



Town of Cambria 2015 Spring Newsletter



Cambria Town Board

Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor
433-8523

Matthew P. Foe, Councilman
433-3370

Jeffrey S. Hurtgam, Councilman
791-4146

Joseph Ohol, Councilman
433-8243

Randy M. Roberts, Councilman
433-0183

Town Hall Office Hours

Town Hall

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Assessor

Mon. - Fri.
8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Building Inspector

Mon., Wed., Thurs.
8:00 am - 4:00 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. 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Water Department

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Monthly Meetings

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES

Planning Board

3rd Monday at 7:00 pm

Town Board

2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm

Zoning Board

4th Monday at 7:00 pm

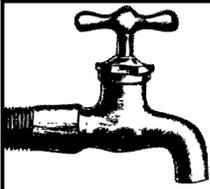
From the Desk of Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor

Hello again from the pages of our Town Newsletter. Winter is finally easing its cold and windy grip on our community. The Highway Department has been hard pressed to keep up with the record amount of snowfall and the persistent drifting caused by seemingly constant high winds. They succeeded in maintaining our roads, "... among the best in Niagara County," as told to me by school bus drivers and they are certainly in a position to know! Water Department personnel worked diligently to clear fire hydrants, thus facilitating access by our fire companies in an emergency. That is a considerable task with 620 hydrants throughout the Town and constantly drifting snow. We certainly appreciate those 35 plus citizens who took it upon themselves to clear the hydrants near their properties.

As Spring advances and the snow cover recedes, it is readily apparent to the most casual observer that some properties in the Town have been allowed to deteriorate and are becoming repositories for all sorts of "treasures." This reflects adversely on the immediate neighborhood and ultimately, may reduce property values. I have stated before, that your Town Board recognizes our rural community belief in the sanctity of private property rights, the desire for elbow-room, and the sense of freedom that conveys. However, it also recognizes that 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. Our Zoning Ordinance is designed to promote the common good, "...preserve the health, safety, character and general welfare of the Town of Cambria," thus protecting the best overall interests of our community. Self-correction is an easier course of action than Town-wide policing. Please take note and support our effort to keep our Town attractive and a nice place to live, for your friends and for your neighbors, by keeping your property adequately maintained. Deteriorating (collapsing) structures which may become an "attractive nuisance" and thus a legal liability to the property owner are another concern which is being discussed by the Town Board.

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

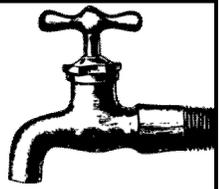




2014 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Copies will be available at the following locations:

- ⇒ Town of Cambria Town Hall
- ⇒ Posted on our website: townofcambria.com
- ⇒ Sanborn-Pekin Free Library, 5890 West St., Sanborn, NY
- ⇒ Ransomville Free Library, 3733 Ransomville Rd., Ransomville, NY



WATER DEPARTMENT

AMR "Automatic Meter Read" meters now service over 99% of our residences. The "leak" detection feature on these meters has proven helpful to many of our customers for detecting internal leaks. Toilet leaks can be silent and are most frequent. 100 gallons of water a day can be lost from this type of invisible leak. A dripping faucet can waste 15 to 20 gallons of water per day. The "AMR" meter will detect water that has been running for a 24 hr. period, during the past 90 days. Customers are notified of a possible leak and of water breaks or other water department projects when it is necessary to have the water turned off for a period of time. It is extremely important that we have a current telephone number on file for each residence. If you have changed your contact information, please contact our office to update your record. If you are selling your home, contact our office at least 2 weeks prior to your closing date. A compliance inspection, to verify that the water service to the home is in compliance with the water district's regulations, is required. All water services are required to have a "Duel Check-Backflow Preventer" installed. The purpose of the backflow device is to protect against the backflow of water from the premises into the public water system. 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.



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ~ Jon T. MacSwan

As the snow begins to melt and the ground thaws, flooding may 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. Be sure to clear any debris to ensure proper water flow. If there appears to be a bigger issue, please give our office a call and we will look into rectifying the problem as soon as possible.

In April we will begin chipping brush. 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 that is spread out low is preferable to one 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 & root balls with a machine at our convenience. Please make sure to notify us in advance. We **DO NOT** chip brush in July & August. We have to utilize the warm summer months to repair our roads. September 1 we will resume chipping brush and continue as long as the weather permits.

It is our job to help you so please feel free to contact our office anytime that you have a question or concern.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE ~ Debra A. Littere

Just the thought of preparing the spring newsletter has made these last days of February in the zero degree weather just a little more tolerable!

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. Sales of houses and land in the town are increasing over the assessed values, which means a decline in our equalization rate. Striving to keep our equalization rate near 100% means that every homeowner pays their fair share of taxes.

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, 2015, 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 26, 2015-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.

