an issue, to avoid Town action please have the vehicles removed or properly stored. If you need information on what constitutes a junkyard please contact our office for a copy of the ordinance. Before starting a construction or remodeling project you should check with our department to determine if a building permit is needed. Above ground and in-ground swimming pools require building permits. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are a must have in all homes. **KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE!** Check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

TOWN CLERK ~ Tamara J. Cooper

The Town Clerk's Office now accepts credit cards for payments at the counter for things such as dog licensing, Recreation & Baseball registrations, Community Room reservations, copies of vital records, marriage licenses, Town Park shelter reservations, hunting and fishing licenses. *A small service fee is submitted directly to Value Pay Systems at the time of transaction and neither the municipality nor the Clerk's office receive any portion of the service fee.*

Dog license renewals may now be paid online at www.townofcambria.com-click on the Town Clerk page and then Dog Control (please note: you will need to enter your dog license number). If your rabies vaccine is expired, you will have to mail in the new certificate, put it in the drop box or stop by the office during regular business hours to renew your dog's license.

****Please Note ** WE CANNOT ACCEPT WATER BILL PAYMENTS BY CREDIT CARD AT THIS TIME**

2017 FREE RABIES CLINICS

For directions call the specific clinic site. For any other clinic related questions call (716) 439-7511.

Saturday, March 11 ~ 2:00 pm-4:00 pm
Town of Somerset Highway Garage
8700 Haight Road ~ 795-3575



Saturday, June 10 ~ 9:00 am-11:00am
Hyde Park-Oasis/Centennial Pavilion
911 Robbins Drive ~ 286-4940

Saturday, July 15 ~ 9:00 am-11:00am
Town of Wilson Highway Garage
3356 Wilson-Cambria Road ~ 751-6704



Saturday, September 16 ~ 9:00 am-11:00am
Town of Lockport Highway Department
6560 Dysinger Road~ 439-9524

TAX COLLECTOR ~ Debra A. Littere

The last day to pay taxes is **FRIDAY, March 31st 2017** from 8:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00pm-3:30pm. If you can't make it on that day, please drop your payment at the post-office. It must be postmarked **March 31st, 2017**. There is also a drop box outside the front door to the town hall that is checked daily, and will be checked at 3:30 pm March 31st! We have started to accept payment of taxes by credit/debit card. *If you wish to pay your taxes with a card, you must come in to pay. There is a convenience fee of around 3% of the bill.* We hope this will appease homeowners who wish to pay their taxes this way.

Tax bills/receipts are available online! On the Town of Cambria website, www.townofcambria.com, under the Tax Collector tab, the link <http://www.basny.com/cambria> will give you information on your taxes that you can view or print out from your own computer!


It is my pleasure to serve the Town of Cambria residents as your tax collector!

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ~ Jon T. MacSwan

The winter season has been kind to us resulting in a surplus of road salt for use next season. As the snow begins to melt and the ground thaws, flooding can become an issue. It is very common for yards to have some temporary standing water and drainage ditches to be at their maximum capacity during the spring thaw. It is good practice to get outside as soon as the weather permits and be sure that the drainage system on your property is flowing, as it should. Several times the only reason for additional water is that there is an obstruction in a ditch or culvert somewhere. If there appears to be a bigger problem, please give our office a call and we will look into rectifying it as soon as possible.

April 17 we will begin chipping brush again. We can accommodate limbs up to 8" in diameter. Please be sure that they are stacked neatly, butt ends toward the road and a pile spread out low is preferable to piled high. We will **NOT** pickup any piles that have wire, rope, stakes, roots, root balls, vines, dirt, thorns, or poison ivy in them. We have the ability to pick up stumps and root balls with a machine at our convenience. Please just make sure to notify us in advance. **We DO NOT chip brush in July and August.** We utilize the warm summer months to repair our roads. September 1 we will resume chipping brush and continue until November 1. Should you have any questions, you may call the office at 716-433-8829 or Jon's cell at 716-531-2089. It is our job to help you, should you have a question or concern, please feel free to contact the office anytime. Enjoy the summer!!

