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# Halfmoon Navigator

November 2016



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## Supervisor's Office

### From the Desk of Supervisor Kevin J. Tollisen....

The Summer was very busy at the Town of Halfmoon. Town parks and trails were filled with Town residents enjoying the facilities and amenities available. Our six week summer recreation program was enjoyed by over 500 children. In early September, the Town dedicated phase III of the Champlain Canal Trail which extended the Trail from Brookwood Road to the Town of Waterford. Residents can enjoy this two mile walking trail along the historic canal towpath from Upper Newtown Road to Waterford.

The Tentative Town Budget for 2017 is now complete. While there is no Town general tax imposed for the 38th consecutive year, the budget includes implementation of phase II of the Highway tax. The Town Board moved forward with this plan last year after several public workshops and meetings to discuss the long term investment needed to ensure our infrastructure and roads remain in good condition. If you have any questions regarding the budget or would like to set up a personal meeting with me to discuss the budget, please call my office and set up an appointment.

As we enter the final months of 2016, we are ever mindful of those who are in need. The Town of Halfmoon Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Town of Halfmoon Character Counts program is holding its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to help those who are less fortunate. If you are able to donate, please stop by the Halfmoon Town Hall and drop your food donations in the designated boxes. Your contribution will help families in need throughout Halfmoon enjoy the Holidays. If you or someone you know is in need, please call the Town of Halfmoon Recreation Department to sign up to be a recipient of the food drive this year.

I would like to thank all of the businesses and companies who advertised in our newsletter. Because of their willingness to purchase advertisements, the Navigator is provided to you at no cost. Special thanks to Dianne Mincher, who is our lead in making this newsletter happen.

Lastly, I extend to you my best wishes for the upcoming season. I look forward to seeing you at the many events planned over the next few months.

With best wishes,

**Kevin J. Tollisen**  
*Halfmoon Town Supervisor*



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Halfmoon Town Supervisor

## Town of Halfmoon Hours of Operation

**Supervisor's Office, Assessor's Office,  
Building Department, Code Enforcement Office,  
Finance Office, Payroll Office, Planning Department,  
Recreation Department, \*Receiver of Taxes,  
Senior Center, Water Department** (located on Brookwood Rd.)

Open Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

\*During the month of January, the Receiver of Taxes Office is open  
Wednesday 8:00am - 6:00pm and Saturday 9:00am - 12:00pm

### Town Clerks Office

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm;

Wednesday 8:00am - 7:00pm

**Animal Control - On-Call As Needed**

**Justice Clerk's Office** (check web site for Court times)

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

**Highway Department** (Located on Route 146)

Monday - Friday 7:00am - 3:00pm (Winter Hours)

Monday - Thursday 6:00am - 4:00pm (Summer Hours)

**Transfer Station** (Located on Route 146)

Tuesday 8:00am - 12:00pm; Friday 12:00pm - 5:00pm;

Saturday 8:00am - 1:00pm

**All Town Parks - Dawn-Dusk**

## Town of Halfmoon Contact Information

Dial (518) 371-7410 - extensions below

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Grant	ext. 2206
Highway Department (alternate number 664-3127)	ext. 2500
Historical Society	ext. 2332
Justice Office	ext. 2400
Parks Department	ext. 2533
Planning Department	ext. 2266
Receiver of Taxes	ext. 2251
Recreation Department	ext. 2272
Senior Center (alternate number 371-3872)	ext. 2300
Senior Express	ext. 2320
Town Supervisor	ext. 2200
Town Clerk	ext. 2230
Transfer Station	ext. 2500
Water Department	ext. 2600

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important issues. [www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov](http://www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov)



### Winter Hazards



Being prepared for extreme cold, wind, snow and even rain and thaws while hiking is very important. Even if there isn't much snow at the start of your trip, sudden storms can quickly appear and the amount of snow may increase as you climb and gain elevation. Always use proper gear and clothing, and be sure that someone knows your trip plans.

### Perennial Pruning



If you have any perennial plants that have gone dormant, now is a good time to cut back the brown tops. If the tops are still green, wait until they turn yellow or brown before cutting. This indicates there is still energy being transferred to the root system from the top growth.

### Mow Low!



The need to mow your lawn short for the winter is a vital step toward maintaining healthy turf. If the grass is left too long, it will lay over on itself from the pressure of the snow cover. Air circulation around the plant is reduced, and snow mold, a destructive early spring lawn disease, can become a problem in your lawn.

Paul Maiello, Director of Parks

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and sign up for our E-Alerts so we can keep you  
updated on important issues via your email.



