



# Town of Groveland

December 2022

**Supervisor:**  
William Devine

**Deputy Supervisor:**  
Sandra Bean

**Additional Board Members:**  
Steve Atterbury  
Amy Hunter  
John Macauley

**Town Board meetings**  
Held on the second  
Thursday of the month at  
9:00 a.m. at the Town  
Hall, 4955 Aten Road. All  
meetings are open  
meetings, and the public is  
encouraged to attend.

## Groveland Supervisor

Just like that the warm weather is gone and we are right back to the cold and snow, but with winter comes time spent with family and many memories made.

A few items to touch upon:

### Water District #1

The NYS Comptroller approved the Water District to move forward. After working with the Engineer, we are hopeful to bid the project in January 2023, as it will take 3-4 months to complete survey, base mapping, design, and permitting. The next step after bidding the project is the board would award bids, as the process includes 1 month for obtaining bids and another month for approvals. Following the bid process the next step will be construction, we are hopeful for summer of 2023. This is not a guarantee as material delays are numerous in all aspects of construction along with costs as we are required to stay within the budget of this project. Please check the website under "Water" for the most up to date information.

### Ambuscade Park

Did you know the park pavilion and improvements are complete? We have a reservation form available on the website for use of the pavilion. Any questions please contact the Town Clerk's Office for more details.

Water fill station is available here at the Town hall .25 cents for 50 gallons.

Our Town Planning board has vacancies that we are looking to fill. The Planning Board meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Any interested parties should contact myself at [supervisor@grovelandny.org](mailto:supervisor@grovelandny.org)

William Devine  
Town Supervisor

## Town Clerk/Collector office hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
from 9am-4pm  
Wednesday 12pm-4pm  
Friday 9am-1pm  
After hour appointments can be  
scheduled when necessary

585-243-1750 office  
585-243-3810 fax

[www.grovelandny.org](http://www.grovelandny.org)

## Recycling and Transfer Station

Warner Road open on  
Wednesdays 4:30P.M. -7:00P.M.  
and Saturdays 9:00A.M. -  
1:00P.M. Residency stickers are  
\$45.00 and punch cards are  
available at the Town Clerk's  
office for \$20.00  
(subject to change)

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## Groveland Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Hello from the Groveland Town Clerk's Office....

The 2023 Residency Stickers for the Transfers Station located on Warner Road in the Town of Geneseo will go on sale beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>. The price is \$45.00 for the residency sticker and the punch card are \$20.00. Any changes to these fees would be a decision made by the Town of Geneseo as they allow our Groveland residents to use the Transfer Station in Geneseo but the residency sticker and punch card must be purchase at the Town Clerk's Office in Groveland. Can't make it to our office because you are working during Town Clerk Office hours, no worries just mail us a check or drop one of in the mail drop box at the Groveland Town Hall. We can mail it back to you☺

We have many new faces in Groveland as many homes have sold, please pass along our contact information as the Town Clerk's office always has great information as our office does sell hunting and fishing licenses along with we process the accessible parking permits for residents of the town. Our office is also responsible for processing dog licenses for the town residents.

Our office is open Monday through Friday but our office hours vary, please check the website or call to ensure we are here prior to stopping by. We do our best to keep all office hours and unexpected closures are updated on both the website and phone; however if you do need after business hours please contact the office and we can work something out. I am also available by email for questions at [townclerk@grovelandny.org](mailto:townclerk@grovelandny.org).

I hope you all have a great winter season with friends and family, and everyone stays healthy and safe.

My best to all,  
Kimberly Burgess  
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector

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## Groveland Town Court

Quickening into the winter months here at Groveland Town Court we are excited to **"plow"** into the new year!

We are fortunate to be operating The Court with the continued dedication and resilience of our Judges Jenean Love and Mark Bean. As they consistently demonstrate great direction and leadership, in times of ever-changing court protocols. They are steadfast and proficient at modifying court procedures to maintain compliance with OCA regulations.

Court Clerk's Debra Coburn and Sarah Driscoll have been successful in maintaining regular "in person" appearances for "Day Court" on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month. As well as regular office hours of Monday-Thursday (9am-3pm) and

## Seniors!

Limited...Meet and greet with other seniors every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at the Groveland Federated Parish for a 11:30 luncheon.

Contact the Parish for more info or to be placed on the Parish newsletter via email @ [60c.dennison@gmail.com](mailto:60c.dennison@gmail.com)

## Geneseo-Groveland Emergency Food Pantry

### More than ever Needed!!!

Please consider donating to the food pantry. So many of our neighbors are in need and the pantry is bare.

We have a drop box in the town hall or can be taken directly to:

The Presbyterian Church  
31 Center Street Geneseo

Contact Betsy Matthews, 585-243-1141  
or [bsewnsow@yahoo.com](mailto:bsewnsow@yahoo.com)

Friday (9am-12pm).

We all strive, along with the Livingston County District Attorney's Office to provide the convenience of "Plea by Mail" options for most vehicle and traffic matters. Having to plea "guilty" in order to avoid coming to Court (for most vehicle and traffic matters) is a thing of the past! Meaning, the Court personnel work tirelessly with the District Attorney's Office to provide the opportunity to settle these cases completely by mail regardless of the plea. Criminal cases, of course still require a court appearance. In many of these cases, the court personnel work closely with the Livingston County Public Defender's Office and the Livingston County District Attorney's Office to resolve these matters in Court.

