The Town of Halfmoon

# Navigator

Spring 2021

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## Supervisor Tollisen Announces Halfmoon Covid-19 Update

## Summer Camp Registration

## *Supervisor's Office*

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

Kevin J. Tollisen
Halfmoon Town Supervisor

Welcome to the Spring 2021 edition of the Halfmoon Navigator. Many people were happy to see the year 2020 end for many reasons. It certainly was a year to remember. However, financially in the Town of Halfmoon we had a great ending to 2020. The Town of Halfmoon maintained our financial strength and integrity due to a spending freeze and a very conservative budget. The Town Board and I have made it our top priority to preserve our financial strength throughout 2021 by lowering our 2021 budget and continuing to spend only on critical need equipment and infrastructure.

I am very pleased to announce that the Saratoga County Public Health Department is in the process of securing ample doses of the Covid-19 vaccine. Both Saratoga County Public Health and the Town have prepared and trained for the Town of Halfmoon Town Hall to be a vaccination site. In the coming weeks, it is our hope that the Halfmoon Town Hall will open as a Covid-19 vaccination site for those who wish to receive the vaccine. Once Saratoga County Public Health has secured the vaccine doses from New York State Public Health, information regarding vaccination appointments will be available on the Town website **www.halfmoon-ny.gov**, the Town of Halfmoon Facebook page and the Saratoga County Public Health website **www.saratogacountyny.gov**. Stay tuned for details as this further develops.

The Town of Halfmoon has worked tirelessly to improve our water and road infrastructure. The Town Highway Department's projects for 2021 will include culvert repairs and paving roads throughout the town.

Our Recreation Director, Ross MacNeil, and the Halfmoon Celebrations Association are planning many terrific outside activities for this year. More details are available in this edition of the Navigator. Also, please check the Town website **(www.halfmoon-ny.gov)** and our Facebook page for details regarding upcoming dates and times.

Please read the Navigator to see all the great things that are happening all over Halfmoon in the next few months. We look forward to all of our businesses being open at full capacity and life getting back to some kind normalcy. I would like to thank all the businesses who advertise in the Navigator and to encourage our readers to consider shopping in Halfmoon first.

If I or a member of my Team may be of assistance to you, or you would like to set up an appointment to meet with me, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 518-371-7410 extension 2200. With my very best wishes to you during this spring season.

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

## Town of Halfmoon Contact Information

**Dial (518) 371-7410 - extensions below**

| | |
|---|---|
| Animal Control | 518-348-0196 |
| Assessor | ext. 2242 |
| Attorney | ext. 2202 |
| Code Enforcement | ext. 2260 |
| Comptroller | ext. 2217 |
| Grant | ext. 2206 |
| Highway Department (alternate number (518) 664-3127) | ext. 2500 |
| Historical Society | ext. 2332 |
| Justice Office - (518) 371-2592 | |
| Parks Department | ext. 2533 |
| Planning Department | ext. 2266 |
| Receiver of Taxes | ext. 2251 |
| Recreation Department | ext. 2272 |
| Senior Center (alternate number (518) 371-3872) | ext. 2300 |
| Senior Express (alternate number (518) 664-2186) | ext. 2320 |
| Town Supervisor | ext. 2200 |
| Town Clerk | ext. 2230 |
| Transfer Station | ext. 2500 |
| Water Department | ext. 2600 |

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Town Councilman, Eric Catricala • ecatricala@townofhalfmoon-ny.gov

Town Councilman, Jeremy Connors • jconnors@townofhalfmoon-ny.gov

Town Clerk, Lynda Bryan • lbryan@townofhalfmoon-ny.gov

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Receiver of Taxes, Karen Pingelski • kpingels@townofhalfmoon-ny.gov

**Please go to our website and sign up for our E-ALerts & Text Alerts so we can keep you updated on important issues. www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov**

## Town of Halfmoon Hours of Operation

**Supervisor's Office, Assessor's Office, Building Department, Code Enforcement Office, Comptroller, Planning Department, Recreation Department, Receiver of Taxes, Senior Center, Water Department** (located on Brookwood Rd.)
Open Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

**Town Clerks Office**
Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm;
Wednesday 8:00am - 7:00pm

**Animal Control** - 518-348-0196

**Justice Clerk's Office** (check web site for Court times)
Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

**Highway Department** (Located on Route 146)
Monday - Friday 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 Honors 5 Year Old Harrison Keenan

Harrison Keenan has been recognized as a "Halfmoon Hero" & "Honorary Highway Superintendent" by the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon. He was honored at the Town Board meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 for his sense of community spirit and his desire to help others by shoveling snow in his neighbor's driveways all winter. Harrison received an "official" Town Badge naming him as Honorary Highway Superintendent and a framed Halfmoon Hero award. He was also presented with a Town Resolution.

Supervisor Kevin Tollisen said, *"Harrison is quite the young man, with a very bright future ahead of helping people and making them happy".*

Harrison is a true example of all the "good" things that happen in the Town of Halfmoon and the Town of Halfmoon Town Board recognizes and expresses its sincere appreciation to him.

Harrison is worthy of the highest esteem and praise and the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon proclaimed Wednesday, March 3, 2021 as a special day set aside to honor Harrison for all of his accomplishments.

