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**DEAR VILLAGE RESIDENTS,**



Happy New Year! We hope your Christmas season was filled with joy and good cheer. As we bid farewell to last year and welcome the new one, we would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made it memorable. Here's to a bright and exciting year ahead – along with a few reminders to kick things off right! For the latest updates, visit our website at [www.VillageOfMarcellusNY.gov](http://www.VillageOfMarcellusNY.gov).

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

The Village Christmas Tree Lighting has been a beloved tradition at the Village Point since 1913! A big shout-out to the Christoff Family for donating this year's stunning tree, and to Next Generation Solar for providing the lift to make it shine this year. And of course, a huge thank you to all the Village and Town employees who helped everything run smoothly. You made the magic happen!



**YES, THERE IS CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP!**

Christmas tree curbside pickup is back! The Highway Department will begin on Monday, January 5, 2026, and continue through the end of January. After that, you may drop your trees off behind the Village Hall, just like you do with brush during the year.

**FLOWER BASKET PROGRAM**

The Village is keeping the Flower Basket Program blooming this spring – with a little help from MCSD students! This year, students have been preparing the hanging baskets and growing the flowers in the new greenhouse at the Agriculture Center. We are so grateful for their hard work and for the community's continued support in keeping Marcellus looking beautiful!

**GREEN GATEWAY PROJECT**

Big things are happening at The Green Gateway! Thanks to funding secured through County Executive Ryan McMahon, the Village is moving forward with plans for a new pavilion and ADA-accessible fishing ramp. The project will be going out to bid this winter, and we are hopeful to see shovels in the ground this Spring! It's an exciting step toward creating a more welcoming and accessible space for everyone to enjoy.

**MAYOR'S CORNER**

As winter begins in our Village, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our residents, volunteers, and Village employees for their continued dedication to our community. The winter months present unique challenges, and I thank our Department of Public Works and emergency services for their ongoing efforts to maintain safe roads and essential services. Please remember to take extra caution during this season, allow our crews time to clear streets and sidewalks, and look out for those who may need a helping hand. I encourage all residents to comply with winter parking regulations and check on neighbors who may require assistance. On behalf of the Village Board, I wish you a safe, healthy, peaceful winter season, and I thank you for your continued cooperation. We are proud to serve such a strong and caring community!



As always, I welcome your comments and concerns. Please don't hesitate to reach out at [Mayor@VillageOfMarcellusNY.gov](mailto:Mayor@VillageOfMarcellusNY.gov). May the holiday season bring you and your family peace and happiness!

**STREET AND SIDEWALK PLOWING**

Our amazing Village DPW team is hard at work keeping streets and sidewalks safe this winter – but we need your help too! Please remember to keep your sidewalks clear of snow and ice, and if you use a snowplow service, kindly ask them not to push snow onto the sidewalks. Let's also keep streets and Village property clear whenever possible. Working together, we can make winter in Marcellus safe, smooth, and enjoyable for everyone. Thanks for being such great neighbors!

**VILLAGE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:  
CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC**

24 E Main Street

Cornerstone Family Chiropractic is proud to serve our Village with gentle, family-centered chiropractic care. Dr. Michelle Goldych works with patients of all ages to support mobility, relieve discomfort, and promote overall wellness in a warm, welcoming setting. She even has extra training for pregnant women and kids. Learn more or book an appointment online at [www.TheCornerstoneFamily.com](http://www.TheCornerstoneFamily.com) or call 315-288-3633.



**SAVE THE DATE: OLDE HOME DAYS – June 5–June 7, 2026!**

A beloved Marcellus tradition, Olde Home Days, was reintroduced in 1995 following the Town of Marcellus Bicentennial Celebration in 1994. Community members wanted to keep the festive spirit alive, reviving the historic celebrations held in Marcellus during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The event also continues the legacy of the Fireman's Field Days, hosted by the Marcellus Fire Department in the mid-to-late 20<sup>th</sup> century. This year promises another fun-filled weekend for the whole community to enjoy – mark your calendars!



## WINTER PARKING REMINDER

Winter is here, which means overnight parking rules are back in effect! From November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>, there is **no parking on Village streets between 2am-7am**. Forget, and you might find a friendly reminder in the form of a ticket from our Village Police. Please also remember not to park on the Village right-of-way (the grassy area between the sidewalk and the road) or on the sidewalks themselves. Let's keep our streets clear and safe for snow removal! Need a spot to park overnight? The Village offers two municipal lots – one behind the Village Hall on Slocombe Ave and the other off West Main Street, just west of the Catholic Church. Stay safe, stay warm, and park smart, Marcellus!



