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IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

- 9 Rabies Clinic
- 18-22 Brush Pickup (please be ready by the 17th)
- 23 Roadside Cleanup, 8-12, Town Garage
- 23 Free Tree Seedlings, 12-1, Town Garage

MAY

- 17 Rabies Clinic
- 23-27 Bulk Item Pick-Up (have items out by 5/22)
- 24 Grievance Day
- 25 Water Reading Cards due
- 30 Memorial Day (Town offices closed)
- 30 Memorial Day Service-Gideon Hawley Park 2:00 pm

JUNE

- 4 5K RACE – CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- 4 PARTY IN THE PARK, 5PM TO FIREWORKS
- 5 PARADE
- 5 FOUNDERS DAY (SEE PAGE 3)
- 14 RABIES CLINIC

JULY

- 4 Town offices closed
- 5 & 19 Rabies Clinic

AUGUST

- 23 Rabies Clinic

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day (Town offices closed)
- 13 Rabies Clinic

For updates please see Calendar at www.townofcharlton.org

Town Board meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, unless holiday.



NEWS FROM TOWN of CHARLTON OFFICIALS

FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

Spring is here and this past winter was a piece of cake, who knows what Mother Nature has in store for us next year? Back by popular demand our printed Town Board Newsletter, many residents still enjoy receiving the Town news in hard copy so we included it in our budget this year. We will try to encourage folks to sign up for the electronic version to save on printing and postage costs in the future.

The Town budget finished 2015 in good financial shape and all departments did a good job controlling costs and delivering services to the residents. The Town Board will be reviewing all of our expenditures and revenues carefully throughout the year and laying the ground work for future budgets. As I said last year, a small Town Tax could be an option in the future to meet the needs of our obligations and services for the residents. The Town Highway Department maintains 47 miles of roads and our population continues to grow. The Town Board did

include the Bulk item pickup starting on May 23rd; see the flier in the newsletter and website for new details about the pickup.

The Town Board has been working with Verizon to improve the cellular coverage in Town. We held an informational meeting in February about locating antennas on top of our water tower or finding other possible tower locations in Town. We will continue to study the options. The Town Board continues to support activities with Founders Day Weekend, including the 5K Run, Art Show, Party in the Park, Farmers Market and the Parade. This year also marks the 175th Anniversary of the Saratoga County Fair so there will be many activities planned around the week of July 19-24th.



We hope to see you all out at the many events this summer and thank you for making Charlton such a great place to live.
Alan Grattidge, Supervisor

FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

We hope that you find our newsletter helpful. I would encourage you to check the Town's website (townofcharlton.org) frequently for information about upcoming events and things happening in Charlton. At the top of our homepage, click on e-subscribe, and you can sign up to receive e-mails from me which will inform you of waste and brush pick-ups, events, newsworthy articles, and Town Board meeting agendas, etc.

I receive a lot of calls about getting rid of TVs, computers, refrigerators and other non garbage items. Here are some recycling options that I confirmed this week:

- Best Buy accepts small electronics for free, monitors and tube TVs that are 32" and less are a \$25 fee.
- Staples accepts desktop and laptop computers, monitors, printers, copiers, and small electronics, free of charge. They do not accept TVs.
- County Waste Transfer Station, 1927 Route

9, Clifton Park – TVs less than 40" are \$20, greater than 40" are \$30. They do not accept refrigerators.

- Amsterdam Transfer Station, 1247 Route 5S, Amsterdam – Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners are \$20, tires \$3, dehumidifiers & 20lb propane tanks are \$5. Charlton residents are welcome.
- Interior paint – mix clumping kitty litter with the paint, and dispose of mixture in your garbage. Recycle the can once it is dry.
- Batteries – small, **non-rechargeable batteries** can go in with regular garbage.
- CFL light bulbs (curly kind) – Lowes, Home Depot, Curtis Lumber will accept for recycling.
- Chemicals, cleaners, pesticides – The County suggests donating them for reuse, there currently is no program or place that they know of that will accept them for disposal.

As always, feel free to contact my office if you have questions or things that we can assist you with.

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Road Program for 2016

The Town Highway Department will be performing road work on Western Ave. from Rte 147 to Glenville town line and Consaul Rd. from Rte 67 to Galway town line. This work will consist of tree trimming and/or removal, cleaning of ditches and culverts and widening and paving the roadway. We will also be resurfacing some roads in the Komar Park area, restoring drainage along the road and trimming/removal of trees. The Highway Department would like to thank you for your cooperation during these improvements. Any questions, call the Highway Superintendent at 399-3425.

