

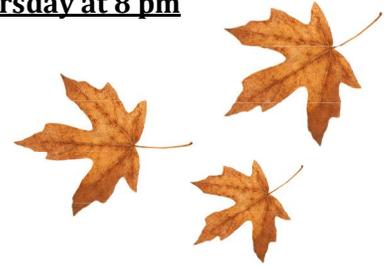
2013 TOWN OF CAMBRIA FALL NEWSLETTER

Cambria Town Board ~ Town Board Meetings: 2nd Thursday at 8 pm



Supervisor ~ Wright H. Ellis ~ 433-8523
Councilman ~ Robert E. Blackman ~ 434-7116
Councilman ~ Matthew P. Foe ~ 433-3370
Councilman ~ Joseph Ohol ~ 433-8243
Councilman ~ Randy M. Roberts ~ 433-0183

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FROM THE DESK OF WRIGHT H. ELLIS, TOWN SUPERVISOR

Greetings again, as we gradually move into autumn! The children of our Town have enjoyed a very busy season with our Day Recreation program and our Baseball program. Both programs were heavily enrolled and very successful. Adults found enjoyment in our "Concerts at the Gazebo" series, which featured six different musical groups and a Car Show. We have added a Soccer instructional program to our recreational offerings for children, ages 2-8. Saturday classes are held at the Town Park through the 9th of November. Contact the Soccer Shots office at (716) 408-3071 or buffalo@soccershots.org. The website is www.soccershotsbuffalo.com. Approximately seventy acres of the park are now developed, including two baseball diamonds, two soccer fields, a basketball court and a playground area. Additionally, there are four picnic pavilions, each equipped with picnic tables and a grill, available for reservation with a fee of \$25 for Town residents and \$50 for non-residents. We are planning on building another pavilion in 2014, perhaps a bit larger, to accommodate gatherings such as family reunions. There is a paved walking/biking trail, approximately 1.2 miles in length, which is seeing increased use, as well as the Nature Trail at the rear of the property and across the creek. The park remains open during the winter months, allowing for cross-country skiing, snow shoeing and hiking; although, the roadway will only be plowed as time and resources permit. Just a reminder that snowmobiles and ATVs are not allowed in any area of the Town Park at any time. So, check out the facilities. They are there for you to use and enjoy.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article announcing the availability of Electronic Waste Recycling service at our Municipal Garage. Speaking of recycling...while driving around our town, I frequently see recycling bins still being used that are being held together by duct tape. There is no need for that as we have 18 gallon replacement bins available at the Municipal Garage or the Water Department Office at the Town Hall. Replacement bins are available at no charge, so take advantage of the opportunity to replace any damaged bins. I strongly encourage recycling as much as you can, since it is not only good for the environment, but also reduces disposal costs and land filling in the long run. Plastic milk and juice containers should be crushed and cardboard boxes should be broken down, before placing them in the container. This practice saves space in the bin, and also reduces the chances of material blowing out of the bin and across the road into nearby agricultural fields where it is a nuisance for the farmer and interferes with proper cultivation. This is particularly true above the Escarpment where strong winds frequently sweep across open areas and, undoubtedly, it always seems to be on trash pickup day!

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.

~ Department Heads ~

Assessor ~ Janelle L. Kroening 433-8161
Building Inspector ~ James P. McCann 433-8161
Highway Superintendent ~ Jon T. MacSwan 433-8829
Tax Collector ~ Debra A. Littere 433-8161
Town Clerk ~ Lou Ann Murawski 433-7664



~ Town Hall Office Hours 8 am - 4 pm ~

Please note that indicated hours for individual offices are subject to change. It is suggested that you call ahead of time if you intend to stop in to speak to a specific department head or individual. The Town Justices do not maintain consistent, regular office hours. If you need to contact the Town courts, you may call 433-3088 and leave a message or contact them directly at the following numbers: Justice Amel S. Jowdy (Tuesday court) at 434-8417 or Justice Henry J. Peters (Wednesday court) at 731-3035.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town Board will conduct a public hearing on November 7, 2013 at 8 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 & 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, 2013.

