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Updates from Town of Ulysses

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Hello Ulysses,
Hope you all had a fine Thanksgiving (one of my favorite holidays of the year!)

Read on for information compiled by those who work for you at the Town of Ulysses ...

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TOWN OF ULYSSES NEWS:

Zoning Update: Public Information Meeting on 11/30

Zoning changes are being proposed for many areas in the Town of Ulysses. A public information meeting will be held on

Thursday, November 30

6:30 to 9:00

Trumansburg Elementary School (the middle building of the complex) at 100 Whig St.
Trumansburg.

A general overview of the zoning changes will be given and then attendees can breakout to more focused sessions. Comments on the draft zoning will be taken at the meeting or may be submitted until January 11 to Darby Kiley at kiley@ulysses.ny.us. Once all comments are reviewed, the Zoning Update Steering Committee will consider potential changes before forwarding the documents to the Town Board for their review. There will be additional time for the public to comment once the Town Board is discussing the changes, followed by an official public hearing sometime in 2018.

HISTORIC CHURCH FOR SALE!

See listing here: https://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-detail/5020-5036-Jacksonville-Rd_Trumansburg_NY_14886_M31235-11565



View additional documents here:

<http://www.ulysses.ny.us/pages/current-issues/134/for-sale-historic-old-church-in-jacksonville-purchase-offers-accepted-until-fri-dec-8/>

The town is seeking purchase offers through Friday, Dec. 8, 2017.

TOMPKINS COUNTY NEWS:

New Swift911 Alert System Will Connect Tompkins County Residents to Vital Information

Tompkins County now has an automatic **emergency alert system** which will notify residents of information based on their address – so Town of Ulysses residents will receive only alerts pertaining to Ulysses. Everyone is urged to register to opt in for Swift911 alerts.

Subscribe to receive these notices by registering on the Tompkins County website at www.TompkinsCountyNY.gov (Click on the Swift911 icon that will appear there shortly), on the City of Ithaca website at www.cityofithaca.org; or by going to mp.swiftreach.com on your mobile device (or text “Swift911” to 99538). You can either install the mobile app or enter your contact information in your web browser.

You may also register by contacting the Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response at (607) 266-2630 or email at Swift911@tompkins-co.org.

TOWN AFFILIATES

Disabled and need a ride?

Gadabout offers low cost rides to work, shopping, medical appointments and more to anyone 18 and older who has had an accident, has a medical condition or a temporary disability. Request a ride at www.gadaboutbus.org or call 273-1878.

VILLAGE OF TRUMANSBURG:

Sanitary Sewer Leak Detection Testing Notice

Beginning the week of November 27th until completion the Village of Trumansburg will be conducting leakage testing on the sanitary sewer system. It is anticipated that this testing will continue through to December 1st.

This test is being conducted as part of a study to locate and identify areas of ground and surface water entering the Sanitary Sewer System. This effort will help to reduce sanitary sewer flow volumes and operating costs at the wastewater treatment facility. The Department of Public Works will be in each specific neighborhood for a very short period of time during the test period and it is not necessary to be at home or to change daily routines during this time.

During the test, a non-toxic smoke will be blown into the sanitary sewer system to reveal leaks where

storm water and surface waters may be entering the sewer. The smoke that is utilized for this testing is manufactured specifically for this purpose, and it leaves no residual odor or stains, and has no adverse affect on plants or animals. It does have a distinctive, but not unpleasant, temporary odor. The visible smoke and odor only lasts a few minutes, where ventilation is adequate.

To conduct the test, smoke will be introduced at specific sanitary sewer manholes located on the streets. During the test, personnel will conduct a visual observation along streets and around individual homes, for smoke exiting storm sewers, roof gutters, and other areas, which may be connected to the sanitary sewer system.

