



Town of Cambria 2023 Spring Newsletter

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The Town Hall is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-4:00 pm ~ Office hours vary.

From the desk of Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor

Greetings from the pages of our spring 2023 Newsletter. The calendar tells me that spring is just around the corner. However, as I write this, we are experiencing a very heavy snowfall in early March and the plow trucks are back out. Mother Nature always has the last word.

As spring advances and the snow cover recedes, it is readily apparent that some properties in the Town have been allowed to become repositories for all sorts of “treasures.” This reflects adversely on the immediate neighborhood and, by extension, the overall appearance of our Town. Neighbors frequently complain about the negative aesthetic impact of these unkempt properties and petition the Town to do something about it. I have previously stated that your Town Board recognizes our rural community’s belief in the sanctity of private property rights, the desire for elbowroom and the sense of freedom that conveys. However, it also recognizes the need to strike a balance between that individual freedom to live as we desire and the common good of a more densely populated, neat and clean community. Our Zoning Ordinance is designed to promote the common good, “...preserve the health, safety, character and general welfare of the Town of Cambria,” thus protecting the best overall interests of the community. Self-correction is the best course of action. The Lockport Recycling Center at 178 Oakhurst Street, Lockport, (716) 433-1371 is an excellent resource to dispose of large quantities of material, more than can be handled through our weekly trash pickup and monthly large items. Please take note and support our effort to keep our Town attractive and a nice place to live, for your friends and for your neighbors, by keeping your property adequately maintained.

The Bear Ridge Solar Project and the Town are waiting for a decision from the Executive Director of the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) on the Project’s application and the earlier issued Draft Permit. Many opinions, appeals, and appeals to the appeals have been drafted and submitted over the past three (3) months. Unfortunately, there is no time frame for the issuance of that decision, so we are just waiting. The Town has exercised every option that is available to it at this point in the process. 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.

TOWN BOARD

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433-8523

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433-3370

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Councilman
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Councilman
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### **Monthly Meetings ~ 7PM**

Planning Bd. ~ 3rd Monday

Town Bd. ~ 2nd Thursday

Zoning Bd. ~ 4th Monday

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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 x127

Tamara J. Cooper

Town Clerk
433-7664 x136

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. Ortt, 62nd District ~ Email: Ortt@nysenate.gov (716) -434-0680

WATER DEPARTMENT



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:** 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 department 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, if possible, provide us with the name of the new owner. As we look forward to spring, we will begin scheduling clean-up and grading restoration work from previous water/sewer related projects. If you have an area that needs restoration work, due to water or sewer construction, please contact our office at 433-2468 x114. If you have any questions or concerns, we are always happy to help you.

2022 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

The annual Water Quality Report will be available on our website <http://www.townofcambria.com>. **Copies will be available at the following locations:** Town of Cambria Town Hall, Sanborn – Pekin Library, 5890 West St., Sanborn, NY, Ransomville Free Library, 3733 Ransomville Rd., Ransomville, NY and posted on our website: <http://www.townofcambria.com/>

HISTORIAN ~ Gail Reinbird

Explore Cambria history by attending a meeting of the Cambria Historical Society (4155 Lower Mt. Rd.) the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm or by visiting their new Facebook page [CambriaNYHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/CambriaNYHistoricalSociety) to find out about future events. New members are always welcome! For historical inquiries about Cambria or more information please email: historian@townofcambria.com.



Non Emergency Phone Numbers

Niagara County Sheriff's Office ~ 716-438-3393
New York State Police ~ 716-434-5588
Eastern Niagara Hospital ~ 716-514-5700
Mount St. Mary's Hospital ~ 716-297-4800
National Grid Outages ~ 1-800-867-5222

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ~ Jon MacSwan



As the snow begins to melt and the ground thaws, flooding can become an issue. It is very common for yards to have some temporary standing water and drainage ditches to be at their maximum capacity during the spring thaw. It is good practice to get outside as soon as the weather permits and be sure that the drainage system on your property is flowing as it should. Several times the only reason for additional water is that there is an obstruction in a ditch or culvert somewhere. If there appears to be a bigger problem, please contact our office and we will look at it to see if it is part of the town's responsibility. April 17th, 2023, we will begin brush pick up again. We can accommodate limbs up to 8" in diameter. Please be sure that they are stacked neatly, butt ends toward the road, and a pile spread out low is preferable to piled high. We will **NOT** take piles that have wire, rope, stakes, roots, root balls, vines, dirt, thorns or poison ivy in them. We have the ability to pick up stumps and root balls with a machine at our convenience. Please make sure to notify us in advance. **We DO NOT PICK UP BRUSH in the months of July and August.** We utilize the warm summer months to repair our roads. On September 1st we will resume brush pick up and will continue until November 1st. Mulch will be available to all town residents for pickup. Loading is at our convenience please make sure to notify us in advance. Should you have any questions or concerns, you may call the office at 433-8829, Ext. 127 or email highway@townofcambria.com. Enjoy the summer!

