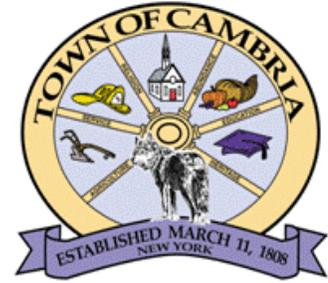


# Town of Cambria 2013 Spring Newsletter



## 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

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

**Building Inspector**  
Mon., Wed., Thurs.  
8 am - 4 pm

*Note: The Building Inspector is frequently out of the office during the afternoon for field work. Please call for an appointment.*

**Highway Department**  
Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 3:30 pm

**Water Department**  
Mon. - Fri. 8 am - 3 pm

## Monthly Meetings

**Planning Board**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 8 pm

**Recreation Committee**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:00 pm

**Town Board**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 8 pm

**Zoning Board**  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 8 pm

## From the Desk of Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor

2012 was a year of much activity and some noteworthy accomplishments in the Town of Cambria, as befits the third fastest-growing municipality in Niagara County, surpassed only by the towns of Lockport and Wheatfield. Our population currently stands at 5900. The Town Park projects listed in the last newsletter were completed and the backstop/dugout/outfield fencing for the second baseball diamond are being installed this winter/spring, along with two more picnic shelters. Rules and Regulations for the Town Park were adopted by the Town Board and are available on the Town website. They include procedures for renting the picnic shelters through the Town Clerk's Office and we anticipate Town residents taking advantage of that opportunity. We sustained some vandalism in the Park over the winter from thoughtless snowmobile and ATV operators; a case of a few selfish individuals damaging public property, intended for the benefit of all. Putting that aside, let's enjoy our "green space" this year.

Far less glamorous, but highly beneficial, was the repair/replacement of deteriorated sewer lines within the former Lockport Air Force Station (LAFS) property. A combination of work by our Water/Sewer Department personnel and professional contractors, corrected major discrepancies in those lines, the oldest in the Town. The immediate benefit is the control or elimination of infiltration (leakage out of a sewer line) and inflow (leakage of groundwater into a sewer line), thus improving environmental conditions in the area. Overall, our wastewater (sewer) infrastructure throughout the Town is in good condition. Demolition/restoration work at the former LAFS was completed. One site needs further remediation and that project will be put out to bid this spring.

The Town Board and the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer share concerns about the condition of some properties around Town. Most properties are well-maintained, supporting the idea that a well-maintained property is the first step toward being a good neighbor. However, some properties are allowed to deteriorate, becoming repositories for all sorts of "treasures" and reflecting adversely on the immediate neighborhood and, ultimately, the entire Town population. As I have stated before, we need to strike a balance between that individual freedom to live as we desire and the common good, supported by a neat and clean community. Spring is the ideal time to take corrective action. Here's an idea! Pick up those "treasures" referred to above and store them out of sight for possible sale at the Town-Wide Yard Sale in July. As the Town grows, the population increases and the open space between our properties is reduced. We need to be ever mindful of our neighbors and the impact our actions, or lack thereof, have on them. Please support this effort to keep our Town attractive and a nice place to live for your friends and neighbors by keeping your property adequately maintained. Thank you.

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

We extend a warm welcome to Jim McCann, our new Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer. Office hours for the Building Department are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. As inspections and various site work often require the Building Inspector to be out of the office, it is suggested to call ahead of time to schedule an appointment if you find it necessary to meet with Jim.

Before initiating any building project or installing a swimming pool, please contact our office to see if a building permit is required. We will discuss your project with you and make you aware of any specific requirements and/or regulations that may apply to your project. A simple phone call can eliminate a lot of problems.

*Just a reminder* ~ Unregistered and/or unlicensed vehicles are prohibited! Please have them removed to avoid action by the Town's Code Enforcement Officer.

Spring is right around the corner! Let's be considerate of our neighbors and remember that open burning of grass clippings and leaves can emit offensive smoke and odor. You can dispose of this type of debris by bagging it and placing it to the road with your regular trash.