### Navigating the Mohawk River in early Halfmoon

#### Dunsbach Ferry, Fort's Ferry & Vischer Ferry

The Town of Halfmoon boasts a very rich history with the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers on its borders. European settlers moved north from Albany and Schenectady to establish farms and homes in the Halfmoon area in the mid-1600s.

In the 1700's Rope Ferries were the only means to transport people, horses and carriages across the rivers. The ferry workers would pull the ferry along using a rope that spans the river. There were tall poles on the corners of the boat to keep the cables from swinging over the horse's heads.



On the north side of the Mohawk near the area where Krause's Restaurant is, was the Old Stone House. One owner of the Stone House was Cornelius Claes VanDenBerg who established a rope ferry site prior to 1705 called the Dunsbach Ferry. It connected an Indian trail that crossed the Mohawk River and headed north to Round Lake and east through Halfmoon to the Hudson River. In 1727, Nicholas Fort began a rope ferry to the west along the river known as Fort's Ferry. A third ferry operated at what became known as the Vischer Ferry later in the century.

The Erie Canal was known as "the eighth wonder of the world" because of its marvels of engineering. When it opened in 1825, the aqueducts at Crescent and Rexford brought the canal across the Mohawk River eliminating the need for the ferries. The Crescent Aqueduct was the longest in the original Erie Canal system at 1,188 feet; 26 piers held the canal above the surface of the river.

In 1898 the ferry was replaced by the Dunsbach Ferry Bridge. Three bridges were actually built. The first two were carried away by ice in 1903. In the 20th century, Route 9 and the Northway, with their bridges across the Mohawk, took the place of ferry's and canals as the means of transportation.

Lynda Bryan, Town Clerk

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## Highway Department

Dear Halfmoon Residents,

Your Highway Department would like to thank you for your cooperation during another productive summer.

We are now into the winter season and would like to pass on some reminders and helpful tips.

Please remove all objects from the Town right of way, including basketball hoops. The Town right of way, depending on your road, is between 25' and 30' from the centerline.

When traveling please keep a safe distance from snowplows, and use extreme caution when you see one backing up, remember, the driver is alone.

Avoid pushing snow into or across a road, it is illegal and you can be ticketed.

When clearing the end of a driveway, we suggest placing the snow to the **right** of the driveway so that as the plow comes through the snow you cleared is not being re-deposited back onto the driveway.



Garbage and recycling containers should be kept at the edge of the driveway and not in the road. (see illustration above)

To protect our children, please remind them how dangerous it can be to play or build snow forts near the road, drivers may not see them.

Although we take great care at minimizing mailbox and lawn damage during the winter season, unfortunately sometimes it cannot be avoided. To allow us to prepare for future storms, it becomes necessary for the plows to push the snow beyond the edge of the road. If you must install snow markers in the Town right of way, please keep them at least two feet from the edge of the road. This will help prevent them from being knocked down from the weight of the snow as the plow comes through.

Together we all can continue to keep Halfmoon a safe and healthy place to work, live and play. As always, please call 664-3127 for questions or comments.

On behalf of the entire Highway department please stay healthy and have a great holiday season.

**John Pingelski**, Halfmoon Highway Superintendent

## Animal Control

### TOP REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD NEVER MAKE A SURPRISE GIFT OF A PET (AND ESPECIALLY NOT AT THE HOLIDAYS)

