

## Supervisor's Office

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

Welcome to the Fall 2022 edition of the Town of Halfmoon Navigator. We are so very pleased to publish this newsletter to help town residents stay informed about the status of Town government and provide information on Town events and programs that are available. I would also like to



Kevin J. Tollisen Halfmoon Town Supervisor

extend my sincere appreciation to all of the businesses who purchase advertisements in the Navigator. With their support we are able to offer this newsletter to all Halfmoon residents.

On behalf of the Town Board and myself, I am pleased to announce that the Town Budget for 2023 is complete. We are also very pleased to announce that this will be the 45th consecutive year the Town will have no general Town Tax. The Town budget shows that the Town continues to be financially very healthy as we continue to heavily invest in infrastructure for the future of Halfmoon.

The 2022 Summer Recreation program was a huge success this year with over 350 children in attendance. (Look for Summer Camp photos on page 4) We are looking forward to the Recreation Department's Fall and Winter events, including; the Learn to Ski and Snowboard program – sign up begins on October 7.

In August were honored to dedicate the Town of Halfmoon's new "National Historic District " on Church Hill Road. A ceremony was held, and Historic Markers were placed on either end of Church Hill Road. Congratulations to the current and former residents of Church Hill Road for their years of hard work and determination to make this National designation come to fruition. On the same day, a Historic Marker was also place on Betts Lane to commemorate the Betts Farm, a continuously owned and operated family farm in Halfmoon since 1856. Congratulations to the Betts Family.

I encourage you to stop by the Farmers Market. The market is open every Wednesday in the lobby of the Town Hall from 3pm to 6pm. There are a variety of vendors, who offer a variety of fresh food, fresh produce, handmade crafts, goods, essential oils, specialty goods and services.

As the holidays approach in November and December, we are reminded of those who are less fortunate. Once again, the Town of Halfmoon Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Town of Halfmoon Character Counts program will hold its Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please consider donating to this annual event. Donation boxes are located at the front entrance of Town Hall and in the Recreation Office. Food baskets will be created from the donations and delivered to local seniors and families in need.

I extend to all of you my very best wishes during this winter season. If I or a member of our Team may be of assistance to you at any time, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (518) 371-7410 X2200.

> 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) 371-3892)	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 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 7:00am - 3:00pm (Winter 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

## **Parks Department**

#### Paul Maiello, Director of Parks

## Water Less as Temperatures Drop

It is important to water your lawn less as temperatures drop as too much water can lead to disease. Temperatures change around this time of year so as temperatures drop, soil conditions also change.

Fall is one of the most optimum times of the year for disease to start appearing, especially when overwatering and shade from Fall leaves combine. Disease can be caused by several things, but it is usually caused by overwatering, changing temperatures and shade. Regardless of disease outbreaks, you will still want to water your lawn to

prevent drought stress while the grass is actively growing. Cool season lawns require about 1–1.25 inches of water per week including rainfall. Watering grass in the early morning will decrease the risk of certain turfgrass disease.



## **Blow Out Your Irrigation System**

As winter approaches, we get our yards ready by trimming back branches, clearing out flower beds, and preparing our lawn for colder weather. Winterizing your sprinkler system is another important step in preparing for winter and must be done correctly to be effective. A sprinkler blowout is the process of pushing pressurized air through



the sprinkler system lines expelling all remaining water from the pipes. This prevents water from freezing inside of the pipes, causing corrosion, rot, and bursting pipes.

One option is to contact an irrigation service that

will come to your home and use a truck mounted air compressor to blow out your systems, or if you want to try it yourself, there are some great tutorials online.

## Great Reasons to Get Outside this Winter

Temperatures may have dropped, but that is no reason to hibernate.



Playing outside is a great way to ramp up activity, rev up germ fighters and even boost your mood. Learn why it pays to play outside!

## Join the Trails & Open Space Committee!

This volunteer working group appointed by the Town Board is always looking for new members and the committee's ideas and recommendations are important for future trail and open space projects and plans. The vision of the committee is to provide a network of linking trails and pathways both on and off road, as



well as conserve unique natural areas and culturally important spaces within Town.

