

Town of Cambria 2016 Fall Newsletter

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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

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Councilman
830-5506

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Councilman
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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.



From the Desk of Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor

As summer draws to a close, we enter the fall season of harvest in our Town. The harvesting of vegetables is winding down and the focus is on apples and pears and their associated value-added products, grapes for our many wineries and, of course, the search for the perfect pumpkin. Fields of soybeans are gradually turning from green to varying shades of gold, signaling their maturity, and field corn will shortly be picked. Along with these seasonal changes, our thoughts turn from projects completed in favorable weather to preparations for the colder seasons ahead.

A tip of the hat to our local fire companies, Cambria, Pekin and Sanborn, for their support of the City of Lockport in fighting the recent tragic fire at HTI Recycling, LLC, on Ohio Street. Their support, in the best traditions of Mutual Aid, ranged from equipment and personnel actively engaged in firefighting to long hours standing by at the fire station, "On Call", ready to respond at a moment's notice. The entire episode extended over a period of forty-eight hours and we thank them for their selfless commitment of time and resources.

Former Councilman, George Bush, is stepping down from his Chairmanship of our annual Town-Wide Yard Sale. George had the idea for such a community-wide event, followed through with the necessary details and enlisted the aid of several volunteers to launch the project in 2003. Fourteen (14) years later, the project still generates much interest and participation and often produces traffic jams on our roads on the third Saturday in July. We need a volunteer or two from outside the Town Hall Staff to "fill George's shoes" and handle the many details associated with our past success and which are necessary to enable the tradition to continue. If interested, please call George at 731-9352 or my office at 433-8523. We thank George for his idea and his efforts to make it a reality! The Town-Wide Yard Sale has produced a sense of community and goodwill over the years and has now been copied by many of the surrounding towns.

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



PASSENGER/OVERSIZED TIRE DISPOSAL

Town of Cambria residents only:

Tires may be dropped off on

Saturday, October 22nd, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon at the Town Municipal Building.

A PERMIT FOR **LIMIT 6 OVERSIZED/AGRICULTURAL TIRES**

MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

PROOF OF RESIDENCY WILL BE REQUIRED.

Please be sure you have your permit ready to give to Highway employee prior to drop off.

NO LIMIT ON PASSENGER TIRES -Tires on rims will not be accepted.

Roll-off containers will be provided.

AGRICULTURAL PLASTIC DISPOSAL

Collection of agricultural plastics is scheduled between

Monday, November 14th through Friday, November 18th. A roll-off container will be located at Coulter Farms, 3871 North Ridge Road and at Haseley Farm, 4772 Ridge Road.



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town Board will conduct a public hearing on November 10, 2016, 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, 2016.



WATER DEPARTMENT



The new Water Department Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; closed for lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. As always we can be reached at 433-2468. Conservation of our natural resources is important and you can play an important role by checking for small water leaks in your home. 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.

The Niagara County Department of Health has requested we post the following link to the annual water quality report for the convenience of our residents: <http://www.townofcambria.com/content/docs/AWQR%202015%203-22-2016.pdf>

JAMES MCCANN, BUILDING INSPECTOR

As the warm days of Summer fade away, we look forward to a pleasant Fall season. Cooler temperatures may be a good time to look around your properties and clean up any "junk" that has accumulated. Burning grass clippings, leaves and debris can be dangerous and emit offensive odors. Use caution and be considerate of your neighbors. This summer our department began citing properties that have buildings and barns that are in need of repair or should be demolished. Buildings in this type of condition are in violation of the NYS Building Code and/or the Town of Cambria Zoning Ordinance. Also, the use of box trailers for storage is a violation which you will be cited for. Finally, if you are planning any re-modeling projects, you should check with our office to see if a Building Permit is required. Building Department hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. 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:

Dennis Held ~ August 19, 2015
Zacharey Nadeau ~ December 10, 2015
Max Morrell ~ April 16, 2016
Collin Henry ~ May 11, 2016
Joshua Johnson ~ May 11, 2016



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
Niagara Wheatfield	(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.

DEBRA A. LITTERE, ASSESSOR

Greetings from the Assessor's office! We are continuing efforts to collect data and update pictures throughout the fall for the 2017 reevaluation project. To all new homeowners; **the state has changed the STAR exemption process.** Instead of an exemption taking a certain amount off of your school tax bill, you are now responsible for the whole school tax bill, and the state will send you a check for the amount of the exemption. Please make sure you register with the STATE to receive your check.

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 1952 or earlier, you are eligible for the Enhanced Star exemption. Please call the Assessor's Office at 433-8161 ext 122 for details. The deadline for **all** exemptions is **March 1, 2017** – Taxable Status Date.



