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For Immediate Release

Town of Halfmoon "Halfmoon to Purchase New Senior Bus"

Halfmoon Town Supervisor, Kevin Tollisen, announced today that the Town of Halfmoon will be purchasing a new Senior Bus. The Senior Bus will have the capacity to hold up to twelve persons with up to two wheelchair positions. The Town of Halfmoon currently operates a Senior bus program to take Seniors to and from the Senior Center, to and from doctor and other medical appointments, to events throughout the area, and shopping. Supervisor Kevin Tollisen said that the Town received a grant thru the Saratoga County Office for the Aging in the amount of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to offset the cost of purchasing the Bus. The Supervisor said that the "Senior Citizens are the heart of our community and deserve a safe and efficient mode of transportation. Highway Superintendent John Pingelski, who oversees the everyday scheduling and operations of the Van, stated that the current Bus we have needed to be replaced and that the "grant funds came at just the right time to help offset the cost".

Senior Center Advocate Lynda Bryan said the Town made the announcement to the Seniors at their March 5th monthly meeting. She said, "the Seniors were absolutely elated that the Town has purchased a much needed new Bus".

Once the new Senior Bus is in operation, the Town plans on selling their existing Bus to the highest bidder at auction.

Supervisor Tollisen thanked Saratoga County and the Office for the Aging for the grant monies to help offset the cost and for the support they provide to obtain this new vehicle for our Seniors.

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