



Town of Torrey

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Newsletter

January 1- April 30, 2024

The Torrey Town Board is sending this newsletter to bring residents up to date on some of the issues the town has considered and/or is working on since the last newsletter (September 1 - December 31, 2023).

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A Note from Town Supervisor Peter Martini

As the Winter season of 2023 - 2024 has come to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the activities and issues the Town of Torrey has addressed since the beginning of the year as well as what we expect to tackle this Spring and Summer.

First, at our April 9th meeting the Town Board held a public hearing on a Short Term Rental Law as submitted by the Town Planning Board.

Based on the discussion and input from interested parties, the Short Term Rental Law was sent back to the Town Planning Board for some minor revisions. A second public hearing on the law will be held on June 11th at 7:30 pm.

Also on June 11th there will be a public hearing on the proposed Town of Torrey Water Law. Both proposed laws will be on the Town of Torrey website- www.townoftorrey.com after the final revisions have been reviewed.

Next, work continues on Water District One (**WD1**) with a completion date set sometime in the next few months, if no further unexpected delays occur.



Contractor drilling under Route 14 from East to West at Carlson Road



Contractor drilling under Railroad Tracks at North Serenity

In December of 2023, New York State Governor, Kathy Hochul, signed bills to change town elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years except for town justices. This means two councilmen seats up for election in November of 2025, will essentially serve three (3) year terms instead of four (4) terms. The two seats up for election in November of 2027 will also serve three (3) year terms. Further, the length of term for Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Town Highway Superintendent is changed to four (4) year terms from two (2) year terms. The election for these offices will be in November of 2025 and will be initially for three (3) years to comply with the new state law.

Finally, the Town of Torrey held its first annual Earth Day Community Clean-up at the suggestion of Torrey resident, Donna Rae Sutherland on April 20th. Its purpose was to clean-up litter along the roadsides, streets, parks, and other public places. It was a GREAT success with more than a dozen volunteers scouring the Town of Torrey roadways, Village of Dresden streets, and portions of the Keuka Outlet Trail for litter.

A big thank you to those volunteers who participated and their efforts to make the Town of Torrey an example of civic pride. A special note of gratitude to Donna Rae Sutherland and Tim Chambers for their organizing and

coordinating this event.



Some of the volunteers who participated in the Torrey EarthDay Cleanup

The Town of Torrey will still hold its annual clean-up for household debris on June 15th. See further details below for acceptable and unacceptable household items at this June 15th event.

In closing, I encourage you to attend the monthly Town Board meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Town Building on Geneva Street. You will see the issues facing the Town of Torrey being discussed as well as being afforded an opportunity to bring forward your concerns and comments on town issues.

From the Desk of Town Board:

- The Town Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Town Building at 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, NY.
- The total Town of Torrey tax levy for 2024 is \$608,572.00, which is a 4.0% change from 2023.
- The Town Board at the suggestion of the Code Enforcement Officer has amended its fee schedule as follows
 - Watershed Inspections for Property Sales \$ 100.00

- Special Use Applications \$ 250.00
- Area/Use Variance Applications \$ 250.00
- The Town Board approved a change to its application fee schedule for Solar Projects to \$1000 per megawatt. Consideration is being given to implementing a Community Host agreement as well.
- **Grievance Day** is Thursday, May 30,2024 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. See the Town Assessor section for more details.
- Town of Torrey **Cleanup Day** for household items will be held on June 15th from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

From the Desk of Town Clerk (*Betty Daggett*):

- The Town Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Call 315-536- 6376
- The Town of Torrey website is- www.townoftorrey.com
- A new phone system for the town building will be installed by SCT Computers of Penn Yan. The new system will allow calls to be directed to specific town offices- clerk, assessor, court, highway, or code enforcement.
- A lifeguard is needed at the Torrey Town Park on Charles Street in Dresden. Anyone interested should apply at the Town Office.
- Notary Public - No Fee
- Fee collection such as building permits, fines & fees issued by Code Office, Watershed Inspection for property sales
- Registrar of Birth / Death Certificates Vital copies - \$10.00 fee.
- Handicap Parking Permits
- Hunting/Fishing Licenses are on sale during normal business hours. Fishing licenses are available any business day while hunting licenses are available starting August 1st.
- Marriage License Requirements: Bride/Groom/Spouse must be present to obtain a license. The license is good for 60 days. There is a \$30 fee. Evening or Saturday appointments are available.
- Dog Licenses: State Law requires all puppies to be licensed at 4 months. At time of licensing, a rabies certificate and neuter/spay certificate must be presented. Licensing Fees: Unspayed/Unneutered \$18 and Spayed/Neutered \$10.

