

Town of Cambria 2020 Fall Newsletter

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Meets 2nd Thursday
7:00 pm

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The Town Hall hours:
Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm
Office Hours Vary

From the Desk of Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor:

Fall is upon us, the weather is cooler and we are enjoying the emerging vibrant colors of autumn in Upstate New York! Perhaps the sheer beauty of the autumn foliage will mitigate some of the pressures we are all feeling with seemingly insolvable problems and crises at every turn in the road these days.

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES: The Town of Cambria is served by three (3) fire companies, Cambria, Pekin and Sanborn. As with all volunteer organizations, maintaining a viable membership roster is an ongoing challenge. The Town provides the majority of their financial support through your Fire Protection District taxes, but they also need, "boots on the ground," to answer emergency fire and ambulance calls. Training is provided and it is challenging. But the benefits of membership include performing a public service to protect your friends and neighbors, the personal satisfaction of "giving" and the camaraderie of persons united in a common effort. Please consider joining one of our fire companies. Contact information is on the back page of this newsletter.

We previously supplied you with information about anticipated changes in our **Refuse/Recycling Program**. *Here's an Update....* There were only two (2) bids submitted and Modern had the lowest responsible bid. We are in the process of ordering refuse carts which should be delivered just before Thanksgiving. The majority of homes will receive one (1) 96-gallon cart, which will be paid for and owned by the Town. The Refuse cart will stay with the house if the house is sold, just like the Town owned Recycle cart. Refuse will continue to be picked up weekly and recycling bi-weekly. All refuse must be contained inside the cart and large item pickup will be limited to three (3) items, one collection per month. These large carts should be adequate for most families. The contract also contains a provision to handle the occasional need for extra trash disposal beyond the capacity of the 96-gallon cart. A \$5 Modern bag tag, when affixed to an extra bag, will enable it to be picked up along with the contents of the cart. The extra bag cannot exceed 30 gallons or weigh more than 40 pounds. In no instance shall the bags be packed so as to contain more than their intended weight. The bag tag will be available through the Town. Details to follow.

Many of our farms and wineries, with a residence on the property, have been able to rely on that residential refuse collection to cover all of their associated business/commercial needs. New limitations, such as all trash must be inside the container with the lid closed, and the reduction in large item pickup frequency may make that no longer feasible, particularly if the business has grown. Those farms or wineries should consider arranging for a refuse dumpster or bin directly with Modern, Waste Management or another vendor of their choice. The senior citizen homes in the Fair Court and Northway/Southway sub-divisions will receive a 64-gallon container, as those homes are limited to senior citizens, usually one or two residents. The Town will have a few extra carts of both sizes and adjustments to the basic plan may be made after March 1, 2021.



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town Board will conduct a public hearing on November 5, 2020, 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, 2020.

DEBRA A. LITTERE, TAX COLLECTOR

The 2021 Town and County Tax collection season will begin on Monday, January 4, 2021. Collection days will be on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays (excepting holidays) until February 1, 2021 from 8:00 am-Noon & 1:00 pm- 3:30 pm, for payment without penalty. From February 2nd through March 31st, payments will be accepted on Wednesdays ONLY from 8:00am – NOON! The **LAST DAY FOR COLLECTION** is Wednesday March 31, 2021, from 8:00 am- Noon & 1:00- 3:30 pm. For your convenience, there is a drop box at the front door of the town hall that is checked every day, and at the close of collections on deadlines. If paying through your bank, please ensure enough processing time, as most banks send out payments on a weekly basis, and regardless of the date on the check, it is the postmark or date received that is valid. If your taxes were in escrow, and 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.** *New Feature: For your convenience, you may look up and print your Town and County tax receipts online: <http://egov.basny.com/cambria>. The school district tax bills have been mailed to taxpayers. The following is a list of the various School Districts and Tax Collector's telephone numbers:*

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| Starpoint | (716) 210-2313 |
| Wilson | (716) 751-9341 |
| Newfane | (716) 778-6858 |
| Niagara Wheatfield | (716) 215-3027 |
| Lockport | (716) 439-6744 |

Unpaid school tax bills will be re-levied onto the 2021 Town and County tax bill.