BUILDING INSPECTOR ~ James McCann



As the snow melts and the ground thaws, we are springing into the busy season here in the Building Department. As many home projects begin it's important to know if a permit is needed. We would like to remind residents that the **pre-assembled sheds DO require** an Accessory Structure permit. **Beginning this year, roofing projects require a permit as well.** Many of our permit applications can be found on our website for your convenience. Our department continues to strive to ensure our Town is a safe and appealing place to live. To accomplish this, we need the efforts of all residents to maintain their property per the Town's Property Maintenance Local Law and the New York State Property Maintenance Code. Properties should have regularly maintained lawns and be kept clear of debris. We routinely patrol our town noting violations and notifying property owners of existing violations, requesting they correct the matter promptly. Please call or email our office with any questions. We look forward to assisting you with your Spring and Summer projects and hope you have a delightful season!

CAMBRIA BOY SCOUTS TROOP 8

Boy Scout Troop 8 is celebrating its 75th year of Scouting in the Town of Cambria. Anyone who would like to share stories, memories or memorabilia is asked to contact Troop Historian Joe Baschnagel (by phone 716-434-4365 or by email acepiping@gmail.com). A reunion is in its planning stages.



FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Saturday, April 15, 2023-9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Town of Somerset Highway Garage
8700 Haight Rd.

Saturday, June 3, 2023-9:00 am—12:00 pm

Hyde Park-Oasis.Centennial Pavillion
911 Robbins Dr.

Saturday, July 15, 2023-9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Town of Wilson Highway Garage
3356 Wilson-Cambria Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023– 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Town of Lockport Highway Dept.
6560 Dysinger Rd.

Saturday, December 9, 2023

City of North Tonawanda-Public Works Dept.
758 Erie Ave.

You must pre-register at

www.niagaracounty.com/health or 716-439-7490



TOWN CLERK ~ Tamara J. Cooper 2022-2023 DOG ENUMERATION (Dog Count)

We would like to thank everyone who has licensed their dogs with our office! Since the October 2022 Newsletter, we have received over 130 new dog licenses! We know there are still more out there to be done. The process is easy, and our staff will be happy to walk you through it. According to Article 7 of the New York State Agriculture and Market Law, all dogs 4 months of age and older must be licensed within the town they reside. Licensing ensures that all dogs have been properly vaccinated against rabies; and necessary to protect both you and your neighbors. We are extending the deadline to license your dog(s) until April 30, 2023. After this time, we will be sending letters to addresses within certain block areas of town where we received little or no communication during the dog enumeration. You will also be charged the \$10.00 enumeration fee if you are found harboring a dog without a license.

PLEASE NOTE: As of **January 1, 2023**, a \$10.00 late fee has been implemented for any delinquent dog license that is over 30 days late. Beginning **May 1, 2023**, new dog licensing fees will take effect. See as follows:

License: **Unaltered dog (s) will increase from \$18.00 to \$21.00. Altered dog (s) will remain the same at \$11.00**

Again, the process is easy! We will need to verify spay or neutering and that your dog has a current rabies vaccination. We look forward to seeing you!

Did you know that you may also purchase NYS hunting and fishing licenses in our office? Licenses are sold Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-3:30 pm. We accept cash, check, money order or credit card (there is a convenience fee for use of credit cards).

The Town Clerk's office also handles the renewal and issuance of handicap tags. Please remember to bring in your NYS driver's license when coming into the office.



REFUSE AND RECYCLING

GARBAGE AND RECYCLE CARTS are the property of the Town and were distributed to all residential property owners and have a serial number that is on record in our office. If you sell your home, the Garbage and Recycle Cart is to remain with the property. The Town's policy is one (1) garbage and recycle cart per household.

Refuse and Recycling:

*Garbage pick-up is on Thursdays. Recycling pick up is every other Thursday. Modern Corporation picks up the trash & recycling.

*All items (garbage, recycling & large item) **must be curbside by 6:30 am.**

Tires and construction materials are NOT accepted curbside.

*Modern will ONLY pick up Garbage and Recycling Carts that have the Town Logo and Numbering System on them.