(It is NYS Ag & Market law- **ALL dogs** harbored in the Town of

Torrey must be licensed yearly at the Town Clerk office.)

- There is an app, **NIXLE**, alerting residents to infrastructure issues (power outages, potential flooding, etc.) specific to Yates County posted by the Sheriff's Department. Those interested should go to **NIXLE.COM** with your zip code to review current alerts and also signup to have alerts sent directly to you.
- Appropriate Public Notices for the Town Board, Planning board, and Zoning Board are placed in the newspaper- The Chronicle Express.

From the Desk of Town Highway Superintendent (Tim Chambers):

- Off hours emergency callout number: 315-729-2706
- A new pickup approved by the Town Board in the 2024 budget has been ordered
- The land on Downey Road leased as a gravel pit by Riccelli Enterprises has been sold. The new owners have asked Riccelli Enterprises to close the gravel pit and reclaim the land. Riccelli Enterprises has finished excavating the remaining gravel and will do the necessary reclamation. They will return to repair Downey Road per their posted bond.
- The Septic at the Town building has been installed along with an oil separator as well as the leach field. The system is now complete.
- Fuel deliveries to the highway department storage tank on Rte 14 have been stopped to allow it to be emptied. Once empty, the tank will be refurbished.
- Surplus materials from the Water District 1 project have been collected and stored at the town building. Some of the materials will be sold to other municipalities if possible and others will be kept for repairs.
- Forty (40) tons of road salt has been ordered through the State to satisfy our commitment for 2023 - 2024. Another 120 tons have been ordered for the contract year of 2024 - 2025.
- The April 20th Town of Torrey Earth Day Community Clean-up resulted in approximately 300 lbs. of trash, 200 lbs. of metal, and 8 tires (accepted by Daggett's Garage) collected from the town roadways.



Tim Chambers with a portion of the trash from the Town of Torrey Earth Day Clean-up

- A **safety** precaution- trash cans should **not** be placed on Town Roads, but rather on the right-of-way.
- *Reminder according to NYS law:*
 - + throwing trash, garbage, rubbish, litter or refuse on Highways and adjacent lands is prohibited
 - + the town superintendent of highways shall sue for and recover a penalty not to exceed \$100 from any person depositing ashes, snow, ice, stones, sticks, etc. upon a highway or on grass or loose stones adjoining a town highway

From the Desk of Town Code Enforcement Officer (Dwight James):

- Call the Town Office at 315-536-6376 (cell 315-730-3291) or email at torreycodes@gmail.com to inquire about permits.
When in doubt ask!
- Building permits are required for any electrical, plumbing, insulation, or structural work undertaken.
- Construction or alteration of any accessory structure, addition, or new construction requires a permit.

- Reminder all short term rentals must be registered with the Town. There are currently 44 short term rentals in the Town of Torrey.
- A Short Term Rental package is being produced and will be sent out to those who have or wish to have a Short Terminal Rental permit.
- Year-to-Date there have been 45 various permits issued and \$ 4239.00 permit fees collected.
- The new owners (Cross County Fillup) of Torrey Station are moving forward. The new owners have submitted plans for a convenience store at that location.
- Dwight has attended the FLBOA training and completed the 24 hours of in-service training for the year.

From the Desk of Town Planning Board (George Dowse):

- Meets the third (3rd) Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Town Building
- Submitted to the Town Board a revised **Short Term Rental Law** to be considered for adoption. A public hearing was held on April 9, 2024, this will be followed by a second hearing on June 11th to review some minor revisions.
- Working on adopting regulations for the town based on the relatively new New York State Cannabis Law. Town of Torrey did *not* opt out of participating in the sale and dispensing of Cannabis.
- A Planning Board issue (e.g. a variance) may be forwarded to the Town Zoning Board of Appeals (**ZBA**). See the Torrey Town Clerk to get on the ZBA agenda which meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Town Building.

