

Hello Ulysses,

Lots of information for you...

### **FALLS RD CONSTRUCTION- A message from Supervisor Liz Thomas**

Construction of the Village of Trumansburg's new underground water transmission line will begin soon along Falls Road.

Years ago, the Tompkins County Department of Health imposed a moratorium on the Village of Trumansburg prohibiting the village from expanding or adding to its water district until they have a second source of water for their residents. After many years of searching, the village has developed a well at Taughannock Park which has enough water to serve as its second source. The transmission line will run up Taughannock Park Road past the park headquarters and falls overlook. It will then head up Falls Road to the village.

Expect construction to begin within the next few weeks. A schedule from the General Contractor for the project is being developed in order to provide more detail. Their current goal is to have the Falls Road section completed by June at the latest. Normal work hours will be 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

We hope this construction project does not inconvenience you too much. The village, MRB Group and the construction firms will try to make the process as painless as possible.

### **ASSESSMENT INCREASES**

Last summer, Tompkins County Assessment Dept. re-assessed Village of Trumansburg properties. Many people recently received letters with their new assessment numbers. There is a grievance process, should you wish to contest your new assessment. To start the process, please contact the Assessment Dept. at (607)274-5517.

If you have not received a letter, you can view your assessment at this link: <http://property.tompkins-co.org/IMO/disclaimer.aspx>.

### **HIGHWAY PROJECTS**

The roads in the Town of Ulysses are not all maintained by the Town of Ulysses. They are either state, county, or town roads. Tompkins County is planning work this year on the following roads in Ulysses: Jacksonville, Perry City, Swamp College, and Willow Creek Roads. For more detailed information, click here. For information on which roads belong to which government entity, view the map here.

### **SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE from Deputy Supervisor Michelle Wright**

Thanks to everyone who could make it out to the March 15th design input meetings.

Please keep your eye out for a public information session related to the design sometime in April. The date has yet to be set.

If you have any questions or input regarding the design or with the project in general, please contact the Project Manager from Fisher Associates (the engineer firm who was hired to design each section of sidewalk): Rick Bennett, [rbennett@fisherassoc.com](mailto:rbennett@fisherassoc.com), [585-334-1310](tel:585-334-1310)

### **PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT- NYSEG RATE INCREASES OF DELIVERY OF GAS AND ELECTRIC**

More information is available here: <http://www.ulysses.ny.us/pdf/2016-Hearings-gas-electric-rates.pdf>

The deadline to submit comments is April 20.

### **STATEWIDE BURNING BAN THROUGH MAY 14**

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) reminds New Yorkers that with warming temperatures and dry conditions, residential brush burning in towns with less than 20,000 residents is prohibited from March 16 through May 14. With the lack of snow cover over much of the state and unseasonably warm temperatures forecasted, experts believe conditions for wild fires will be heightened in the coming weeks.

Open burning of debris is the largest single cause of spring wildfires in the state. When temperatures are warmer and the past fall's debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily and be further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation.

New York enacted strict restrictions on open burning in 2009 to help prevent wildfires and reduce emissions. The regulations allow residential brush fires in towns during most of the year, but prohibit such burning in spring when most wildfires occur. In the five-year period since the ban was enacted, the average number of spring fires per year decreased by 33.4 percent, from 3,297 in 2009 to 1,649 to 2015. For more information, visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/>

#### **FROM THE TOWN HISTORIAN:**

Mr. Wertis reports that two historical markers have been cleaned, repainted , and returned to the town from the DOT facility in Ithaca: the Abner Treman marker from the foot of South Street in the Village and the Old Cooper Inn marker from Jacksonville. They will be re-installed when the town highway crew does some minor touch-ups and we return to warmer days.

#### **THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING**

The Town Board has rescheduled its March 22 meeting for March 29. The agenda will be posted here the Friday prior to the meeting.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Don't forget that we have a community calendar on our website here. You can find great things to do or upload your own events.

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