REFUSE/RECYCLING COLLECTION HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Day

Collection will be on Friday, Nov 29, 2013

Christmas Day

Collection will be on Friday, Dec 27, 2013

New Year's Day

Collection will be on Friday, Jan 3, 2014

All items must be at curbside by 7am. Each household is allowed six containers or bags of trash & no container is to exceed 60 pounds. One large item is allowed each week (appliance, furniture, mattress, etc). Construction materials **ARE NOT** accepted curbside.



AGRICULTURAL PLASTIC DISPOSAL

Collection of agricultural plastics is scheduled between Monday, Nov 11 through Friday, Nov 15. A roll-off container will be located at Coulter Farms, 3871 North Ridge Road.

PASSENGER/OVERSIDED TIRE DISPOSAL

Tires may be dropped off by residents on Saturday, Oct 19 from 8 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.

ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING COMES TO CAMBRIA!

The Town of Cambria recently contracted with Regional Computer Recycling & Recovery, Victor, NY to provide the collection containers and process electronic waste materials. Some of the electronic equipment eligible for recycling includes computers, televisions, monitors, keyboards, fax machines, scanners, printers, VCR's, cell phones and more. Our collection site is located in the small building directly behind the Municipal Garage. It will be accessible Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30 am and 3:00 pm. You must check in with the Highway Department Clerk for registration and directions. Her office is located on the west end of the Municipal Garage.

JON MACSWAN, SUPERINTENDENT ~ HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

We had the opportunity to micro-pave several of our subdivisions this year, as well as finish Old Shawnee Road and Cambria Road south. Slowly, but surely, we are moving along with road repairs.

Our ditching is on track and we have several new petitions for the Drainage Committee to review for the upcoming year. We anticipate that several property owners will see some of their drainage issues alleviated in the near future.

As of Sept 1, we have resumed chipping brush and will continue to do so until the snow begins to fly. The Town's Parking Ordinance will take effect Nov 1, which prohibits parking on town roads between the hours of 1 am and 7 am. Your cooperation is appreciated in keeping vehicles off the roadway during these hours. If you are in need of any additional assistance from the Highway Department, please call 433-8829. We will be happy to help in any way we can!

TOWN PARK

Now that the Town Park is hosting events, we are pleased to see several members of our community utilizing the various activities our park has to offer. We have had several inquiries regarding the purchase of memorial trees at the Town Park. The Town Clerk's office will be accepting applications in spring 2014 from those interested in purchasing a memorial tree. The required form will be on our website at www.townofcambria.com and must be accompanied by a check in the amount of \$250, payable to the Town of Cambria.



SALLY MAROTTA-REED ~ RECREATION DIRECTOR

The 2013 Summer Recreation Program was an example of hard work and dedication, continuing its tradition of daily arts and crafts, site activities, and field trips. There were "pre" and "post" inspection visits conducted by the Niagara County Health Department. The health inspector was impressed with our program and found our sites to be in compliance with their required regulations. Many thanks to those who made this year's program a success. Please "friend" us on Facebook (Cambria Recreation) to keep updated on upcoming events and programs.



BROOKE MORSE, TOWN HISTORIAN

A new historical marker has been installed at 3106 Upper Mountain Road, located at the former Root family home and Underground Railroad site, built in 1848. It is believed that Thomas Root picked up "passengers" in Lockport, NY from Lyman Spalding who built and owned boats that operated on the Erie Canal. After staying at the Root home, Thomas would transport fugitives in his farm wagon, crossing at Lewiston, where an associate of his worked as an inspector. If Thomas spoke the code words, "I have a load of southern calico and produce", his wagon would not be checked. He delivered his passengers to St. Catherine's, Ontario. It is interesting to note that Thomas also served as a Justice of the Peace for over 40 years and Supervisor for the Town of Cambria. The marker is visible from the road; but, if you visit, please remember this is a private residence.

Please join us the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at the corner of Lower Mountain and Route 425 for meetings of the Cambria Historical Society. Our Town is rich in history and we'd love to share it with new members. If you would like to contact the Historical Society, please call 433-0387.