From the Desk of Town Judge (Hon. James Smith)

- Court is held each Tuesday at 2:00pm on the West side of the Town Building. The phone number is 315.536.5655
- The Town Court has jurisdiction over a broad range of matters, including vehicle and traffic, small claims, evictions, State and Local code, environmental conservation and civil matters as well as criminal cases involving the prosecution of misdemeanors and violations that are committed within the town's geographic boundaries. The Town Court also conducts arraignments and preliminary hearings in felony matters.
- Criminal court cases are heard on the second and fourth Tuesday of the

month at 2:00 pm

- All Yates County Town and Village justices are also responsible for a scheduled share of arraignments at the County Jail where defendants are arraigned every day at 8:00AM and 6:00PM. It is called CAP Court, an abbreviation standing for Central Arraignment Cases. These may involve issuance of orders of protection, contempt of court charges for violation of orders of protection, harassment, DWI chemical test refusals, aggravated unlicensed operators, arrests for failure to appear for past citations causing bench warrants to be issued, initial arraignments for felony charges, to name a few. A representative of the District Attorney and a member of the Public Defender's office also appear at CAP arraignments to make recommendations on holding or releasing defendants or requiring bail.
- Town Board members Bruce Henderson and Kathy McGrath audited the Town Court books for 2023 based on New York requirements. No areas of concern were found.

From the Desk of Town Assessor (Stephanie Holz)

- The last revaluation was done in 2019. New York State requires a revaluation to be done every 4 to 5 years. On March 1st, the new assessment notification was mailed to property owners in the Town of Torrey.
- The new Tentative Tax Roll will be filed on May 1, 2024.
- **Grievance Day is Thursday, May 30, 2024** from 4:00 - 8:00pm. If you disagree with your property's assessment, contact the Town Assessor for the details of how, when, and where to make a **written** application on the officially prescribed form (RP-524). This form is also available online at www.tax.ny.gov, as well as the publication entitled "Contesting Your Assessment in New York State"
- Here is the legal notice that will appear in the newspaper and posted in the Torrey Town Office:

Notice of Completion of Tentative Assessment Roll
(Pursuant to sections 506, 526 and 1526 of the Real Property Tax Law)

HEARING OF COMPLAINTS

Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Torrey, County of Yates, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left with Betty Daggett, Torrey Town Clerk, at 56 Geneva St, Dresden, where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until the fourth Thursday in May after the fourth Tuesday in May.

If you would like to discuss your new Tentative Assessment, please call and make an appointment to speak with the Assessor prior to May 23, 2024.

The Assessor will be in attendance, by phone appointment only, with the Tentative Assessment Roll, on the following dates:

Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm

Thursday, May 9, 2024 8:00 am until Noon

Thursday May 16, 2024 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 18, 2024 8:00 am until Noon

The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Thursday, May 30, between the hours of 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm, at the Town of Torrey Town Hall, located at 56 Geneva St. in said Town, to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on written application of any person believing himself to be aggrieved.

Dated this first day of May 2024.

Stephanie Holtz

Sole Appointed Assessor

Town of Torrey

This information will be available May 1 at the following website yatescounty.org on the Real Property Tax Services Office page under Yates County Property Information Online.

Or you can contact the Assessor at townassessor@townoftorrey.com to request any information and that will be either emailed or hard copy mailed to you.

From the Desk of Town Watershed Inspector (*Yates County Soil & Water*)

The Town's inspectors can be contacted at the Yates County Soil and Water Conservation Department 315- 536-5188.

Yates County Soil and Water has been awarded by New York State Agriculture and Markets a compilation of grants worth \$1.2 million for various water quality based projects involving

both agriculture and non-agriculture entities. The Town of Torrey will be the beneficiary of several of these projects.

The **Land Use Leadership Alliance** 12th Annual LULA Training Session will be held on April 29, 2024 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm at the Yates County Auditorium. The topic is Land Use Implications of Short Term Rentals for Keuka and Seneca Lakes. This will be followed with seminars on May 9th and 10th from 9:00 - 4:00 pm and then again on June 6th and 7th.