*** If you have more waste than what will fit inside your cart you may purchase additional capacity stickers for \$5 per tag at the Town Hall, these tags will be sold per sheet for \$25.00. At this time we can only accept cash exact change or a money order. NO checks or credit cards will be accepted. You may request an additional cart, the fee for an additional cart will be \$85, plus an annual fee of \$30 on your water bill to pay Modern for handling the extra cart.** Please see the town website for details on the New Refuse and Recycling Info as well as the current Recycling Map and Pick up Schedule or call 433-2468 ext. 114.

The Town of Cambria offers electronic recycling for Town residents ONLY. Drop off of equipment is MONDAY'S ONLY FROM 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Please call 433-8829 x127 with any questions and be ready to provide proof of residency. **HAZARDOUS WASTE** disposal, contact Hazman USA, 716.998.8073 or www.hazmanusa.com.



2023 REFUSE/RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Memorial Day Monday, May 29
Delayed until Friday, June 2
Independence Day Tuesday, July 4
Delayed until Friday, July 7
Labor Day Monday, September 4
Delayed until Friday, September 8

TOWN HALL CLOSED 2023 HOLIDAYS

Good Friday, Friday, April 7
Memorial Day, Monday, May 29
Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day, Monday, September 4
Columbus Day, Monday, October 9
Veteran's Day, Friday, November 10
Thanksgiving, Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24
Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

CAMBRIA TOWN PARK

With winter coming to a close, our spring cleanup will be taking place. As always please remember to keep our park clean for everyone, pick up after yourself and your dog! **This being said, please remember to keep your pets on a leash to keep everyone safe (NYS Ag & Markets Law Chapter 69, Article 7 Section 118).** The Town of Cambria Town Park has (5) shelters and (1) gazebo available to rent (**reservations are required**) from May through October. **There is a non-refundable rental fee.** Residents and non-residents of the Town may reserve a shelter; fees for non-residents is slightly more. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 716-433-7664 for reservations. Interested in renting our sports diamonds or fields? Contact Pat McCoy (716-471-4395) for available dates and rates.

The Town of Cambria has three fire companies that serve our Town. Please visit their websites and Facebook pages for information on their events, membership opportunities and hall rentals. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Cambria Volunteer Fire Co.

4631 Cambria-Wilson Road, Lockport, NY 14094
716-434-8948



www.cambriavolunteerfire.com

5th annual Sportsman Raffle
April 22, 2023 at 3pm

Donation \$20.00 ~ purchase inquiries
cambriavolunteerfire@cambriavolunteerfire.com



Sanborn Fire Co.

5811 Buffalo Street
Sanborn, NY 14132
716-731-4616



Pekin Volunteer Fire Co.

3024 Upper Mountain Rd.
Sanborn, NY 14132
716-731-4777
www.pekinfire.com

Town of Cambria Gazebo Concert Series

All concerts are held from Sunday's 6pm-8pm, rain or shine. A tent is provided so bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, drinks and snacks. The line up is:

July 9, 2023

McHenry and Baz

July 16, 2023

Baggs Jazz Project

August 6, 2023

Screaming Pineapples

August 13, 2023

90 West



Please note: NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED.

TAX COLLECTOR ~ Debra A. Littere

The last day to pay taxes is **Friday, March 31st, 2023.** From 8:00-12:00 and 1:00 - 3:30pm. If you can't make it on that day, please drop your payment at the post-office, it must be postmarked **March 31st 2023.** There is also a drop box outside the front doors to the town hall that is checked daily, and will be checked at **3:30pm MARCH 31ST 2023!** **Please consider adding a current phone number on your check or payment stub to facilitate communication regarding payment issues!** Tax bills/receipts are available online! On the Town of Cambria website, www.townofcambria.com, under the Tax Collector tab, the link <http://egov.basny.com/cambria> will give you information on your taxes that you can view or print out from your own computer! If you wish to have your tax receipt **emailed** to you, please send an email to dlittere@townofcambria.com indicating your request, and we will email future receipts to you. It is my pleasure to serve the Town of Cambria residents as your Tax Collector!



ASSESSOR~ Debra A. Littere

The Assessment Equity Project for 2023 is nearing completion. The project's goal to provide **fair and equitable** property assessments ensures that each property owner is apportioned their **fair share** of the property tax levy. At the beginning of March, the Assessment Disclosure Notices were mailed to all property owners in the town. We are confident that our office, along with GAR Associates LLC, have ensured that the new assessments accomplish New York State's requirement to arrive at 100% equity. As the March 1st deadline for exemptions has passed, we thank everyone for getting their paperwork to us in a timely manner. Anyone turning 65 years of age, this year or next, may qualify for Enhanced STAR benefits. For **LOW INCOME SENIORS**, the income levels have changed! Please contact our office to see if you qualify for either exemption. High School Seniors interested in applying for a scholarship from the Niagara County Assessor's Association should inquire at their high school guidance office.