Don't forget to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. **Keep your family safe!**

## RABIES CLINIC TO BE HELD IN CAMBRIA

The Town of Cambria will be the host site for a free rabies clinic to be held by the Niagara County Health Department on **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, from 2 pm until 4 pm** at the Municipal Building / Highway Garage located at 4160 Upper Mountain Road.

Please be sure that all animals are properly restrained. If you intend to bring more than six animals, please contact the Niagara County Health Department one week prior to the clinic to allow efficient processing of paperwork.

Cats and dogs receiving immunization **WITHOUT PROOF** of a previous rabies immunization will receive a certificate for only **one year**. Cats and dogs **WITH PROOF** of previous rabies immunization will receive a certificate valid for **three years**.



### 2013 FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC DATES

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

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**  
**Town of Cambria Highway Garage**  
4160 Upper Mountain Road, Town of Cambria  
Phone: 433-7664

**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**  
**Hyde Park Pavilion (behind Ice Arena)**  
911 Robbins Drive, City of Niagara Falls  
Phone: 286-4940

## ASSESSOR'S OFFICE ~ Janelle L. Kroening

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, 2013, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 28, 2013, 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](http://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 Assessors' Association should inquire at their high school guidance office.

## TAX COLLECTOR ~ Debra A. Littere

The last day to pay taxes is **MONDAY, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013**, from 8:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00 pm-3:30 pm. If you can't make it on that day, please drop your payment at the post office as it must be postmarked by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013. There is also a drop box outside the front doors to the Town Hall that is checked daily. The drop box will be checked at 3:30 pm April 1<sup>st</sup> for any tax bills that might have been deposited during the day.

Tax bills/receipts are available online on the Town of Cambria website, [www.townofcambria.com](http://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 yourself.

**Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**  
**Town of Royalton Highway Garage**  
5316 Royalton Center Road, Town of Royalton  
Phone: 772-2431

**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 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

The Cambria Highway Department has devoted several hours to plowing this winter. The roadways in our Town are a priority and we work diligently to keep them clear and safe for our residents and other commuters that pass through. If there is ever a time where you are concerned about road conditions, please don't hesitate to call the office and we will address the situation.

As the snow begins to melt and the ground thaws, flooding can become an issue. 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. Often, the only reason for additional water is due to an obstruction in a ditch or culvert somewhere. Be sure to clear any debris to ensure proper water flow. 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 15<sup>th</sup> we will begin chipping brush again. We can accommodate limbs up to 8" in diameter. Please be sure that they are stacked neatly, butt end toward the road. A pile spread out low is preferable to one 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 and will do so at our convenience. Please, just make sure to notify us in advance. We **DO NOT** chip brush in July and August. We have to utilize the warm summer months to repair our roads. September 1st we will resume chipping brush and continue as long as the weather permits.

We have a few road jobs on our list for this summer. Depending on fluctuating petroleum prices, we hope to work on a few of the subdivisions in the Town.

Please feel free to contact us at any time and we will be glad to help you in any way that we can.

## WATER DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all our residents who have had their water meters changed over to the new "Automatic Read Meter" (AMR). As you know, the program was started five years ago to help maintain a more efficient way of gathering meter readings and leak detection. Many of our residents have benefited from the leak code feature of the AMR. When meters are read, the equipment can detect a possible leak. Our water customers have expressed appreciation when we call to advise them of a suspected water leak. What may appear to be a small leak can waste a lot of water and your money!

Approximately 28 residents have not yet scheduled this change over. We encourage them to make their appointment as soon as possible. A \$35 administrative fee will be billed each quarter until the AMR meter is installed.

Winter will soon be over and our Water Department personnel will be focusing on our spring cleanup, targeting construction projects that may need additional grading.

It has been brought to our attention that a company, "Home Serve" has sent notices to Town of Cambria residents, selling exterior water supply line coverage. Please be advised that the Town of Cambria **DOES NOT** recommend this type of coverage to our homeowners.

Our office is open Mon-Fri from 8:00 am-3:00 pm to answer your questions or concerns in person or by phone 433-2468.