*We are all very proud of Harrison*

# Yellow Ribbon Day Ceremony

## Friday, April 9th, 2021

*Drive Thru Event*

**11:00 AM**

*Short Ceremony*

## Halfmoon Veterans Memorial Town of Halfmoon Town Park

*162 Route 236, Halfmoon*

**Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.**
**Social Distance precautions and Face Masks are required.**

**For more information contact**
**Supervisor Kevin Tollisen's Office (518)371-7410 ext 2200**

***Donations will be accepted for Blue Star Mothers***

**Donations are used to send *Freedom Boxes* to deployed troops.**

# Create A Lasting Tribute

## PURCHASE AN ENGRAVED BRICK IN THE VETERANS MEMORIAL WALK OF HONOR

**ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT HALFMOON TOWN HALL OR ON WEBSITE HALFMOON-NY.GOV**

**For Additional Information Contact: Town of Halfmoon**
**(518) 371-7410 ext. 2200 or email kjeanson@halfmoon-ny.gov**

***Thank you to all of the businesses in this newsletter for their support. Please patronize these businesses and mention the Halfmoon Navigator.***

# Halfmoon CELEBRATIONS Association, Inc.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Spring Fling Shopping Bazar**
**Saturday, May 15, 2021**
10am-3pm
Halfmoon Town Plaza Pavilion & Grounds

**Drive-In Movie**
**Friday June 4, 2021**
at Dusk
(around 8:30pm)
Halfmoon Town Park
near the Parks Dept. building

**Concert**
**Friday June 18, 2021**
6:30pm-9pm
Halfmoon Town Park Stage

**Concert**
**Friday July 9, 2021**
6:30pm-9pm
Halfmoon Town Park Stage

**Drive-In Movie**
**Friday July 23, 2021**
at Dusk
(around 8:30pm)
Halfmoon Town Park
near the Parks Dept. building

**Concert**
**Friday August 6, 2021**
6:30pm-9pm
Halfmoon Town Park Stage

**Drive-In Movie**
**Friday August 20, 2021**
at Dusk
(around 8:30pm)
Halfmoon Town Park
near the Parks Dept. building

**Like us on Facebook**
**Halfmoon Celebrations Events**
**and our website**
**www.halfmooncelebrations.org**

# Car Top Boat Launch

Halfmoon, next to the Route 9 Crescent Bridge, has historically had the rugged Terminal Road, which as the name implied, served to get bulky equipment on and off various Erie Canal boats and barges. Today, that commercial function remains but the pot holes are gone, the vague parking is clearly defined, the risk of driving into the the Mohawk River is blocked, and we have a new exercise, fishing and boating gem.

Created in 2019, this project included landscaping, signage and accessible improvements to the Canal Corporation owned property located at the end of Terminal Road in the Town of Halfmoon adjacent to the Mohawk River/ Barge Canal. The project was identified as part of the 2007 Waterfront Vision Plan and funding provided by a 2015 Canalway Grants Program.

Improvements included an extension of the Crescent Park Trail, regrading of existing gravel pavements, installation of new asphalt paved parking, installation of a new floating car-top boat launch and landscaping. There will be a seasonal floating dock structure anchored in the Mohawk River which provides safe and accessible access to the river for kayaks and canoes.

Halfmoon has a great kayak and canoe access to the Mohawk River (Erie Canal) in Crescent, and to the Hudson River (Champlain Canal) in Lighthouse Park. We also have a variety of commercial docking facilities for bigger boats too. For more details contact Town Supervisor Kevin Tollisen's Office at (518) 371-7410 ext. 2200

HALFMOON
*Farmers Market*

# Attention Vendors Reserve Your Space

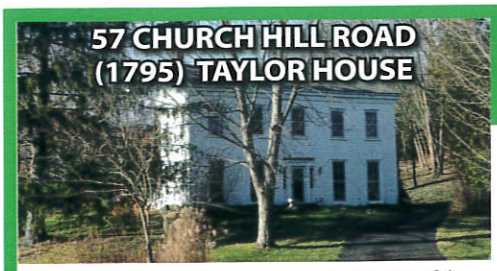
## May - September
## Wednesdays 3:00pm—6:00pm

**Abele Park, Harris Road**
**Town of Halfmoon Municipal Center**

**To receive a vendor application or for more information please contact**

**Ross MacNeil, Market Manager**
**Director, Halfmoon Recreation**
**(518)371-7410 ext 2272**
**Email - rmacneil@townofhalfmoon.org**

**Food Trucks Encouraged to Apply**




Irving Taylor was a farmer, merchant & owner of the family operated saw mill on this property. The 21 acre property has changed very little in 225 years. To the left of the home is the old Taylor Barn built in the 1840's still exists

Picture is ca. 1900

In the late 1800's the copula was removed but the porch remained which extended along 5 of the 8 sides
Main entrance facing the Mohawk River & Erie Canal

# Church Hill Historic District

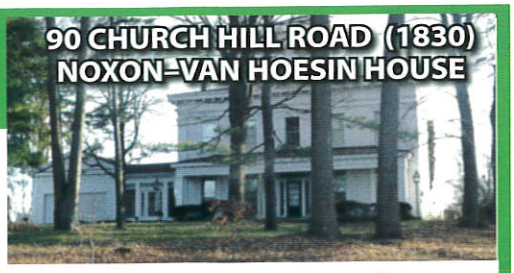
## Nomination for National Historic Register

These beautiful 1800's Erie Canal homes that overlook the Mohawk River tell the story of one of the brightest moments in Halfmoon History. In 2016, a group of Church Hill residents worked with the NYS Preservation Office (SHPO) for consideration of listing the District on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).
This has been a major undertaking.
We thank Church Hill Road residents George Harris, Henrietta O'Grady, Brad Oswald and John Szemansco for all of their hard work and diligence in getting these historic homes the recognition that they so deserve.

***I am pleased to announce the NY State Review Board has approved, by unanimous consent, nomination of the Church Hill Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places!***

**CHURCH HILL HALFMOON HISTORIC DISTRICT**

**Lynda Bryan,** *Town of Halfmoon HIstorian*




Alfred Noxon built the home and later Alice Van Hoesin, a NYC Teacher bought it as her summer residence with a beautiful view of the Mohawk River.