The Town of Halfmoon Recreation Department and the Trails and Open Space Committee hosted two trail walks this season. On June 4th, members of the community enjoyed

a 2.42 mile walk on the Zim Smith East Trail which began at Elizabeth Street Extension and ended at the Floud Memorial Park at Coons Crossing where a delicious lunch was served. The second walk was held on August 20th and highlighted approximately 1.97 miles of the Champlain Canal Trail starting at Upper Newtown Trail head and ending at Lighthouse Park where lunch was served. We are working on finalizing details for a trail walk on the Erie Canal Towpath on October 8th. Please join us by registering with the Halfmoon Recreation Department at 518-371-7410 extension 2272. Golf carts are available for those who prefer to ride.

Come to a meeting held at the Town Hall on September 19th or November 21st at 7pm to familiarize yourself with ongoing projects and provide your insight. We look forward to seeing you.

If you have any questions regarding the Trails and Open Space Committee, please contact Supervisor Kevin Tollisen's Office at 518-371-7410 extension 2200 or email the Supervisor at ktollisen@townofhalfmoon-ny.gov.









# Summer Camp 2022

We had a memorable, safe and fun sixweek program this summer. We brought the fun to camp every day with bounce houses, waterslides, live entertainment, and so much more. We also included one free field trip offsite this year to the Saratoga County Fair. Check out some of the photos from our fun filled summer. We hope to see everyone back next year!









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# **Animal Control**

Beth Abramson, Animal Control Officer

# So with the advent of the cooler fall weather, you are now breathing a sigh of relief, thinking that fleas and ticks are in their death throes for the year, right?

The fact is that many fleas and ticks have been discovered to be overwintering in our area-- either outside or in, putting your beloved pet's health at risk and posing a risk to the rest of your family. Here's a primer on the most common ticks in our area, what they look like, common habitat and the diseases which they can carry to which our pets (and ourselves) can be susceptible.

1. American Dog Tick (a.k.a. Wood Tick) - largest tick in our area, brown with a white patterned area on its back. Found in grassy areas with tall foliage. Bite can cause Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF) in people, tularemia in people and animals, and tick paralysis in pets.

- 2. Blacklegged Deer Tick smallest tick in our area, adults size of sesame seed, reddish brown, with a black shield on its back. Found in leaf litter, shrubby plants, and forest grasses. Bite can cause babesiosis, erlichiosis, and Powassan virus in people and Lyme disease in both people and pets.
- 3. Brown Dog Tick small elongated body, red-brown. Lives mostly indoors in dog kennels, under baseboards and other moldings and in furniture. Bite can cause RMSF, and canine babesiosis and canine erlichiosis.
- 4. Lonestar Tick rounded body, reddish brown with a single light spot on its back. Lives in wooded areas with dense underbrush and along edges of meadows and streams where deer are prevalent. Bite can cause erlichiosis and tularemia.



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Fleas are small brown insects with flattened sides and powerful legs which allow them to jump distances which are many times their body size. Unlike ticks, they do not attach to their hosts for long periods of time to feed. Fleas can enter the home through pet traffic, hitching a ride in on dogs or cats and are most commonly the cat flea. Despite its name, cat fleas can feed on dogs, and other warm-blooded mammals (including people), and indeed, it can be difficult to eradicate them as larvae can develop in cracks and crevices of the home. Fleas can transmit some very serious diseases if they have previously fed on an infected animal (typhus, plague) which, thankfully, are uncommon in New York, but they can also transmit cat scratch fever and tapeworms which is much more commonly occurring.

#### There are many preventative measures that can be taken to protect both yourselves and your pets from suffering from flea and tick bites.

- 1. Wearing light-colored clothing sprayed with insect repellents is advisable when active in tick habitat.
- 2. Clothing and skin should be checked upon returning inside.
- 3. Use a fine-toothed comb in your hair.
- 4. Pets should also be examined after an outing for any interlopers.
- 5. Preventative tick measures for pets include collars, and both topical and oral medications which can be prescribed by a veterinarian to help keep the crawlies and their potential spread of disease at bay.
- 6. Dogs can also be vaccinated against Lyme disease.
- 7. Preventing flea infestations begins with frequent washing of pet bedding, and flea combing of your pet, checking carefully for signs of fleas including their excrement known as "flea dirt".

This is general information and you should always consult your veterinarian for the best course of action for you and your pet.

