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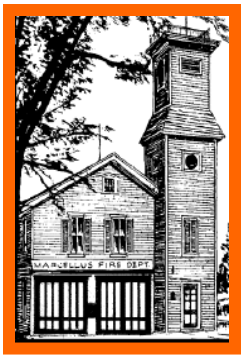

DEAR VILLAGE RESIDENTS,
As summer winds down and we look forward to a beautiful autumn, we want to keep you in the loop. For the latest updates on Village news, events, and more, be sure to check out our website at **villageofmarcellusny.gov**. And if you have any questions or thoughts, don't hesitate to reach out using the email above—we'd love to hear from you!

NEW EMPLOYEES

The Marcellus Police Department has recently welcomed two veteran police officers from the Syracuse Police Department. Officer Jeremy Decker was hired in April, and Officer Darrin Ettinger was hired in May. The two officers now make up our B Watch shift, working from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In addition to directing traffic for school buses in the morning, they will be stepping up enforcement of the 20-mile-per-hour school zone.

FALL LEAF PICKUP

It's that season again, and the Village DPW has got your back with the fall leaf pickup schedule!

Mark your calendars:
Leaf Pickup: Mondays – October 5th through November 9th

Tips for a Smooth Pickup:
• Place leaves on the grass between the sidewalk and the road.
• Please do not rake leaves into the street. Keep leaves within the Village right-of-way.

After November 9th:
• Use large brown paper bags (**NO PLASTIC**) for leaf collection and place them at the curb.
• Drop off leaves (**NO PLASTIC**) anytime at the Village compost site next to the Village DPW garage.

Brush Pickup Has Ended for the Season
Thank you to everyone who took advantage of the Village's brush pickup service this year! Brush can still be brought to the Village's compost pile 24/7 behind the Village Hall. **Questions? Call the Village Office at 315-673-3112.** Let's keep our Village clean and beautiful all season long!

NY FORWARD UPDATES

We're excited to keep the community updated as the NY Forward process moves along! A public meeting will be held Nov 4th at 6pm in the Highschool LGI room. Residents will have an opportunity to learn more and share comments on the projects currently on the list. The latest information can always be found on the Village website and Facebook page.

NO PARKING

As we approach the winter months, we remind residents that there is no overnight parking (from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.) on Village streets from November 1st to April 1st. We urge residents to use the Village parking lots for overnight parking.

SCHOOL IS OPEN!!!

Fall is here and school is back in session, which means more activity in and around the Marcellus School District campus. With students walking, biking, and buses picking up and dropping off, both foot traffic and vehicle traffic increase this time of year.

Please stay alert and be especially cautious of:
-Stopped school buses loading and unloading students
-Children walking to and from school
-School zone speed limits

School zones are posted at 20 mph, and First Street—where many children cross—is posted at 25 mph. Please slow down, watch crosswalks, and remember speeding tickets will be enforced. Our children are our most valuable treasure. Let's work together to keep them safe!

HALLOWEEN IN THE VILLAGE

Marcellus has a full month of festive fun planned for Halloween!

Marcellus Boo Fest - October 24th – 2pm–5pm
Hosted by Marcellus Together, enjoy spooktacular family fun along Main St, featuring trick or treating on Main Street, mini pumpkin decorating, pumpkin word puzzle and more surprises. A family-friendly way to get in the spirit before trick-or-treating begins!

Trick-or-Treating on First Street - October 31st – 5:30pm–8:30pm
A long-standing village tradition! Neighbors go all out with decorations, costumes, and of course, plenty of candy.
Make it a Halloween to remember right here in the Village of Marcellus!

MARTISCO LIONS CLUB

For more than 50 years, the Martisco Lions Club has been making a difference in Marcellus and surrounding communities. From supporting local families and food pantries to fire departments, scholarships, and community projects, the Lions are always looking for ways to lend a hand. Want to get involved? The Martisco Lions welcome visitors and new members at their monthly meetings, held the second Thursday of each month at their clubhouse, 2929 Marietta Road, Marietta.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: RYAN FUNERAL HOME

44 East Main Street

For over 70 years, Ryan Funeral Home has been a trusted part of the Marcellus community, caring for local families through some of life's most difficult moments. As a family-owned and operated business, they provide compassionate, personal care while helping families create meaningful ways to honor their loved ones. Ryan Funeral Home is proud to continue its tradition of serving Marcellus and the surrounding communities with kindness and understanding. For more information, please call Mary Ryan Carlton at (315) 673-2345.

