



Village of Barker Fall Newsletter



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As we wind down 2021, we're left with many changes due to COVID. The lifting of most of the restrictions has allowed us to experience things we missed sorely, although we must remain cautiously optimistic since COVID is still affecting many residents of Niagara County. It was amazing to see the Village bustling with activity with School open and the Homecoming activities were festive, as always.

The Village and Library boards are still working tirelessly on moving forward with the rebuilding of the Village Hall/Library lost in the devastating fire. The Village was able to settle the fire claim in September after two and a half years with a respectable figure that will allow both the Village & Library to move forward. The Library has secured grant funding from NYS Dept. of Education and the Village has applied for several grants to make up the difference. One grant was

denied, but there are two more that we are awaiting notification. In order to move the project ahead the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 8th, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall to explore bridging the financial gap with USDA funding in order to move forward with the project. Please consider attending to voice your opinion.

Thank you for your patience regarding trash collection and every other week recycling. Modern has been experiencing issues regarding labor and equipment. Next week the refuse consortium communities will have a meeting with Modern to discuss issues and come up with solutions. If you have any concerns you would like addressed please reach out to the Village Hall. If you experience issues regarding trash or recycling call Modern at 716-754-8226. This allows Modern to track issues and complaints.

In addition, please read the article from Niagara County Sherri Michael Filicetti regarding the new 10 digit dialing being required for all phone calls beginning October 24th, 2021. These are important changes that require some level of preparation to ensure a smooth transition.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner for being awarded NYS Association of City and Village Clerks, "Clerk of the Year" at their annual meeting held September 23, 2021. Amanda was awarded this honor out of 534 Villages and 62 Cities across NYS and is the first recipient in Niagara County.

In your Service,
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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

The hours for Trick and Treating in the Village of Barker will be Sunday, October 31 from 5 to 7:00pm. This year with the concern of COVID-19 we ask that you follow the guidelines posted on the Village website homepage to ensure a safe event for all.

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 during Trick or Treating hours.



The Barker Lions Club will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" along Main Street from 5:00-7:00pm. Fire Trucks from the Barker Fire Department will be in attendance, as well as donuts and cider in the Lions Club building, while supplies last.

UPCOMING VILLAGE ELECTION

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 at the Barker Fire Hall, 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.

Independent Nominating petitions are available beginning Tuesday, December 28th. 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 the Village Election.

**VILLAGE ELECTION
Tuesday, March 15, 2021
Noon to 9:00pm at the
Barker Fire Hall**



Have you moved recently or wish to change your party affiliation? It's important to update your information with the Niagara County Board of elections. You can register by filling out a paper form and mailing it back, or go online to <https://www.ny.gov/services/register-vote> or register in person at the Niagara County Board of Elections on Main St., Lockport

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 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 NC Sherriff and Somerset 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 placed in the trash cart for collection or take them to the public works garage debris pile. 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 2nd.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely, Mark Remington

10 DIGIT DIALING TRANSITION

Beginning October 24th, 2021, 10 digit dialing will be required for all local calls. We encourage you to begin using the three-digit area code on local calls and update your phone contacts to include the area code prefix.

This transition is needed due to the new designation of 9-8-8 as the Nationwide three-digit Suicide and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline which will be effective July 16, 2022. Any area code with the 988 prefix must be transitioned to the 10-digit dialing to ensure everyone is able to reach the new crisis lifeline. Effective October 24, 2021, all local calls dialed with only seven digits will be met with a recording stating your call can not be completed as dialed.



Emergency services in Niagara County and nationwide will not be disrupted. Residents will still be able to reach services using 9-1-1. Other services such as 4-1-1 will also be available as previous.

In addition to requiring a change in dialing habits, this transition will also

impact any equipment or software programmed to make seven-digit calls. We recommend you update those phone contact lists, fax machines and alarm systems with a telephone connection, call forwarding setting, speed dialing and voicemail services, to ensure the transition runs smoothly for you. We also recommend you update email signatures, stationary and contact information you may have on file with medical offices etc with your full 10-digit contact information.

**Written by Niagara County Sherriff
Michael Filicetti*

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS



Reminder it is illegal to place household electronics to the curb as of January 2013. Electronics may be recycled at the Town of Somerset Water/Sewer Plant on Lower Lake Road on garbage day from 7:00am-3:00pm. **DO NOT PLACE ELCTRONICS** in the dumpster.

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

Only dogs, cats and rabbits are allowable animals in the Village. A Village resident may have 2 dogs, 3 cats or 3 rabbits without being in violation of Village Code.

Farm animals of any kind are prohibited. Farm animals are defined as all livestock, poultry and hooved animals.

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

NYS INTERNET & BROADBAND SURVEY



An informative online survey put together by **New York State Department of Public Service** and **ECC Technologies**. Take the survey to provide your Internet service experience, and help tell us where there is greater need for Internet service within New York State. The DPS wants to hear from you! Follow the link below to find out more.

www.empirestatebroadband.com





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Last Niagara County Free Rabies Clinic for
2021 will be held

Saturday, December 11, 2021

9:00am-Noon

758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda

Phone: 716-695-8585

**APPOINTMENTS FOR RABIES CLINIC
ARE NOW MANDATORY AND THE
REGISTRATION LINK WILL BE
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
WWW.NIAGARACOUNTY.COM/HEALTH
THE MONDAY PRECEDING EACH CLINIC**

**The Village of Barker is an equal opportunity
provider and employer.**

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program
complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA
Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found
online at

[http://www.ascr.usda.gov/
complaint_filing_cust.html](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
you completed complaint form or letter to us by
mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director,
Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence
Avenue, S.W., Washington D.C. 20250-9410, or
by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at
program.intake@usda.gov.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.villageofbarker.org

- ◆ To check the upcoming meeting schedule
- ◆ To check the Modern garbage and recycling calendar, as well as large item pick up dates
- ◆ To read the minutes of the meetings
- ◆ To read the current and past budgets
- ◆ To see published legal notices

And much, much more.....