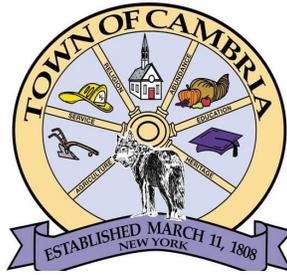


Town of Cambria 2015 Fall Newsletter

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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.

Cambria Town Court

433-3088

Justice Amel S. Jowdy ~ x113 & 139
Justice Henry J. Peters ~ x117 & 144

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

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

Greetings from our Town Newsletter. Fall is again upon us as the pages of the calendar turn over through 2015. Patronage of our Town Park continued to increase throughout the spring and summer, particularly along the Walking Trail and at the picnic pavilions. We will keep the Park open as long as the snow holds off, hopefully through the month of November. We will then close it until about April 1st, to reduce vandalism, particularly as the soft ground is susceptible to ATV and snowmobile damage. During that time, you are welcome to use it for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and walking. We are unable to clear snow from within the Park, but we will plow the driveway in front of the gate for off-road parking. The Comfort Station project is not moving along as quickly as first anticipated. We are working on plans to bring electrical power into the Park for security cameras, along with the needs of the proposed Comfort Station and other requirements. We are obtaining some grant money to help finance these projects. We hope to be constructing the Comfort Station next year. In the meantime, we will be providing wash stations at some of the Portable Toilet locations in the Park next season.

Our switch to recycling carts and a biweekly collection schedule for recycling continues to save the Town money. Your commitment to the environment through conscientious recycling has increased our Town-wide recycling rate to 20%. That, in turn, has increased the monthly rebate to the Town from Modern, Corp., for reducing the amount of trash which goes into the landfill. Keep up the good work! It appears that we will be able to hold our Refuse District tax rate at \$160.00 per household. Please remember that it is against the law to leave electronic appliances at the roadside for pickup. We continue to provide electronic recycling collection at the Municipal Building, Monday through Friday, 9:00AM to 3:00PM, for Town residents at no charge. We are able to absorb the cost within the Refuse District budget.

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.



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town Board will conduct a public hearing on November 5, 2015, at 7:00 pm at the Town of Cambria Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, to hear and consider any objections to the assessment roll in any of the following districts: Cambria Drainage District, Cambria Refuse 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, 2015.

WATER DEPARTMENT

As always conservation of our natural resources is important. You can play an important role by checking for small water leaks in your home. 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:

The Town of Cambria Water Ordinance states that all water services must be equipped with a double check valve. If you are planning to sell your home, call the water department 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.

Fire Hydrant damage is a common problem for all seasons. Accidents involving hydrants sometimes go unreported especially in the winter months. For everyone's safety, it is critical that these damaged hydrants be repaired as soon as possible. If you notice a fire hydrant that needs repair, please contact us immediately.

DEBRA A. LITTERE, TAX COLLECTOR

The school district tax bills have been mailed to taxpayers. The following is a list of the School District Tax Collector's telephone numbers:

Starpoint	(716) 210-2313
Wilson	(716) 751-9341
Newfane	(716) 778-6858
NiagaraWheatfield	(716) 215-3000
Lockport	(716) 439-6744

Unpaid school tax bills will be re-levied onto the 2016 Town and County tax bill. If your taxes were in escrow & you have paid off your mortgage please notify the Assessor's office at 433-8161 ext. 122. 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.

FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Saturday, December 5, 2015

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

City of North Tonawanda Public Works

758 Erie Ave.,

North Tonawanda, 695-8585



PASSENGER/OVERSIZED TIRE DISPOSAL

Tires may be dropped off by residents on Saturday, October 17th, from 9:00 am until 12 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.

AGRICULTURAL PLASTIC DISPOSAL

Collection of agricultural plastics is scheduled between Monday, Nov. 9th through Sunday, Nov. 15th. A roll-off container will be located at Coulter Farms, 3871 North Ridge Road.

DEBRA A. LITTERE, ASSESSOR

Enhanced Star Exemptions have been mailed to homeowners who have to fill out paperwork on a yearly basis. If you are on the optional income verification with the state, you will receive a notice in mid to late December for determination of qualification. Homeowners who turn 65 in 2016 are eligible to apply for the Enhanced Star exemption for additional school tax savings - don't wait until your birthday - exemptions must be filed by March 1st, 2016. Please call or stop in the office for more information.

Cambria has experienced a significant upturn in the sales market since our last revaluation in 2011. Most properties are selling in a fairly short amount of time above their assessed values. In order to continue with fair and equitable assessments, we are anticipating the need for a town wide update of values. We will be out updating pictures and collecting data to maintain our inventory.

Please remember that taxable status date is March 1st, 2016. All exemptions are due on March 1st; our office is open daily with the exception of holidays to accept forms.

TAMARA J. COOPER, TOWN CLERK

The Town of Cambria's dog enumeration is nearing its completion. Since March, the Clerk's office has issued over 228 new dog licenses! I would like to thank all the residents who responded to the initial dog census mailer that was mailed in the spring newsletter. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and has made this process very successful. I would like to also thank our Dog Enumerator! She had the arduous task of visiting many homes throughout the Town, counting dogs and leaving information on how to procure a license.

Please, remember as you bring a new dog into your home and family, regardless of size or age, it must be properly licensed with the Town.

Pursuant to Article 7 of the Agriculture & Markets Law §109 'the owner of any dog reaching the age of four months shall immediately make application for a dog license'

**JON MACSWAN,
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

As summer comes to a close, many projects were completed throughout the Town. Lower Baer Road had a "makeover" and middle Baer Road had slurry/pave to prolong the life of it. Several ditching jobs were completed as well as mowing of brush in several areas of the town. We ask for your patience as we diligently work on completing all of the ditch petitions in order of priority.

