

Important and Useful Updates from the Town of Ulysses

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Happy Friday!

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TOWN OF ULYSSES NEWS:

Seeking Town Supervisor Candidates

Town of Ulysses Supervisor Elizabeth Thomas is considering stepping down sometime later in 2019. In the event of a resignation, the Ulysses Town Board is responsible for appointing an acting Supervisor through December 2019. An acting Supervisor wishing to serve the balance of the term which ends December 2021 must run in the next general election which will be November 2019.

The statutory responsibilities of the Town Supervisor include serving as: the presiding officer at meetings of the town board; a Town Legislator or Town Board Member, voting on matters before the town board as do all the other board members; the Town Executive and Administrator, carrying out Town Board decisions. The Supervisor fields many questions and comments from residents as well. The Supervisor is also the Town's fiscal officer/treasurer of the town and generally represents the town in the conduct of its financial affairs. The Supervisor has the authority to appoint a Bookkeeper and Deputies to assist as needed, within the appropriation limits set by the Town Board.

The Town Supervisor has also performed duties delegated by the Town Board, including grant administration, supervision of the Planner, Code Enforcement Officer, and Bookkeeper and appointed deputies, and oversight of the Water Districts. The Supervisor also represents the Town on a number of inter-municipal initiatives. The current Supervisor works 37 hours/week and receives a salary of \$35,591 plus health insurance for the combined duties of Supervisor and Budget Officer. There are no state requirements on the number of hours a Supervisor must work, so this position could be split between a Supervisor and an appointed Deputy Supervisor.

The Town Board is inviting Ulysses residents interested in being considered for the Acting Supervisor role to submit a resume with a letter describing interest and qualifications. Applicants should also specify the time available to fulfill the duties and whether they would be willing to run for election to serve the balance of the term ending in 2021. Applications should be submitted to the Town Clerk at 10 Elm St. Trumansburg, NY 14886 or clerk@ulysses.ny.us. Town Board members will review applications and conduct interviews on a rolling basis to be prepared to make an appointment if and when Supervisor Thomas submits her resignation.

Tax Bill Deadline

The last day to pay 2019 Town & County taxes without a penalty is Thursday, January 31. Payments can be received in person, by mail (with a January 31 or earlier postmark), or on-line at <http://www.ulysses.ny.us/departments/dept-clerk/clerk-tax/>.

A penalty of 1% is added for payments received in February. January 31 is also the last day to take advantage

of the 2 installment payment plan. For more information, contact the clerk's office at (607)387-5767 ext. 221 or visit <http://www.ulysses.ny.us/departments/dept-clerk/clerk-tax/>.

Parking at Town Hall

Please note that the Town of Ulysses does not own the parking lot on the north side of the building (behind the How Sweet It Is ice cream building), and the owner does not plot it regularly. You may use the lot across the street from the town hall or the lot behind the town hall.

Zoning Update meetings

The Town Board has finalized the next draft of the zoning update and invites residents to submit their comments until **February 18, 2019** to the Town Clerk at clerk@ulysses.ny.us or mail to 10 Elm St, Trumansburg.

The Town will hold two Open Houses to answer questions about the zoning update. The Open houses will take place at the Town Hall on

Friday, Feb. 8 from 12 noon until 2:00

Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 7 to 9pm

Please watch the website to understand the schedule of adoption. This schedule is subject to change. The document that will be posted on-line is a summary of what is changing in the zoning, therefore is only part of what will be the entire local law. Sections referred to can be found in the existing zoning here.

Questions may also be posed to the Town Planner, John Zepko by either setting up an appointment or emailing zepko@ulysses.ny.us. 387-9778 ext 222.

Sign up for Swift911 to get emergency updates from the town

The town has implemented Tompkins County's Swift911™ alerting system.

Swift911™ will allow us to alert residents by text, e-mail and phone with emergency messages for things like floods, fires, water emergencies, road closures, missing persons, evacuation orders, and weather emergencies.

Sign up in one of these ways:

* Text "Swift911" to "99538". You will receive a response with a link for the Swift911™ Public App within your app store. This app is free and available on most Apple, Android, and Windows smartphones. Once the app is installed, simply follow the instructions to provide your information.

* Go to <https://mp.swiftreach.com/>

TOWN AFFILIATES:

Trumansburg Community Recreation

Trumansburg Community Recreation (TCR) is leading the effort to develop a safe space for our community to gather, engage with recreational programs, and enjoy sports playing spaces. As our community continues to grow, the need to create facilities that can house this vision will become even more important. Situated on the borders of Tompkins, Seneca and Schuyler Counties, TCR is well positioned to positively impact not only our community, but surrounding areas as well, with thoughtful, sustainable programming and facilities. By working with other community boards, TCR is improving access to healthy, active spaces and programs for generations of our communities' residents. Visit their website to explore the community recreation calendar, and find out more about their vision. www.tburgcr.org

Best Practices for the Use of De-icers

"During the icy, snowy part of the year, using salt is one way to keep driveways, sidewalks and roads clear, but there are risks to using salt too. Cooperative Extension offers tips on "Best Practices for Road Salt and Deicers" to help keep excess salt where it is needed and out of water ways. For more information, visit Onondaga County Cooperative Extension <http://cceonondaga.org/resources/best-practices-for-road-salt-and-deicers>

TOMPKINS COUNTY:

Information from the Tompkins County Department of Social Services Regarding February SNAP Benefits

Because of the ongoing federal shutdown, the US Department of Agriculture is accelerating the February disbursement of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. The Tompkins County Department of Social Services indicates that this applies to anyone with an open case.

Department officials acknowledge that this is a stressful situation for SNAP recipients, and remind them that it

will be important to budget these early benefits, since the additional money on their card represents their February benefits. There will be no additional benefits issued in February.

Currently, nothing else about SNAP has changed due to the federal government shutdown. All program requirements remain in place.

Tompkins County DSS is continuing to take new applications for benefits, and has been instructed to continue to process them in the normal manner. Although no more information is yet available regarding the status of March benefits, the Department will receive more direction in the coming weeks.

For any ongoing concerns, please contact Tompkins County DSS at 274-5680.

NEW YORK STATE:

Information about private well and septic systems

The New York State Health Department updated some of its education materials for private wells and septic systems. These materials give people with private wells and septic systems tips for testing and maintenance. We are making these materials available to towns with large rural populations that have private wells and septic systems.

Below are ways to order these materials:

- * You can download and print from the New York State Health Department website.
 - Test and Protect Your Private Well: www.health.ny.gov/publications/6628/index.htm. We recommend that a private well owner test their well water once a year for bacteria and for other contaminants every 3-5 years. Information is included on where to find certified laboratories that can perform such testing.
 - Septic System Operation and Maintenance: www.health.ny.gov/publications/3208/index.htm Even the best designed and installed septic system will eventually fail without periodic maintenance. This guide briefly describes septic system components and how they should be maintained.
- * You can use the order form for small quantities of either of these publications.

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

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:

<http://ulysses.ny.us/calendar/?category=Government>

Forward this message to anyone else that you think would be interested. We'd love 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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Best,

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