



Village of Barker

Spring Newsletter



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Village Office Hours
9:00-Noon 1:00-4:00pm
Monday thru Friday

Village Police Dept.
716-795-3207
Dial 911 for an Emergency

Mayor's Message

As the weather turns warmer we say goodbye to Winter and hello to Spring. With this comes a great deal of work whether you are a home owner, a business, a renter or a municipality everyone has one thing on their mind "Spring cleaning" .

The Winter weather and wind wreaks havoc on everything from roofs to gutters to tree limbs and the like. At this time of year we all strive to erase these signs of the season past and embrace the season to come.

In the next couple of months the Village itself has a lot on the agenda-our "Spring cleaning" . New Welcome to the Village signs will be going up. The Village Hall is getting a face lift, intersections will be resurfaced and pot holes filled amongst a myriad of other things.

We invite you to come look around and feel free to comment on how these things turn out. Also we encourage you to do the same at your location to continue to make Barker a picturesque Village to travel through and live.

-Aaron Nellist



From left to Right: Mayor Aaron Nellist, Trustee Scott Matheis and Trustee Gregory Kerth being sworn in by Town Justice Donald Martineck at the Annual Organizational Meeting on April 6th, 2015



March 18, 2015 Election Results



The annual Village Election was held on Wednesday, March 18th from Noon until 9:00pm in the Village Board Room. A total of 95 ballots were cast for the offices of Mayor and two Trustees.

The results for the office of Mayor was incum-

bent Aaron Nellist with 52 votes and Herbert Meyer with 42 votes.

The results for the office of Trustees was Gregory Kerth with 78 votes and Scott Matheis with 86 votes. Congratulations to all who were elected to Office!

A big thanks goes to our dedicated Election Chairperson, Lois Neithe, who completed her 18th year of service and Election Inspector, Grace Bodine. These ladies do a great job and we are truly grateful for their many year of service to the Village.



Spring Reminders from DPW Superintendent and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Remington



Spring means clean up time!

Please take the time to get rid of junk and debris to keep your yard looking nice! It doesn't cost anything to be neat and tidy. Our trash pick-up allows one large item a week. We have a dumpster available located by the highway garage behind Ridge Road Express. Electronics are collected at the Town Water and Sewer Plant on Tuesdays from 7:00am - 3:00pm.

As Village residents you are only allowed ONE unregistered vehicle per property. This includes boats, snowmobiles, trailers, etc.

Please keep your lawns mowed. The Village code requires lawns to be kept under 6 inches.

Building permits are required for pools and most home improvements. Please call the Village office at 795-3777 before you begin a

project.

The chipping service is provided for residents that have fallen limbs or branches. When removing trees from your property it is your responsibility to remove debris, these items will NOT be chipped. If you are having a tree service trim or remove trees from your residence it is the tree services responsibility to remove all limbs and debris created from the work that was performed. Due to the condition of our chipper we are unable to take care of vines of any kind, leaves, grass, shrubs or any branch that is more than 3" in diameter. ALL vines, leaves, grass, shrubs and small twigs need to be bagged and put out to the road for pick up on garbage day or take them to the public works garage dumpster. All limbs and branches put to the curb for chipping are to be BUTT ENDS TO THE STREET, which aids in easier feeding of the chipper, and the pile may be NO MORE than 3' HIGH. Please be aware

of sidewalks and streets when placing limbs to the curb, the limbs should NOT be blocking the sidewalks or be in the road at any time. Chipping is only done when TIME ALLOWS by the Public Works Department.

Thank you!


Thank you for your cooperation!!!

THANK YOU to all the diligent residents who cleared snow away from the fire hydrants this winter. A majority of the Public Works time was spent clearing the streets and municipal parking lots of snow, which didn't leave much time for anything

Things to Look For...



This Spring and Summer you will see some sprucing up around the Village. The Niagara County work crew will be scraping and repainting the Village Hall and Library in July, as long as the weather cooperates. The work crew will also be cleaning the ditch by the Fire Department in May. A new front door will be installed on the Village Hall, which will be equipped with an ADA approved door handle. You will also see four new "Welcome to the Village" signs that are being painted by Mark

Weld, which will replace the old, dated ones. As well as, a fresh coat of stain being applied to the playground next to the Library by a local Bible study group as a service project.

In late March early April you will notice large equipment and work being done on East Avenue between Main Street and Church Street. A need for approximately 420 feet of new water main needs to be installed, which will service a residence, the Police Station and Barker Brewing.

This water improvement will also allow future connections of water to the other parcel of land that has sold, as well as the bunk houses/back property that is still on the market. The work should be completed within a couple weeks from the start date and will ensure all residences and businesses within the Village limits will have an adequate water supply for many years to come. The East Avenue Water Main Extension Project was funded by the use of Reserve money that was earmarked for water repairs.



Parental Reminder



In recent years a lot of vandalism has taken place on and to Village property. Please be aware of where your children are at all times, as well as who they are with. In the past we have pursued restitution for the damages and will continue to do so in the future. It's not fair for the tax payers to pay for the damages caused due to the lack of respect for others property. Ultimately if your child is caught vandalizing property the parent will be responsible for

making sure the restitution is paid in a timely manner. The playground next to the Library has been abused horribly the last couple of years with graffiti, broken rungs on the ladders and stones being put inside the slide and other areas. This behavior has to stop, a few are going to ruin it for all the children who utilize this area. Please discuss these issues with your children before they head out to play. Thank You!

