



Town of Groveland

May-June 2021

Supervisor:

William E. Carman

Deputy Supervisor:

Bill Devine

Additional Board Members:

Steve Atterbury
Amy Phelps
Ron Niedermaier

Town Board meetings

Held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, 4955 Aten Road. All meetings are open meetings, and the public is encouraged to attend. Fully vaccinated may attend or your welcomed to wear a mask.

Groveland Supervisor

A much-welcomed spring-summer. A time to get outside and get all the yard work started and feeling the rush of balancing summer chores with summer barbeques, graduations, wedding and family picnics. A great time to see NYS making the transition out of COVID.

As most of you know March 28, 2021 NYS legalized adult Cannabis. Whether we agree with it or not, the development of an adult-use cannabis industry in New York State under this legislation has the potential to create significant economic opportunities for New Yorkers and the State. Tax collections from the adult-use cannabis program are projected to reach \$350 million annually. The law gives local government the option to opt out by the end of the year to allow manufacturing of cannabis, which is the main reason Groveland has chosen NOT to opt out. If we do opt out Groveland loses any portion of the expected state revenues.

Ambuscade & Building Improvements

Ambuscade Park Pavilion update: We are getting closer as the septic system is getting started which will allow the bathrooms to be complete; I think we are still on target for this year. We have had some generous monetary donations and tables all thanks to Dolan, Linsner, and Ricotta families.

We will let you know in advance if we will be ready for a ribbon cutting ceremony!!!

Town Water Projects

The Filling station now located at the Town Highway Barns:

Many of you have utilized the new filling station; we are proud to have completed such a needed service. All the pool swimmers (humans & dogs) are happy for their pool refills, along with the wells.

**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

**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
increased for 2021 to \$45.00
and punch cards are available at
the Town Clerk's office for
\$20.00
(subject to change)

Water Line Extensions to Households:

The surveys were enough to secure some Funding for the multiple road water district. Petitioners went out and obtained enough signatures to keep the process moving forward. Onto the next step of submitting to the state for approval before any bidding can begin. This is at least a 15-24-month process.

In closing,

I want to thank those who have called and texted with my fall, I am trying to regain all my strength; which makes you appreciate friends and family even more. I am excited to report I am a grandpa for the 2nd time. To watch my kids become parents is something that is monumental. Time goes by FAST. Give your loved ones an extra hug.

I hope our community continues to be healthy and staying safe throughout the summer months.

Bill Carman – Town Supervisor

Groveland Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Hello from The Groveland Town Clerk's Office, I hope the spring is in full blossom for everyone. Our office attended the annual Town Clerk training virtually this year and it was noted that 70% of the clerks that attended training this year have their offices fully open following the COVID Pandemic. Should you find that you are still having difficulty being able to get out to come to the Town Clerk's Office please know we can and will work with you just give the office a call at (585) 243-1750.

Please remember that there is a newer licensing system for purchasing NYS Hunting and fishing licenses that has been implemented by NYS DEC that requires proof of residency. This system has had numerous glitches and has required phone calls to the vendor for assistance to properly input proof of residency. Please be patient with our office as we want to sell a license to you but remember it is their system not ours.

This is also the time of year when many households gain a new member of the family. Please remember if you adopt a new dog it needs to be licensed with the Town Clerk's Office after 4 months of age. Please call the office for questions regarding licensing.

I hope this summer families will get to enjoy the love and

Seniors!

Limited...Meet and greet with other seniors every 2nd Wednesday at the Groveland Federated Parish for a 12:30 luncheon.

Contact the Parish for more info or to be placed on the Parish newsletter via email @ 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

laughter of each other, and the warmth of the summer sun.

Thank you all,

Kimberly Burgess
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector

Groveland Town Court

While there are still many limitations in place for everyone's safety, we are advancing what will hopefully be a POST COVID COURT. As we hasten forward there are many new changes facing Courts across NYS. This following are some of the adjustments we are facilitating here in Groveland town Court.

In an effort to limit foot traffic and reduce the risk of exposure to COVID, Courts are required to schedule specific time slots for each defendant. This has encouraged many Courts, including Groveland Town Court to shift to a "Day Court" schedule, starting at 9:00 AM until conclusion.

Conscious of the potential hardship and/or inconvenience this "Day Court" may create for those defendants traveling long distances, or unable to leave work...The Court together with the District Attorney's Office has encouraged and become proficient at processing "plea by mail" for those who wish to avoid coming into Court. This includes but is NOT limited to guilty pleas. In most cases, Vehicle and Traffic Defendants no longer need to come into Court to enter a plea of NOT guilty and obtain a pre-trial conference with the District Attorney. Today, most Vehicle and Traffic matters can be handled completely by mail. While this process requires transactions between the Court Clerks, the District Attorney's Office and the Judges... The "plea by mail" offers ease and convenience for the defendant.

It is important to know, that while COVID has in the past imposed the shut-down of the "in person appearances" in the court. The Groveland Town Court Office has remained open. Regular hours are Monday-Thursday (9AM-3PM) and Fridays (9AM-12PM). "Day Court" is held the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday of each month here in Groveland. The telephone cannot be answered during "Day Court" nor can a message be left. We appreciate our patience and will accept our call as soon as Court concludes.

Court Clerks Debra Coburn, and Sarah Driscoll are available to assist with all Court related matters and strive to excel in accommodating you, in managing your case efficiently. Our judges Jenean Love and Mark Bean have done an outstanding job of navigating the challenges of holding Court in COVID times.

Operating protocols of course, still require Defendants (as well as

Court officials) to sanitize hands, to wear mask and social distance in the courtroom.

