



VILLAGE OF BARKER



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we continue to move forward with our rebuilding efforts there several things I would like to make you aware of.

We have the former Village Hall & Library site graded and nearly shovel ready. Along those lines, we have been working hand in hand with the Barker Public Library board, MRB Group engineering and of course your Village Board to come up with intelligent designs to encompass the needs and desires of our residents to sustain us well into the future.

We were able with the assistance of Niagara County Department of Public Works to repair the area of Main Street & East Avenue that was in need of paving as a result of some water line work that needed to be completed after a water main leak.

In other Village

project news, we hope to have installed by mid October, the new sidewalk running along Quaker road (in front of the Barker Commons) from High Street to the Dollar General parcel, making easier and safer to get to our local businesses.

We would like to wish Bob Verheyen our part time Public Works Department laborer employee a wonderful and long lasting retirement. He was an asset to our community and will be missed. With that I would like to welcome aboard 3 new part time employees.

April Roessler and Jacob Laskey who work with our Public Works Department and our newest Police Officer Tony Bartucca and his K-9's King & Rocco. They have all been great additions to our workforce thus far.

Our Police Officers also took part in the Niagara County Law Enforcement warrant sweep done across the



county and beyond on September 18 & 19. I am happy to say it was all done safely and 112 individuals with outstanding warrants were apprehended, making our county a safer place to live.

Finally, I would like thank Seanna Corwin-Bradley our Deputy Mayor who has been working diligently to make this upcoming "Light Up Barker" event, the best Christmas celebration we've had in our community to date. I encourage everyone to attend and invite family and friends. Look for her article inside as to all the fantastic things that are planned.

As always you can reach out with any questions or concerns and I encourage you to attend any of our upcoming meetings.

In Your Service,
Mayor Aaron Nellist

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Halloween is that time of year when your children dress up as their favorite character in hopes of collecting as much candy as possible. **The hours for Trick and Treating in the Village of Barker will be Thursday, October 31 from 5 to 7 pm.**

Trick or Treat ?

Here are some precautions that parents and children can take. Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by another child or supervised by an adult. With the long hours of darkness and cold weather think about flashlights, hand warmers and warm clothing. Make sure your child's vision is not impaired by his costume.

Residents should have their porch light on, if they are willing to participate in the Trick or Treating event. Please use extreme caution driving around the Village.

Make sure to stop at the Barker Fire Hall to have K-9 Rocco and Officer Bartucca inspect your child's candy and enjoy a K-9 demonstration.



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A SPECIAL GUEST ARTICLE FROM UNDERSHERIFF MICHAEL FILICETTI, NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



In the coming days I will be sitting down to meet with Mayor Nellist and Chief Braugher to discuss some of the services offered by the Niagara County Sheriff's Office to the residents of Barker and all of Niagara County. I look forward to hearing their concerns and ideas to continue moving public safety forward in your village. In anticipation of our discussion I wanted to provide you with some of our services, safety tips and social media to keep you informed.

Part of being a responsible citizen is being aware of every day occurrences that can impact the roads you drive on or emergencies that occur. NY-Alert is a web based portal that allows state, county and local governments, emergency service agencies, colleges and universities, and private partners to provide emergency alert information and private notifications to a defined audience. NY-Alert warns citizens of critical information / emergencies and provides timely information to protect lives. Sign up for NY-Alert today to receive real-time warnings and emergency information directly via phone call, email, text message or fax. You can sign up for NY-Alert at alert.ny.gov.



One concern many people have is the security of their house while they are away on vacation. The Sheriff's Office regularly makes checks on houses and property all around Niagara County and we will gladly check on your house as part of our patrol in the Village of Barker. It is reassuring to know that we have your back and will keep an eye on things when you are unable to. If you

would like a check of your property while you are away, please call the main dispatch number, (716) 438-3393, to speak to a professional dispatcher and give the information for your house checks. Along the same lines is the security of our most highly valued items like our cars and recreational vehicles. I want to encourage each of you to remember to lock your car doors and remove all valuables from your vehicles when you have gone into your house for the night. If you have to leave anything of value outside while you are not there, make sure that you have secured it with a chain or some other device that will prevent it from being stolen. Our deputies are on the streets all the time but some simple steps like this may prevent you from becoming the victim of a crime.