WATER DEPARTMENT



SELLING YOUR HOME:

Our water department continues to practice procedures that ensure the public safety of our customers. The Town of Cambria Water District Rules & Regulations states that all water services must be equipped with a double check valve. If you are planning to sell your home, call the water district office 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 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. Call 433-2468 x114 with any questions or concerns.

PASSENGER/SMALL TRUCK TIRE DISPOSAL

Town of Cambria residents only:



Tires may be dropped off on Saturday, October 24th, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Town Municipal Building, enter at the west gate.



**Limit of four (4) oversize tractor tires per household.
Limit of four (4) passenger/small truck tires per household.
Tires on rims will not be accepted.**

*****Electronics will be collected at the Recycling Building behind the Municipal Building as well*****

AGRICULTURAL PLASTIC DISPOSAL

Collection of agricultural plastics is scheduled between November 9th through November 13th.

A roll-off container will be located at:

**Cobblestone Farms, 4901 North Ridge Road &
Hurtgam Farms, 3216 Ridge Road**

DEBRA A. LITTERE, ASSESSOR

To say that the real estate market is experiencing significant growth is an understatement! While it is a seller's market, the Town of Cambria is THE destination for location, beauty, and rural living that is close to conveniences, which makes a high demand for houses. Most properties are selling, in a very 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. New York State continues to make changes to the STAR program. We are often asked questions about the check program vs. the existing exemption. Ultimately, the desire of the State is to do away with the exemption program, and transfer everyone on to the check program. When that happens, the homeowner will be responsible for the entire school tax bill, and will receive a check for the amount that the exemption reduced your school tax by. We are trying our best to bring you the most up to date information possible. Our office still maintains the exemptions for low income seniors, Veterans, and Agricultural relief.

ARE YOU A PROUD DOG OWNER?

Just a reminder- it is a NYS Ag & Markets Law-Article 7, that if you own a dog, it must be licensed. Thank you to all residents who have already returned the orange dog census cards from the spring newsletter. We have licensed over 100 new dogs! There is still time to return it to our office. Please keep in mind there are several ways to do this: in person during regular business hours, through the mail or utilize the secure locked drop box next to the main doors. We will need a valid rabies vaccination and proof of spay or neutering. The fees are: \$11.00 spayed/neutered & \$18.00 unspayed/ unneutered dogs. Please feel free to call if you have any questions 716-433-7664.



JON MACSWAN, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT



WOW!!! What a summer! Paving was completed on Subbera Road, Marjorie Drive and Andrews Road. 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 will resume in September and will continue until the first week in November. 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 end towards the road and piled low and long along the roadside. Our chipper can only accommodate 8" in diameter. Anything larger than 8" 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, 2021. There is no parking permitted on Town roads between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. 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. We are here to assist you in any way that we can. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office.

ZELDA HILLMAN, RECREATION

Due to COVID-19 the recreation day program, baseball program and the gazebo concert series were cancelled this year. Please check the website in January for information about these programs or email the new director, Zelda Hillman at zhillman@townofcambria.com or call 433-7664 x 129.



HALLOWEEN

NEW THIS YEAR!!!!

With the help of many Cambria residents, we are planning a safe place for our children to go trick or treating. Join us for a "Trick or Treat drive-thru" at the Town of Cambria Park, 3986 Upper Mountain Road on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 2 PM-5 PM. For more information please contact Zelda Hillman at zhillman@townofcambria.com or call 433-7664 x 129.

social distancing will be adhered to and all those handing out candy will wear masks.



Cambria Town Court

433-3088 ~ Held on Tuesday's

Call for an appointment.