ATTENTION VETERAN'S!!!



Are you aware of the many programs, benefits and outreach available to you and your family? Please contact the Niagara County Veteran's Service Agency (438-4090) located at 111 Main Street, Suite 200, Lockport, NY for more information. Also check our website www.townofcambria.com periodically to see about events for veteran's happening around Western New York.

We humbly thank you for your service.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE ~ Debra A. Littere

Beginning March 15, 2017, the Assessment Disclosure Notices will be mailed to all property owners in the town. The goal of this project is to create **fair and equitable** property assessments so that each property owner is apportioned its fair share of the property tax levy. Informational workshops will be offered in late March. Instructions will be included with each notice indicating the procedure for registering for the workshops, and requesting informal reviews. The efforts of our office, combined with GAR Associates LLC, have given me confidence in knowing that we have done the best possible job at ensuring that the new assessments are where they should be.

As the March 1st deadline for exemptions has passed, we thank everyone for getting their paperwork to us in a timely manner. This includes the many new enhanced STAR exemptions that were processed this year.

High School Seniors interested in applying for a scholarship from the Niagara County Assessor's Association should inquire at their high school guidance office.

CAMBRIA TOWN PARK MEMORIAL TREE GROVE

The Memorial Tree Grove is a designated area within the Town of Cambria Town Park. It originally began as an Eagle Scout Project; the Town now handles the tree planting, staking and placement of the memorial plaque at the base of the tree. The plaque will read "IN MEMORY OF" and includes the name, year of birth and year of death. Anyone interested in purchasing a memorial tree honoring a loved one should fill out the application form and submit payment in the amount of \$300 to the Town Clerk's Office. If you have any questions please contact George Bush at 731-9352. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office or on our website www.townofcambria.com, click on the Town Park/Recreation page.

HISTORIAN ~ Brooke Morse

The Cambria Historical Society has announced its 2017 Schedule. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm followed by refreshments and then the scheduled speakers at 7:30 pm:

June 21: The Cambria Missile Site During the Cold War with Pat Hillman

July 19: POW's held at Fort Niagara during WWII with Gretchen Duling, Ph.D,

August 16: Civil War Women, Soldiers & Spies with Karen Noonan

September 20: TBA

October 18: Women and the War of 1812 with Karen Noonan

The Cambria Historical Hall is also open on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 11 am- 2 pm or by appointment. For more information and updates, please visit the Cambria Historical Society's website at www.cambriahistoryniagara.org or "Like" us on Facebook. You may also contact the Town Historian at historian@townofcambria.com. New members are always welcome and donations of historical items both old and new related to the Town of Cambria are appreciated. Please contact the historian via email for details.

2017 REFUSE/RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Memorial Day Monday, May 29
Delayed until Friday, June 2

Independence Day Tuesday, July 4
Delayed until Friday, July 7

Labor Day Monday, September 4
Delayed until Friday, September 8

Please note Recycling is every other week.
Please see the website or call (716) 433-2468 for the
pick-up schedule.

Recycle Totes are the property of the Town and were distributed to all residential property owners and have a serial number that is on record in our office. If you sell your home, the Recycle Tote is to remain with the property. The Town's policy is one (1) recycle tote per household. If necessary, recyclable items can be placed in clear plastic bags and placed next to your recycle tote. Modern's Recycle crew will pick them up.

2017
HOLIDAYS ~ TOWN HALL CLOSED

Good Friday, Friday, April 15
Memorial Day, Monday, May 29
Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day, Monday, September 4
Columbus Day, Monday, October 9

TOWN PARK SHELTER RENTAL

There are five (5) pavilions available at the Town Park for reservation from May through October. To reserve a shelter go to our website, click on the Town Park/Recreation page, fill out the Park Shelter Use Application & return it to the Town Clerk's Office. **There is a non-refundable rental fee.** Please contact the Town Clerk's Office, (716) 433-7664, for more information.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

The Town of Cambria offers electronic recycling for TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY. Please call (716) 433-8829 with any questions, please be ready to provide proof of residency when bringing electronics in to be dropped off. Acceptable items for electronic recycling are: computer equipment (monitors, terminals, printers, network equipment, server racks), miscellaneous electronics (circuit boards, wiring & cabling, typewriters, fax machines, universal power supplies), televisions, ink jet & laser toner cartridges. Items that ARE NOT ACCEPTED: air conditioners, any liquids, loose bulbs and trash.