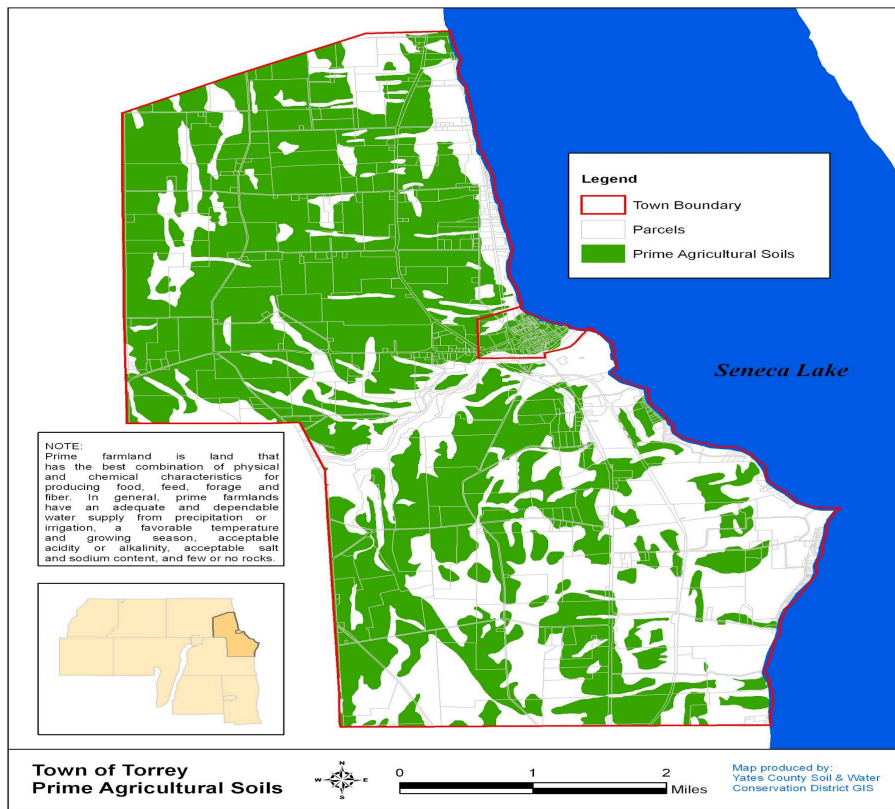
The Yates County Soil and Water Conservation District provides the watershed inspection services for the Town of Torrey and Village of Dresden. Educating homeowners on the function of their wastewater treatment systems has proven to be a tremendous benefit.

In November of 2014, the Town of Torrey passed a local Wastewater Law effective January 1, 2015. Under the new law, any onsite wastewater treatment system within 200' of Seneca Lake or a DEC classified stream is required to be inspected every 5 years. The cost of the inspection is borne by the Town of Torrey (unless this is a property transfer). However, any pumping of the septic or repair is a cost to the homeowner. We are now in year 10 of these inspections.

If any residents have questions regarding the watershed inspection program, they may call the office at 315-536-5188.

Soil & Water also continues to interact with all of our local farmers utilizing NYS's Agricultural Environmental Management program. This program has been utilized in the county since 1997. We have worked with local farmers on a suite of practices including soil erosion and field runoff, manure storage, barnyard runoff, and manure and nutrient management.

Below is the current prime agricultural land in the Town of Torrey. Prime agricultural land constitutes over 60% of the land area in the Town of Torrey.



Reminder: Since 2009 the **DEC** has had in place a **No Burn Ban** from **March 16th** to **May 14th** throughout **Yates County**.