Justice Amel S. Jowdy x113 & x139
justicejowdy@townofcambria.com



Justice Amel S. Jowdy, III x117 & x144
justicejowdy3@townofcambria.com

JAMES MCCANN, BUILDING INSPECTOR



As we move into the fall season, remember burning of leaves, grass and debris can emit offensive smoke and odors. Bagging leaves and grass and placing them at the road with your weekly trash is a better solution. Residents that need to appear before our

Planning or Zoning Boards for variances, special permits or sub-divisions must have their application into our office by the **end of the month in order to have it acted upon at the next month's meeting.** If you are planning any re-modeling projects over the fall and winter months, be sure to check with our office to see if a building permit is required. Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am-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

CAMBRIA TOWN PARK – Seasonal Operation

The Town Park is normally closed from November 1st through April 1st, due to snow removal challenges. Since COVID-19 has put restrictions on exercise programs, gyms, etc., we will try to leave the Town Park open for walking, snowshoeing, x-country skiing. The Highway Department will try to keep the walking path and parking areas cleared. A large snowstorm may necessitate closing the park gates until the snow can be cleared for public safety reasons. Please be considerate of each other as we try this new approach, balancing a benefit for Town residents with public safety and liability. The Comfort Station will be closed during this period. Thank you.

HOLIDAY REFUSE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Day

Collection will be on Friday, Nov. 27, 2020

Christmas Day

Collection will be on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020

New Year's Day

Collection will be on Thursday, Dec 31, 2020



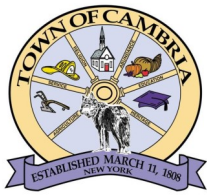
Please note Recycling is every other week. Please see the website or call 433-2468 x114 for the pick-up schedule.

GAIL REINBIRD, TOWN HISTORIAN

With over 200 years of recorded history, Cambria has a rich and interesting past to discover. The Town of Cambria Historical Building is located at 4153 Lower Mountain Road on the corner of Cambria-Wilson Road. This building houses the Historian's office, Historical Society meetings and Cambria related artifacts. To contact us, email historian@townofcambria.com.

Your Local Representatives

Legislator David E. Godfrey, 10th District ~ Email: David.Godfrey@niagaracounty.com (716)-751-9606
Assemblyman Hon. Angelo J. Morinello, 145th District ~ Email: morinelloa@nysassembly.gov (716)-282-6062
State Senator Hon. Robert G. Ort, 62nd District ~ Email: Ort@nysenate.gov (716)-434-0680



Town of Cambria
4160 UPPER MOUNTAIN ROAD
SANBORN, NY 14132

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

CURRENT RESIDENT OR:

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



Wed. Dec. 2, 2020 at 7PM ~ Facebook Raffle ~ See website for more information & tickets
Check for more information at www.cambriavolunteerfire.com or like us on Facebook to see our events.



PEKIN FIRE COMPANY
3024 Upper Mountain Road ~ 731-4777
Check for more information at www.pekinfire.com.

SANBORN FIRE COMPANY
5811 Buffalo Street ~ 731-4616
Like us on Facebook to see our events.

Volunteers are always needed!



**FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Sat., December 12, 2020 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
City of North Tonawanda Public Works
758 Erie Ave., North Tonawanda, 695-8585
Please call the NCHD 439-7511 to make an appointment.

ELECTION DAY ~ NOV 3, 2020

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

***Questions about an absentee ballot or early voting -
please contact the Board of Elections (438-4041) or
go to elections.niagara.ny.us.***



HOLIDAY-TOWN HALL CLOSED

2020

Columbus Day
Election Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving
Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas Day

Mon., Oct 12
Tues., Nov 3
Wed., Nov 11
Thurs., Nov 26
Fri., Nov 27
Fri., Dec 25

2021

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day
President's Day
Good Friday

Fri., Jan 1
Mon., Jan 18
Mon., Feb 15
Fri., Apr 2