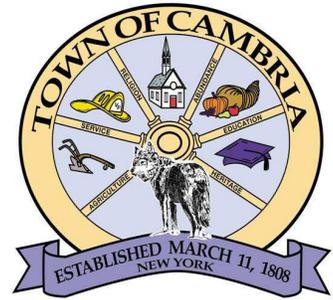


Town of Cambria

2012 Spring Newsletter



Cambria Town Board

Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor
433-8523

Robert E. Blackman, Councilman
434-7116

Matthew P. Foe, Councilman
433-3370

Joseph Ohol, Councilman
433-8243

Randy M. Roberts, Councilman
433-0183

Town Hall Office Hours

Town Hall

Mon. - Fri. 8 am - 4 pm

Town Clerk

Mon. - Fri. 8 am - 4 pm

Assessor

Mon. - Fri.
8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Building Inspector

Mon., Wed., Thurs.
8 am - 4 pm

Highway Department

Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 3:30 pm

Monthly Meetings

Planning Board

3rd Monday at 8 pm

Recreation Committee

2nd Thursday at 6:00 pm

Town Board

2nd Thursday at 8 pm

Zoning Board

4th Monday at 8 pm

From the Desk of Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor

Greetings again from the pages of our semi-annual newsletter. Since our last edition, we have completed certification of our 152 acre "Shovel Ready" project on Lockport Road. The newly named, "Cambria Technology Park", was officially given New York State "Shovel Ready" Certification during a ceremony at the Town Hall on 2 February 2012. This means that the time-consuming process of obtaining various Federal and State permits has been completed, enhancing the desirability of the site for future development. A potential developer only has to work with the Town Building Inspector and the Planning and Town Boards through the site plan review, a relatively short procedure. The Buffalo Niagara Enterprise (BNE) and the Niagara County Center for Economic Development are responsible for marketing the site. Their focus will be on development within the following categories: data center, high-tech manufacturing, financial center, logistics center, e-commerce, light manufacturing or research and development. Attracting high caliber businesses such as these will produce employment opportunities and add to the Town tax base, potentially reducing tax rates for all of our residents.

The Town of Cambria provides recycling opportunities with curbside pickup as part of our refuse collection contract with Modern Disposal. Eighteen gallon plastic recycling bins are available to Town residents at the Water Department office and the Highway Department office. There is no charge for the bins, either for initial distribution or as a replacement for one that has obviously exceeded its service life. The Niagara County Refuse Disposal District (NCRDD) has a drop-off container in the foyer of the Town Hall. It is available for ink and toner cartridges, cell phones, smaller electronic gadgets/components such as cameras, personal printers, etc. Larger components such as computer monitors and TVs are accepted at the NCRDD recycling facility, located off the Rte. 93 bypass, between Rte. 31 and Hinman Road. **Electronic items, as well as fluorescent bulbs and rechargeable batteries, can no longer be picked up curbside.** Please recycle as much of the waste stream as you can. It is good for the environment and saves money on landfill disposal costs.

The Town is working with the Cambria Housing Authority and other agencies to remediate portions of the former Lockport Air Force Station at Routes 31/425. We have obtained four grants totaling \$950,000.00 to conduct asbestos abatement and removal of contaminated sediment and other materials from abandoned buildings and then demolish them, making the area environmentally clean. This will pave the way for commercial or residential development, thus returning the property to the tax rolls in a productive form.

As always, enjoy the articles herein and remember that our purpose is to serve the citizens of our Town. We are always ready to address your concerns and provide assistance.

BUILDING INSPECTOR ~ Clifford E. Burch

Spring clean up time is just around the corner. As we begin to line up our projects, remember that unregistered and/or unlicensed vehicles are prohibited. Please have them removed to avoid action by the Town's Code Enforcement personnel.

Reminder ~ Before you begin any building projects, contact the Building Inspector to determine if a permit is necessary. Suppliers of ready made accessory buildings often mislead residents into thinking that a building permit is not needed. The Town's Zoning Ordinance requires building permits for any building or structure, including accessory buildings, "moved, constructed or erected" on their property. Swimming pool installations also require a building permit. A simple telephone call may eliminate the issuance of a violation notice.

The passing of the winter months always reveals leaves and grass clippings that we want to dispose of. The best way to do so is to bag them and place them to the road with your regular trash. Open burning of leaves and grass clippings can emit offensive smoke and odors. Let's be considerate of our neighbors and dispose of this material properly.

Recreational fires are popular during the warmer months ~ keep in mind, they must be 25 feet away from any structure or combustible material and the fire must be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.

Please check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Keep your family safe!