His Daughter married Truman E. Younglove who later became NYS Assembly Speaker. He was in charge of the construction of the Cohoes Dam & Canal System. His project uncovered the bones of the Cohoes Mastodon now at the Albany Museum. Presidents were guests: Ulysses Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, and Chester Arthur.

**Today it is known as the Oak Cliff Bed & Breakfast Hotel**

# Planning Department

**Halfmoon Homeowners:**

## Swimming Pool Permits 101: Including Spas (Hot Tubs) & Inflatable Pools

Spring has arrived and many thoughts turn to summertime projects. One of the many projects homeowners tackle this time of year is the installation of a swimming pool or spa/hot tub. But what's involved?

**Definition of a "Swimming Pool":** A "swimming pool" as defined in the Building Code (known as the "Uniform Code") is "any structure, basin, chamber or tank which is intended for swimming, diving, recreational bathing or wading and which contains, is designed to contain, or is capable of containing water more than 24 inches (610 mm) deep at any point. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground pools; indoor pools; hot tubs; spas; and fixed-in-place wading pools." This definition includes many of the inexpensive inflatable pools purchased from big box retailers, provided they can hold 24 inches or more of water. ***All pools that meet this definition require a building permit and must be inspected by the Halfmoon Building Department BEFORE they can be used.***

**What else is required?** Barrier/Alarm: All pools, as defined above, require protections from drowning, which often requires a fence, gate, alarm, and /or other barrier and alert systems to ensure safety, particularly of young children.

**Final Inspection Before Using:** Many homeowners believe once their pool is installed and filled with water, it's ready for use. However, there are several inspections that must occur before a pool can lawfully be used. This includes not only an inspection of the pool, but an electrical inspection, which must be performed by what is known as a "third party electrician". Additionally, the fence, barrier and/or alert system must be fully functional.

**A FINAL INSPECTION BY THE HALFMOON BUILDING, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRED.**

For any questions regarding swimming pools, permit requirements or other building, planning or development questions, feel free to contact the **Building, Planning & Development Department at (518) 371-7410 x.2266** or email: **rharris@townofhalfmoon.org**

**Richard Harris,** *Building, Planning & Development Coordinator*

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

# Halfmoon Pursues Traffic Improvements Projects throughout Town

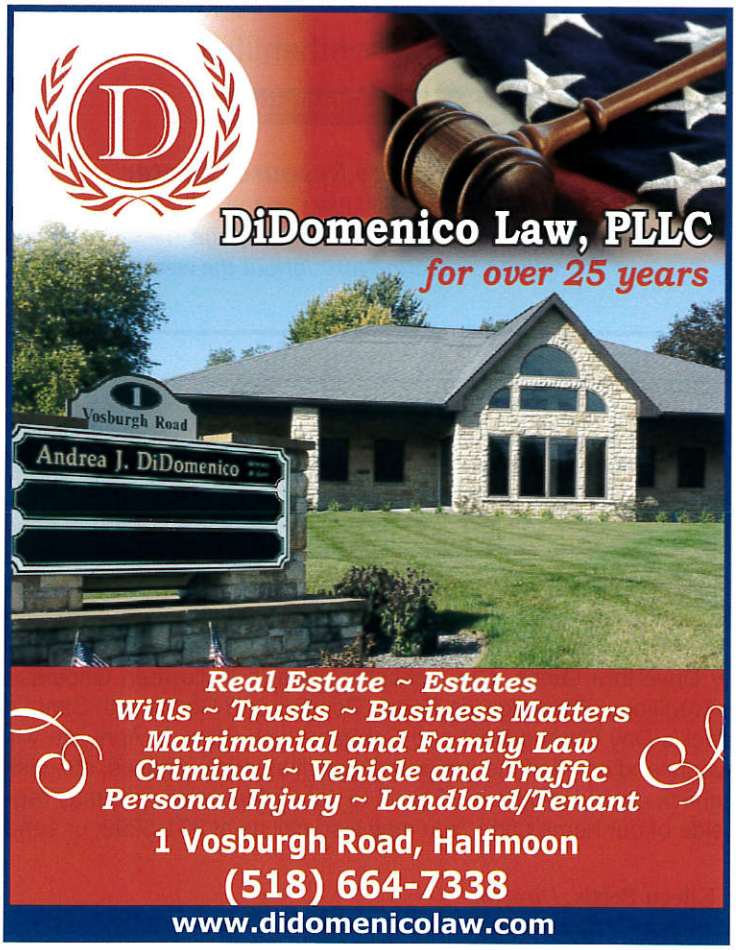
As Halfmoon continues to grow, the Town of Halfmoon continues to plan and take steps to address infrastructure and traffic concerns. One of the most common issues is an increase in traffic, particularly during peak times and at major intersections as people move to and from their home and work site.

The Town has pursued a variety of traffic improvements throughout Town and together we are reaping the success of these efforts. In the Fall of 2019, after years of lobbying and effort to secure grant funding, the Town completed intersection improvements at the Route 9 & Farm to Market Road intersection that greatly enhances traffic flow through this area of Town. The new left turn lane and upgraded traffic signal have received accolades from Town residents and local business leaders.

This project was successful because we all worked together. The Farm to Market Road Improvement Project received critical financial support from former Senator Kathy Marchione and Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, along with support from Senator Daphne Jordan. We also secured design work from NYSDOT and support from the Saratoga County DPW. A true partnership was formed that has laid the groundwork for this and other traffic improvement efforts in Town.