WATER DEPARTMENT



We are pleased to inform you that we have completed the AMR water meter installations, with the exception of twenty (20) customers. These accounts will continue to be billed the non-refundable administration fee until their water meter is changed over to the AMR. We appreciate the cooperation of our customers during this transitional period.

Periodically, it is necessary to contact our customers regarding water service issues. This can only be accomplished if we have your current contact information on file. Please call our office at 433-2468 to update your phone number, if necessary.

As always, our department continues to stress the importance of water conservation. You can play an important role in conservation by checking for water leaks in your home. A faucet with a small drip or a toilet that continually runs can waste hundreds of gallons of water, as well as increase your water bills. We will continue to review quarterly meter readings that reflect a leak; however, a periodic check by the homeowner of any potential plumbing issues is encouraged.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE ~ WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

To assist the Comprehensive Plan Committee in effectively planning for Cambria's future, we need your help! A survey will be included with your next water bill, which addresses concerns that will provide us with needed information. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it to the Town Clerk's office with your water payment. Your input is critical to the Town's future!

JANELLE L. KROENING, ASSESSOR ~ DEBRA A. LITTERE, TAX COLLECTOR

In order to receive the Basic STAR exemption, all homeowners must register with the NYS Tax Department. All Basic STAR recipients should have received registration instructions by mail. Visit the website at www.tax.ny.gov to register by the December 31 deadline. If you did not receive the registration letter or have lost it, call (518) 457-2035.

The Enhanced STAR renewals have been mailed for age 65 and over, unless you have signed up for the optional income verification program. If you, or your spouse, were born in 1949 or earlier, you may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption. The 2012 income limit is \$81,900 or less. Please call the Assessor's office at 433-8161 ext 22 for details.

The low-income senior, low-income disabled and agricultural exemptions will be mailed in December. The deadline for all exemptions this year is Monday, March 3, 2014, taxable status date.

School District tax bills have been mailed. Unpaid school tax bills will be re-levied onto the 2014 Town/County tax bill. If your taxes were in escrow and your mortgage is paid, please notify the Assessor's office. All landowners are responsible to advise the Assessor's office of any change of address. Town/County tax receipts may be viewed online at: <http://egov.basny.com/cambria>. Additional real property information is available on our website, www.townofcambria.com.



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 OR:

ELECTION DAY ~ NOV 5, 2013

Polls open from 6 am to 9 pm

All voting will take place at the
 Cambria Fire Hall, 4631 Cambria-
 Wilson Road.



FIRE COMPANY HALLOWEEN PARTIES

Pekin Fire Hall

3024 Upper Mt. Road, Sanborn
 Thursday, October 31st 6 pm-8 pm

Cambria Fire Hall

4631 Cambria-Wilson Rd, Lockport
 Saturday, October 26th 5:30 pm-8 pm

*Please note: The Cambria Town Board does not designate a
 specific day or time for
 "trick-or-treating".*

HOLIDAYS-TOWN HALL CLOSED

2013

Columbus Day (observed)	Monday, Oct 14
Election Day	Tuesday, Nov 5
Veteran's Day	Monday, Nov 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, Nov 28
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov 29
Christmas Day (observed)	Wednesday, Dec 25

2014

New Year's Day (observed)	Wednesday, Jan 1
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, Jan 20
President's Day	Monday, Feb 17

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING-CAROLING

Our 10th annual Christmas Tree Lighting-Caroling celebration will be held **Saturday, November 30th 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.



RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 2 pm - 4 pm
 City of North Tonawanda Public Works
 758 Erie Ave., North Tonawanda, 695-8585

**VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY AND
 OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Our 16th annual Veterans' Day ceremony will be held at **11 am on November 11** at the Community Room. Please join us in honoring our veterans.

On **December 19**, a Service Officer from the Veterans Service Agency Outreach Program will be available to privately meet with interested veterans to discuss available benefits/programs. Please call the Town Clerk's office at 433-7664 to schedule an appointment.