From the Desk of the Mayor of Dresden (Bill Hall):

- Mayor Bill Hall (Term: April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2025)
- Village Trustees
 - Brian Flynn (Term: April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024)
 - Bret Siegrist (Term: April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2025)
- Village Board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm
- Colleen Riviello is the Village Clerk and Cathy Whitney is the Deputy Clerk. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00pm, phone number 315-536-2477. The village email address is- villageclerk@villageofdresden.org
- Village of Dresden elections for Mayor and Village Trustee were held on March 19, 2024 with the reorganization meeting being held at the April 17th board meeting.
- A public hearing on the 2024 - 2025 Village Budget was held on April 17th. The amount to be raised by property tax is \$190,266.00 with a tax rate of

\$12.811686 per \$1000 of assessed value, which is \$0.98 per thousand increase over the previous fiscal year.

- Also at the April 17th meeting a public hearing on a local law to override the tax levy limit established by New York State law was held.
- The village is the lead agency under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (**SEQRA**) for the Village of Dresden Water System Main Replacement Project. The project has been awarded a \$4.16 million grant for the project. The Village of Dresden has hired Hunt Engineering for this project. The tentative timeline for this project is:

July 2024 Community Development Block Grant submission

August 2024 Regulatory Approval

January 2025 Solicitation of Bids

February 2025 Awarding of Bids

April 2025 Shovels in the Ground

June 2026 Project Completion

- The Village of Dresden was awarded a grant to install emergency generators at the village building and at its water tank on Rte 54. The Village solicited bids and set April 25th as the deadline for submission.
- The Village received a cost proposal to update the Village Comprehensive Plan from Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning not to exceed \$7,000.
- Village Spring Cleanup runs from April 1st - May 24 to pick up leaves and small brush that is placed on the street in front of your property.
- The Seneca 7 Relay race passed through the Village of Dresden on Sunday, April 28th.
- Work has begun on preparing the site in Washington Park (intersection of Main and Geneva Streets) for a new pavilion.
- The date for the "Dresden Days" celebration is tentatively set for Friday July 19th and Saturday July 20th from 8:00 am - 3:00pm. (Dresden Days are held the third Friday & Saturday of July every year).
- The Village is again sponsoring **Live Music at the Gazebo** this Summer. Artists and dates are scheduled as follows:

June 11th - Black Robin (classic rock, pop & blues)

June 25th - Jason Allison (classic rock 1960's - 1990's)

July 9th - Ken Campbell (acoustic, wide selection of songs from

classics to fan favorites)

August 13th - Roy Litterer (country)

August 27th - PB Acoustic (acoustic country)

The performances are scheduled to run from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm with refreshments available for purchase.

It should be noted the benches at the park were made possible by the generous donations (they cost approximately \$500 each) from members of the community.

- The Dresden Fire Department meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. There is a need for volunteer firemen in Dresden. All residents of the Town of Torrey are encouraged to volunteer.
- The Dresden Fire Department held a breakfast fundraiser on April 21st from 8:00 am - 11:00 am. They expect to hold a breakfast every other month.

From Yates County Legislators (Terry Button, Richard Harper, Rick Willson

- The revenue sharing plan adopted by the Yates County Legislature in 2023 has resulted in the Town of Torrey receiving \$34,781.26
- Announced the appointment of Sandi Bastedo as Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension- Yates County effective February 29, 2024.
- The Yates County Legislature will meet on May 13th, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers located at 417 Liberty St., Penn Yan, NY 14527 for the purpose of conducting public hearing regarding proposed Local Law 2-24 Entitled "A LOCAL LAW EXTENDING THE YATES COUNTY PILOT YOUTH DEER HUNTING PROGRAM THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, BY WAY OF AMENDING COUNTY OF YATES LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF YEAR 2021", proposed Local Law 3-24 Entitled "A LOCAL LAW TRANSITIONING AND MOVING THE ELECTIONS OF YATES COUNTY LEGISLATORS TO EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, BY WAY OF AMENDING COUNTY OF YATES LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF THE YEAR 2020", and proposed Local Law 4-24 Entitled " A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, BY WAY OF AMENDING COUNTY OF YATES LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF THE YEAR 2020" during the regularly scheduled legislative meeting. To view the proposed Local Laws, please visit www.yatescounty.org

- The Yates County Highway Department and Emergency Services Building complex in Benton Center is nearing completion.
- The annual “Celebrate Service - Celebrate Yates,” volunteer event sponsored by Keuka College and Yates County Chamber of Commerce was held on April 21st .
- Yates County in conjunction with Schuyler County have scheduled a “Household Hazardous Waste” collection day with each county hosting it every other year. This year Schuyler County will host and receive household hazardous waste and tires. You **must** pre-register to schedule a drop off time. Look for more information from Schuyler County in the July/August timeframe. Note that EWASTE in Victor and Sunking Sustainable Solutions in Brockport do accept electronic waste.