In addition to these services, we have also partnered with the Niagara County Office for the Aging to equip vulnerable adults with GPS location bracelets. These bracelets are available for use with special needs children as well. If you are in need of this service you can contact Captain Robert Richards at (716) 438-3331 to discuss your need and come up with a plan to help you through this process.

We also have a number of trained child safety seat technicians and we conduct bike rodeos throughout the County in the warmer months. The child safety seat technicians can inspect your car safety seat and give instruction on how to properly install this valuable safety item in your car. Traffic Safety Educator Cathleen Davis can be contacted at (716) 438-3464 to arrange a car seat install or safety check and is always a great resource.

One additional program I would like to make you aware of is the Yellow Dot Program. This program is designed to give first



responders critical information about you and your family in the event of an accident or emergency in your house. When the yellow dot is located on your vehicle or house by a first responder, they know to look for important information, compiled by you, to assist in your family's medical treatment or conditions. Information regarding this program as well as packets to get you started can be obtained by contacting Lt. Tom Huff at (716) 438-3310.

Of course these services are just scratching the surface of services that are provided by the Sheriff's Office. All of our posts and press releases can be followed on social media. Like us on Facebook at Niagara County Sheriff, follow us on Twitter @NiagaraSheriff or Instagram #NiagaraSheriff and you can see our videos on YouTube by searching Niagara Sheriff. Please check out our new website, www.niagarasheriff.com. If you have a smart phone you can download our app by searching Niagara County Sheriff NY on google or the app store on iPhone.

I want to assure you that we will continue to work with the Village of Barker Police Department to offer the best possible public safety to you. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office stands with you while the village takes on the tremendous task of rebuilding.

It is a great honor to serve you every day. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any additional questions or concerns.

~Undersheriff Michael Filicetti



UPCOMING VILLAGE ELECTION-MARCH 18, 2020

"SOMEWHERE INSIDE ALL OF US IS THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD"

~RONALD DAHL

As elections grow nearer the need for community involvement becomes strikingly apparent. As a resident of the Village you have a voice and opinions, so please consider attending a monthly board meeting (check the website). Board Meetings are typically the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Village board room, unless it's a holiday.

We are a small community, which allows for active involvement in various ways. You can attend meetings, join a civic organization,

run for an elected position or ask around for other volunteer opportunities. We currently have a vacancy on the ethics board and planning board.

Our community is what we make it. All it takes is some leadership and a drive to want to make a difference. **This March we will have two Board seats on the ballot, both Trustees.** If you feel this is something you would be interested in, stop by the Village Office. Nominating petitions are available beginning Tuesday, January 3rd.

Let's do all we can to make our community quaint and distinctive, just like our residents.

***Reminder, you must be a registered voter to vote in a Village Election. It's very simple to do, just stop in the Village Hall and grab a form to mail to the Niagara County Board of Elections or visit our website under the "I Want To..." Tab.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WINTER REMINDERS

As another season has come and gone please remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. This little habit could save a life!

During the snowy winter please remember to try and keep the fire hydrant within your property limits clear of snow at all times. Please be aware of this if you contract to have your driveway plowed. This will make a difference for the fire fighters by saving precious time that could be used to fight the blazing fire.

On the same note please make sure the sidewalks are clear at all times. Last year we had many complaints about snow that was plowed into the sidewalks. Please be aware of this if you contract to have your driveway plowed. The sidewalks are a necessity to keep people safe and out of the way of oncoming traffic. It is the homeowners responsibility to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and debris. The Public Works Department will only clear snow from the sidewalks when time permits and the equipment is functioning properly.