The Judges and Court Clerks were able to attend Continuing Education Programs this fall. The Court personnel having completed all Required classes, were able to take Advanced or Elective classes in person. In doing so, better equip themselves to manage cases efficiently, foresee the challenges ahead, and adjust accordingly.

~ As the winter snow piles higher, pull your loved ones nigher and gather by the hearthside fire. ~

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## Groveland Highway Department

A note from The Groveland Highway Department, As winter season approaches we get many calls regarding when will my road be plowed, my mailbox was hit, or I have a plugged pipe. Let us address a few of these so we can all work together better.

Prior to winter's approach if you have a driveway pipe you are having difficulty clearing please contact the Highway Department, we may be able to help. This may ensure the roads do not over flow with rain or any other debris keeping our roads safe and passable.

Did you know....It takes approximately 2 hours for one of the plow trucks to do a route. We have 4 trucks in the Town of Groveland to cover the whole town. We do our best to get ahead of the storms and we have 1 person that works an afternoon shift to ensure the safety of the residents.

The dreaded my mailbox was hit now what do I do? Mailboxes being hit by plows or rather the force of the snow coming off of the plow. If such damage is indeed caused by snow removal, it is not done intentionally but is an unfortunate consequence of snow removal .As far as the town replacing damaged mailboxes, it must be pointed out that there is no statutory or legal authority that grants a property owner or resident along a public highway any right to place a mailbox in a highway right-of-way. It is understood, the owner must have a

Visit our Town Website at [www.grovelandny.org](http://www.grovelandny.org) to stay up to date on any and all happenings, as well as various meetings and projects.

Lake View Cemetery has burial plots for sale. Contact Joe Snyder for prices and plot location 585-335-9820

mailbox in the right-of-way, by law to cause delivery of the mail, which may give the owner an informal license: but, in no way does this endow said owner with any legal rights in the highway when needed for highway purposes.

What does this mean????- Well give our office a call, we didn't do it on purpose that is for sure, the town is not legally responsible to replace the mailbox. Please check your posts that your mailbox sits on. Many people don't realize that many mailboxes are sitting on rotted posts and that is the reason your mailbox gets knocked over from the force of the snow pushing over the rotted post.

A side note when removing snow from your own property.... Did you know Section 1219 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law and Section 214 of the Highway Law of New York State, specifically prohibits the placing or leaving of snow, ice or other substance, upon any highway (which includes pavement, shoulders and ditches)

Lastly it is with a heavy heart that we pass along that Dave Anderson who retired from the town as a full- time highway employee after 32 years of service but continued as a part-time employee passed away unexpectedly on October 19, 2022. Dave was irreplaceable member of our highway crew and our most heartfelt sympathies go out to life partner, Lisa Spiak and his family.

We thank you for your continued support of the highway department and any questions please give us a call.

D. Mark Caldwell  
Highway Superintendent

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### **Groveland Code Office**

The Code Office has been busy with issuing building permits and any inspections that are associated with the individual permits. Permits insure properly built/installed construction using current New York State Building, Fire and Energy Conservation Codes. Many people do not realize when building permits are required besides for new builds. Here are some of the common construction types where permits are required:

- Accessory buildings more than 144 square feet – buildings with less than 144 square feet require a zoning permit showing it meets set back and lot coverage requirements
- Any remodeling with electrical or plumbing alterations
- Generator installation
- Wood/pellet stove installation
- Demolitions

Annual fire inspections have been ongoing for multiple housing units and commercial structures. As a reminder, all homes

## **FIGHT the BITE**

Protect against mosquitoes  
They Need Water to  
BREED

- Remove used tires from your property
- Turn over wading pools and wheelbarrows
- Keep swimming pools properly chlorinated
- Dump water from children's plastic toys
- Repair holes in screens

**Be Safe & Be Kind!**

should have a working smoke detector in every bedroom and one in the hallway outside of bedrooms and, also, a working carbon monoxide (CO) detector on every level.

The Code Office is responsible for investigating property complaints received in the office. A printable complaint form can be found on the Town's website on the Code Enforcement page. Complaint forms can be filled out and mailed to, or dropped off at the Town Clerk's office. A form can also be picked up at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours.

Ron Maxwell  
Code Enforcement Officer

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### **Groveland Assessor**

I have completed a successful revaluation of the entire town this past year. It was important to do this revaluation to make sure that the tax burden was fair and equitable for everyone in our community. All small claims cases have been heard and verdicts have been given. Any corrections that needed to be done have been.

I've sent out agriculture, Senior Citizen, limited income, disability exemptions. Please make sure to get these back into me prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you do not you will have them removed for the upcoming year. All exemptions are due March 1<sup>st</sup> in order to go into effect for next year. If you have questions about any exemption, please give my office a call at 585-243-3860. I'll be happy to assist you in any way I can.

Thanks,

Carlton Maxwell  
Assessor