## TRIVIA QUESTION

**Answer from Fall 2025:** Folklore has it that the Scots who came in the 1880s to work in the woolen mill at the corner of Orange and Maple Streets weren't particularly happy about the road directly behind the mill being named Limerick Street and the next road up being Dublin Road, both named for the Irish. So, in order to have their homeland represented, the street in front of the upper mill was named Orange Street, and the street facing the lower mill was named Scotch Hill Road.



**Winter Trivia Question:** Who was the first doctor in Marcellus, arriving in the winter of 1795/1796, who also served as the first postmaster as well as the Sheriff of Onondaga County? Which of his brothers owned the local tavern and sawmill?

Be sure to look for the answer in the Spring 2026 newsletter!

## BALTIMORE WOODS WINTER FARMERS MARKET

Are you missing the Market on Main from this summer? The Winter Farmer's Market at Baltimore Woods is here to keep local flavors going! Held on the second Saturday of each month from November through April, 10am-1pm, upcoming dates are January 10, February 14, March 14, and April 11. For the latest updates or any changes to market hours, check [www.baltimorewoods.org/winter-farmers-market-at-baltimore-woods](http://www.baltimorewoods.org/winter-farmers-market-at-baltimore-woods). Enjoy fresh, local produce and artisanal goods all winter long!



Baltimore Woods  
Nature Center  
*Nature in your hands*

## FROM CHIEF RICH CURRAN

Our former Police Chief, Bernie Podsiadlik, has recently retired after 15 years of service to the Marcellus Police Department. (Bernie also had a very extensive 34-year-long career with the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, working primarily as a K9 Road Sergeant). I retired from the Syracuse Police Department in 2016 and started working for the Marcellus Police Department shortly thereafter. The Marcellus Police Department is staffed primarily with retired part-time police officers who worked for much larger departments like the Sheriff's Office or Syracuse Police. To date in 2025, the Marcellus Police Department has responded to 863 calls and incidents. This includes suspicious persons/vehicles, crimes in progress, traffic accidents, domestic disputes, traffic stops, and property checks. I would like to thank the Marcellus Fire Department for assisting with the Christmas



Tree Lighting Ceremony. The event was well attended, and the kids had a blast riding the horse drawn Sleigh through the Village!

Former Syracuse Police Officer, Kasey Fellows, has been hired to bolster patrol staffing and in October Police Officer John Kritzer was promoted to Police Sergeant. Please be advised that Overnight Parking Restrictions on Village Streets are in effect from 2am-7am until April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Village DPW works very hard on efficient snow removal to facilitate safe travel for Emergency Vehicles, School Buses, and Village Residents. We currently have 1 Residential Property Check for a Family that left at the end of October and will be returning in May. If a Village Resident (or Family) is planning on leaving their residence for a period of time and wants the Marcellus Police Department to conduct regular property checks to make sure their residence is secure, please stop by the Marcellus Police Station, where you can file a property check request. In the past, we used to have as many as 5 or 6 Residential Property Checks during the Winter as their respective residents left for a few months for warmer weather. Finally, on behalf of the members of the Marcellus Police Department, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays, and we look forward to a productive and safe 2026!

## MARCELLUS HEALTH LOAN CLOSET

Since 1942, the Marcellus Health Loan Closet at 6 Slocombe Ave has been a trusted resource for residents of the Marcellus Central School District. The Closet offers free short-term loans of medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, knee scooters, and more – helping neighbors care for loved ones or recover comfortably at home. To check availability or arrange a pickup or return, contact the Village Clerk at 315-673-3112 ext. 1 or email [clerk@villageofmarcellusny.gov](mailto:clerk@villageofmarcellusny.gov). We are always happy to help!

## VILLAGE ELECTION INFO

The Village General Election will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Village Hall. Polls will be open from Noon to 9pm, and the offices to be filled this year are those of the Mayor (4-year term) and Trustee (4-year term). For election information, including voter registration and absentee/early mail voting, please visit the Onondaga County Board of Elections website at <https://onondaga.gov/elections>.

## SOME REMINDERS

The Village Office will be closed on Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, and Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, and **trash collection WILL NOT BE DELAYED**. On Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, the Office will be closed to honor Martin Luther King Jr., and also closed on Monday, February 16, 2026, for Presidents' Day. There will be **NO** trash delays on these days. Thank you for reading this newsletter, and we hope that the New Year is a bright and happy one for you and yours!



Chad Clark, Mayor  
Timothy Manahan, Trustee  
James Curtin, Trustee  
Charnley Abbott, Clerk  
Jennifer Plis, Treasurer  
Jeffrey Brown, Attorney