Brush Pick up for 2016

The Highway Department will be picking up brush in the spring and fall. The Spring pick up will be April 18th to April 22nd and the Fall pick up will be October 24th through October 28th. Please remember to put cut ends out towards the street to help the highway crew in their operation. **We will NOT be picking up tree trunks or trees that have been cut down.** The purpose of this pick-up is for yard clean-up of fallen limbs & yard trimmings. And as before, we will be around after storms to pick up downed limbs that are placed curb side. **There will only be one pass by. If you do not have your brush out on Sunday night you may miss the pick-up.**

Summer Internship Opportunity

The Town Board and Highway Superintendent are seeking a college student for this summer to assist in the inventory and analysis of all Town roads within the Town. This will be a paid internship position for approximately two months. Requirements include a valid driver's license and strong analytical and computer skills. Engineering students preferred. Interested candidates should e-mail a copy of their resume to Mike Emerich, Highway Superintendent at highway@townofcharlton.org by May 1st.

Michael Emerich, Highway Superintendent

ASSESSORS' OFFICE

Our Tentative Assessment Roll will be available for review May 1st and will be available during Town Hall business hours. If your assessment changed this year, you will receive a Change of Assessment Notice in early May. Grievance Day is Tuesday, May 24th and the Board of Assessment Review will be present to hear Grievances from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

TAX COLLECTOR

As a newly elected Tax Collector, I would like to thank you for your confidence, and wish a very wonderful retirement to our Town's long standing Tax Collector, Linda LaRue. Linda has served the Town of Charlton for over 25 years as our Tax Collector, and I am grateful for her continued service as my Deputy.

After April 1st each year, the Tax office in the Town Hall is closed, please call the County Treasurer (518) 884-4724 for amount due and payment instructions.

Susan McBurnie, Tax Collector

DOG CONTROL

New York State Law requires that all dogs be licensed and be vaccinated for rabies. Licenses can be purchased at the Town Clerk's office. The fee is \$8 for spayed /neutered and \$13.50 for unsprayed/unneutered dogs. The Town Board is looking to have a dog enumeration done, and owners with unlicensed dogs will be fined \$25.00 for each unlicensed dog plus license fees.

Free* rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats are available on select Tuesdays (see calendar on page 1) at the: 4-H Training Center, 556 Middleline Road, Ballston Spa. For more information: Saratoga County Animal Shelter, 885-4113 *(They will gladly accept donations!)

WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Reading Cards are mailed by April 30th each year. It is a two-part mailing with return postage. If you do not receive a meter card in the mail, please call the Water Department at 384-0152, extension 215 to request a card to be re-mailed.

An **\$85.00 penalty** is charged for the following two reasons:

1. No reading card is returned with a reading
2. The card was received with a postmark after May 25th.

Water Bills are mailed June 30th each year and payable until July 31st without penalty. Penalty is assessed on any payment received with a postmark date after July 31st. at a rate of 5%. Water Bills can be paid to Charlton Water District #1 until November 1st. After this date, delinquent water bills are sent to the county to be added to the tax bill for the following year.

Please contact Kim Caron or Doug Flynn in the Water Dept, at 384-0152 x 215 with any concerns.

BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

All residential brush burning is prohibited by NYS DEC from March 16th through May 14th.

Changes were made to the Zoning Ordinance in 2015. You can find a copy online or at the Town Hall. Please contact us with any questions. We are happy to assist you.

TOWN HISTORIAN

The Historian's office and the Charlton Historical Society have teamed up to write a book about Charlton. The Charlton book will have information about the early Charlton settlers up through the current town. If you have any pictures or articles about old Charlton and would allow me to copy them, please call the Historian's office.

Several of the cemeteries in Charlton are in poor condition. If you are interested in working with a cemetery restoration team, please call the Historian's office. Nick Brino, along with his family and fellow Boy Scouts restored the Jeremiah Smith in 2014. Nick has volunteered to do a spring clean-up of the Jeremiah Smith as a community service project.

When the original town gazebo was removed, a box containing "Letterboxing" stamps and pads was found. If anyone knows what this program is about, please call the Historian's office.

Marv Livingston, Town Historian

MS4 ANNUAL REPORT

The Town of Charlton Annual MS4 Report will be available for comment at the Town Hall beginning April 4th.

NEWS FROM TOWN COMMITTEES

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Think Spring – Free Tree and Shrub Seedlings

Tree and shrub bare root seedlings will be available for distribution to Town residents **free of charge**. The tree seedlings include Colorado Blue Spruce and White Flowering Dogwood; the shrubs are Rose of Sharon and Common Lilac. Pickup will be inside the Town Highway Dept Garage on Jockey Street on Saturday, April 23rd between Noon and 1 PM on a first come basis. Planting instructions will be provided. Proof of your Town address will be required (that is the only requirement).