The Town of Halfmoon also partnered with the Town of Clifton Park and NYSDOT to upgrade the intersection of Sitterly and Woodin Roads with new traffic lights and turn signals. This process took a number of years from the planning to completion phase. We are grateful for the upgrades to this area of Town that benefits all of our communities.

The Town of Halfmoon will continue to work with State and local leaders, our elected officials and NYSDOT to bring relief to our busiest roads and continue to make Halfmoon a destination for new families, empty nesters and new and expanding businesses.

## Parks Department

### 15th Annual Canal Clean Sweep

**Saturday April 24th 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

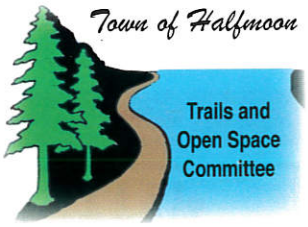
Come join us in recognition of Earth Day 2021 by helping to clean up your local park! Volunteers can participate by picking up litter, trash, and other debris throughout Crescent Park. Meet us at the bottom of Terminal Road to get your gloves and trash bags.

### Playground Safety

Playgrounds are a great place for kids to interact and enjoy the outdoors, but keep in mind the following tips to ensure their safety:

- Beware of hot slides! If it feels hot to your hand, it may be too hot for a child's bare skin.
- Loose strings on clothing and sneakers can be potential hazards.
- Distracted parents can impact a child's safety… Supervision is key to make sure they are safe.

### Join the Trails & Open Space Committee!




This volunteer working group appointed by the Town Board is always looking for new members and their input into future trails and open space projects and plans. The vision shared by the committee is to provide a network of linking trails and pathways both off and on road, as well as conserve unique natural areas and culturally important spaces within Town.

Meetings are held virtually due to the ongoing pandemic via Microsoft Teams at 7pm on the following dates:

**April 19th, May 17th, July 19th, September 20th, and November 15th.**

*Check the Town website for the meeting link*

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**Worship**

Saturdays at 4pm
Last Saturday of the month - 12 Step Eucharist
Sundays at 8 & 10am
Wednesdays
6pm Eucharist, with Bible Study at 6:30pm

Please see our **EVENTS page** for further *event* ***details*** and to find out what's all happening at St. Luke's on the Hill

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***St. Luke's Recovery Resource Center***
*is a ministry of St. Luke's on the Hill.*
*See our website* ***RECOVERY*** *page*
*for activities occuring throughout the week.*


## 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. Unfortunately, due to Covid, the Center is not open at this time. We are hopeful that we will be able to reopen this spring. The good news is that despite the Center being closed, we have been able to provide one of our most popular activities in a modified fashion – Luncheons!! Since October, we have offered a monthly Drive-thru Lunch. Our highlights were: a Halloween Ghoulash Goulash; Traditional Thanksgiving Feast; Cookies and Cocoa with Santa's Elves; Valentine's Day Lasagna with a Heart Doughnut; and a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Irish Stew. In April, we will have our ever popular, Bazaar Soup. For more information on these events and on all of the programs, activities, trips, classes, etc. visit us at www.townofhalfmoon.ny.gov Click on the Senior Center tab and check out our programs. For up to date information, you may register to receive e-mails under the "E-subscription" tab on the left hand side of our home page. You may also call us at 371-3892, or send us an e-mail at **epettis@townofhalfmoon.org**

**Eileen Pettis,** *Director*

If you recently purchased your home or never applied for the STAR benefit, please visit **www.tax.ny.gov/star** to register for the STAR rebate check. You only need to register for the STAR credit once, and you will continue to receive the annual benefit as long as you are eligible.

***Before you start, you should have the following Information at hand for reference:***

**(1) Names and social security numbers of all owners and their spouses**

**(2) Primary residence of the owners and their spouses**

**(3) Purchase date of the property**

**(4) Name of the sellers**

**(5) Address of any residential property owned in another state**

**(6) 2019 federal income tax returns for all owners.**

***Will the assessed value of your property change?***

Each spring the Town Assessor reviews properties to determine if their assessed value for tax purposes should change. For example, changes that affect assessed value include an addition, a shed, a pool, and a basement that was finished, etc. Any additions or deletions from a property as of March 1st will be considered. Typically, if you have no improvements or deletions to your property, your assessed value will remain the same. If your assessed value has changed, you will receive a mailed notice from the Assessor's office.

On May 1, the Town of Halfmoon will publish the tentative assessment roll, which details exemptions and assessed value. The Assessor's office is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for you to inspect the roll; and Saturday, May 8th from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. After May 1, you can find the Tentative Assessment Roll for 2021 online on our homepage under Quick Links. If you have any questions regarding your assessed value, please call Anne Marie at **(518) 371-7410 ext. 2244.**

**Anne Marie Zarelli,** *Sole Assessor, Town of Halfmoon*

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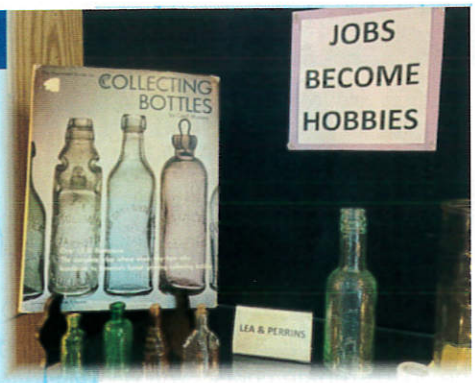
## *Historical Society*

# "Collecting Bottles"

**The Halfmoon Historical Society currently has a display in Town Hall on the History of Collecting Bottles. The display show the art of making bottles hundreds of years ago to modern times.**