Community Events

- **YATES COUNTY Board of Elections (BOE)** will hold elections November 5, 2024 from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm at the Town of Torrey Office Building. The recently purchased Hart Voting System will be utilized.

Robert Brechko and Sheila Burt of the **BOE** reported at the February 13th Town Board meeting there are several changes to election law that will have to be incorporated by the November 5,2024 General Election.

- **The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)** puts out a weekly bulletin each week detailing proposals and actions throughout the State

The Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) is available at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>

Yates County is in Region 8

Since 2009 the **DEC** has had in place a **No Burn Ban** from **March 16th** to **May 14th** throughout **Yates County**.

- **Memorial Day Observance** for the Town of Torrey will be held at the Gazebo in Dresden (across from the United Methodist Church) at 10:30 am on May 27th, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather, the observance will be held in the United Methodist Church. There will be selections by the Penn Yan Middle School Band and a featured speaker. After which the Roll Call of Honor of those veterans since World War I who are deceased will be read as part of the service. Following the ceremony, there will be a parade to the Evergreen Cemetery. At the cemetery there will be a salute by the American Legion, followed by Taps courtesy of Phil Bracht and Jeff Stempien.

This is the 102nd consecutive year for this event and marks the 79th year since the end of World War II. If you are unable to join us, please take a moment on May 27th at 10:30 am to acknowledge and give thanks to those who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy our freedom!

- The **Seneca 7** relay race around Seneca Lake will be held Sunday April 28, 2024 and pass through the Village of Dresden Sunday morning. There will be 300 teams of 7 members with each team member taking turns to complete the 77.7 miles around the lake.
- The **Yates County Chamber of Commerce** has produced a Finger Lakes Wine Country Video highlighting wine making in the area. It can be found at <https://youtu.be/5YdZI1mF99k?si=5-KC8ouL1Gvr61zd>
- **Town of Torrey Park** on Charles Street is looking to hire a lifeguard for the Summer
- **Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization** (SWIO) has submitted and received approval of its Nine Element (9E) documentation to the NYS Department of State. The 9E Plan has been officially accepted and closed.

At its January 29, 2024 meeting the following slate of officers were elected
Chairman Mark Venuti Supervisor Town of Geneva

Vice Chairman	George Lawson	Supervisor Town of Starkey
James Smith	Treasurer	Torrey Town Justice
Kevin Munt	Secretary	Supervisor Geneva Water

Ian Smith continues as the Seneca Watershed Steward.

The Crooked Canal Wetland Project where the wetlands of the Keuka Outlet would be used when there is large volume of runoff to divert it from the outlet is progressing. Presently, work is being done to collect signatures to submit the final permit. The State Historical Preservation Office is requiring a Phase 1A report. This is an archival search of documentation for archeological areas of sensitivity. Finally, the Keuka College students are beginning the work on the design of educational signage.

The next quarterly meeting of SWIO is scheduled for Monday April 29th, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Yates County Complex. 413 Liberty St. Penn Yan NY 14527 in Conference Room 1037.

Additional information is available at the SWIO website-
<https://senecawatershedio.wordpress.com/>

- The **Torrey Cleanup Day** will be held on June 15, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. behind the Torrey Town Buildings at 56 Geneva St. Dresden.

The following items are ***accepted***:

rubbish

wood

metal

furniture

dried paint cans

empty propane tanks

appliances

computers

electronics

The following items are ***not accepted***:

concrete

stones

bricks

brush

bagged garbage

burn barrels

Freon appliances

wet paint

liquids

oils

pesticides

There are *charges* for the following items:

Mattress or Box Springs \$10 each

Couches \$20.

Recliners \$10.

Tires up to 17" \$ 2.00 ea. (Not accepting tires larger than 17")

There is a limit of 2 loads per household!