- 1. Ownership of a pet is a long term commitment.** Depending on the species and breed of a dog or cat, it could be from 10-20 years. And if the pet of choice is a parrot, it could be as long as 60-100 years (many pet birds are rehomed up to 5 times during their lifespan).
  - 2. Pet care is expensive.** Aside from food, caging, grooming, training, toys and bedding requirements, veterinary care costs over the lifetime of a pet can be staggering-even if the pet is relatively healthy. And boarding a pet for a vacation can be costly. The recipient of a gifted pet might not be able to make that kind of financial commitment.
  - 3. Pets require a great deal of time and training.** A person who currently doesn't have a pet might have a good reason why. Perhaps the demands of their job, their social life, travel plans, allergies, etc. make owning a pet a challenge for which they just are not ready.
  - 4. The breed you choose may not be a good fit for the gift recipient's lifestyle.** A St. Bernard doesn't fit in a carryon bag under an airline seat, limiting a jetsetter's options. A Pekingese doesn't bear up well on long hikes for the outdoorsy pet owner. A Border Collie with no job to do, cooped up in an apartment while his owner works, is a recipe for disaster.
  - 5. Not all animals will bond with all people.** Choosing a pet is a very personal decision. A connection needs to be established for a lasting owner/pet bond, and that is not something that can be willed into existence by a third party.
  - 6. An impulsive decision is never a good way to bring a pet into a home.** Sure, those sad puppy dog eyes tug at your heartstrings when you walk by the pet shop window, or that basket of fluffy kittens in front of the grocery store is irresistible...BUT STOP. Consider that the puppy might be the product of a puppy mill, or that kitten might have an affinity for clawing on antique furniture. Do research into the requirements of a particular type or breed of pet so as to avoid buyer's remorse--with the strong possibility later of the pet winding up surrendered to a animal shelter.
  - 7. Pets need time to adjust to new surroundings with attentive owners who have time to try to make their transition easier.** The winter holidays are a very stressful, busy time. Everyone is off schedule, friends and relatives are dropping by, there are decorations, enticing candies and poisonous plants within reach of curious noses, not to mention gifts which have not yet been relegated to a permanent place. This can be an overwhelming environment for the new family member, and does not necessarily set them up for a successful transition.
- Ownership of a pet can, however, be a wonderful and joyful experience with the proper preparation. Pets can be compassionate, caring companions which enrich our daily lives. If you still wish to give a pet as a gift, give a gift certificate (you can make one up yourself) or offer to accompany the prospective pet parent to the shelter or rescue and to pay the adoption fee. You could add a trip to the pet store for food and supplies if you wish. And if the person decides they haven't found the right pet match or that the timing is off to get a new family member, you haven't put a live animal into a situation where it will need re-homing.

**Beth Abramson**, Animal Control Officer

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## Receiver of Taxes

Well, here we go back to the Holidays and the colder weather. In this article it is the time of year to remind residents to make sure the Town of Halfmoon Assessor's office and the Water Department have the correct address for mailing of Saratoga County Property Tax bills and Town of Halfmoon Water bills. Change of address sheets are available on our townofhalfmoon-ny.gov website under quick links.

The Saratoga County Tax bills will be mailed on December 27, 2016 and will be due without penalty on January 31, 2017. Besides our regular business hours, Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 4:00PM, for your convenience during the month of January, the Receiver of Taxes Office will be open Wednesdays until 6:00PM and Saturdays 9:00AM – 12:00PM. During the month of February there is a 1% penalty and March is 2% penalty plus a \$2.00 late fee. Checks are made payable to Karen S. Pingelski Receiver of Taxes. We accept payments at the Receiver of Taxes office or by mail: Town of Halfmoon 2A Halfmoon Town Plaza Halfmoon, NY 12065.

We also have credit card payments available at the office and online. There is a processing fee of 2.45% on all credit card payments, \$3.95 for debit cards and \$1.75 for Online Echecks. 2017 Saratoga County Tax bills are available on the Home Page of the Town of Halfmoon Website on the bottom right of the page. No tax payments can be accepted before the January 1, 2017 warrant date. This is a State Law and there are no exceptions.

The Town of Halfmoon Water bill is due by the November 1, 2016. Any payment received after that date will be returned to the property owner and the late fee amount will be on the 2017 Saratoga County Property tax bill. Once again there are no exceptions. If you use a bank check, please make sure to submit you payment before the date of payment. Banks often send 30 checks at a time and do not have them to my office by the due date. Credit Card payments are also available with a processing fee of 3.0927% at our counter or over the phone and a straight \$5.00 fee online. The Town of Halfmoon does not receive any of the processing fees.

If you are paying in person at my office, please bring your entire bill so we can stamp it paid and please have your checks made out, we do have stamps to fill in the Pay To The Order Of line for both taxes and water payments. If you have any question about your bills feel free to contact my office by phone 518-371-7410 x 2251 or email [kpingsels@townofhalfmoon-ny.gov](mailto:kpingsels@townofhalfmoon-ny.gov) we will be happy to assist you. Please ask your questions before the date due that way if there is an issue we can address it before the due date.

Kiva and I wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

**Karen S. Pingelski**, Receiver of Taxes

## Historical Society



Jim Bold, President of the Halfmoon Historical Society at the new/old Tool Shed



Visitors admiring the many artifacts on display

The Halfmoon Historical Society had a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the beginning of their monthly meeting on September 27th for their new permanent display of Life on the Farm at the turn of the century in the newly refurbished 1900's Tool Shed, originally from the Meredith Fellows farm on Fellows Road. The building was a grain storage shed, where the grains grown on the farm were used to feed the herd of dairy cattle. This made for a perfect home for the Town's agricultural past and the societies growing collection of farm artifacts.