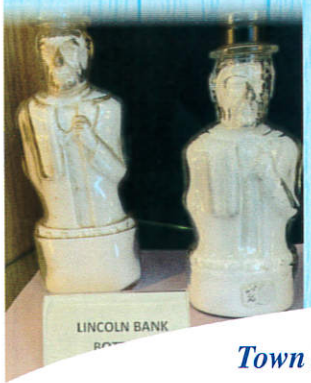



## Here are some interesting facts:

- **Why are bottles colored?**

**Colored jars were considered better for canning and for medications because the color blocked the light from changing the properties of the contents.**

- **Remember waking up in the morning and hearing the clinking of glass bottles as the friendly Milkman set the bottles down in the Milk Box at the front door?**
- **Many liquor bottles had "Federal Law Forbids Sale or Reuse of this Bottle" right into the mold of the glass.**
- **Making bottles was a major industry in the early 1900's and later became a wonderful hobby. My favorites are the opalescence bottles and also a big draw at Antique Shows for collectors.**



*If you would like to learn more about bottles, please stop into Town Hall or visit the National Bottle Museum at 76 Milton Avenue, Ballston Spa. They have a collection of over 2,000 antique bottles.*

**Lynda Bryan,** *Historical Society President*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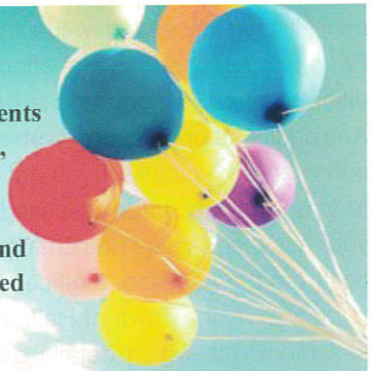
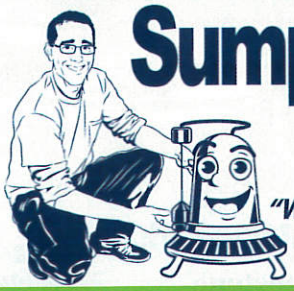
The Town of Halfmoon offers different areas for residents to rent for birthday parties, weddings and meetings.

Information on these areas and their rental policies are located on the Town of Halfmoon Website at www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov



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# SUMMER CAMP

**Registration Packets will be available on the Town of Halfmoon Website Halfmoon-NY.gov Beginning Monday, April 9, 2021**

**Arrangements for pickup in the Recreation Office can be made.**

**TO SECURE YOUR SPOT**
**The completed packet and full payment must be returned by mail only from April 12-May 2**

**In office registration will run May 3rd through June 18th by appointment only.**

**Summer Camp will run June 28th - August 6th, 9am-3pm**

**Resident Fees: $325 for 1st child**
**$295 2nd+ child**
**Non-resident Fees: $650 1st child**
**Extended hours available:**
**7-9am-$150**
**3-6pm-$210**

**Please check the Town of Halfmoon website for a full brochure or contact Ross MacNeil 518-371-7410 x2274 rmacneil@townofhalfmoon.org**

*See Next Issue For Fun Family Summer Events*


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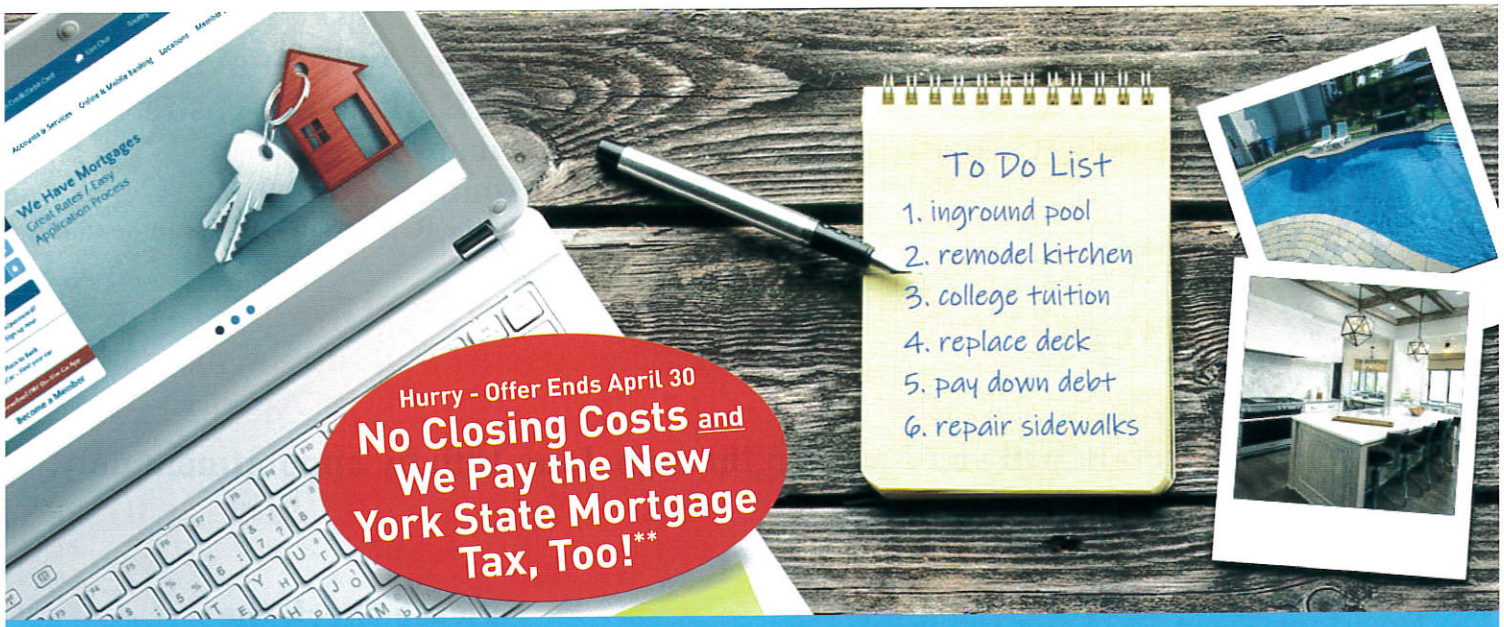


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## Highway Department

As Highway Superintendent, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the many tasks your highway department performs. In addition to plowing snow we are responsible for road paving and maintenance, cleaning of ditches and culverts, catch basin cleaning and repairs, road signage and roadside litter pickup, cutting of brush, and trimming of trees. We have a dedicated staff willing and able to work long and hard to maintain the towns 115.5 miles of roads with the dedication of new subdivision streets every year.