# Halfmoon Veteran's Memorial 6th Annual Memorial Ceremony



# **Saturday, October 29, 2022 10:00 AM**

# Halfmoon Veterans Memorial Halfmoon Town Park, 162 Route 236, Halfmoon

# JOIN US AS WE HONOR OUR VETERANS

The names of all Veterans engraved on the walkway will be read aloud during the ceremony.

For additional information call Town Supervisor Kevin Tollisen's office at 518-371-7410 ext. 2200



# Senior Center

#### Eileen Pettis, Director

**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!

On **November 12th** we will hold our **Annual Holiday Bazaar** from **9am to 2pm**. There will be hundreds of hand made craft items and baked goods for you to choose from, along with the ever popular, Grandma's Attic. The **Lunch Café** will be open from 11am to 1pm, to serve you delicious homemade lunch items. The bazaar will offer you the opportunity to buy your homemade baked goods for the Thanksgiving holiday and to purchase hand made gifts for Hanukkah and Christmas gift giving. Don't forget to get your raffle ticket for the beautiful handmade quilt that our Quilters made especially for this event! This is always a fun event and is open to the public. Pass the word and be sure to bring your family and your friends. All proceeds go to fund the programs and activities that are offered at the Center. Only with your continued support and assistance can we continue to provide them to our seniors. **See you at the bazaar!** 

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.

Keeping our bodies in good health is a major goal here at the Center so we offer many different activities and classes to help. The cold weather is coming so our Fitness Center is the perfect place for you to exercise, because it was designed with you in mind. There is a treadmill for you to use at your leisure. The Center offers an *Healthy Bones for Life* class every **Monday** and **Wednesday** at **9:30am**, which is sponsored by the Saratoga County Office for the Aging. 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. There is no charge for this class. Registration is required through the Saratoga Office for the Aging. Join us at HealthPlex for our **Stability and Balance Class** offered every **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday** and **Thursday** from 11:00am to 11:45am. This class helps with building strength and improving your balance through exercises that strengthen the ankle, knee and hip joints all in a fun and social setting. This class is designed specifically for fall prevention. All equipment is provided (hand weights, tubing, ball, chair). Also offered at HealthPlex is our **Core and Strength Training Class**, which is offered every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** from 10:15am to 11:00am. This class increases cardiovascular and muscular endurance. Exercises include alternating low-impact choreographed sitting and standing upper-body strength work, while incorporating lowerbody strength and core exercises. All equipment is provided (hand weights, tubing, ball, chair). Both of these classes are geared for the mature body and are tailored for the individual. The cost is \$5.00 per class for Center members. 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 ongoing free class. Keep yourself healthy and active!!!

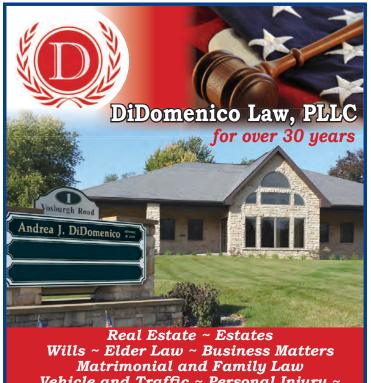
The Center also offers many educational and fun classes for you to participate in. These include: Woodcarving, Crafts, Ceramics, Card Stamping, Jewelry Making, Line Dancing, and Quilting, Writing Memoirs and Open Sew. We also offer many fun activities such as: Bowling, Billiards, Shuffle Board, Monday Movies, Bingo, Pickleball, Domino's, a variety of card games and board games, just to name a few. There are also many trips, both day trips and overnight trips throughout the year.

For more information on all of the programs, activities, trips, classes, etc. visit us at **www.townofhalfmoon.ny.gov** Click on Senior Services, then choose Senior Center on the right and check out our Newsletter and Menu. You may also call us at (**518**) **371-3892** or stop in to see us for a tour!









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Assessor's Office

Anne Marie Zarelli, Sole Assessor

# Are you eligible for Enhanced **STAR Exemption?**

You may qualify for the **Enhanced Star Exemption:** If you received the Star Exemption on your current residence for the school tax year 2015-2016; and

- If you will turn 65 by December 31, 2023; and
- If your combined household income for 2021 is below \$93,200

no additional application for you at this time.

Please call us at 518-371-7410 ext. 2242 for the necessary

forms. All forms and income documents are due by March 1, 2023.