If you were not able to attend, please take some time to see the display which is next to the Historical Society building in the near future. It is a glimpse of what daily life on the farm was like for our Halfmoon ancestors.

**Linda Bryan**, Town Clerk

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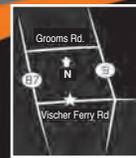


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# The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County

## “Area 3” Project May Be Big Boost For Local Economy

Pete Bardunias, President/CEO, The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County



So-named because it's the third of six areas within the Town of Halfmoon earmarked for zoning modifications by the Halfmoon Business and Economic Development Committee, the proposed intermodal rail/canal/manufacturing center in the northeastern corner of the town has caught the imagination of your local chamber of commerce, interested member volunteers, area economic developers and elected officials. Imagine 21st Century manufacturing in the center and a consortium of local manufacturing companies using both forms of transportation to move raw materials and finished goods in and out of the region. We can connect to points both domestic and worldwide using

railroads and the adjacent waterway, making international commerce possible.

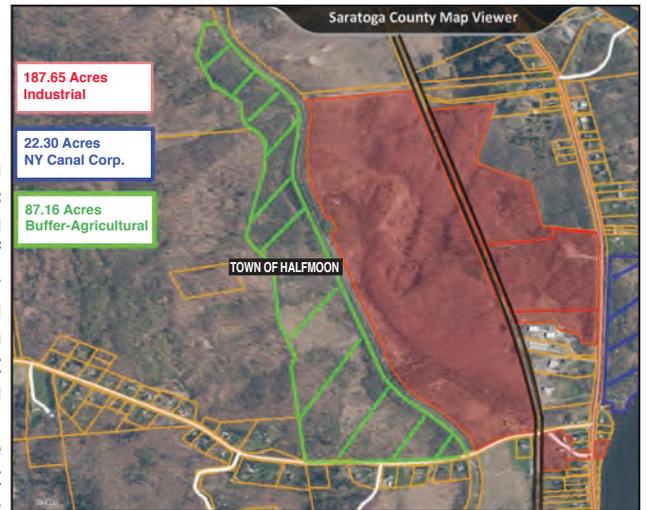
The Halfmoon Business and Economic Development Committee, led by Councilwoman Daphne Jordan, is searching for a balance of sensible zoning that is consistent with both public sentiment and the needs of the Town. The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County's (CSSC's) Area 3 committee is coordinated by Scott Roth, real estate salesperson for RLF Realty of Albany, with as-

sistance from Thad Casey of Innovative Manufacturing Consultants and other member volunteers. Roth is also promoting the concept of selling the properties as one unit to the right buyer. "This is the ideal location to develop a new manufacturing hub that could potentially be serviced by railroad and river barge, and bring good new jobs into Saratoga County," says Roth. "Area 3 is only 7 miles from I-87, with all utilities available at the site including natural gas, electric, city water, and public sewage. I share the Chamber's passion to see this project happen!"

The CSSC has made it a priority, in conjunction with the Business and Economic Development Committee, to find companies that would fit well in Area 3. This is no small task, in fact there may never have been a more audacious project ever undertaken by our local chamber of commerce, but the promises of positive benefits (tax revenue, jobs, environmentally-sensitive manufacturing, use of sustainable modes of transportation) seem well worth the undertaking.



Area 3 as seen from the Hudson River. This would be a unique facet of the project and make Halfmoon unique in terms of commercial water access.



The proposed Area 3 comprises nearly 400 acres, including buffer properties.



A team of researchers, volunteers and interested parties conducts a site inspection of Area 3 earlier this year.

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# Halfmoon Celebrations

Halfmoon Celebrations is a not-for-profit organization and is comprised of volunteers that have the commitment to deliver FREE family fun events to our residents and surrounding communities all year long!

**Holiday  
Stop & Shop  
Saturday, Nov. 26th**

**10am-3pm  
Town Hall**

We will have various vendors (look for a complete list of vendors at [www.halfmooncelebrations.org](http://www.halfmooncelebrations.org)) offering a wide assortment of exceptional items for that one stop shopping experience. There will also be raffle items available. Girl Scout Troop 2154 will be offering gift wrapping - you set the fee by a donation. Bring in ANY gifts that you have already purchased, or Saturday's purchases, to be wrapped before you leave! All the proceeds will help raise money for the Girl Scouts to adopt a family for the holidays.