Roadside Clean-up Day

The Charlton ECC will sponsor the Annual Roadside Clean-up on Saturday, April 23rd from 8 am until Noon. The Charlton Highway Dept Garage on Jockey Street will be the base of operations for the clean-up. We will have refreshments available for volunteers. The Town Highway Dept will provide trash bags and safety vests and will dispose of the litter that is collected. All individuals, families and other groups are welcome to participate. **It is ESSENTIAL that ALL volunteers SIGN UP IN ADVANCE to avoid overlapping** by calling Marv Schorr, ECC Chairman at 399-4161.

VETERANS MEMORIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

Memorial Day Ceremony – May 30, 2016 at 2:00 PM in Gideon Hawley Park by our new Town Gazebo. We will pay tribute to all Charlton Veterans, past & present, and announce new name additions to the CHARLTON VETERANS BOARD. Thus far we have one new name to add before the May 1st deadline. The military service and town residency criteria is posted on the Town of Charlton website, or you may contact a member of the Veteran's Committee listed below. We'll have music, singing, and refreshments, along with solemn moments to remember our heroes and their sacrifices. Please help us to share these moments together and invite some friends to join us.

Veterans Committee Members:

George Eggleston, Peter Parker, Chuck Latham, Chairmann

"PARTY IN THE PARK"

Saturday June 4th (Founders' Weekend) 5:00-9pm at Elmer Smith Park

There will be an evening of live music and entertainment for the whole family ending with a spectacular fireworks show. The evening will include a rock climbing wall, petting zoo, fire juggler, games for children, sky divers, face painting, food and desserts.

BULK ITEM PICK-UP

County Waste will begin collecting in your area beginning May 23rd through May 27th. NOTE: Maximum pile size per household (must not exceed 4ft x 8ft x 4ft).

Acceptable: furniture, carpets/rugs (4ft or less, must be rolled) patio furniture, washer, dryer, hot water tank, stove, dishwasher, grill, sinks, toilets, cabinets, doors, countertops, screens, bicycles, lawn mowers, weed eaters, small automotive parts (no gas or oil), metal, shingles & household construction

Not Acceptable: refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, windows, tubs, hot tubs, riding mowers, sheds, TVs, computers, light bulbs, motor oil, tree stumps, logs, yard waste, tires, paint, stains, sealers, household chemicals, aerosol cans, gas cans, propane tanks, loose trash, construction & demolition materials, paver bricks, electronics.

Please contact County Waste at 877-7007 with questions. You can see the complete flyer at: www.townofcharlton.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHARLTON GARDEN CLUB

The Charlton Garden Club meets once a month in member's homes. Each month we have our business meeting & special speaker or activity. Our main purpose is to maintain the gardens of the Town. We have an annual Founders Day plant sale at the Maple Ave School House lawn area. Perennials, annuals & container arrangements will be available. Proceeds benefit the Charlton Garden Club and our community outreach projects. New Members are welcome. Contact President Emily Schmidt 399-3511 for information and questions.

Don't Miss the Charlton Garden Club's **FOUNDERS DAY ANNUAL PLANT SALE** • At the Farmers Market June 5th 11-4.

CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS—Everyone is welcome to participate in the Charlton Historical Society programs, activities, and projects.

- May 4 Joint program with Harmony Hall Potluck Supper and Performance
- May 30 Memorial Day Ceremony- Gideon Hawley Pk 2pm
- June 4&5 Founders' Day Weekend
- June 4&5 Art Show and Sale (Entries Needed)
- June 4&5 Museum Open
- June 4 Charlton 5k Run and Walk
- June 4 Party in the Park 5pm to Fireworks
- June 5 Farmers' Market 11 to 4pm
- June 5 Parade 2pm
- June 5 Dairy Princess Ice Cream Social – After parade

For more information about these events, go to the Charlton Historical Society <http://www.charltonnyhs.org> or contact Sue York at 399-3797 email yorkm474@aol.com or Alice Crotty at 399-4153 email crottyao@aol.com.

FARMERS MARKET

THE 4TH FOUNDERS' DAY FARMERS MARKET IS BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

We are excited to bring back the 4th Founders' Day Farmers Market on Sunday, June 5 from 11:00 to 4:00 at the Charlton Historical Society. If you wish to participate, please go to charltonnyhs.org to print an application or contact Teresa Hart at teresahart3993436@gmail.com. (phone 399-3436) to receive an application. We look forward to saying hello to past vendors, meeting new vendors, and shoppers.



NOTE:
This event is totally paid for by donations.

To donate for the Party in the Park event, make checks payable to:
Town of Charlton,
758 Charlton Road,
Charlton, NY 12019

Donations received by 5/27 will be included in the Program flyer.