If you receive the **STAR** 

**CREDIT CHECK** and will turn 65 by the end of 2023, the NYS Department of Taxation & Finance will determine what benefit you qualify for. There is



Welcome to the Town of Halfmoon. Please contact the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance at 518-457-2036 or online at www.tax.ny.gov /star to register for the STAR credit check program.

If you are a new homeowner and a Veter-

an, thank you for your service. Please contact our office at 518-371-7410 ext. 2242 for the necessary forms to receive your exemption. The Veteran Exemption applications are required by March 1, 2023.



The Assessor's office will be mailing out the Renewal Forms for RP-467, and the application for Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens at the end of the year. These forms, along with copies of your 2021 income, must be completed and returned to our office by March 1, 2023. Please call our office at 518-371-7410 ext. 2242 with any questions regarding eligibility for this program as each school district in town has different qualifications.

Please note that if you have moved, your exemptions are not automatically transferable even within the Town of Halfmoon.

> The Assessor's office wishes everyone a Happy & Healthy 2023!

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## **Receiver of Taxes**

Dana Cunniff, Receiver of Taxes - Town of Halfmoon

At this time our office is preparing to close our records for another year. It is important that we share some information regarding the end of the year close out process and the beginning of a new year for property tax collections.

<u>Water Bills</u> are issued (twice a year) April 1st and October 1st. You have thirty (30) days to pay the bill without a penalty. If not paid within the thirty (30) days, the balance will roll over to your October bill. October water bills have a strict due date by November 1st. After that date, payments cannot be accepted

or processed (regardless of post marked date) and will be returned to sender, with no exceptions. ALL unpaid water bills and/or balances at that time are automatically added to your 2023 Property tax bill.



**ALL 2023 County & Town Property Tax Bills** will be available online as of January 1, 2023, for you to view, print and/or pay online. Unpaid water bills and/or School Tax Bills will be reflected on your County & Town Property Tax Bill, making the amount due higher than your actual Property taxes (review each line item). All 2023 taxes can be paid by check, cash, e-Check, debit, credit card, in person, online, mail or drop box. If do not received your property tax bill in the mail, please remember it is still due



by the 31st of January to avoid added penalties. Our office collects property taxes until May 31, 2023, at which time our records close and all unpaid tax bills are sent to the Saratoga County Treasurer's office where payments must be paid directly to them. It is a great practice when paying taxes by check to put your phone number

on your check, so if there is an issue with the check we can call right away.

If you have any questions or if we can be of assistance in any way, please let us know.

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



# **Navigator Staff**

Kathy (Kate) Jeanson Terri Russell • Sandy McAlonie Liz Callaghan

# Halfmoon Historical Society

# HISTORICALLY SPEAKING ...

Left to right: Pete Bardunias, Capital Region Chamber of Commerce; Senator Daphne Jordan, Assemblywoman, Mary Beth Walsh; Ellen Betts Shippey, Saratoga County Clerk Craig Hayner, Ed Betts, Supervisor Kevin Tollisen, Bill Betts, Maureen Betts, Lynda Bryan, Town Clerk; Bruce Betts, and Leon Betts

A Marker Booklet is available in the Town Clerk's Office that lists all of the locations of our markers along with a brief history on each for you to take your own History Tour.

"As you travel through Halfmoon and see a Historic Marker by the side of the road, please take a moment to read it.....You will be looking at an amazing piece of Halfmoon History"

#### Lynda Bryan, Historian

The Town of Halfmoon was honored to dedicate four new Historical Markers on Tuesday, August 20th. Two markers were placed on either end of Halfmoon's new Historic District on Church Hill Road, and one in front of the Betts Farm on Betts Lane. One more marker will be placed at the Mill House on 57 Church Hill Road, part of the historic district in the near future. Thank you to all who participated in this dedication.

The Town Board of Halfmoon, realizing the importance of keeping our history alive by giving a deeper understanding of how our past shapes our present and future, has passed a resolution to provide yearly funding for this worthwhile program.



Left to Right: Pete Bardunias, Capital Region Chamber of Commerce; Supervisor Kevin Tollisen, Eric Hamilton, Henrietta O'Grady, Brad Oswald, Cindy Harris, George Harris, Shirley Bold, Town Clerk Lynda Bryan, Senator Daphne Jordan, John Szemansco, Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, Councilman Paul Hotaling, Nancy Morris, Mike Cahill and Molly Cahill.