## Annual Holiday Celebration & Memorial Tree Lighting

**Saturday, Dec 3rd 4pm-6:30pm • Town Hall**

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- Balloon Making • Horse Drawn Wagon Rides
- Crafts • Jodie Fitz from Price Chopper's Kid's Club
- Meet Frosty, Rudolph, Mr. Gingerbread Man, The Grinch and Santa's Elves • Elf Yourself Station



*Refreshments available for purchase to help raise money for The Home Bureau.*

Join us after the celebration for our annual Holiday Memories program where we light trees in memory of loved ones lost and the lighting of the town tree (6:30pm until 7:30pm).

If you are interested in purchasing a memorial tree please email Halfmoon Celebrations at [halfmooncelebrations@gmail.com](mailto:halfmooncelebrations@gmail.com).

## Outside Holiday Home Decorating Contest - Judging held Sat., Dec. 17 • 6pm – 9pm

Halfmoon Residents Only (Volunteers of Halfmoon Celebrations, Town of Halfmoon Employees and Town of Halfmoon Officials are excluded from this contest).

Winners will be announced the week of December 23rd

If you are interested in being part of this contest please email Halfmoon Celebrations at [halfmooncelebrations@gmail.com](mailto:halfmooncelebrations@gmail.com) for an application.



More details and future events can be found at [www.halfmooncelebrations.org](http://www.halfmooncelebrations.org) or find us on Facebook under "Halfmoon Celebrations Events"

Hope to see you at these events,  
Dave Maxfield, President and Volunteer

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# Recreation Department

## SKI PROGRAM

Registration forms for Our Learn to Ski/Snowboard program at Willard Mountain will be available until November 10th in the Recreation office and on the Town's website.



Santa's mailbox will be installed outside the front doors of the Town Hall from December 1st to December 16th for children to mail their letters to Santa Claus. Children will get a response from Jolly Old Saint Nick and a special surprise just for them!

Please remember to include a self addressed stamped legal size envelope. This **must** be included for a child to receive an answer from Santa!

*Need someplace for your kids to go over February break? Come join us for our annual WINTER CAMP!*



Winter camp will run February 21st - 24th from 8:30am - 3:30pm at the Town Hall

No transportation will be provided to and from camp. The cost will cover a daily activity and lunch. This program is available to **ALL** youths grades 1-8 (minimum of 20 participants to run program, max 50)

Registration will begin January 9, 2017. Please feel free to call the Recreation office at 371-7410 ext. 2272 with any questions.

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## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



### We are now collecting items for our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

The donation box is located at the front entrance of the Town Hall.

**Items needed:**

- Dessert Mix
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Vegetables
- Stuffing Mix
- Canned Cranberries
- Gravy/Gravy Mix
- Muffin Mix
- Soup/Soup Mix

**Donations will be collected until Nov 18th.**

Once collection is complete, items will be made into holiday baskets and delivered to local seniors and families in need.

## Parents Night Out

Need to finish holiday shopping? Have a party to attend? If so, take advantage of this great opportunity!

**Saturday, December 10th from 6pm-9pm at the Town Hall.**

Children in grades Kindergarten through 8th can participate. The cost is \$15/child, when registered by December 9th. Registration fee is \$20/child on the day of the event.

# Youth Making A Difference



Head Counselor Jamie Frosell from our Clubhouse site.



Head Counselor Maureen Foy from the Mechanicville site.



Head Counselor Sean Jones from the Pavilion site.

This year we awarded 3 staff members for going above and beyond their job duties with our summer programs. Within each of our programs, a young adult was chosen for their outstanding service and dedication to the youth of our community! Deputy Supervisor Paul Hotaling had the honor of awarding and acknowledging their contribution in making our community the best it can be!

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## Boy Scout Troop 30 Clifton Park

Troop 30 is a boy led troop that prides itself on developing young men into leaders. Our regularly scheduled meetings are every Wednesday at 7pm at the Amity Reformed Church. The troop offers many opportunities to its members. Our goal as leaders is to make sure every boy has the opportunity to go as far as they want in scouting. We have had scouts go to the Philmont Scout Reserve in New Mexico. We have had scouts go to the National Jamboree in Bechtel, West Virginia. Just this last spring we had the majority of scouts of the troop go to Sea Base in the Florida Keys.



Boy Scout Troop 30 at Camp Wakpominee in Fort Ann, NY



This spring the troop is going to look into deep sea fishing off the Coast of Rhode Island.

