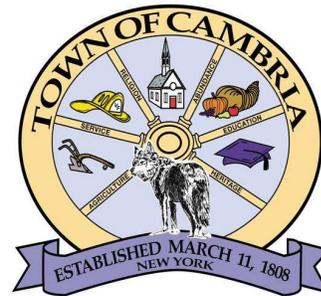


Town of Cambria

2012 FALL NEWSLETTER



Cambria Town Board

Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor
433-8523

Robert E. Blackman, Councilman
434-7116

Matthew P. Foe, Councilman
433-3370

Randy M. Roberts, Councilman
433-0183

Joseph Ohol, Councilman
433-8243

Town Hall Office Hours

Mon.-Fri. 8 am-4 pm

Exceptions:

Assessor

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

Building Inspector

Mon., Tues., 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



FROM THE DESK OF WRIGHT H. ELLIS, SUPERVISOR

Greetings again from the pages of our semi-annual newsletter! Since our last edition, work is underway on the remediation / demolition project at the former Lockport Air Force Station at Route 31 and Old Shawnee Road. Apollo Dismantling Services, LLC, of Niagara Falls, won the bid and is responsible for all of the work. Asbestos and contaminated sediment have been removed from the structures with all containment and disposal procedures closely followed. Demolition of the structures is proceeding and it is anticipated that work will be completed by the end of October. Our goal is to restore a blighted area in the Town, make it suitable for eventual development as a housing or small business site and eventually return it to the tax rolls in a productive form. Close by is the Niagara Professional Park, housing three medical facilities. Their business is slowly, but steadily growing and brings an added dimension to our Town.

This year the Town Board decided to borrow \$200,000 to complete the western half of the Town Park and make it available sooner for the enjoyment of our residents. Prior to this, we had been working on the Park as money became available, necessitating a slow process. The borrowing will be paid back over a five-year period, well supportable within the General Fund. We have completed a second baseball diamond, adaptable for either 90 or 60 foot base paths, a playground, three picnic pavilions, and a blacktop walking and/or biking trail. The Memorial Tree Garden has been started and we installed a six-inch waterline into the Park for irrigation of athletic fields and other uses in the future. These improvements complement the two soccer fields and the baseball diamond already in use and the Nature Trail and Gazebo at the rear of the property. The plan now is to use that section of the Park for a few years and establish the level of operating and maintenance costs required so that we may budget appropriately. The true cost of operating the Park is the great unknown. The eastern thirty-five acres will continue to be rented and farmed, so that the Town does not have to mow to keep the weeds from growing into brush. The balance will be developed at an appropriate time in the future. The Town Park will continue to be open during the winter, allowing for hiking, cross-country skiing and snow shoeing. We will attempt to clean the blacktop walkway of snow, if time and resources permit. Obviously, if there is a major snowfall, Town roads and other responsibilities will take precedence.

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.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE ~ *Janelle L. Kroening*

As the leaves are changing color, we know exemption season has arrived. The Enhanced Star renewals have been mailed for age 65 and over, unless you have signed up for the optional income verification program. The low-income senior and agricultural exemptions will be mailed in December.

If you, or your spouse, were born in 1948 or earlier, you are eligible for the Enhanced Star exemption. Please call the Assessor's Office at 433-8161 ext 22 for details. The deadline for all exemptions is **March 1, 2013** – Taxable Status Date.

Real property information is available online from the Town of Cambria website. There is a link for online assessments located under the Assessor tab. The housing market in the town remains steady, which indicates that our properties are not losing value. Farmland is selling at \$2,000 per acre. We are looking forward to welcoming some new neighbors to our town with six new builds underway!

TAX COLLECTOR ~ *Debra A. Littere*

Residents who may have questions concerning their SCHOOL TAX BILLS, may call the SCHOOL DISTRICT at the number below:

STARPOINT	210-2313
LOCKPORT	439-6744
NEWFANE	778-6858
WILSON	751-9341
NIAGARA WHEATFIELD	298-9209

If your taxes were in escrow and you have paid off your mortgage, please notify the Assessor's office at 433-8161 ext 22. It is the responsibility of all landowners, including those who own vacant land, to advise the Assessor's office, in writing, of any changes of address.

Town and County Tax bills may be viewed at the following website: www.basny.com/cambria.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town Board will conduct a public hearing on November 8, 2012 at 8 pm at the Town of Cambria Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Rd., to hear and consider any objections to the assessment roll in any of the following districts: Cambria Drainage District, Cambria Refuse & Garbage District, Cambria Water District, Cambria Sewer District #1, Cambria Fire Protection District. The Town Board will consider those objections and reject, correct, amend or affirm the new assessment roll on or before December 31, 2012.

Monthly Meetings

Town Board

2nd Thursday at 8 pm

Work meetings: 7:15 pm unless otherwise posted

Recreation Committee

2nd Thursday at 6 pm

Planning Board

3rd Monday at 8 pm

Zoning Board

4th Monday at 8 pm

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Jon T. MacSwan

The summer of 2012 was a remarkable one, with drought-like conditions and very warm temperatures. The dry weather allowed us to catch up on ditching projects. Work will commence this fall on a major ditching project, which runs parallel to Route 93.