Smoke should not enter your home. However, if it does, it is an indication that your plumbing system is not installed or operating correctly. If traces of smoke from this test enter your home or business, it is an indication that the sanitary sewer may not be tightly connected inside the building. This means that sewer gases may also be entering the building, and may pose a hazard. One other cause may be dry traps in the drain plumbing under sinks, tubs, basins, showers, floor drains, and/or elevator shaft drains. Several days prior to November 27th, please pour water down ALL drains in your building to assure that all traps will be in working order during the test.

Please feel free to contact the Trumansburg Office at 607-387-6501 if you have any questions regarding this notice.

View this video to see the process: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8Clh7zld2A>

NEW YORK STATE:

Health Insurance through the NYS Marketplace

Open enrollment for the NYS Marketplace Health Insurance begins November 1, 2017 and ends January 31, 2018. There are many navigators throughout Tompkins County who can help you sign up. Liz Hoyt is a Health Care Navigator and comes to the Ulysses Town Hall on Wednesdays. If you would like to set up an appointment with Liz, please call the Tompkins County help line by dialing 211.

The NYState of Health is the official Health Plan Marketplace where you can compare different plans and find eligibility and plan costs. This is not the same as the federal health exchange (healthcare.gov) which does not cover New York.

Visit <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/> for more information.

NEWS from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC):

Reminder: Cutoff Date for Fertilizing Lawns is December 1

Please remember it is against New York State law to fertilize lawns between December 1 and April 1. Visit DEC's Lawn Fertilizer webpage for more information. The law does not apply to agricultural fertilizer or fertilizer for gardens.

Choose a Lawn Fertilizer With No Phosphorus

Lawn fertilizer can have unnecessary phosphorus that runs into water bodies. Excess phosphorus in freshwater lakes and ponds can cause algae overgrowth, with serious impacts to the environment and public health.

Hunting: There's an App for that!

Regular hunting season begins November 18th. Hunters can download a free app to their mobile devices to report their harvest directly to the DEC – even when out of mobile range. Find out more and download the app at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/96470.html>

And Speaking of Hunting, Stay Safe Out There

The DEC reminds hunters:

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your finger outside of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.
- Be sure of your target and what is in front of it and beyond it.

Safety tips for hikers and runners during hunting season can be found [HERE](#).

The Burning Question: Fall Leaves

Did you know that it is illegal to burn leaves in NYS? Burning vegetation, other lawn debris, and trash releases pollution in the form of smoke and soot. Smoke can prove harmful to you, your pets, neighbors, wildlife and the environment. Burning leaves and other lawn debris also increases the likelihood of wildfires.

Fires are also regulated in New York State. Lawn debris, including leaves, is not approved fuel for open fires and should be properly disposed of or used. Instead of burning leaves, consider:

- Create compost
- Use leaves as garden mulch or to cover sensitive plants for the winter
- Ask neighbors if they can use the leaves
- Leave them on the ground as a natural fertilizer
- Use a mulching lawnmower to chop up leaves to fertilize lawns

FEDERAL:

Home repair assistance available from USDA:

USDA Rural Development has a Loan/Grant Repair Program available for Tompkins County homeowners with very low income and the need for home repairs. This repair loan/grant program has undergone some changes recently making it easier for homeowners to qualify for the program.

Also available is the Section 502 Direct Loan Program for First-time Homebuyers Program. The current fixed interest rate is 3.25%, with no down payment required. The loan term is for 33 years.

For questions, please contact the Cortland regional USDA office at (607) 753-0851 Ext. 4.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS: (All are open to the public and meet at the Town Hall)

Democracy depends on citizen involvement! Grab a friend and drop in to a meeting to see what's happening. All town meetings are held at the town hall at 10 Elm St., Trumansburg, unless noted otherwise. For agendas and other meeting information, click on the event on the calendar [here](#).

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR!

Check the community calendar. You can also submit your own events.

Forward this message to anyone else that you think would be interested. We want to connect with more residents. To send questions or comments, or be removed from this list, please e-mail clerk@ulysses.ny.us

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