Please watch for our highway workers in your daily travels and use good driving practices when they are out. We want everyone to remain safe and together we all can continue to keep Halfmoon a safe and healthy place to work, live and play.

As always if you have any questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to call me at 518-664-3127 or Email me at bbryans@townofhalfmoon.org

Please go to our website at **www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov** and sign up for our E-Alerts so we can keep you updated on important issues via your email

## Transfer Station & Recycling Center

The Town of Halfmoon operates a Transfer Station and Recycling Center for the convenience of its residents located at 322 Route 146 at the Highway Department facility.

A permit is required to utilize the Transfer Station. Permits are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

**Paper Shredding day will be April 10th 2021 from 9 AM to 11 AM** at the Highway Garage

**Spring cleanup dates are as follows, April 13, 16, 20, 23 and 24**

Please go to the Town website **www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov** for more information on both Paper Shredding and Spring Cleanup information.

The Town strives to continue to offer a facility that operates 3 days a week. The revenue collected from user fees help offset the expenses to operate this facility. For more information go to **www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov** or contact Highway Superintendent Bill Bryans at 518-664-3127.

**Bill Bryans,** *Halfmoon Highway Superintendent*

To advertise in the next Halfmoon Navigator please send an email to **smcalonie@townofhalfmoon.org** or **call (518) 371-7410 ext. 2200**

*We hope you enjoy this issue of the Town of Halfmoon Navigator*

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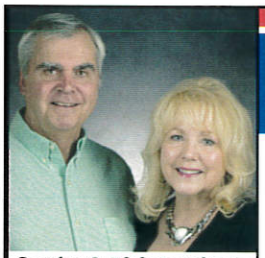

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## Town Clerk

# GENEALOGY PART II

## 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower Landing in Plymouth, Massachusetts

The last article I wrote for the Navigator, published in our December issue, was about Genealogy Searching and the records that the Town of Halfmoon has stored in our vault.

We have had several successful research projects and even one from a woman in California! You never know where these searches will take you and this one has a very interesting story and the Town of Halfmoon plays a pivotal part in it!

The Mayflower set sail on the 16th of September, 1620 from Plymouth, in the United Kingdom. The 1st Harvest was in 1621, when Colonists sat down with Wampanoag Native Americans as an act of Peaceful Co-existence which has led to many stories that are still told every year at Thanksgiving.

Many people trace their bloodlines back to the 102 people who made the journey including 3 Presidents: FDR & Bush Sr. and Jr. and our friend from California!

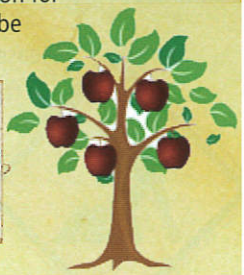
She sent our office a query for her Grandfather's Death Certificate from 1893, who died in Halfmoon. Guess what? We have it! She was very excited as this was the final piece of information she needed to submit her application for the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). In speaking with her further, after she receives her DAR approval, she will be signing up for Families of the Mayflower! Her 10X grandfather was Richard Warren who was one of the 102 people who sailed on the Mayflower and he also signed the Mayflower Compact!

I asked her if when she has this amazing task completed, would she be willing to share her story and documentation with the Halfmoon Historical Society, and she graciously said YES! I think this would be a wonderful presentations for one of our future meetings.

I am looking forward to many celebrations that will be occurring throughout this 400th Anniversary Year and especially now that Halfmoon has a connection!

***When do our records start?***

**BIRTH – 1876**
**DEATH – 1882**
**MARRIAGE – 1882**



FAMILY TREE

***Good luck with your own searches and if your ancestors lived in Halfmoon, give us a call and see if we have records of your family treasures!***

**Lynda A. Bryan,** *Town Clerk* **(518) 371-7410 ext. 2233**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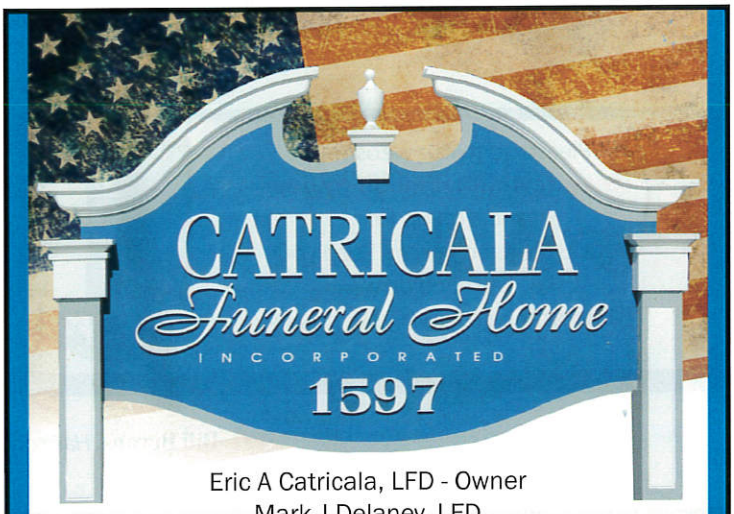


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# PAPER SHREDDING DAY
## Town of Halfmoon

Hosted by the Town of Halfmoon Highway Dept.
and 3N Document Destruction

**Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 9am-11am,**
**Halfmoon Highway Dept., 322 Route 146**

Town residents are encouraged to bring up to a maximum of 3 bags./boxes of documents they wish to have shredded, such as bank statements, credit card records, tax bills and other documents with personally identifiable information.