## CAMBRIA HISTORIAN ~ Brooke A. Genter

The historical marker arrived as planned and has been installed with much gratitude to the Highway Department crew. It may be viewed at the Demmin Farm on Ridge Road, near the corner of Baer and Church Roads. It turned out beautifully! Many thanks, of course, to Jim and Clem Demmin for their enthusiastic support in granting permission to place the marker on their farm property. Appreciation is also extended to Supervisor Wright Ellis and Legislator David E. Godfrey for securing the funding for the historical marker. Plans are in the works for another new historical marker this year in Pekin. If you know of a place of historical significance that you would like to nominate for placement of a historical marker, please send me your suggestions.



Stay tuned for an article on the Historian's web page about a Civil War soldier from the Town of Cambria who lost his life in the Battle at Cold Harbor.

Do you have any Cambria memories or tales of neighbors who are no longer with us? If you have any stories, memories, photos or other materials that you would like to share, please contact me via email at [historian@townofcambria.com](mailto:historian@townofcambria.com), or by phone at 433-0387.

You may also visit the Historical Society's website at [www.cambriahistoryniagara.org](http://www.cambriahistoryniagara.org) or "Like" us on Facebook. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at the Cambria Historical Hall on the corner of Lower Mountain Road and Route 425. We are always seeking new members with an interest in our Town's past. Please join us!

## 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. A new physician's statement is not required for renewal of a permanent (blue) handicap parking permit. If you have any questions please contact our office at 433-7664.

## CAMBRIA BOY SCOUT TROOP 8

The Town of Cambria is proud to acknowledge those dedicated young men from Cambria Boy Scout Troop 8 who, through their hard work and dedication, have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. This is the highest and most prestigious rank awarded by the Boy Scout Program!

Our heartfelt congratulations to **Ryan Fisher - October 11, 2012**, and **Matthew Morgan - November 19, 2012**. We wish you both much success in all your future endeavors!

**2013**  
**HOLIDAYS ~ TOWN HALL CLOSED**

Good Friday, Friday, March 29  
Memorial Day, Monday, May 27  
Independence Day, Thursday, July 4  
Labor Day, Monday, September 2  
Columbus Day, Monday, October 14

**DEPARTMENT HEADS/OFFICIALS**

Assessor ~ Janelle L. Kroening	433-8161
Building Inspector ~ James McCann	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

**2013**

**REFUSE/RECYCLING HOLIDAY**  
**SCHEDULE**

**Memorial Day Monday, May 27**  
Delayed until Friday, May 31

**Independence Day Thursday, July 4**  
Delayed until Friday, July 5

**Labor Day Monday, September 2**  
Delayed until Friday, September 6

**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 MARCH 29TH***

**APRIL 7TH ~ JR. FIREFIGHTERS PASTA LUNCHEON**

**MAY 4TH ~ 25 WEEK DINNER 5:00 pm**

**AUGUST 24TH ~ WNY PRO FARM PULLERS-TRACTOR PULL COMPETITIONS**  
**EARLY SEPTEMBER ~ FLY IN BREAKFAST (SMITH FIELD)**

**For more information on these events and hall rentals, please visit our web site at:**  
**[www.cambriavolunteerfire.com](http://www.cambriavolunteerfire.com)**

**PEKIN FIRE COMPANY EVENTS**

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



**APRIL 6TH ~ WINE, CHEESE, CHOCOLATE 11:00 am**

**APRIL 27TH ~ EXEMPTS SPRING RAFFLE 5:30 pm**

**MAY 19TH ~ LADIES AUXILIARY RAFFLE 12:00 noon**

**SEPTEMBER 22 ~ CHICKEN/RIB BBQ & BASKET RAFFLE 10:30 am**

**OCTOBER 5TH ~ GUN RAFFLE 5:30 pm**

**OCTOBER 19TH ~ CRAFT SHOW & BAKE SALE 11:00 am**

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

## RECREATION ~ Sally Marotta-Reed

We are busy preparing for another fun-filled summer program. My staff and I will once again 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, 2013**.