BROOKE MORSE, TOWN HISTORIAN

The Cambria Historical Society's final Speaker Series Event for the year will take place on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 7:30 pm following a brief meeting at 7:00 pm. "South Ridge Farming" a presentation by Clem Demmin, will focus on the farms located on the west end of the south Ridge (Route 104). Details of the farmers in this section of the town and the crops grown there, along with photos of the equipment used during the time period of 1945-1955 will be shown. Also discussed will be the importance of cooperation among the area's farmers during the grain harvest season. The event is free and all are encouraged to attend with an interest in the history of our town.

If you have any stories, memories, photos, or other materials that you would like to share with the Town Historian or the Cambria Historical Society please contact us via email at

historian@townofcambria.com.

You may also visit the historical society's web site at **www.cambriahistoryniagara.org** for details on hours of operation and events, or "Like" us on Facebook.



FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Saturday, December 3, 2016

9:00 am - 11:00 am



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

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. The forms are available in the Town Clerk's office and you must provide a valid rabies certificate and proof of spay/neuter at the time of licensing. As a reminder you may use a credit card—there is a small service fee—

to pay for your dog license, hunting license, recreation registrations and vital records requests.

At this time we do not accept credit cards for water payments.

CAMBRIA FIRE COMPANY EVENTS **4631 Cambria-Wilson Road ~ 434-8948**

2016 Events

- October 29th - Community Halloween Party
- November 5th - 25-week club dinner
- November 8th - General Election - Chowder Sale
- November 19th - Turkey Party

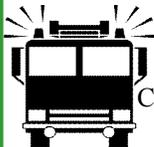
2017 Events

- January 8th - UNYTS Blood Drive
- February 11th - Household Raffle
- March 3rd - April 14th - Annual Fish Fries
- April 1st - Ham Party



Check for more information at www.cambriavolunteerfire.com

PEKIN FIRE COMPANY EVENTS **3024 Upper Mountain Road ~ 731-4777**



- Fall Gun Raffle- Saturday, October 1st
 - Chowder- Saturday October 22nd -Ready at 11:00 am
 - Kid's Halloween Party- Monday, October 31st
 - Turkey Raffle- Saturday, November 19th
 - Chowder- Saturday December 10th - Ready at 11:00 am
- Check for more information at www.pekinfire.com*

JON MACSWAN, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT



What a summer! It sure was a warm one and so very dry. The grass didn't start to grow until late August which kept us busy in late summer. Middle Baer Rd. had cross culverts replaced and some road resurfacing. We also sealed Green Rd. and patched a few places that will get attention in the future. Ditching jobs were completed and 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, 2017. 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.

Our electronic recycling program has really been a hit and continues to be very busy. For those of you that are unaware of it, please call us and we'll explain. It's a wonderful program, but we have a minor change, if you have a **LARGE** item that you need assistance unloading, you have to bring someone with you to help you. Town employees are not always readily available to unload items for taxpayers and the easiest way to solve this issue is to just make sure people have assistance with them should they need it.

HOLIDAY REFUSE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

- Thanksgiving Day ~ Collection will be on Friday, Nov. 25, 2016*
- Christmas Day ~ Collection will be on Friday, Dec. 30, 2016*
- New Year's Day ~ Collection will be on Friday, Jan 6, 2017*



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



SALLY MAROTTA REED, DIRECTOR DAY PROGRAM

The 2016 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. Be sure to keep an eye out for the Spring newsletter for registration dates and times for residents.

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.

To register, visit www.soccershots.org/buffalo/

We had another successful concert series at the Town Hall Gazebo. Thank you for supporting our events and we'll see you next year!



Town of Cambria
4160 Upper Mountain Road
Sanborn, NY 14132

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

CURRENT RESIDENT OR:



The Town of Cambria

does not set a day or time for trick or treating.

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Our 19th annual Veterans' Day ceremony will be held at
11:00 am on November 11, 2016,
at the Community Room.
Please join us in honoring our veterans.
Light refreshments to follow.



ELECTION DAY ~ NOVEMBER 8, 2016

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

Please contact the Board of Elections (438-4041) for an
absentee ballot, or stop by the Town Clerk's office.

VETERANS!!! There are many services available to
veterans and their families, please contact the Niagara County
Veteran's Agency 438-4090. The staff will be happy to
help see what you qualify for. Thank you for your service.

HOLIDAY-TOWN HALL CLOSED

2016

Columbus Day	Mon., Oct 10
Election Day	Tues., Nov 8
Veteran's Day	Fri., Nov 11
Thanksgiving	Thurs., Nov 24
Day after Thanksgiving	Fri., Nov 25
Christmas Day (observed)	Mon., Dec 26

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New Year's Day (observed)	Mon., Jan 2
Martin Luther King Day	Mon., Jan 16
President's Day	Mon., Feb 20

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING-CAROLING

Our 13th annual Christmas Tree Lighting-Caroling
celebration will be held

Saturday, November 26th 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.