TAX COLLECTOR ~ Debra A. Littere

As the 2012 tax collection season comes to a close, we would like to express our appreciation to the taxpayers for utilizing the tax office located in the Town Hall.

With the intended goal being convenience and personal service for our customers, our collection percentage of in-house receipts, including mail, was 76% through the beginning of February 2012.

For your convenience, receipts for tax payments may be obtained online www.basny.com/cambria.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE ~ Janelle L. Kroening

The U.S Census Bureau indicated that the Town of Cambria's population increased by +8.3 percent from the year 2000. Our Town has over 1900 residential parcels, close to 170 farm/agricultural parcels, approximately 400 vacant/unimproved parcels, 56 commercial properties, with the remainder in various categories.

As Cambria continues to maintain growth, the Assessor's office is in the continuous process of gathering data to reflect correct inventory on all parcels. As the weather breaks, we will again be out photographing the real property, including improvements from recent building permits. If you think we have incorrect data in our computer system regarding your property or possibly a parent or grandparent's property, please contact the Assessor's office. This will enable us to verify the correct information.

March 1, 2012, taxable status date, was the due date for filing any exemptions on your property. The STAR exemption, whether Basic or Enhanced, is for your primary residence and is applied to school taxes. If you move from your primary residence, it is your obligation to notify the Assessor's Office, even if you do not sell your house.

Change of assessment notices will be mailed by May 1st for those property owners whose assessments have changed due to new construction and/or changes in the inventory information. The Board of Assessment Review will be meeting to hear complaints on assessments Tuesday, May 22, 2012 – Grievance Day, in the afternoon and evening. Please come to our office in **early May** to pick up the booklet which includes the complaint form that is required to be completed. The Tentative Assessment Roll will be available for review outside the Assessor's office during the month of May or you may view it online, www.townofcambria.com (look for a link on the Assessor's page). You can also review the Tentative Roll to see what exemptions have been applied to any given parcel.

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



2012 FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC DATES

****FOR CLINIC RELATED QUESTIONS, CALL THE NIAGARA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT 439-7511**

Saturday, April 21st from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Town of Hartland Highway Garage
8940 Ridge Road, Rt. 104, Town of Hartland
Phone: 735-7234

Tuesday, August 14th from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Town of Porter Highway Garage
1800 Braley Road, Town of Porter
Phone: 745-3730

Saturday, June 9th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Hyde Park Pavilion (behind Ice Arena)
911 Robbins Drive, City of Niagara Falls
Phone: 286-4940

Saturday, September 22nd from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Town of Lockport Highway Department
6560 Dysinger Road, Town of Lockport
Phone: 439-9524

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ~ Jon T. MacSwan

This winter has certainly been unique, not much snow and above normal temperatures for most of the season. We have used the extra time for equipment repairs and preparing the warm weather equipment for use.

Flooding is always an issue in the spring and we are asking property owners to take responsibility to make sure that your culverts and ditches are free of debris. Over the winter, trash, sticks, recycling bins, etc. tend to obstruct culverts and impede water flow. We are asking that you take a few minutes for spring clean up and make sure you don't have anything obstructing the water flow on your property.

Beginning April 15, we will resume 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. A pile spread out low is preferable to piled high. We **WILL NOT** pick up 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. It is necessary for us to utilize the warm summer months to repair our roads. We will resume chipping brush again on September 1 and will continue until the snow falls.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at any time. We will be glad to help you in any way that we can.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Thanks to our many customers who have had their water meters changed over to the "AMR" meter. This program should conclude this year. As of this printing, approximately 10% of our customers have yet to change over. If your water meter has not been changed out, please contact our office to schedule an appointment. We will work with your schedule to accomplish this installation.

Soon we will focus on our spring clean up, targeting any Water Department construction projects that may need additional grading.

Our office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am. to 3:00 pm. to schedule appointments and address your questions.



THANK A VET DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Niagara County is offering a free program available to honorably discharged veterans that provides a photo identification card allowing those eligible to receive discounts for goods and services when presented to participating merchants throughout the County. The card is available at the Niagara County Clerk's Office located on the first floor of the Courthouse, 175 Hawley Street in Lockport. To be eligible, you must be a Niagara County resident, your official discharge papers (DD-214) must be on file in the County Clerk's office and, if not on file, must be presented for filing prior to card issuance. You must also present a NYS Drivers license or non-driver identification. Call 716-439-7022 or view their website at www.niagaracounty.com for more information.

CAMBRIA HISTORIAN ~ Brooke A. Genter



Grant Award ~ The Town Historian's office has been awarded a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grant from the New York State Archives in the amount of \$7,161 for the 2011-2012 year. The grant will be used to implement a Historical Records Access and Preservation Improvement Project in the Town of Cambria Historical Building. Town Historian, Brooke Genter, MLS, will serve as Project Director and see the project to a successful completion.