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# Halfmoon Recreation

For more information contact Ross MacNeil, Director (518)371-7410 ext 2272 Email - rmacneil@townofhalfmoon.org



# Town Clerk

Lynda Bryan, Town Clerk

Come to the Town Clerk's Office and pick up your copy of the

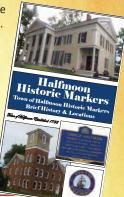
# HALFMOON HISTORIC MARKER BOOKLET

This publication lists all of the Town of Halfmoon's Markers with a brief history and location for each marker. Use this booklet as a guide

and take your own "History Tour" through Town! Markers play an important role in educating the public of historic places and events in our area. Realizing the importance of keeping our history alive, the Halfmoon Town Board has passed a resolution to support this worthwhile program.

The Town Hall Display cases have an extensive display of the markers and large map depicting their locations. This will give you a "Mini Tour" of our history.

Recently, we dedicated this year's markers for the newly designated Church Hill Historic District and for the Bett's Farm.



As you travel through Halfmoon and see a Historic Marker on the side of the road please take a moment to read it.... You will be looking at an amazing piece of Halfmoon History"

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# Code Enforcement Office



Richard Harris, Department of Building, Planning & Development

# Parking Regulations in the Town of Halimoon: Code Enforcement Duties



The Department of Building, Planning & Development is responsible for a variety of duties and responsibilities in the Town of Halfmoon. One of the primary functions is enforcement of the certain sections of the Halfmoon Town Code. While other towns, cities and villages may have similar "local laws", it can be extremely helpful to understand what laws may be unique to your own town.

One group of local laws in Halfmoon that residents and businesses should be aware of concerns **PARKING**. Particularly during winter weather months, it is helpful to know what and when you can park on Town streets. Here is a quick summary of Halfmoon's parking laws:

- **Parking During Winter Storms:** Parking is prohibited on the pavement or shoulder of any Town highway, road or street during a snowfall, sleet, freezing rain or other winter-type weather event and for a forty-eight-hour period after the precipitation ceases.
- **Handicapped Parking:** Vehicles cannot stop, stand or park in any space designated as a place for handicapped parking unless the vehicle has a proper permit or registration used for the transportation of a handicapped or severely disabled person.

**Parking in Fire Lanes:** Vehicles may not be parked or left unattended by a licensed driver within any fire lane.

**Parking Near Emergency Locations:** Parking (other than an emergency vehicle) is prohibited on a street or roadway in front of any fire house or ambulance station or within a radius of 15 feet of any fire hydrant or within 500 feet of any building or area where a fire is located.

Fines for violating any of these sections of the Town Code can range from \$150 to \$450 for each offense. Therefore, drivers in the Town should familiarize themselves with these restrictions to avoid costly fines and penalties.

For any questions regarding the parking rules in the Town of Halfmoon, feel free to contact the Department of Building, Planning & Development Department at **(518) 371-7410 x2266** or by email to **rharris@townofhalfmoon.org.** 



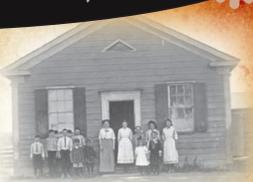
Lynda Bryan, President of Historical Society

Halfmoon Historical Society

The Halfmoon Historical Society has partnered with Brookside Museum, home to the Saratoga County Historical Society by participating in the Countywide Museum Open House being held this year on October 8th-10th.

The Town of Halfmoon Historical Society building will be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10am-1pm. Please stop by and see the new displays.

**"The story of Quilting"** featuring the 1937 Home Bureau Quilt! This quilt was used as a fundraiser for the Bureau by selling local residents names for .10 each. 600 names were then embroidered on cloth as part of the quilt design. These are names of our Halfmoon



families and also the names of the 1937 Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. You will be surprised to see whose name is on it! Learn about the significance of the designs, the history and the story of each quilt.

"One Room School House Setting" From wooden school desks, to slate tablets and school bells, step back into a classroom 100 years ago! The old Shenendehowa school records are available to look through, including report cards! Maybe yours is there!

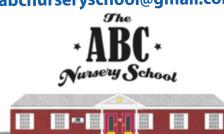
**Mott Family Empire Presentation** • Wednesday, October 12th • Town Hall, James A. Bold Meeting Room at 6:00 pm. This fascinating presentation details the 5 Generations of the Mott family starting with 1st Generation & deed holder Zebulon in 1795 on Farm to Market Road, through the 5th generation Charles, one of America's 1st self-made billionaires. You won't want to miss hearing about this amazing family!