Repairs have been completed on Shunpike Road, Carney Drive and Old Shawnee Road and road shoulders were also installed on Cambria Road (south).

We have resumed chipping brush and will continue to do so until the snow begins to fly. Winter conditions will soon be upon us...residents are reminded to keep vehicles off the roadway. This is especially important in any subdivision where plowing is already a challenge.

Town Park Progress ~ Some major projects were completed in the Town Park, including grading and installation of under drainage for the second baseball diamond. Three pavilions were constructed, as well as installation of playground equipment. Additionally, the bike/walking path (4,360 ft.) has been blacktopped. It is nice to see several members of the community enjoy the amenities our park has to offer.

We are here to assist you in any way we can. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office.

SUMMER RECREATION ~ *Sally Marotta-Reed*



Recreation Day Program ~ The Summer Recreation Program had 164 children registered between both sites. Children from ages 5-15 enjoyed arts and crafts, physical activities, live entertainment, demonstrations and field trips that included Fort Niagara swim day, the Buffalo Zoo, Becker Farms, Strong Museum and Fantasy Island. The "unannounced" Health Department observation was completed when both sites were at Fort Niagara. The inspection was a success and all were pleased by the way both sites followed protocol.

Gazebo Concerts ~ The Town of Cambria hosted six concerts this year. Performances by 90 West, the Screaming Pineapples, Glenn Colton, the Bar-Room Buzzards, the Flat Tops and East of Eden were enjoyed by all – with record attendance this year! A special thank you to East of Eden for changing their regular show to a benefit concert for the Johnson family –over \$1000 was raised for the family!

I wish to thank the Town Hall staff, the Highway-Water Departments and my recreation staff for all their hard work. Appreciation is also extended to the children and families that participated in the program.

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. The goal of the program is for the participants to have a fun introduction to the popular sport in a non-competitive manner. We are looking for volunteers & coaches. Please call 860-2680 after 4 pm for more information.

REFUSE/ RECYCLING COLLECTION HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Day

Collection will be on Friday, November 23, 2012

Christmas Day

Collection will be on Friday, December 28, 2012

New Year's Day

Collection will be on Friday, January 4, 2013



All items must be at curbside by 7 am. Each household is allowed six containers or bags of trash and no container should exceed 60 pounds. One large item is allowed each week (appliance, furniture, mattress, etc.). Construction materials **ARE NOT** accepted at curbside. For disposal of these items and computer related equipment, please contact Niagara County Landfill/Recycling at 434-6568.

AGRICULTURAL PLASTIC DISPOSAL

Collection of agricultural plastics is scheduled between Monday, Nov. 12 - Friday, Nov. 16th. A roll-off container will be located at Coulter Farms, 3871 North Ridge Road.

PASSENGER/OVERSIZED TIRE DISPOSAL

Tires may be dropped off by residents on Saturday, October 20th from 8 am until 12:00 noon at the Town Municipal Building. BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY. Roll-off containers will be provided for passenger and truck tires, as well as oversized agricultural tires. A permit for oversized tires is required and is available at the Town Clerk's office (limit of eight per year). There is no fee for this permit.

TOWN HISTORIAN ~ *Brooke A. Genter*

In July, County Legislator David E. Godfrey presented a \$2,200 check to the Cambria Historical Society for the purchase and placement of an historical marker to commemorate the War of 1812. The marker is being manufactured by Catskill Castings, using the original forms used to make the blue and yellow historical markers seen all over New York State. The marker will be installed at the Demmin Farm on Ridge Road, near Baer Road, with an anticipated installation date in November.

You'll enjoy reading an interesting article on our website about the Underground Railroad in Pekin. The home located at 3106 Upper Mountain Road, owned by Gail and Dan Reinbird, played an important role in the Underground Railroad and is featured in the article.

Do you have any Pekin or Cambria recollections? If you have any stories, memories, photos or other materials that you would like to share with us, please contact us via email at historian@townofcambria.com, or by phone at 433-0387. You may also visit the Historical Society's website at 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.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Once again, we are asking our customers who have not had their water meters changed over to the "Automatic Meter Read" – AMR meter, to please contact our office to schedule the installation. To date, 93% of our customers have complied with the changeover. Appointments are scheduled Monday through Friday between 8 am and 3 pm. Understanding that many of our customers work during these hours, Saturday appointments will be available to accommodate our customers. The changeover takes about 20 minutes. You can be assured that our Water Department personnel will arrive promptly for your scheduled appointment.

The new meters continue to increase in price; however, the cost to our customers remains at \$50. This fee is billed on your quarterly water bill and can be billed as a one time charge of \$50; \$25 over two billing quarters or \$10 over five billing quarters. Our goal is to complete this program by the end of December.

There are times when it becomes necessary to contact our customers regarding water maintenance issues. Please contact our office if you have changed your telephone number.