As much as we like to take the big trips we also focus on activities around New York. Recently we went to a West Point Football game for Scout day. At our meeting on October 26th we had our annual pumpkin carving where we invite all Webelos 2 from surrounding packs to come and participate. It is a bring your own pumpkin event and refreshments were served. This is a fun activity to get young boys interested in scouting.

The schedule for November is filling up fast. The first two weeks of November we help fill the local food pantry at the Harvest Church in Halfmoon. This event is known as Scouting for food, so look for the bags on your mailbox or your door. Each year the troop collects over 1200 nonperishable items. We are also planning a camping trip to Rotary Scout Reserve in Averill Park in November.

The first Friday of December the scouts have planned a troop building activity known as a "lockin". They are going to invite Webelos 1 and 2 from surrounding packs to come experience a night of scout activities and games. In the morning we will cook breakfast at the church and then the scouts will be heading home.

In January our troop goes winter camping to Wakpominee Scout Camp in Fort Ann, NY. This is a cabin camping trip where they scouts get to ice fish, cook, hike and do other activities that they come up with as a troop.

Each summer we spend a week camping at Wakpominee Scout Camp as a troop. The scoutmasters supervise but the scouts handle all the tasks, from cooking and cleaning to morning flag ceremonies. It is an experience that most scouts talk about all year long.

For more information about our schedule please check out (<http://www.trcscouting.org/Troop-4030-Rexford-NY/Calendar>)

If you are looking for an activity for your son that will lead him in obtaining leadership skills while developing lifelong friends, we encourage you to check out the scouting program. Our troop prides itself in supporting a scouts' dream of becoming an Eagle Scout. In 38 years of existence we have had 44 Eagle Scouts from our troop. The leaders of the troop are dedicated in helping the scout go as far they wish in scouting.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Hurd Scoutmaster ([ahurd72@gmail.com](mailto:ahurd72@gmail.com)) Or Dena Amodio Troop Committee Chair ([namodiioiii@nycap.rr.com](mailto:namodiioiii@nycap.rr.com))

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## Resident Relations Committee

"Fostering positive relationships between citizens and the Town and to build and maintain a community that is "Halfmoon Proud". That is the guiding principle for the Halfmoon Resident Relations Committee. Comprised of nine enthusiastic committee members, the Resident Relations Committee has visited the homes of hundreds of new Halfmoon residents over the past two years. Wearing their distinctive bright blue shirts, committee members welcome new residents and present them with a welcome packet that is full of useful information about Town services, community organizations and contact information.

Resident Relations is a two-year old Committee that is the result of Supervisor Kevin Tollisen's desire to allow new residents to discover all of the resources and services that Halfmoon has to offer. "I feel it is important for Halfmoon residents, especially those who are new to Halfmoon, to be informed of all of the great things that we have to offer", said Supervisor Kevin Tollisen.

"It has been fun and rewarding meeting new residents", stated Councilman John Wasielewski, the chairperson of the committee. "I'm proud to not only let people know about all of the great things that are happening in Halfmoon, but glad to hear their questions and concerns as well". The committee not only welcomes new residents, but informs residents of Town events and meetings through its Facebook page, Town of Halfmoon Resident Relations. Future plans for the committee include expanding its presence at community events and increased community outreach. "We're always looking for new members", stated Wasielewski. Anyone interested in joining the Resident Relations Committee may contact them through their Facebook page or at the Halfmoon Town Hall.

John Wasielewski, Town Board Member



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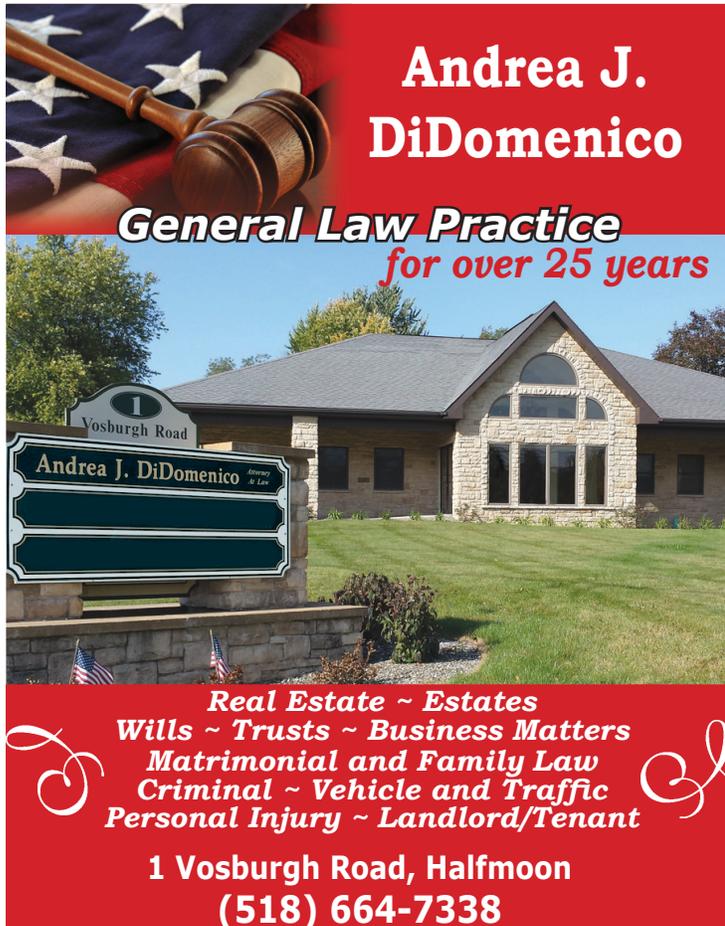