Brush chipping has resumed and will continue until the snow begins to fly. Please be reminded that we **DO NOT** pick up brush that has wires, roots, poison ivy, or dirt in it. Limbs should be stacked butt ends toward the road and piled low and long along the roadside. Our chipper can only accommodate 8" in diameter; anything larger than that needs to be picked up with a machine.

Please be reminded that beginning November 1st the Town of Cambria's Winter Parking Ordinance will take effect and remain until April 1st, 2016. There is no parking permitted on town roads between the hours of 1:00 am. and 7:00 am. Please be sure to keep vehicles off the roadway during these hours so we can plow for the morning commute. This will be especially important in any subdivision where plowing is already a challenge.

JAMES MCCANN, BUILDING INSPECTOR

As the summer passes, we look forward to a pleasant autumn to wrap up any projects that might have been started during the spring and summer seasons. As we move into the "Fall Clean Up" time, please be considerate of your neighbors. Remember open burning of leaves, grass and debris can emit offensive smoke and odors. Leaves and grass should be bagged and placed at the road with your weekly trash.

Finally, if you are planning any re-modeling projects over the fall and winter months, you should check with our office to see if a Building Permit is required. Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm; the Building Inspector is available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Appointments are encouraged as field inspections are also conducted during these hours. A simple phone call could save you an extra trip.

"Don't forget to check the batteries in your Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors" - Keep Your Family Safe



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:

David J. Fournier ~ June 18, 2009
Christopher J. Fournier ~ February 9, 2011
Michael P. Fournier ~ August 14, 2012
Steven F. Fournier ~ April 11, 2015

Chase Slother ~ July 17, 2015

**SALLY MAROTTA REED,
DIRECTOR DAY PROGRAM**

The 2015 Summer Recreation program continued its tradition of 6-weeks of fun and activity for those between the ages of 5 to 15. Thanks to all those who made this year's program a success. Please "friend" us on Facebook (under Sally Reed) to keep up to date on upcoming events and programs!

We will continue to offer the 10-week Soccer Shots program 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 teaches children concepts such as teamwork, sharing and respect. Instructors are energetic, enthusiastic individuals who love working with children. To register, visit www.soccershots.org/buffalonorth/.

HOLIDAY REFUSE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Day

Collection will be on Friday, Nov. 27, 2015

Christmas Day

Collection will be on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015

New Year's Day

Collection will be on Thursday, Dec 31, 2015

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

Recycle Totes are the property of the Town and were distributed to all residential property owners. These recycle totes 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. Some of our residents have requested additional totes; unfortunately 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. The other alternative would be to contact Modern Disposal @ 754-8226 and possibly purchase another tote. That tote would be the homeowner's property, and the Town of Cambria would not be responsible for repairs.

BROOKE MORSE, TOWN HISTORIAN

CALL FOR PAPERS! In an effort to expand our research files, the Town Historian's Office is seeking photographs, letters, scrapbooks, journals, maps, family histories, and other Cambria related items in both original format, or copies. We would be more than happy to scan and return photographs or other keepsakes if donating them is not an option. These items are of great value to the genealogists and researchers of today and will continue to be well into the future. A simple photo of your old barn or even your street could provide a wealth of information to our future generations.

The Cambria Historical Society is always seeking new members with an interest in our town, both past and present. For more information on location, hours, meetings, programs, and more, please visit the Cambria Historical Society's website

at www.cambriahistoryniagara.org or "Like" us on Facebook. The Cambria Historical Hall is located at the corner of Lower Mountain Road and Route 425.





Town of Cambria
 4160 UPPER MOUNTAIN ROAD
 SANBORN, NY 14132

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

CURRENT RESIDENT



ELECTION DAY ~ NOV 3, 2015

Polls open from 6:00 am - 9:00 pm, all voting will take place at the Cambria Fire Hall, 4631 Cambria-Wilson Rd.



VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Our 18th annual Veterans' Day ceremony will be held at **11 am on November 11, 2015**, at the Community Room. Please join us in honoring our veterans. Light refreshments to follow.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Wednesday, October 21, 2015, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at the Cambria Town Hall. Flu and pneumonia shots will be available, bring your insurance card or \$25 cash

CAMBRIA FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

4631 Cambria-Wilson Road
 434-8948



Check for more information at www.cambriavolunteerfire.com

September

20th Craft & Vendor Fair

October

31st Halloween Party
 6:30-8:30pm

November

7th -25 Week Dinner

3rd Elections

6:00am-9:00pm

21st Turkey Raffle



PEKIN FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

3024 Upper Mountain Road
 731-4777



October

3rd Gun Raffle
 17th Chowder Sale
 31st Halloween Party 6:00 pm

November

21st Turkey Party 7:00 pm

December

12th Chowder Party 11:00 am

HOLIDAY-TOWN HALL CLOSED

2015

Columbus Day	Mon., Oct 12
Election Day	Tues., Nov 3
Veteran's Day	Wed., Nov 11
Thanksgiving	Thurs., Nov 26
Day after Thanksgiving	Fri., Nov 27
Christmas Day (observed)	Fri., Dec 25

2016

New Year's Day	Fri., Jan 1
Martin Luther King Day	Mon., Jan 18
President's Day	Mon., Feb 15



The Town of Cambria does not set a day or time for trick or treating.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING-CAROLING

Our 12th annual Christmas Tree Lighting-Caroling celebration will be held **Saturday, November 28th from 4:00 pm-6:00 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.