TAX COLLECTOR ~ Debra A. Littere

The last day to pay taxes is **TUESDAY, March 31st 2015**. 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, 2015**. There is also a drop box outside the front door to the town hall that is checked daily, and will be checked at 3:30pm March 31st !

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!

BUILDING INSPECTOR ~ James P. McCann

Another year comes to an end and a new year begins, possibly bringing with it ideas for various home improvement projects. Just a suggestion, to avoid unnecessary inconvenience; contact our office before you start a building or renovation project to determine if a building permit is required. Suppliers of ready-made structures may misinform you regarding the necessity of obtaining a building permit for a prebuilt accessory structure. The Town's Zoning Ordinance requires building permits for any building or structure, including accessory buildings, "moved, constructed or erected" on their property. Residents that start a project without obtaining the proper permit face additional fees being added to the building permit. A telephone call to our office can eliminate a violation notice. Remember that unregistered and/or unlicensed vehicles are prohibited. Please have them removed to avoid legal action. Be a good neighbor--burning leaves & grass clippings gives off offensive smoke & odor. The best way to dispose of this type of debris is to bag it & put it to the road with your regular trash.



Huey and Florence "Tim" Lafler at the front counter of the B.N. Lafler & Son General Store, c. 1960

HISTORIAN ~ Brooke Morse

If you're on Facebook you probably get your fair share of nostalgia and "Memories of..." posts in your feed. Many of you probably have memories of walking, riding your bike, or even driving miles away to the closest market or gas station for groceries or sweets. If you or someone you know has these or other types of memories of the area to share, I encourage you to do so on the Cambria

Historical Society's Facebook page, a letter or email to the Town Historian, or by stopping into the Cambria Historical Hall at 4153 Lower Mountain Road (corner of Lower Mountain Road and Route 425). The Hall will resume regular Spring hours beginning on the third Sunday of the month on April 19th from 10am-2pm and again with the historical society meeting on Tuesday, April 21st at 7pm. You may also visit the Historical Society's website at www.cambriahistoryniagara.org or "Like" us on Facebook for additional information. The public and new members are always welcome!

TOWN PARK SHELTER RENTAL

There are (5) pavilions available at the Town Park for reservation. 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, 433-7664, for more information.

CAMBRIA EAGLE SCOUTS

The Town of Cambria is proud to acknowledge those dedicated young men from Cambria Boy Scout Troop 8 who, through hard work and dedication have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest and most prestigious rank awarded by the Boy Scout Program! We wish you the best in your future endeavors!
Congratulations to:

Jacob Dawson ~ February 15, 2014,
Maximilian Mayer ~ March 15, 2014
Logan Slother ~ January 8, 2015

RECREATION ~ Sally Marotta-Reed

The Town of Cambria will host its annual Summer Day Program beginning **Monday**, June 29th and ending Friday, August 7th. 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 will have many fun field trips and Fort Niagara Swim trips planned. Please note: children must attend the day program for one week in order to participate in the field trips.

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, 2015**. 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 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!!

~Refreshments will be available for a small fee~

Sunday, July 5 - Then and Now (Classic Rock)

Sunday, July 12 - Gimme Buffett

(Jimmy Buffet style entertainment)

Sunday, July 19 - East of Eden

(Country/R&B/Southern Rock)

Sunday, July 26 - The Boogie Monsters (Pop/R&B/Rock)

Sunday, August 2 - 90 West (High Energy Country Music)

Sunday, August 9 - Kathy Lynn & the Playboys

(50's/60's Music)

Cars will arrive at 4:30 pm

Car Cruise starts at 5:00 pm



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-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 990-0321.

SOCCER NEWS

We will be offering a 8-week Saturday Soccer program thru Soccer Shots of Buffalo. The program will run from April 18th to June 6th 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, sharing and respect. To register, visit www.soccershots.org/buffalonth.

CAMBRIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

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

Lenten Fish Fry - Fridays, February 20th-April 3rd
4:00 pm-7:00 pm
Ham Raffle - Saturday, March 21st
Pulled Pork Family Dinner & Household Raffle -
Saturday, April 25th
WNY Fireman's Convention -July 23rd-26th
Tractor Pulls - August 14th & 15th

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

PEKIN FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

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

Wine Cheese & Chocolate Festival - Saturday, March 28th
Spring Exempt Sportsman Raffle - Saturday, April 25th
Cooler & Meat Raffle - Saturday, May 2nd



If you have any questions regarding
fire hall events or hall rental please contact
the fire hall at the number listed above.