The Recreation Day Program begins Tuesday, June 25th and ends Friday, August 2nd. 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. Your child will have the opportunity to cultivate his or her abilities, talents and interests to the next level.

This year's field trips will include the Buffalo Zoo, The Buffalo Museum of Science (which will feature the "Body Worlds" exhibit for the "older crowd"), Allie Brandt Bowling, Fantasy Island and several Fort Niagara swim trips.

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.



### SOCCER NEWS

The Town of Cambria Recreation Committee is in the process of developing a soccer program for children ages 5-10 for the fall of 2013. Our primary "goal" for our budding soccer program is for the participants to have fun. Our secondary goal is for the children to have an introduction to a popular team sport in a calm, non-competitive manner. We want to celebrate your child, no matter what ability level he or she is at. In order to do this, we will need your help. We want to ensure that coaches and volunteers have the right personality, demeanor and overall understanding of how to teach soccer to younger children.

There will be upcoming organizational meetings for this endeavor. For more information, call Sally at 860-2680.

## 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 15th. 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](http://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 990-0321.

## 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 7 ~ 90 West (High Energy Country Music)**

**Sunday, July 14 ~ Savannah King (Acoustic/Folk/Jazz)**

**Sunday, July 21 ~ The Flat Tops / Car Cruise (50's & 60's )**  
**Car Cruise starts at 5:00 pm ~ Cars will arrive at 4 pm**

**Sunday, July 28 ~ The Screaming Pineapples**  
(Classic Mix/Party Music)

**Sunday, August 4 ~ East of Eden**  
(Classic/Southern Rock /Alternative Country)

**Sunday, August 11 ~ Kathy Lynn & the Playboys**  
(National Recording Artists-50's/60's Music)

**Car Cruise starts at 5:00 pm ~ Cars will arrive at 4 pm**

## CAMBRIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Cambria Housing Authority oversees homes located on Northway Drive, Southway Drive and Fair View Village, which is located off of Eagle Drive. The homeowners' in these developments are required to be age 55 or older. In accordance with NYS regulations, this age requirement applies even if the homeowner chooses to sell their home.

The Housing Authority also manages Unicorn Apartments, a three-story complex located at 5835 Unicorn Drive off of Old Shawnee Road. This complex has 28 one-bedroom apartment units which include heat and water. Units are available to Senior Citizens or persons with a handicap/disability who meet income eligibility requirements.

The Town of Cambria Housing Authority is regulated by the State of New York Division of Housing and Community Renewal and is operated by a Board of Directors. Marlene Horvath serves as the Chairperson. Monthly board meetings are held on the third Thursday at 6:30 pm at the Unicorn Apartments. For additional information please feel free to contact us at 716-731-6656.

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

**Thursday, May 2, 2013 ~ 7:00 pm**

Community Bible Church  
4168 Church Rd., Lockport, NY 14094  
[www.communitybiblewny.com](http://www.communitybiblewny.com)

### MT. VIEW CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE



Residents are invited to join in the observance of a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 27, 2013. 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!**

**11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TOWN WIDE YARD SALE...**

**SATURDAY, JULY 20 AND SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2013**

**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](http://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 17, 2013***

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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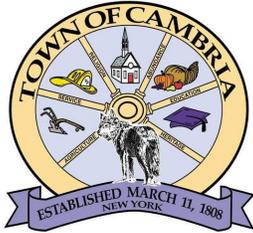
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Clifford E. Burch*

**We thank you for your dedicated service  
to the Town of Cambria!**

Clifford E. Burch, former Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer has retired after seventeen years of service, the second-longest serving Building Inspector on record. During his tenure as Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer, Cliff worked among the residents and business leaders in our Community, dealing with a variety of issues. He was a dedicated public officer, who maintained service to his fellow citizens as a top priority. He served us well and contributed to the success of many community endeavors.

At a luncheon given in his honor, Supervisor Ellis presented Cliff with a Certificate expressing the Town Board’s appreciation for his meritorious service, loyalty and dedication to the Town of Cambria. Our congratulations to Cliff and our very best wishes to him for continued success.