MAYOR'S CORNER

As we say goodbye to another great summer in Marcellus and welcome the beautiful colors of fall, I want to take a moment to reflect on what makes our community so special.

It was wonderful to see our Village active and full of energy throughout the summer. From community events and activities to neighbors gathering, local businesses staying busy, and families enjoying all that Marcellus has to offer, it was a great reminder of what a thriving community looks like. The summer seemed to fly by so fast and now we're ready for the Fall Season!

Now, as we begin another school year, there is a renewed sense of excitement throughout our community. Our students, teachers, coaches, parents, and staff bring so much energy and pride to Marcellus. I wish everyone a successful and enjoyable school year filled with new opportunities, friendships, and accomplishments.

Thank you for making Marcellus the wonderful community it is. I look forward to all that the coming months will bring and to continuing to work together to make our Village an even better place to live, work, and raise a family. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and beautiful Fall!

NEW BUSINESS ON MAIN STREET

Please join us in welcoming Sage & Thyme to Main Street! The new business has opened in the former Gretchen's Confections storefront, bringing a fresh new addition to our downtown. Be sure to stop in, check them out, and show our newest local business some love!

STRESS-FREE HOLIDAYS

Enjoy the holidays without a plumbing headache! Never pour cooking grease down the drain. Instead, let it cool, pour it into a heat-safe container, refrigerate until solid, and toss it in the trash. Scrape food scraps into the garbage, wipe greasy dishes with a paper towel, and use a sink strainer to keep grease and food out of your pipes. A little prevention goes a long way toward keeping your holidays stress-free!

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The Marcellus Police Department is a part-time police agency, and officers provide coverage throughout the week. As always, if police assistance is needed**, please call 911**. If a Marcellus Police Officer is working, he or she will be dispatched automatically. If a Marcellus officer is not available, the call will be handled by the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office or New York State Police.

Halloween falls on a Saturday this year, and the Police Department will once again be working a detail focused on First Street to help ensure the safety of our trick-or-treaters and their parents. Please remember to slow down, watch for pedestrians, and enjoy a safe Halloween!

NEW CASH PAYMENT POLICY

Effective October 1, 2026, **cash payments must be made in the exact amount due**. Village employees will not be able to provide change. Other payment methods remain unchanged.

TRIVIA QUESTION

Answer from Summer 2026: The Village water supply was acquired in 1909. **Fall Trivia Question:** When was the original Alvord House Restaurant constructed? Be sure to look for the answer in the Winter 2026 newsletter!

GREEN GATEWAY PARK PROJECT UPDATES

The Green Gateway Project continues to move forward! The pavilion pad is now complete and will soon become the site of a beautiful pavilion for community gatherings, student educational activities, and events.

The first phase of the ADA-compliant fishing platform and ramp along Nine Mile Creek has also been installed. Once complete, it will provide the first ADA-compliant fishing access on Nine Mile Creek.

These projects are the result of years of student-led work through MCSD Professional Pathways and the dedication of many community partners. A special thank you to Tyler Cooper and the MCSD students, TDK Engineering, Dan Bishop with DEC Fish and Wildlife, the Village DPW, Town Highway Department, Small Town Earthworks, Vitale, Heidelberg, and everyone who has helped bring these projects to life.

We also sincerely thank Senator Rachel May's office and County Executive Ryan McMahon's office for their funding support. We look forward to continuing this partnership with MCSD students and watching Green Gateway continue to grow!

As a reminder, The Green Gateway is a **carry-in, carry-out park**. Please take all trash with you and help us keep this beautiful space clean.

THANK YOU

The Village extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped care for the flower boxes and hanging baskets this year, especially Kathy Welsh and the Village DPW. Their dedication kept our Village looking beautiful all summer long! A special thank you to the students and teachers at Marcellus Central School District for their creativity and hard work in making this year's hanging baskets possible. We look forward to planning next year's baskets with them and continuing this wonderful community partnership!

OTHER REMINDERS

<u>The Village Office will be closed on the following dates. Please note there will be no changes to trash pickup:</u>

Columbus Day - October 12th – normal trash pick-up this week
Veterans Day - November 11th – normal trash pick-up this week
Thanksgiving Day - November 26th and 27th – normal trash pick-up
Christmas Day - December 25th – normal trash pick-up
New Year's Eve – December 31st – normal trash pick-up

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