

Updates From the Mayor

July 2025

- a. Brush Pick-up – as was mentioned at earlier meetings, the Village Board and DPW are going to continue the policy established previously for Brush Pickup. Spring brush pickup has ended, and during the summer months (June, July, and August), brush may be placed at the curb on Saturdays and Sundays for pickup on the first Monday of each month. Village residents should not put yard waste out to the curb for pick-up until the scheduled weekend. Residents are welcome to bring yard waste to the compost pile next to the Highway garage at any time. Also, please do not sweep yard debris into the road. This often causes storm sewers to become obstructed and creates a serious hazard for motorcyclists.
- b. Green Gateway – ADA Fishing Ramp - The DPW has also been prepping the site for the ADA compliant fishing ramp at the Green Gateway. TDK Engineering should have the final design for the fishing ramp and pavilion completed by August 1st.
- c. During July and August an intern student from Binghamton University will be working closely with operators at WPCP two days a week. This internship is sponsored through NYWEA.
- d. DPW has been trimming trees along the sidewalks in the Village and maintaining the hanging flower baskets in the Village Center.
- e. A reminder to all Village of Marcellus residents, businesses and those in Town Sewer Districts #1 and #2 — please don't pour paint, gasoline, or other hazardous substances down your drains. Our water pollution control plant is much smaller than county facilities, and during the evening and overnight hours, the flow into the plant is very low. That means when something like a gallon of paint or fuel gets dumped — we see (and smell) it the next day. Recently, we've noticed increased grease accumulation, odor of gasoline and even seen red paint coming through the system. This isn't just a nuisance — it can harm our equipment, disrupt the treatment process, and impact the environment. While larger plants can rely on dilution, we can't. What goes down the drain here stays concentrated — and even a small amount can have big consequences over time. Please dispose of paint, fuel & chemicals properly at a household hazardous waste facility. If you're unsure where to take them, refer to the "How do I get rid of ...?" search engine on the home page of OCRRA.org, or give the Plant a call (315-673-4491) — we're happy to help!
- f. The asset management pilot program with the DEC is still underway for the WPCP and collection system.
- g. The summer Newsletter was sent out to Village Residents, extra copies can be found at the Village Hall, Town Hall, and Library.
- h. The Village DPW and Town DPW worked together in early July to pave South Street. Thank you to residents and visitors for their patience and cooperation while the paving took place.
- i. SRO Contracts with the Marcellus, Onondaga, Tully and Lyncourt School Districts have been negotiated and signed by all parties concerned.
- j. Compost Project – compost continues to be available for residents, on a first-come-first served basis, and if any residents cannot pick up compost during normal business hours, please call the Treatment Plant (315-673-4491) to make an appointment with one of the operators. The operators are available to answer questions and to help load compost for residents.
- k. Summer Community Events – A series of summer concerts held during June, July and August at Marcellus Park Annex Pavilion, Thursday nights from 7 – 8:30 p.m., are free and appropriate for the entire family. There is a full list of concert listings and other events and programs available on the Town website at Marcellusny.com or call the Marcellus Parks and Recreation Department (315-673-3269, ext. 2) for more information. Friends of Marcellus Park will have food and beverages available for purchase. The Marcellus Farmers Market begins August 6th. The market will take place on Main St on Wednesdays from 37pm thru September 10th featuring fresh local produce, baked goods, and crafters. For more information, or to become a vendor, contact John Lischak at 315-415-3152 or john@finderskeepersmining.com