Groveland Highway Department

Spring is OFF to a wet start. We are trying to move forward on roadwork. Our Plan this year besides the annual roadside mowing, digging ditches and other minor maintenance projects are:

- A Full depth reclamation on Turner Road and 2 layers of oil & stone.
- 1 layer of oil and stone to finish up Dantz Road
- The top part of Bennet Hill Road by the church will also get full depth reclamation, with the middle part of Bennett Hill Road will be getting 14" gravel before the oil and stone to meet up to Dantz Road
- Swan Hill Road will get one final layer of oil and stone to wrap up that project.
- Abele Road has a rough spot that will require us to dig out and to finish with oil and stone

If you have any questions, please feel to call me at 243-2970; otherwise, wishing you all a safe and fun summer.

D. Mark Caldwell
Highway Superintendent

Groveland Assessor

Very High Sales Prices

The Sales within our Municipality over the past few years have been tremendously high.

You need only to talk to someone trying to buy a home and hear the stories of bidding wars. Unfortunately, the high sale prices have caused our Equalization Rate to drop. Which will mean our office will review all the assessments and adjust them where necessary. Below is a link for more information on Equalization Rates. <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/learn/eqrates.htm>

Over the next several months we will be sending out a lot of information regarding this Revaluation Process. Please read and respond when needed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me.

Dan Stanford
Assessor - Cell 315 420 1467
assessor@grovelandny.org

Lake View Cemetery
has burial plots for
sale.

Contact Joe Snyder for
prices and plot location
585-335-9820

Take a Tour of
Mount Morris Dam
Top of the Dam
Guided Walks- open
May 2 - October 25

For details call: (585-658-4790)

Check out the insert
for the Glow Shred-a-
thon
&
Livingston County
2021 Bicentennial
schedule

Be Safe & Be Kind!

Groveland Code Office

Building permits have been picking up since the weather has been getting nicer. Many from last year are in the final stages of completion.

As there is a rising cost in lumber, please be aware that any rough sawn lumber needs to have a certification of inspection issued by a lumber grading or inspection agency in lieu of a grade mark. ([NY] R602.1.1 Sawn lumber)

Annual fire inspections are well under way for this year.

Passing along from the DEC:

"New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced the annual statewide ban prohibiting residential brush burning will begin March 16, and run through May 14, but may be extended due to the dry weather. With spring approaching, DEC is reminding residents that conditions for wildfires are heightened in springtime when most wildfires occur."

For more information you can go to the DEC website at <https://www.dec.ny.gov>

If you have any questions in regards to permits, just email me or give me a call and I will be glad to answer. My email is codeenforcement@grovelandny.org and phone is (585) 447-1358.

Ron Maxwell
Code Enforcement Officer

Groveland History

Check out the Bicentennial Commemorative Program Page:
<https://www.livingstoncounty.us/162/County-Historian>

It includes Bicentennial Moment #3: The Groveland Shakers with a photo and article.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, NEW YORK

2021 BICENTENNIAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Updated May 2021. Due to COVID, many events will be virtual and subject to change.

January: Launch of Historical Markers OnCell Heritage Tour - check out this new tour and many others at livingston.oncell.com

February 23rd: Official 200th anniversary date - County Board of Supervisors' meeting

March: Virtual tours of area museums and interviews with seniors and town historians

April: Announcement of Cheers to 200 Years! craft beverage trail; Launch of Around the Towns OnCell Heritage Trail (12th); Courthouse historical marker dedication (28th)

May 14th: Doors of Livingston County - virtual photo exhibit of entrances to historic buildings

June: Dedication of Poorhouse/Old County Home cemeteries and historical marker dedication (30th)

July: Launch of Bicentennial Geocache Trail (4th); Livingston County weekend at Genesee Country Village & Museum - Discounted admission for Livingston residents and guided tours of the 17 buildings from Livingston County (July 24-25)

August: Classic Car Cruise and Show - countywide tour and car show at Millennium Drive, Geneseo (15th); Murray Hill historical marker dedication (25th)

September: Art show at Genesee Council on the Arts (2nd-25th); Bicentennial Tree Planting - 200 trees will be planted around the county. Sponsored by the Genesee Valley Conservancy (18th-19th).

October: Book launch - *Women's Biographical Review: Women as Leaders, Achievers, and Role Models* - featuring 200 women associated with Livingston County from the last two centuries

November: Saints and Sinners Cemetery OnCell Trail (1st); Tribute to Livingston County veterans from all eras

December: Placing of Bicentennial Time Capsule and end of year celebration



GLOW Shred-a-thon

When: Saturday, June 12, 2021

Where: Town of Pavilion Highway/Office Facility
One Woodrow Dr. (off Rt. 63 by rr tracks)

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ONLY*

**Open to residents in Genesee, Livingston &
Wyoming Counties**

Acceptable Materials

Presorted personal documents-medical, bank,
tax and other records containing acct. #s or
private information

NO envelopes, magazines, newspaper clippings
or folders

**Materials cannot include: metal bind-
ings or metal clips**

Limit of 5 boxes (no bigger than
10"x12"x15" (bankers box size) to keep partici-
pants/staff safe from injuries

Note: GLOW's vendor, Genesee Data Mgmt.
(Arcgo) will be securing docs. in locked 95 gal.
totes on site and taking them to their Batavia
facility for shredding & recycling

TO CONTACT GLOW:

Call 585-344-2580 ext. 5463,
585/815-7906 or 800-836-
1154 (for long distance
callers) for more information
or email:
glow@co.genesee.ny.us or
pgrayson@co.genesee.ny.us

www.glowsolidwaste.org

Funded by: GLOW Region Solid
Waste, a NYSDEC MWRR grant and
Tompkins Bank of Castile



TOMPKINS
Bank of Castile