

Updates From the Mayor

March 2026

- AIM Funding- Across New York State, city and village mayors, managers and administrators signed NYCOM's letter to State Leaders requesting an increase in municipal aid in the 2026-27 State Budget.
- No Parking – regulations during the winter months, which calls for no parking on any Village streets from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m., ends on April Fool's Day, April 1st - no fooling!
- Sign Placement – soon the Highway Department will re-install pedestrian crossing signs on Main Street in the Village. The signs are placed in the road, near the crosswalks, warning motorists that all vehicles must yield to pedestrians who are walking the crosswalk – a New York State law. It is hoped that the signs will make it easier for pedestrians, particularly schoolchildren, to cross Main Street safely as well as cause motorists to slow down as they approach these crosswalks.
- Utility Bills – the utility bill that residents receive in April is the last bill for our fiscal year. Residents should note that if not paid by April 30, 2026, the outstanding amount plus and additional \$100 fee per account, will be re-levied to the tax bill for June 1, 2027. Please note that, unlike previous utility bills, payment for this final bill for the year must be made within the month.
- Creek Walk – At first glance, it appears that the winter weather has not caused much damage to Fred's Trail. There were some hardy people who braved the elements to walk the trail this winter, although it was not officially open. We welcome the spring as well as those who will take advantage of this gem in our community.
- Budget – the Village Board is working to finalize the 2026-27 Village Budget in preparation for the Annual Meeting.
- Compost is available at the Village of Marcellus Wastewater Treatment Plant! Village residents can use the compost on new or established lawns, flower boxes & house plants, flower gardens, and vegetable gardens. Any Village residents can bring a container(s) to the WWTP at 6 Mile High Drive weekdays 8am-3pm. First come first serve. If you would like confirmation of availability, please leave a message at 315-673-4491.
- Increase In Sewer and Refuse Rates – At the December 2025 meeting, the Village Board approved an increase in sewer and refuse rates, effective January 1, 2026. The utility bill received by residents in April will be the first time the new rates are reflected.
- Property Tax Cap – as was mentioned, our Budget is complicated by the property tax cap of 2%, which is another State mandate and at our recent meeting, the Board decided to override the tax cap. We might note that there seems to be no meaningful relief from continuous unfunded State mandates and these mandates, coupled with a cap on the Board's ability to raise revenue, it is sometimes difficult to plan or even survive.
- We are excited to welcome a new operator Tristan Duger to the WPCP and are currently working on training to get him up to speed.
- DPW crew is looking ahead to Spring and will begin addressing plow damage to streets and sidewalks as soon as the weather conditions allow.
- Thank you to our residents for helping protect our sewer system by ensuring sump pumps are not connected to sanitary sewer lines. Your efforts help prevent unnecessary strain on the system, reduce the risk of backups, and keep everything running smoothly for the entire community.

- Brush pickup starts March 30th and will continue through May 4th. Brush may be placed at the curb on Saturdays and Sundays only for pick-up on Mondays.
- Planning Symposium?
- NYF?