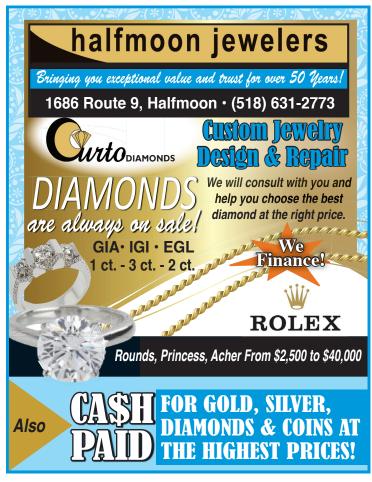
# ABC Nursery School is now accepting registrations for our Fall programs

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## Highway Department

William Bryans, Highway Superintendent/Transfer Station Caretaker

# **Highway Department News**

It has been another very busy summer for the Highway Department



reconstructing and paving roads this year. Prior to resurfacing, we install new culvert pipes and repair catch basins, as needed. To date we have reconstructed close to 6.5 miles of town roads that include Sunset Drive, Milford's Way, Executive Park Drive, Stone Quarry Road, Dunsbach

Road, Belleard Lane, Clamsteam Road, Riverview Road and Werner Road. More roads will be completed this year as the season and budget allows.

We hear you . . . The Highway Department is available for your needs as we continue to handle day to day issues that residents advise us of and we work diligently to mitigate the problem as soon as possible.

Our Team also continues to do routine highway maintenance items such as; tree trimming, road side mowing, shoulder repairs, pothole repairs, storm drain cleaning, street sweeping, storm drain repairs, sign repairs and transfer station duties.



As we begin to wrap up our summer operation, we are preparing for the winter. Our mechanics continue to provide routine maintenance to our large fleet of vehicles to ensure the readiness for upcoming use and our staff is preparing for inclement weather.

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- If you put markers on your lawn please make sure they are two feet back from the edge of the road so we do not hit them.

- Garbage cans should be in your driveway not in the road.
- Please do not park in the road during inclement weather.

If you should have any questions or are in need of our assistance please call us at **518-664-3127** or email myself at **bbryans@townofhalfmoon.org** 

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





# October

- 3 Zoning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:45 p.m. ~ Town Hall Zoning Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 5 Town Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:15 p.m. ~ Town Hall Town Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 7 Ski Program Registration forms available in Recreation Office~ Town Hall
- 8 Erie Canal Trail Walk ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Meet at Town Hall Historical Society Building Open House 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 9 Historical Society Building Open House 11 a.m. 2 p.m.
- 10 Historical Society Building Open House 11 a.m. 2 p.m. HOLIDAY~ All Town offices are closed
- 11 Planning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6 p.m. ~ Town Hall Planning Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 12 Halfmoon Historical Society Mott Family Empire presentation ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 19 Town Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:15 p.m. ~ Town Hall Town Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 22 Trunk or Treat ~ 5 p.m. 7 p.m. ~ Town Park
- 24 Planning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6 p.m. ~ Town Hall Planning Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 29 Veterans Memorial Brick Ceremony ~ 10 a.m.~ Town Park

# November

- 2 Town Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:15 p.m. ~ Town Hall Town Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 6 Daylight Savings time ends
- 7 Zoning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:45 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- Zoning Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 11 HOLIDAY ~ All Town offices are closed
- 12 Annual Holiday Bazaar ~ 9 a.m. 2 p.m. ~ Senior Center
- 14 Planning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6 p.m. ~ Town Hall Planning Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m. ~ Town Hall

# November cont'd

- 16 Town Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:15 p.m. ~ Town Hall Town Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 19 Thanksgiving Food Basket delivery to homes
- 21 Trails and Open Space Meeting ~ 7 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 24 HOLIDAY ~ All Town offices are closed
- 25 HOLIDAY ~ All Town offices are closed
- 27 Holiday Tree Lighting Decorating Day ~ Abele Park
- 28 Planning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6 p.m. ~ Town Hall Planning Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m. ~ Town Hall

# December

- 1 Letters to Santa Mailbox open ~ Town Hall
- 3 Jingle Bell Bash ~ 1p.m. 5p.m. ~ Town Complex
- 4 Holiday Memories Tree Lighting ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ Abele Park
- 7 Town Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:15 p.m. ~ Town Hall Town Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 6 Zoning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:45 p.m. ~ Town Hall Zoning Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 13 Planning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6 p.m. ~ Town Hall Planning Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 16 An Evening with Mrs. Claus ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
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- 23 HOLIDAY~ All Town offices are closed
- 26 HOLIDAY~ All Town offices are closed
- 30 HOLIDAY~ All Town offices close at Noon

# **Transfer Station**

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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.