Warning anyone dumping before 8:00 am and after 2:00 pm is subject to violations!

Any Questions?? Contact Town Clerk at 315-536-6376

- **Auction for the New York State Haiti Benefit** will be held on June 14 -15 at the Yates County Fairgrounds in Penn Yan. Friday night will feature dinner 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, a miscellaneous auction at 6:00 pm, and cattle auction at 6:30 pm. Saturday will see breakfast at 6:00 am to 9:00 am, Auction at 8:00 am, and then lunch at 10:30 am - 2:00 pm.

The address is:

2370 Old Rte. 14A
Penn Yan, NY 14527

- **Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association (SLPWA)** will start monitoring Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) on July 1st by local volunteers and will continue through Columbus Day weekend. Check their website www.SenecaLake.org for additional information or to volunteer!
- **Friends of the Keuka Outlet (FOTO)** has held or will hold a number of events this year starting with the Celebrate Service Celebrate Yates community painting project which was held on **Sunday April 21, 2024 from 1:30 - 4:30PM**. The multi-year effort continues to transform Cascade Falls from a historic mill site, to then an unsafe industrial site, and finally to another dynamic picnic area and destination along the 7.2 mile Keuka Outlet Trail that runs from Penn Yan to Dresden. The PAINT CASCADE project on April 21 saw the three buildings at Cascade receive a fresh, or in some cases, a first coat of paint to better reflect the importance of these facilities. Anyone interested in volunteering for this project (or others!), should email Allison Stewart, a member of **FOTO** Board of Directors at this address: allisonstewartlaws@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 7:00PM - Annual FOTO Meeting was held at *Lyons National Bank, 205 Liberty Street, Penn Yan, NY 14527*. The general public is always welcome at the monthly meetings, but the Annual April meeting is especially important to introduce new members of the organization, and thank any volunteer board members who are rotating off the Board of Directors. Generally, the **FOTO** Board of Directors meets every third Wednesday evening of the month at the LNB Community Room. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 7:00PM.

The **FOTO** Maintenance Team generally meets on the last Wednesday of each month on the second floor of the Penn Yan Fire Department, 125 Elm Street at 7:00PM.

Another big event early this year for **FOTO's** 40th Anniversary will happen on **Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 12-2:00PM** when friends, new and old, and of all

ages will gather at the new Hopeton Campground located up a small hill and one half mile east of the Hopeton Access Point and Parking Area. The two-hour program will feature activities for the whole family including the specially developed **KOT** 20 Questions & Scavenger Hunt, introduction to the new registration webpage, and an outdoor education demonstration about safe campfire building and avoiding poison ivy by knowing how to identify it. The very first Hopeton Campsite campers will be scouts from Troop #444 - Penn Yan under the leadership of Diane Trickey-Morse and Judson Reid. The Ribbon Cutting event is free and open to the public and light refreshments will be served. Ride sharing, or better - hiking in, is strongly encouraged. The new campsite reservation webpage will soon be introduced on www.keukaoutlettrail.org/. There is no charge to use the campground, but all campers are encouraged to become members of the organization or make a market value contribution of \$12 per night per tent.

Next, look for the **FOTO** tent at the annual **Keuka Arts Festival, June 8-9, 2024** located on the Penn Yan portion of the Keuka Outlet Trail (**KOT**)!

A Fall event scheduled is the **4th Annual Celebrate Cascade on Saturday, September 21** - the last day of summer. Plans for this event are in development.

If your community group wants to participate in a mural design, do a poetry reading, bird walk, owl prowl, or host any other kind of event, remember we have two pavilions available (Rental fees for private events are very reasonable).

Check the **FOTO** website www.KeukaOutletTrail.org for details for all these events as well as other upcoming events.

- **Yates Transit Services** provides public bus service throughout the County including a route from/to Dresden and Penn Yan.

Call 315.694.7700 or go to their website- yatestransitservice.com for additional information.

From the Desk of the Newsletter Editor (*Grant Downs*):

- The response to the town newsletter continues to be very positive. Additional feedback and/or comments are welcome and can be submitted by sending an email to: townclerk@townoftorrey.com or Grant Downs: gjdowns1946@gmail.com
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