Reminder that there is **NO PARKING** on Village streets from November 1-April 1st from 2:00am-6:00am to facilitate snow removal, which is enforced by our Police Department.



Lastly we would like to address the issue of chipping. 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. 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.

Last Day to put limbs and branches curbside for chipping will be **NOVEMBER 1st**.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely, Mark Remington

RECYCLING UPDATE

Our recycling carts are part of the solid waste solution, but we **HAVE** to be sure we are recycling correctly. Now more than ever before we need to rethink our plastics recycling. Everything we put into our bin or cart goes to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) where it travels along conveyors and sorted by a variety of sophisticated devices before preparing for resale. Non-recyclable



materials and excessive food residue that end up on these conveyors are causing serious problems and as a result, are increasing the

processing costs to manage our recycling. Non-recyclable plastics and food residue are bogging down the system and making processing more expensive, but also degrades the "good" stuff from the curbside recycling program. By following the quick guide below, we can all become better recyclers!

Please recycle plastic bottles and hard plastic containers.

DO NOT recycle Styrofoam or polystyrene, plastic wrap or plastic clam shell containers like the ones you purchase fruit in, or flexible packaging like chip bags.

Plastic shopping bags recycle by taking back to a store and double check plastic tubs to see if they are acceptable.

"LIGHT UP BARKER" COMMUNITY EVENT

The Village of Barker is excited to announce that we will be hosting our second annual **"Light Up Barker" celebration and contest on December 14, 2019** at the David Barker Park on Main Street in the Village!

Started in the 1990's by then Mayor, Cheryl Parr, Light up Barker was a Village wide home decorating contest and tree lighting ceremony. Judges would go through every street in the Village and award prizes to the best decorated homes.

In addition to the Light up Barker contest, this year will feature some new & exciting events and attractions including:



- *Barker Lions Chicken BBQ pre-sale tickets will be available with sides by Two Sisters Catering
- *Our first ever Light up Barker

5k race

- *A visit from Santa and Mrs. Clause
 - *Carriage rides by Hartland Carriage
 - *Petting Zoo by Ponies R Us WNY
 - *Official tree lighting ceremony and announcement of Light up Barker winners
- The following categories will be awarded:
- ~ Clark Griswold Award, White Christmas Award, Santa's choice award & for the businesses It's Beginning to Look A lot Like Christmas
 - *Christmas Ornament decorating
 - *Christmas themed story and crafts from the Barker Public Library
 - * Holiday crafts by the Lighthouse Optimists
 - * Winter themed games and face painting
 - *Tables and booths featuring local organizations & businesses

Chicken BBQ pre sale tickets will be available

beginning October 15th at the Barker Village Hall/ Police Department, Somerset Town Hall or by contacting any Village Board member.

For up to date announcements, schedule of events and more information, "Like" our Light Up Barker Facebook page!

If your business or organization would like to participate, please contact Deputy Mayor Seanna Corwin-Bradley at (585)590-2871, email barkertrusteebradley@gmail.com or pick up a vendor form at the Village Hall. All of us at the Village of Barker are so excited for our second annual holiday celebration and hope to see the whole Village there!



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WWW.VILLAGEOFBARKER.ORG

IT CONTAINS ALL KINDS OF
USEFUL INFORMATION!



Last Niagara County Free
Rabies Clinic for 2019 will be
held

**Saturday, December 7, 2019
2:00-4:00pm**

758 Erie Avenue, City of North
Tonawanda

Phone: 716-695-8585

Pre-Registration is available
at

www.nigaracounty.com/health

Arriving October & November @ the Barker Public Library

Twisted Twenty-six by Janet Evanovich
The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes
A Minute to Midnight by David Baldacci
The Rise of Magicks Book #3 by Nora Roberts

Child's Play by Lee Child
Quantum by Patricia Cornwell
Blue Moom by Lee Child

Stop in and check them out!!!

barkerpubliclibrary.com



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online at

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA
office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a
letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your
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