15th ANNUAL TOWN WIDE YARD SALE
SATURDAY, JULY 15 AND SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

This is how it works...

All you need to do is sign up using the form below or log on to our website, www.townofcambria.com. The Town of Cambria provides the brochure (which includes the sale sites, as well as a map), a sign for your location (limited quantities available) and advertising using various types of media (all at no cost to you)!

Pick up signs at Town Hall commencing Monday, July 10, 2017, in the Town Clerk's Office. There is no penalty for signing up and then not participating. It's better to sign up than to miss out!

Register by filling out the information below. **Signup deadline: Monday, June 12, 2017**

Return to: Yard Sale, Town of Cambria
4160 Upper Mountain Rd.
Sanborn, NY 14132

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
ZIP _____ PHONE _____
EMAIL _____



- MULTI FAMILY CHILDREN'S ITEMS HOUSEHOLD ITEMS VARIETY

*** Please choose one ***



RECREATION ~ Sally Marotta-Reed

The Town of Cambria will host its annual Summer Day Program beginning **Tuesday, June 27th** and ending **Friday, August 4th**. My staff and I will once again provide a fun, safe and enriching experience for children ages 5-15. Children will have the opportunity to participate in age appropriate games, physical activities, arts & crafts and explore nature. As always we have many fun field trips and Fort Niagara Swim trips planned. Our counselors are trained in CPR, First Aid, and AED use. We also have counselors with additional lifeguard training for our ever-popular Fort Niagara swim trips. **PLEASE NOTE:** In order to participate in our program, all children must be five years old **NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2017**. Applications will be available in the Town Clerk's Office or online by mid-April. If there are any questions about the program, volunteering or donating, please call Sally Marotta Reed at (716) 860-2680.

EXERCISE IN THE TOWN PARK



Thinking about getting into shape this summer? Are you already in shape but looking for a great group of likeminded people to work out with? This summer the Town of Cambria is offering outdoor fitness classes in the Town Park on Monday's and Thursday's at 6:00 pm. We will have music and some results driven classes that will help you burn calories, gain strength, improve flexibility and improve your endurance!! Does this sound like something that you **NEED** to do? This is a list of the formats that will be offered throughout the summer with the first week being a mashup of classes: **Insanity Live, PIYO Live, Turbo Kick Live, P90X Live and CIZE Live**. ALL 5 formats combined into a 45 minute workout routine! Are you still unsure if this is for YOU? The first week of classes will be **FREE!!!!** After that classes will be \$10 per class!! If you attend classes I will guarantee that you will feel amazing when you leave and you **WILL** get results if you stay consistent with your workouts!! Here is to a healthy and happier **SUMMER!!!** For more detailed information about what is offered please see our website www.townofcambria.com and click on the Town Park/Recreation page or contact instructor Heather Dragon (716-940-6185) or email Queenbee710h@aol.com.

Check out our website www.townofcambria.com for upcoming events, meeting minutes and more!



CAMBRIA VOL. FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

4631 Cambria-Wilson Road, Lockport, NY 14094
(716) 434-8948

Lenten Fish Fry ~ March 3rd - April 14th (4:00 pm-7:00 pm)
Ham Party ~ April 1st
25 Week Dinner Club ~ May 6th
Pasta Dinner/Basket Raffle ~ May 7th (Noon-4:00 pm)
Tractor Pull ~ August 25th - 26th

For more information on these events and hall rentals, please visit our web site at: www.cambriavolunteerfire.com

SUMMER GAZEBO CONCERTS

All concerts will begin at 6:00 pm and are held rain or shine.
A covered tent for spectators is provided.
Be sure to bring a lawn chair, relax and enjoy!!