War of 1812 Bicentennial ~ As many of you know, this is the Bicentennial year of the War of 1812. Many commemorative events will be taking place throughout the year, both in Canada and the United States.

On December 19, 1813, after the capture of Fort Niagara by the British, brave Cambria settlers, along with the aid of the Tuscarorans from the Reservation, were able to stop the British from burning their way through Cambria and eastward. As a result, both Howell's Tavern and Forsyth's Tavern along Ridge Road, east of Baer and Church Roads, were saved from fire. These two landmarks proudly stand to this day.

To commemorate this bravery, the Town Historian is working in collaboration with the Cambria Historical Society and the Niagara County Historical Society to plan a special War of 1812 event. The event will coincide with the placement of a historic marker at the site of this standoff located near the corners of Baer and Church Roads. Anyone with an interest in Cambria and the War of 1812 who would like to lend their expertise on this topic and/or take part in the planning committee, is invited to contact the Town Historian via email at historian@townofcambria.com or by phone at (716) 433-0387.

Call for Papers ~ The Town Historian is looking for material on campgrounds, motels, wineries, farming, and eateries, both past and present, in the Town of Cambria. If you have material to lend, copy or donate, please contact the email address or phone number listed above.



HANDICAP PARKING PERMITS

The Town Clerk's office mails out renewal letters for our residents with **permanent** handicap parking permits. When renewing your permit, please provide a **VALID** NYS driver's license or non-driver's ID card and return your old permit so we may destroy it. If you have any questions please contact our office at 433-7664.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 3, 2012 ~ 7:00 pm
Cambria Congregational Church
4045 Lower Mountain Road
www.cambriacc.com

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HOLIDAYS ~ TOWN HALL CLOSED

Good Friday, Friday, April 6
Memorial Day, Monday, May 28
Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4
Labor Day, Monday, September 3
Columbus Day, Monday, October 8

DEPARTMENT HEADS/OFFICIALS

Assessor ~ Janelle L. Kroening	433-8161
Building Inspector ~ Clifford E. Burch	433-8161
Highway Superintendent ~ Jon T. MacSwan	433-8829
Historian ~ Brooke A. Genter	433-0387
Planning Board Chair ~ William Amacher	731-5277
Tax Collector ~ Debra A. Littere	433- 8161
Town Clerk ~ Lou Ann Murawski	433-7664
Town Court ~ A. Jowdy / H. Peters	433-3088
Town Justice ~ Amel S. Jowdy, Jr.	434-8417
Town Justice ~ Henry G. Peters	731-3035
Zoning Board Chair ~ John Reardon	434-0414

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REFUSE/RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Memorial Day Monday, May 28
Delayed until Friday, June 1

Independence Day Wednesday, July 4
Delayed until Friday, July 6

Labor Day Monday, September 3
Delayed until Friday, Sept. 7

TOWN OF CAMBRIA COURT
(716) 433-3088

Justice Jowdy Court - 1st Tuesday at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
2nd & 5th Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Justice Peters Court - 3rd & 4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm

CAMBRIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

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



LENTEN FISH FRY- FRIDAYS THROUGH APRIL 6TH 4 PM-7 PM

APRIL 7TH-EASTER EGG HUNT-10 AM

APRIL 22ND-JR FIREFIGHTERS PASTA LUNCHEON-FOOD/BASKET AUCTION 11 AM-3 PM

MAY 5TH-25 WEEK DINNER

SEPTEMBER 9TH- DOG SHOW 7 AM-NOON (tentative date)

SEPTEMBER 14TH - 16TH- FLY IN BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 13TH-WINE, CHOCOLATE, & CHEESE

***** IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING FIRE HALL EVENTS,
PLEASE CONTACT THE FIRE HALL AT THE NUMBER LISTED ABOVE**

PEKIN FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

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



MARCH 31ST-WINE, CHEESE, CHOCOLATE-11 AM

APRIL 28TH-SPRING RAFFLE-5:30 PM

MAY 5TH-MONTE CARLO NIGHT-6:00 PM

MAY 20TH-LADIES AUXILLARY RAFFLE-12 PM

SEPTEMBER 23RD-CHICKEN/RIB BBQ & BASKET RAFFLE-10:30 AM

OCTOBER 6TH-GUN RAFFLE-5:30 PM

OCTOBER 20TH-CRAFT SHOW & BAKE SALE-11:00 AM

***** IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING FIRE HALL EVENTS,
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Town Park Memorial Tree Grove

The Cambria Town Park will be adding a Memorial Tree Grove this year. The Grove will be an Eagle Scout Project undertaken by Boy Scout Brian Zuch. The trees will be planted and staked with a memorial plaque at the base of each tree, as shown in the photo above. The plaque will read "IN MEMORY OF" and will include the name and year of birth and death of the individual in whose memory it is planted.