We recently completed another successful Fall clean-up and paper shredding day at the Transfer Station. Thank you to the staff for your continued hard work during these events and to the residents who participate.

As a reminder, a permit is required to utilize the Transfer Station and the permits are available at the Town Clerk's Office, free of charge, with proof of residency.

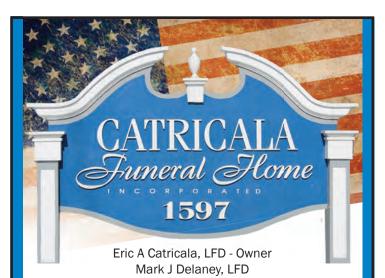
#### Acceptable items are as follows:

- Household trash (with punch card) Recyclables
- Brush/Lawn debris Metal
- Electronics (CRT TV's there is a charge according to size)



You can always go to the website for all of the information for the transfer station.

The Transfer Station is open Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information on all of our seasonal clean-up and shredding opportunities, or if you need general information, please visit our website at www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov or contact Highway Superintendent Bill Bryans at 518-664-3127.



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Town of Halfmoon & Halfmoon Trails and Open Space Committee

LERIE CANAL TOWPATTI WALK & ICNIC AT THE INSTORICAL BUILDIN SATURDAY OCTOBER 8, 10:30-NOON (Rain date Oct. 9) HISTORICAL BUILDING -283 Lower Newtown Rd

> Arrive at Halfmoon historical building by 10:30am. A shuttle will transport participants to the Erie Canal Towpath Community Connector to begin walk at 11:00am. Trail walk should take about 30-45 minutes to complete. A free lunch will be provided back at the Historical building. Golf-carts will be available for those unable to walk.

For More Information Contact: Ross MacNeil - Recreation Director (518) 371-7410 x 2272 rmacneil@townofhalfmoon.org In order to participate please register in the Recreation office or online at halfmoonny.myrec.com For information about joining the Town of Halfmoon Trails and Open Space Committee: www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov/trails-and-open-space-committee



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ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE Donation box is located at the front entrance of the Town Hall. Needed: Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Gravy/Gravy Mix, Dessert Mix, Muffin Mix, Soup, canned cranberries. Donations collected until November 11th. Items will be made into holiday baskets and delivered to local seniors and families in need.

#### **SKI PROGRAM**

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Learn to Ski/Snowboard program will begin in January 2023 at Willard Mountain and will run for 6 consecutive Saturdays (weather permitting). Registration forms will be available in the Recreation Office or on our website starting in October. Everyone ages 8 to adult are welcome to participate.

#### **TRUNK OR TREAT**

Dress up in your favorite costume and join us for Halloween family fun! Our "Trick or Treaters" will stay in the car and drive through the decorated park. Local businesses & community groups will provide treats from decorated trunks.

#### **LETTERS TO SANTA**

Santa's mailbox will be installed outside the front doors of the Town Hall from December 1st to December 17th 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!

For more information please contact Ross MacNeil, Recreation Director(518) 371-7410 x2272 or rmacneil@townofhalfmoon.org

# COME & SEE WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY THIS FALL!

- All new First Fridays!
- Author visit with Elizabeth Letts!
- The return of Computer Classes
   & Tech Help!
  - Foreign Film series returns!
  - Visit the Local History Room!
    - Halloween Hoot & our Haunted House display!

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First Sunday of the Month-11:30am Free Beverages & Light Buffet

Game Night & Free Dinner-5:30pm 3rd Saturday of the Month

Healing Service-Every Wednesday 6pm

**Comfort Works-**2:30pm, Every Wednesday Sewing For Local & Global Good, No experience necessary

Weekend Services Saturday 4pm & Sunday 8am Sunday 10am Inside/Parking Lot 89.5FM/Facebook

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