~Refreshments will be available for a small fee~

Sunday, July 19th - 90 West
(High Energy Country Music)
Sunday, July 16th - Disco Duck
(Disco music)
Sunday, July 23rd - Then & Now
(Classic Rock)
Sunday, July 30th - East of Eden
(Classic/Southern Rock/Alternative Country)
Sunday, August 6th - The New Direction Band
(Polka, Polka, Polka!)

SOCCER NEWS



The Town of Cambria will be offering a 10-week "Soccer Shots" program. The program will run on Saturdays from April - June at the Cambria Town Park. Children from ages 2-6 will be introduced to the world of soccer in a fun, safe, educational environment. Soccer Shots also uses the sessions to teach children important concepts such as teamwork and respect. To register, visit www.soccershots.org/buffalonorth.

NWAA House Soccer Program is played at Fairmont Park in Wheatfield and is open to Cambria residents. To register, go to <https://nwaahousesoccer.eventbrite.com>. Be sure to use the discount code CAMBRIA to receive \$20 off your registration. Please see our website and click on the Town Park/Recreation page for more details.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ~ Rodney Hogg

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!! The deadline to sign up for baseball/softball has been extended to April 14th. You may register at the Town Clerk's Office, Monday -Friday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Forms are also available online from our website, www.townofcambria.com. For those already signed up, you will hear from the coaches sometime in April or early May to set up practice dates and times. Games are scheduled to begin in late May. If interested in coaching, please contact Rodney at (716) 990-0321.



PEKIN FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

3024 Upper Mountain Road, Sanborn, NY 14132
(716) 731-4777

Ladies Auxiliary Annual Easter Egg Hunt ~ Sat., April 15th at 10am
Spring Gun Raffle ~ Saturday, April 22nd
Merchandise Raffle ~ Saturday, June 17th
Chicken/Rib BBQ & Basket Raffle ~ Sunday, September 24

For more information on these events and hall rentals, please visit our web site at: www.pekinfire.com.

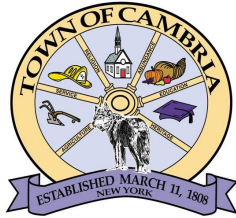


MT. VIEW CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Residents are invited to join in the observance of a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 29, 2017. A processional march beginning at the Pekin Fire Hall and leading to Mt. View Cemetery, Upper Mountain Road, commences at 9:30 am, with services immediately following at the Mt. View Cemetery.

Town of Cambria
4160 Upper Mountain Road
Sanborn, NY 14132
"NIAGARA COUNTY'S FIRST TOWN"

PRESORTED STANDARD
PERMIT # 21
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CURRENT RESIDENT OR



Congratulations on your Retirement!!

Henry G. Peters, Town Justice
Years of Service: 1995-2016

Marjorie E. Meahl, Recording Secretary
Years of Service: 1973-2016

Since our last Newsletter, both Henry G. Peters and Marjorie E. Meahl have retired from town government, after compiling a combined 63 years of public service to our community.

Town Justice Peters served our Town Court for twenty-one (21) years, having been appointed by the Town Board on the 1st of November 1995. Drawing on his long experience as a public school administrator, dealing with disciplinary issues and conflict resolution, he dispensed justice with a firm, yet sensitive approach. His ability to balance the demands of the law with a consideration of personal circumstances, earned him the respect of his fellow-citizens.

"Marge" Meahl served as Recording Secretary for the Town of Cambria Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals for forty-three (43) years. She attended a combined total of approximately 1,032 meetings of the two Boards, expertly taking detailed minutes as one of the last practitioners of the Gregg Shorthand System. We will miss her ready smile and greeting, her encyclopedic knowledge of the Town of Cambria, its history and its people as well as her ready ability to recall information pertinent to matters brought before the Boards.

The Town Board thanks them for their valuable service and wishes Henry and Marge much deserved happiness and relaxation in their retirement!