2023 Recreation Program

The Town of Cambria Day Recreation Program will be a 6 week program starting on Wednesday, July 5th through August 11th. **Registration for the program will be the following dates only** from 5PM ~ 7PM: April 5, 19, May 3, 17, 30 and beginning for non-residents June 7, 21, 2023. Registration will be at the Community Room; payment must be made at the time of registration, cash or checks only will be accepted. The registration fees are: Residents \$150.00 per child and Non Residents \$250.00 per child. Check the website for the daily calendar and see all of the exciting crafts, activities and events planned for this summer's program! In order to participate in the program your child must be 5 years old **NO** later than June 1st. It will be a fun filled summer for children ages 5-15. For any questions, concerns, please feel free to contact Ryleigh McCoy at recreation@townofcambria.com.

The Town of Cambria is looking for your feedback. The Town is growing, and the recreational needs of our community are changing; please take a moment to answer the following questions about the programs currently offered and what you would like to see offered. Please provide suggestions for other services or programs you think the community may use. If you need more space please attach additional sheets. You can return this by mail, in person or place in the drop box. It will be available on the Town website as well. Thank you for your time!

SPORTS: In the past the Town has offered baseball & softball (currently on hold). What sports would you like to see offered, if any?

SUMMER CONCERTS: Back for 2023 – do you want to keep the concert series at the gazebo? What genres of music would you like to have? How many concerts should there be?

SUMMER RECREATION DAY PROGRAM: Currently a 6-week program from 9am-3pm. Do you use the program? Do you want a longer program? Do you want longer daily hours? What do you like or dislike about the program?

TOWNWIDE YARD SALE: Have you participated? How important is it to have a list of participants? Should the Town just advertise the weekend and not prepare the map & listing?

TRUNK OR TREAT AT THE TOWN PARK: Did you attend or participate? What did you like or dislike? What do you want added?

TOWN PARK: The Town Park is now open year-round; there are 5 shelters for rent, bathrooms, sports fields, a paved walking path, nature trail and memorial trees. Do you use the park? What do you like or dislike? What would you like to see offered or developed at the park?

OTHER SUGGESTIONS:



Town of Cambria
4160 Upper Mountain Road
Sanborn, NY 14132
"NIAGARA COUNTY'S FIRST TOWN"

PRESORTED STANDARD
PERMIT # 21
US POSTAGE PAID
NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14304

CURRENT RESIDENT OR



ATTENTION VETERANS!!!



Are you aware of the many programs, benefits and outreach available to you and your family? Please contact the Niagara County Veterans Service Agency (716-438-4090) located at 111 Main Street, Suite 200, Lockport, NY for more information. Also - Check out our website www.townofcambria.com for information regarding events for veterans around Western New York. Did you know you may qualify for an exemption? Please contact the Assessor's Office to find out! Call 716-433-8161 ext 122 or ext 135. Legislator Godfrey would like to inform everyone that the County Clerk has a "registry" of Purple Heart recipients, and encourages all recipients to go to the Courthouse and register if they have not already done so. Also if anyone (a family member or friend) knows of a Purple Heart recipient (living or deceased) to please encourage them or the family to make sure they are registered. The Purple Heart Recipient registration form can be downloaded from the Niagara County Clerk's website at <https://www.niagaracounty.com/Departments/County-Clerk> . We humbly thank you for your service!

TIRE DISPOSAL: TOWN OF CAMBRIA RESIDENTS ONLY:

Tires may be dropped off on Saturday, May 20, from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Town Municipal Building. There is a limit of (8) car & truck tires (tires on rims will not be accepted) and (4) oversized agriculture tires **per farm**—**YOU MUST OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE HIGHWAY CLERK TO DISPOSE OF TIRES TO BE TURNED IN AT THE EVENT. CALL 433-8829 x127 FOR MORE INFORMATION. PROOF OF RESIDENCY WILL BE REQUIRED.**

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

Wood chips will also be available for pick-up only



CAMBRIA TOWN COURT

Justice Jowdy Jr. ~ 433-3088 ext. 139

1st Tuesday at 2:30 pm

2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Justice Jowdy III ~ 433-3088 ext. 144

2nd & 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Office hours vary, please call for an appointment.