BUILDING INSPECTOR ~ *Clifford E. Burch*

The fall season is upon us and it is a good time to clean up your property before the snow falls. Take advantage of scrap metal prices to dispose of 'junk' that may have accumulated in your yard.

With the fall clean-up also comes the issue of open burning of leaves and grass clippings. Open burning of this debris can emit offensive smoke and odors. The best way to dispose of leaves and grass would be to bag them and put them to the road with your regular trash. Let's be considerate of our neighbors.

If you are planning any remodeling projects over the fall and winter months, please check with our office to see if a building permit is needed. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 4 pm; however, the Building Inspector is frequently out of the office during the afternoon for field work. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment.

RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The last free clinic for this year will be held on
Saturday, December 1, 2012
from 2 pm - 4 pm

City of North Tonawanda Public Works
758 Erie Ave., North Tonawanda, 695-8585

Residents are reminded that the Niagara County SPCA continues to provide services in resolving issues relating to dog complaints. They may be reached at 731-4368. Their office hours are from 12:00 Noon to 8 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Saturday from 11 am-5 pm; Sunday 12 Noon-5 pm. They are closed on Tuesday.

To avoid the issuance of a court appearance ticket, dog owners are encouraged to renew their license in a timely manner.



Town of Cambria
4160 UPPER MOUNTAIN ROAD
SANBORN, NY 14132

**PRESORTED STD.
US POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT #21
NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14304**

Current Resident or:

JUST A REMINDER:
ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 6, 2012
All voting will take place at the
Cambria Fire Hall,
4631 Cambria-Wilson Road.
Polls are open from 6 am-9 pm

UPCOMING FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

Keep your family safe, please don't forget to check the batteries in your smoke & carbon monoxide detectors!

<p>Cambria Fire Company- Phone: (716) 434-8949</p> <p>FLU SHOT CLINIC</p> <p>A Flu Shot Clinic for those 18 years of age and older will be held on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH FROM 4 PM – 8 PM Location: Cambria Fire Hall 4631 Cambria Wilson Road Please call 433-8948 and leave a message at the Fire Company if you will be attending.</p> <p><u>Please bring your insurance card!</u></p> <hr/> <table> <tr> <td>Oct. 20th</td> <td>Wine and Cheese Event</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oct. 27th</td> <td>Halloween Party 5:30 pm-8 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov. 3rd</td> <td>25-Week Club Dinner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov. 10th</td> <td>Turkey Party 6:00 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb 15th-March 29th</td> <td>Lenten Fish Fry 4 pm-7 pm</td> </tr> </table>	Oct. 20th	Wine and Cheese Event	Oct. 27th	Halloween Party 5:30 pm-8 pm	Nov. 3rd	25-Week Club Dinner	Nov. 10th	Turkey Party 6:00 pm	Feb 15th-March 29th	Lenten Fish Fry 4 pm-7 pm	<p>Pekin Fire Company- Phone: (716) 731-4777</p> <table> <tr> <td>Oct. 6th</td> <td>Gun Raffle 5:30 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oct. 20th</td> <td>Craft & Flea Market/ Chowder & Bake Sale 11 am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oct. 31st</td> <td>Halloween party 6:30 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov. 17th</td> <td>Turkey Party 7 pm-Turkey, Ham, & Loin Raffles</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dec. 8th</td> <td>Chowder Sale</td> </tr> </table> <p>VETERANS' DAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH AT 11 AM</p> <p>Commemorating our 15th year, we encourage you to join us as we honor our Veterans at our annual Veterans' Day ceremony</p> <p><i>Light refreshments to follow</i></p> 	Oct. 6th	Gun Raffle 5:30 pm	Oct. 20th	Craft & Flea Market/ Chowder & Bake Sale 11 am	Oct. 31st	Halloween party 6:30 pm	Nov. 17th	Turkey Party 7 pm-Turkey, Ham, & Loin Raffles	Dec. 8th	Chowder Sale
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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING-CAROLING

Our 9th annual Christmas Tree Lighting-Caroling celebration will be held on **Saturday, November 24th, beginning at 3 pm** at the Town Community Room. This annual event offers horse-drawn carriage rides, crafts, caroling, refreshments and a visit from Santa! Any non-perishable food item brought to our celebration will be donated to a local food pantry.

HOLIDAYS-TOWN HALL CLOSED

2012

Columbus Day (observed)	Monday, Oct. 8
Election Day	Tuesday, Nov. 6
Veteran's Day	Monday, Nov. 12
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, Nov. 22
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov. 23
Christmas Day (observed)	Tuesday, Dec. 25

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New Year's Day (observed)	Tuesday, Jan. 1
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, Jan. 21
President's Day	Monday, Feb. 18

DEPARTMENT HEADS/OFFICIALS

Assessor ~ Janelle L. Kroening	433-8161
Building Inspector ~ Clifford E. Burch	433-8161
Highway Superintendent ~ Jon T. MacSwan	433-8829
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