New Website Launch

The Village is in the process of developing a new website that will be extremely more efficient and contain much more information than our current website. All forms used will now be available online, as well as links to other forms of government from County, State and Federal. As well, as a new section named "I want to..." this will give various information from reporting a street light outage, registering to vote, various refuse pick up details and much more. **Look for this around May 1st and let us know what you think!**

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Village Police Department Reminders



As the spring and summer season is approaching, bike operation will increase. In an effort to keep children safe we encourage you to make sure your children have an approved helmet for these activities. All bicyclist, skate boarders and in line skaters under the age of 14 must wear approved helmets and ride in a specially designed child safety seat. Our officers will be educating youth that are not in compliance to make sure they operate with a helmet. Children under the age of one are prohibited from being transported on a bicycle. [Section 1238(5), NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law]

Effective January 1, 1996, in-line skaters under the age of 14 are required to wear approved bicycle helmets. [Section 1238(5-a), NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law]

Effective July 1, 2002, persons under the age of 14 years old are required to

wear certified bicycle helmets when riding a non-motorized scooter. [Section 1238(5-b), NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law]

Effective January 1, 2005, persons under the age of 14 years old are required to wear certified bicycle helmets when operating a skateboard. [Section 1238(2-a), NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law]

Any parent or guardian whose child violates the helmet law is subject to a fine of up to \$50. [Section 1238(3)(6a), NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law]

Also with warmer weather we have seen an increase of youth out late at night into early morning hours. This creates the opportunity for vandalism and criminal mischief. Our evening patrols will be enforcing the village curfew that prohibits

unattended youth under the age of 18 to be out after 10:00 pm. We ask all parents to make sure their children are not out after hours as they are responsible under the law. Many times children from out of the village stay with friends and are not familiar with the curfew. With your help we can keep vandalism and noise complaints from occurring. As always if you have an emergency please call 911 for help. Our local number is 795-3207. If you are planning on being away stop by the village office and fill out a vacation check form. We would be glad to keep an eye on your residence while you are away. Have a safe summer everyone.

~ Chief Ross Annable

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Enclosed

Inserted inside this newsletter you will find a copy of the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, which provides the residents of the Village with detailed information about their drinking water/water supply. If you have any questions contact Mark Remington, DPW Superintendent, at the Village Office at 716-795-3777. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.



Niagara County FREE Rabies Clinics-2015

Saturday, April 11 at the Town of Hartland Highway Garage, 2:00-4:00pm
Phone: 735-7179

Saturday, June 6 at Hyde Park-Oasis/Centennial Pavilion (behind the ice arena) 9:00-11:00am Phone: 286-4940

Saturday, July 11 at the Town of Lewiston Highway Garage, 9:00-11:00am
Phone: 754-8213

Saturday, September 19 at the Town of Lockport Highway Department, 9:00-11:00am Phone: 439-9524

Saturday, December 5 at the City of North Tonawanda-Public Works Department, 2:00-4:00pm Phone: 695-8585

Dog Control Officer Reminders

It is State Law to license your dog. If you haven't done so yet, please visit the Town of Somerset Town Hall to get a license. The cost is \$6.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$16.00 for unspayed/ unneutered dogs. You will need proof of a current rabies vaccination. A dog license can make for a happy reunion if your dog is caught running at large. If the owner of a dog unable to be located they are taken to Fort Hyde Kennels, which is costly.



Dogs are required to be under the control of the owner at all times.



The Village of Barker Farmers Market



Since 2005 the Village's David Barker Park has played host to a lovely Farmers Market that drew people into the Village weekly to purchase their local goods. The 2015 season will be spearheaded by the Village and run through the Village Office. The Village wanted to ensure that this treasure to our community was not lost. The Farmers Market will be slightly different than what people are used to, but with short notice we

will make due for this year.

The Farmers Market will run on Thursdays from 5:00-7:30pm in the David Barker Park located on the corner of Quaker Road and Main Street. The kick-off date will be July 9th and the end date will be October 15th. The vendors will sell farm produce, food products and nursery products only. Entertainment will not be provided on a weekly basis.

If you know any food or nursery related vendors that would like to participate encourage them to stop by the Village Office and fill out a registration form. We are still trying to reach out to vendors that have been here in the past, so if you know of one please feel free to let us know and we'll reach out to them if we haven't already.

Happy Shopping!



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Niagara County Veterans Service Agency Visit

Calling all Vets!

If you are a Veteran and are unsure about the benefits you receive, you have the opportunity to meet with a representative from the County about helping you receive all that your entitled too.

**August 11th at the Town of Somerset
call 716-795-3575**

**December 8th at the Village of Barker
call 716-795-3777**

Please make an appointment, if you stop by without an appointment you will have to wait until there is an opening available. Each appointment is approximately one hour long. Please remember to **BRING YOUR SEPARATION PAPERS WITH YOU.**

Thank You for your Service!!!

Barker Fire Department

By: Fire Chief Scott Matheis Senior



I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of the Barker Fire Dept.

On Sunday April 19th we will be holding our annual spring raffle see any fireman for tickets

Also we would like to invite everyone out on Sunday April 26th for a state wide recruitment event. Recruit NY gives fire depts. A chance to meet with the community and discuss what its like to volunteer

With boating season around the corner The Niagara County Marine Division is holding a boater safety course at the Barker Fire Dept. on Saturday June 20th you can sign up at www.niagarasheriff.com. The Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Please remember that the NY Dec has issued a burning ban from March 16 until May 14th Violators of the open burning state regulation are subject to both criminal and civil enforcement actions, with a minimum fine of \$500 for a first offense. To [report environmental law violations](#) call 1-800-TIPP DEC (1-800-847-7332), or report online on DEC's website.

Hope everyone has a safe summer!