Anyone interested in purchasing a memorial tree honoring a loved one, should complete the required plaque information form available from the Town Clerk's office. A check in the amount of \$250.00, payable to the Town of Cambria must accompany the form. Forms can also be downloaded from our website at www.townofcambria.com

If you should have any questions, please contact George Bush at 731-9352.

RECREATION ~ Sally Marotta-Reed

We have been busy preparing for another fun-filled summer program. My staff and I will provide a fun, safe and enriching experience for children ages 5-15. **PLEASE NOTE**, in order to participate in our program, all children must be five years old **NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2012**.

The Recreation Day Program begins Tuesday, June 26th and ends Friday, August 3rd. There are two locations, Cambria Town Hall/Community Room site and Pekin Fire Hall/Pavilion site. Both sites have counselors trained in CPR for the Professional Rescuer, Responding to Emergencies First Aid and AED use. We also have counselors with lifeguard training.

Children will have the opportunity to participate in age appropriate games, physical activities, arts and crafts and explore nature. To promote growth and awareness in the program, "clinics" are being developed and speakers will visit the sites. Your child will have the opportunity to cultivate his/her abilities, talents and interests to the next level.

This year's field trips include four swim days, the Buffalo Zoo, Becker Farms, Strong Museum of Play and Fantasy Island.

Applications are available from the Town Clerk's Office or online. Any questions about the program, volunteering or donating, please call Sally at 860-2680.

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!!

Sunday, July 8 ~ 90 West (High Energy Country Music)

Sunday, July 15 ~ The Flaming Pineapples
(Classic Mix /Party Music)

Sunday, July 22 ~ Bar Room Buzzards (Jazz /40's Music)

Sunday, July 29 ~ East of Eden (Classic/Southern Rock / Alternative Country)

Sunday, August 5 ~ Glen Colton and Movie to follow

Sunday, August 12 ~ The Flat Tops (50's & 60's)
Car Cruise starts at 5:00 pm ~ Cars will arrive at 4 pm

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ~ Rodney Hogg

Did you miss baseball/softball sign-ups? Don't worry, **IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!** The deadline to sign up has been extended to April 1st. You may register at the Town Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday from 8 am until 4 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 to early May to set up practice dates and times. Games are scheduled to begin in late May.

Interested in coaching? Please contact Rodney at 990-0321.



MT. VIEW CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Residents are invited to join in the observance of a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 28, 2012. 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.

DON'T MISS IT!

10TH ANNUAL TOWN WIDE

YARD SALE...



SATURDAY, JULY 21 AND SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2012

9 AM to 3 PM

***IF YOU'VE NEVER PARTICIPATED, MAKE THIS THE
YEAR! IT'S FREE! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE
...AND YOU JUST MIGHT MAKE SOME \$\$\$\$***



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, and advertising using various types of media. All at no cost to you! 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. Return to:

***Yard Sale, Town of Cambria
4160 Upper Mountain Road
Sanborn NY 14132***

Signup deadline: Monday, June 18,

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

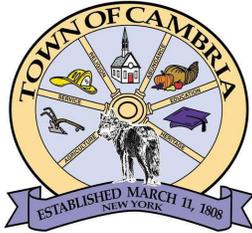
EMAIL: _____

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SANBORN, NY 14132

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~George J. Bush~

*Thank you
for over four decades of dedicated service
to the Town of Cambria!!*

On December 31, 2011, George J. Bush concluded 21 years as Councilman for the Town of Cambria.

George's service to our Community began in 1972 when he was first appointed as a member of the Recreation Commission. He continued to serve on the Commission for 19 years, including eleven years as Chairman.

In February 1991, George was appointed to a vacated seat on the Town Board. In January 1992, he was appointed as Deputy Supervisor, serving with distinction for 20 years, supporting the goals of the Town Board and providing the necessary leadership and administrative direction during the absence of the Supervisor.

George's contributions include initiating the first Town-Wide Yard Sale, an annual event which will commemorate its tenth anniversary this year. Additionally, he served as Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, the Town Park Planning Committee and also served as Town Board Liaison to the Planning Board.

We extend to George our appreciation and warm thanks for his long record of dedicated service and his countless contributions to our Community. He has served us with distinction, consistently demonstrating his willingness to always place his concern for the public good ahead of his own personal interests.