There is no cost for shredding, residents are asked to bring one or more canned items for donation to a local food pantry for each box or bag of documents to be shredded.

Registration is NOT required for this event.
For more information, please contact Bill Bryans,
at bbryans@townofhalfmoon.org
or at the Halfmoon Highway Dept., 518-664-3127.

SHOP local

# Mark Your Calendar
# Saturday, May 1, 2021
# 11:00am—4:00pm
# SHOP LOCAL EVENT

**Town of Halfmoon Municipal Center**
**Harris Road, Halfmoon**

**Local Halfmoon Businesses offering Free Samples, Giveaways Demonstrations and More**

**Kids Activities, Crafts, Food, Something for Everyone**

**To be a part of this event or for more information please contact**
**Ross MacNeil, Director, Halfmoon Recreation (518)371-7410 ext 2272**
**Email - rmacneil@townofhalfmoon.org**

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# Halfmoon Food Pantry

**The Halfmoon food pantry is stocked and bags are ready to go for any Halfmoon resident in need.**

If you or anyone you know needs a little help, please contact the Supervisor Tollisen's Office at 518-371-7410 x2200.

We also have pet food for the furry members of your family.

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# 2021 SPRING CLEANUP DATES

## April 13, 16, 17, 20, 23 & 24

**Tuesday 8:00am – Noon ** Friday, Noon – 5:00pm ** Saturday 8:00am – 3:00pm**

***Cleanup is limited to Town Of Halfmoon Residents Only * No Contractors***

**Transfer Station Permit is required Permit can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.**

***We would like to remind our Transfer Station Patrons that metals and appliances can be dumped all year long.***

Residents may dump items and construction debris during the above dates.

The fees are as follows:
$5 per car load, $10 per truck or van load, $10 per trailer load U-Haul type vehicles will be charged accordingly.
Regular household garbage is charged the normal rate.

No Combustibles or Toxic Substances Allowed
Paint containers must be open and dry.
Yard waste is accepted for free,
(Branches no more than 3" in diameter and 6' in length)

Tires are charged as follows:
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and 20" and up is $15.00

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Wood Console/Projection TV's $45.00

## PAPER SHREDDING DAY IS April 10, 2021 9:00-11:00am

Go to www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov for more information
Or contact Bill Bryans at bbryans@townofhalfmoon-ny.gov or call 518-664-3127

# Town of Halfmoon Calendar of Events April, May & June 2021

## APRIL

**Summer Camp Registration by Mail Only - April 12th - May 2nd**

**NYS DEC Burn Ban is in effect from March 16 – May 14, 2021**

1 Red Cross Blood Drive ~ 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. ~ Town Hall
2 Holiday ~ Town Offices close at Noon
5 Zoning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m. Zoning Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
7 Town Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m. Town Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
9 Yellow Ribbon Ceremony ~ 11 a.m. ~ Veterans Memorial in Town Park
*Summer Camp Registration Packets Available*
10 Paper Shredding Day ~ 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. ~Highway Department
12 Planning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6 p.m. Planning Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
Summer Camp Registration - by Mail Only
13 Spring Clean Up ~ 8 a.m. – Noon ~ Transfer Station
16 Spring Clean Up ~ Noon – 5 p.m. ~ Transfer Station
17 Drug Take Back ~ Town Complex
Spring Clean Up ~ 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. ~ Transfer Station
19 Trails and Open Space Committee ~ 7 p.m.
20 Spring Clean Up ~ 8 a.m. – Noon ~ Transfer Station
21 Town Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m. Town Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
22 Earth Day
23 Spring Clean Up ~ Noon – 5 p.m. ~ Transfer Station
24 Canal Clean Sweep ~ 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Spring Clean Up ~8 a.m. – 3 p.m. ~ Transfer Station
26 Planning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6 p.m. Planning Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.

## May

**Farmers Market ~ Wednesdays 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. ~ Abele Park**

1 Business Initative/Shop Local Event ~ 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.~ Town Complex
2 Last Day to Mail In Summer Camp Registration
3 Zoning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m. Zoning Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
Summer Camp Registration - In House by Appt. Only
5 Town Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m. Town Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
10 Planning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6 p.m. Planning Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
15 Spring Fling Shopping Bazaar ~10 a.m. – 3 p.m. ~Town Complex
17 Trails and Open Space Committee ~7 p.m.
18 Red Cross Blood Drive ~1 p.m.-6 p.m.~ Town Hall
19 Town Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m. Town Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
24 Planning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6 p.m. Planning Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
31 Holiday ~ Town Offices closed

## JUNE

**Recreation Summer Camp June 28th- Aug. 6th**

**Farmers Market~ Wednesdays 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. ~ Abele Park**

2 Town Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m. Town Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
4 Drive-In Movie at Dusk ~ Town Park
7 Zoning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m. Zoning Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
14 Planning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6 p.m. Planning Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
16 Town Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m. Town Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
18 Concert ~ 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.~ Town Park
28 Planning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6 p.m. Planning Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m.
Summer Camp Begins

## *Message from Town Supervisor Kevin Tollisen*

On behalf of the Halfmoon Town Board, I am pleased to announce we were able to add a new fourteen (14) passenger bus to the Halfmoon Senior Express transportation program for our Seniors. We know that it is vitally important that our seniors have this service available to them so they can maintain their independent lifestyle and not have to rely on others for rides to the doctor or the grocery store. We are committed to providing safe and reliable transportation to our senior residents.