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## Halfmoon Senior Center

The **Halfmoon Senior Citizen Association Inc.** is open to all seniors age 55 and over with no residency requirement. The **Halfmoon Senior Center** is open Monday thru Friday from 9am to 4pm and offers a variety of activities, programs, events, trips, seminars, and exercise programs. When many other avenues for senior activities and fellowship have dwindled, our Center continues to thrive and grow by leaps and bounds. Each day at noon the **Saratoga County Office for the Aging Home Delivered Meal Program** serves lunch at the Center. There is something everyday for you to participate in and enjoy at the Center. Come for a morning activity and stay for lunch or, come for lunch and stay for an afternoon activity!

One of our upcoming events is our **Annual Holiday Bazaar** which will be held on **Saturday, November 19th from 9:00am to 2:00pm**. This is our most popular fundraiser of the year and a vital one to the support of our programs. Our craft group has been very busy over the past several months making hand made crafts. Our bakers will have tables full of home baked items for you to choose from for your holiday needs. There will be Grandma's Treasures and Raffles along with the every popular Christmas Tree Room! The Halfmoon Café will offer our ever popular and totally delicious homemade luncheon items. Our Quilt group has made the most beautiful quilt that will be raffled off at the Bazaar. So tell your family and friends, but most of all - come in and shop!!! All proceeds go to fund our activities and programs.

A unique program that we offer is our **Alzheimer's Support Group** which meets the third Thursday of every month at 12:00pm. Caregivers enjoy a complimentary lunch together while those they care for also enjoy a complimentary lunch, before participating in a group activity. This support group is not only for those with Alzheimer's but any type of dementia as well. If you or someone you know are interested in attending, please call the Center to sign-up. All caregivers of any age whether members or non-members are welcome.

With winter coming and the snow about to be piling up outside, our Fitness Center is the perfect place for you to exercise, because it was designed with you in mind. The Center offers an **Osteoporosis Class** every **Monday and Wednesday at 9:45am**. Osteoporosis causes bones to lose their strength and to break. The body does make new bone tissue but not as fast as it is lost, therefore decreasing bone strength. There is no cure for osteoporosis, but it can be slowed by preventative measures. This class can help. This class is for those that have been diagnosed with osteoporosis, and for any one who is at risk. You might want to join us on **Tuesday and Thursday at 9:45am** for our **Balance and Strength Training** class. This class is geared for the mature body and is tailored for the individual. Classes are \$3.00 per class. If that class is not the right speed for you then try a new **PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise)** on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30am**. This class focuses on the individual and is tailored to each participant's level of ability. This is an on-going free class. Just starting is our **Chair Yoga** class offered on **Thursdays at 9:00am**. Come and observe any class you wish. Our fitness center also offers a treadmill and exercise bike to use at your leisure. Keep yourself healthy and active!!!

For more information on all of the programs, activities, trips, classes, etc. visit us at [www.townofhalfmoon.ny.gov](http://www.townofhalfmoon.ny.gov). Click on the Senior Center on the left and check out our Newsletter. You may also call us at 371-3892 or stop in to see us for a tour!