116TH ANNUAL WNY VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S CONVENTION HOSTED BY CAMBRIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

The Cambria Vol. Fire Co. is the proud host of the 116th Annual Convention of the WNY Volunteer Firemen's Assoc. The convention will be held on our fire company grounds starting Thursday, July 23rd and will finish on Sunday, July 26th. This event will bring firefighters from the 11 WNY Counties to the Town of Cambria for the convention. A detailed schedule of events is on our web site. Some of these events may be of interest to you and your family and we would like to invite you to come and enjoy. The Convention Parade will be on Cambria-Wilson Rd. from Lower Mountain Rd. to our company grounds on Saturday, July 25th from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. Public traffic will be diverted from 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm along these roads. If your organization is interested in participating in the parade please contact me. *Each night from 8:00pm to 12 midnight under the big tent you can purchase food and refreshments and listen to the following music; Thursday – Johnson D.J. (Music and Karaoke); Friday – Black Widow and Saturday-The Heritage.* If at any time before or during this event you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. I can be reached on my cell phone at 716-547-0311 or by email at Hmo1840219@aol.com.



Howard Morgan
Vice President, Cambria Volunteer Fire Company
General Chairman Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention



MT. VIEW CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE



Residents are invited to join in the observance of a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 25, 2015. 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.

2015 FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC DATES

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

Saturday, April 11th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Town of Hartland Highway Garage
8940 Ridge Road, Rt. 104, Town of Hartland
Phone: 735-7179

Saturday, July 11th from 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Town of Lewiston Highway Garage
1445 Swann Road, Town of Lewiston
Phone: 754-8213

Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Hyde Park Pavilion (behind Ice Arena)
911 Robbins Drive, City of Niagara Falls
Phone: 286-4940

Saturday, September 19th from 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Town of Lockport Highway Department
6560 Dysinger Road, Town of Lockport
Phone: 439-9524

*** ATTENTION DOG OWNERS ***

If you are harboring a dog within the Town of Cambria and do not have the dog(s) licensed, please visit the Town Clerk's office with the current rabies vaccination and a spay/neuter certificate if the dog has been altered. The Town Clerk's office is conducting a dog enumeration. Please get your dogs licensed before May 1 to avoid the enumeration fine!

~Please see the enclosed postcard~



13th ANNUAL TOWN WIDE YARD SALE
 SATURDAY, JULY 18 AND SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2015
 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!

There is no penalty for signing up and then not participating.



Register by filling out the information below.
Signup deadline: Monday, June 15, 2015

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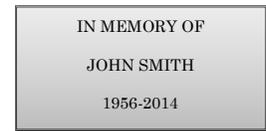
Yard Sale, Town of Cambria
4160 Upper Mountain Road
Sanborn, NY 14132

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____
 EMAIL: _____

- MULTI FAMILY
- HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
- CHILDRENS ITEMS
- VARIETY



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 below and submit payment in the amount of \$300. If you have any questions please contact George Bush at 731-9352.

CAMBRIA TOWN PARK MEMORIAL TREE GROVE APPLICATION FORM

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NAME ON PLAQUE: _____

YEAR OF BIRTH: _____ YEAR OF DEATH: _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

FEE \$300.00 PAID ON: _____ RECEIPT #: _____ RECEIVED BY: _____
 (Circle one: Cash Check # _____)

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: THE TOWN OF CAMBRIA

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

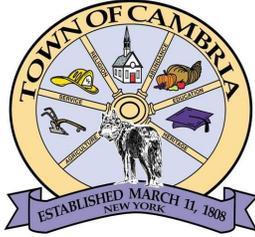
TOWN OF CAMBRIA, MEMORIAL TREE GROVE
 4160 UPPER MOUNTAIN ROAD, SANBORN, NY 14132

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY INSTALLATION DATE: _____
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Town of Cambria
4160 UPPER MOUNTAIN ROAD
SANBORN, NY 14132

PRESORTED STANDARD
PERMIT # 21
US POSTAGE PAID
NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14304

“NIAGARA COUNTY’S FIRST TOWN”



CURRENT RESIDENT OR

www.townofcambria.com

2015
HOLIDAYS ~ TOWN HALL CLOSED

Good Friday, Friday, April 3
Memorial Day, Monday, May 25
Independence Day, Friday, July 3
Labor Day, Monday, September 7
Columbus Day, Monday, October 12

TOWN OF CAMBRIA COURT

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

2015
REFUSE/RECYCLING HOLIDAY
SCHEDULE



Memorial Day Monday, May 25
Delayed until Friday, May 29

Independence Day Friday, July 3 **NO DELAY**

Labor Day Monday, September 7
Delayed until Friday, September 11



DEPARTMENT HEADS/OFFICIALS

Assessor ~ Debra A. Littere	433-8161
Building Inspector ~ James McCann	433-8161
Highway Superintendent ~ Jon T. MacSwan	433-8829
Historian ~ Brooke A. Morse	433-0387
Planning Board Chair ~ William Amacher	731-5277
Supervisor ~ Wright H. Ellis	433-8523
Tax Collector ~ Debra A. Littere	433- 8161
Town Clerk ~ Tamara J. Cooper	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 ~ Michael Sieczkowski	438-5178