If I or a member of our Team can be of service to you, please call the

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## Tax Department

### *Hip Hip Hooray for a long awaited coming of SPRING!!!!!*

I am sure we are all looking forward to warmer weather, less pandemic and the budding of our spring flowers and the start of leaves on the trees.

As our thoughts turn to opening the windows and letting fresh air in our homes, let's take into consideration spring cleanup around our homes and getting ready for the warmer weather.

Many residents start to get their sprinkler systems ready to turn on for a beautiful lawn for the summer months. I just want to remind those residents how much their water bills were in October of 2020.

As a reminder, the Town of Halfmoon is now sending out water bills twice a year, April and October. Please be aware how using your sprinklers, filling your pools, washing your vehicles and watering your gardens will affect this usage of the water bill. Just a reminder that, we do have the option of ACH payments for water bills and the form to sign up can be found under Forms and Documents on the homepage of the website:

**townofhalfmoon-ny.gov.**

On March 31, 2021, we will complete the Tax Season for Saratoga County in the Town of Halfmoon. The books will be closed at the county level by April 15th and you will be required to pay your tax bill in Ballston Spa by that date. The Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Halfmoon cannot accept any payments after March 31, 2021. With the many changes necessary for collection this year, I want to thank residents for their understanding and patience during January and most of February. I was happy to have Town Hall open to the public and being able to chat and have a laugh or two with so many people we have not seen for so long.

Please also take time this spring to consider purchasing a Brick in honor of your favorite Veteran for the Halfmoon Veterans Memorial. All information is available at Town Hall and the Town website. The memorial is located at the beautiful Town of Halfmoon Town Park.

*We wish you a healthy and safe 2021*

*Respectfully,*

**Karen Pingelski,** *Receiver of Taxes - Town of Halfmoon*

The Town of Halfmoon offers transportation services to our residents 55 years of age and older.
The service transports seniors to doctors' appointments, grocery shopping and Senior Center Activities.

*This service is funded by the Town of Halfmoon at NO cost to riders.*

For more details and information on the schedule, please go to **www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov or call Christina at (518) 664-2186 to schedule a pick up.**


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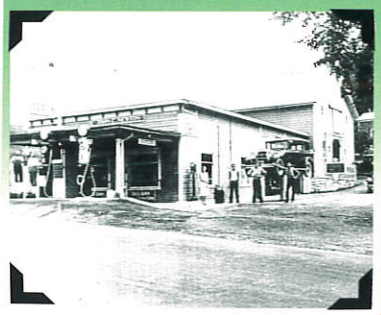
# A Look Back

## Halfmoon Businesses of Yesteryear...

*HISTORY OF STEWART'S ROUTE 9 & CHURCH HILL ROAD, NORTH OF THE CRESCENT BRIDGE*



**JOHN C. NEWTON'S GARAGE & FORD DEALERSHIP**
**ca.early 1900's**
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## *Animal Control*

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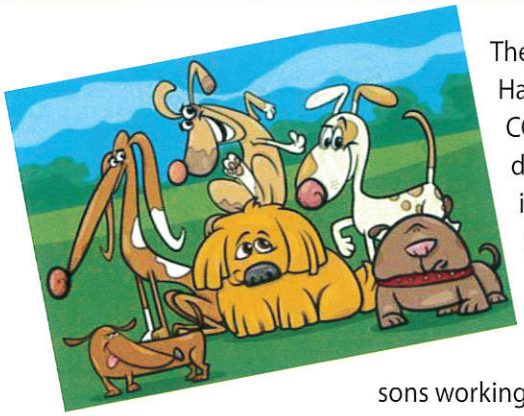

The month of June marks the three-year anniversary of the opening of the Town of Halfmoon Scentral Bark Dog Park. Navigating the ever-changing landscape due to the COVID-19 pandemic had been challenging. However, the Dog Park has remained open during this entire time, affording park permit holders and their dogs an opportunity to interact in the outdoors safely with other like-minded individuals – all while maintaining social distancing and thus keeping people and their canines from going "barking mad" during these stressful times.

One of the few bright spots during this pandemic, is that nationwide, with more persons working and going to school remotely, our animal shelters have been inundated with families wanting to add new family members – pet fosters and adoptions are at an all-time high!

## National Dog Bite Prevention Week is April 11th–17th

***Did you know children are more likely to be bitten by dogs and to be more seriously injured? Help keep your kids safe by teaching them the following rules:***

- **Don't approach an unknown dog or a dog that is alone without an owner and always ask for permission before petting a dog.**
- **Never approach an injured animal-get an adult to help.**
- **Never approach a dog that is eating, sleeping or with its puppies.**
- **Don't poke, hit, pull, pinch or tease a dog.**
- **Dogs do not like hugs and kisses. This is the primary cause of facial bites.**
- **Teach your child to "be a tree" if confronted with a loose dog or one that is overly excited.**
  ***(Stop, pull arms in tight to body, look down at your feet and count in your head until the dog either goes away or help comes)***
- **Teach your child to "be a rock" if the dog jumps on them and knocks them down**
  ***(curl up tightly and protect face and neck with hands and arms)***
- **Never stare at a dog, or try to take something away.**
- **Never approach a tied dog or one in a vehicle.**

***Most importantly, supervise all interactions between children and dogs, until you are confident your child can handle the animal and knows how to read dog body language.***

**Beth Abramson**, *Animal Control Officer*

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