Eileen Pettis, Senior Center Director

## Halfmoon Senior Express

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# Calendar of Events

## November

- 2nd 6:30pm **Town Board Pre-Meeting** Board Room
- 7:00pm **Town Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 4th 7:00pm **Indoor Movie Night** Main Meeting Room **FREE Event!**
- 6th **Daylight Savings Times ends at 2:00am – TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR!**
- 7th 7:00pm **Zoning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 8th 6:00am – 9:00pm **Election Day** Various Polling Places
- 11th (All Day) **Veteran's Day Holiday – All Town Offices and Senior Center Closed**
- 14th 6:00pm **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** Conference Room
- 7:00pm **Planning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 16th 6:30pm **Town Board Pre-Meeting** Conference Room
- 7:00pm **Town Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 19th 9:00am – 2:00pm **Holiday Bazaar** Senior Center  
287 Lower Newtown Rd., Waterford, NY 12188
- 10:00am **Thanksgiving Food Drive** Delivery Meet in Main Meeting Room – **ALL ARE WELCOME TO VOLUNTEER**
- 24th & 25th (All Day) **Thanksgiving Holiday – All Town Offices and Senior Center Closed**
- 26th 10:00am – 3:00pm **Small Business Saturday** Town Hall
- 28th 7:00pm **Planning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 29th 7:00pm **Historical Society Meeting** Town Hall Lobby

## December

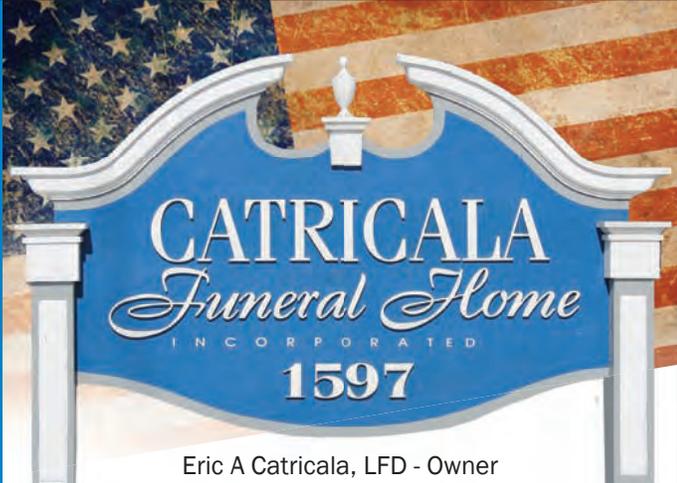
- 3rd 4:00pm – 6:30pm **Holiday Party** Town Hall - Halfmoon Celebrations **FREE Event!**
- 6:30pm **Memorial Tree Lighting** Abele Memorial Park
- 5th 7:00pm **Zoning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 7th 6:30pm **Town Board Pre-Meeting** Board Room
- 7:00pm **Town Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 10th 6:00pm – 9:00pm **Parents Night Out/Kids Night** in Main Meeting Room **FREE Event!**
- 17th 6:00pm – 9:00pm **Judging for Holiday Home Decorating Contest**
- 12th 6:00pm **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** Conference Room
- 7:00pm **Planning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 19th 7:00pm **Trails and Open Space Meeting** Board Room
- 21st 6:30pm **Town Board Pre-Meeting** Board Room
- 7:00pm **Town Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 26th (All Day) **Christmas Holiday – All Town Offices and Senior Center Closed**

## January

- 2nd (All Day) **New Year's Day Holiday – All Town Offices and Senior Center Closed**
- 7:00pm **Zoning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 4th 6:30pm **Town Board Pre-Meeting** Board Room
- 7:00pm **Town Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 9th **Registration begins for Winter Camp** (February 21st – 24th 8:30AM – 3:30PM)
- 6:00pm **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** Conference Room
- 7:00pm **Planning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 16th (All Day) **Martin Luther King Day Holiday – All Town Offices and Senior Center Closed**
- 18th 6:30pm **Town Board Pre-Meeting** Board Room
- 7:00pm **Town Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 23rd 6:00pm **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** Conference Room
- 7:00pm **Planning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 31st 7:00pm **Historical Society Meeting** Historical Building  
280 Lower Newtown Rd. Waterford, NY 12188

## February

- 1st 6:30pm **Town Board Pre-Meeting** Board Room
- 7:00pm **Town Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 6th 7:00pm **Zoning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 13th 6:00pm **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** Conference Room
- 7:00pm **Planning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 7:00pm **Open Space and Trails Committee Meeting** Board Room
- 15th 6:30pm **Town Board Pre-Meeting** Board Room
- 7:00pm **Town Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 20th (All Day) **President's Day Holiday – All Town Offices and Senior Center Closed**
- 21st – 24th 8:30am – 3:30pm **Winter Camp** Town Hall
- 27th 6:00pm **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** Conference Room
- 7:00pm **Planning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 28th 7:00pm **Historical Society Meeting** Historical Building  
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