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Supervisor's Office

Message from the Town Supervisor:

There are many exciting things happening in Halfmoon this Summer.

To start out, the Town of Halfmoon was honored to be the host location for the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall. Thousands of people visited the Moving Wall in loving remembrance of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War.

We welcomed back over 500 children for our Town Recreation six week Summer Program. Our youth are enjoying many exciting activities in a safe and positive environment. Halfmoon continues to offer the "best of everything". Town historical sites, walking and recreational trails, and beautiful Town Parks are open for our residents to enjoy nature and the warm weather. I urge you to visit the Town Parks and take advantage of the many opportunities available for exercise and leisure.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of the businesses and companies who purchased advertisements in this newsletter. Because of their contribution, we are able to offer this newsletter free of charge to all Town of Halfmoon residents. I encourage you to patronize all of our Halfmoon businesses and thank them for their continued investment to our Town.

Please save this newsletter as it provides useful information on the many activities happening in the Town of Halfmoon over the next few months. From the concerts and movies in the Town Park, to the Fireworks on August 11th, to the Fall Festival on September 17th, come out and enjoy these great activities sponsored by the Halfmoon Celebrations Association.

For more information about the Town of Halfmoon, I would welcome you to visit our website at www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov, or "like" us on the Town of Halfmoon Facebook page.

If I or a member of our Team can be of service to you, please feel free to contact me at any time at 518-371-7410 X 2200.

Thank you and 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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Finance/Payroll	ext. 2217
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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Text Alerts so we can keep you updated on
important issues. www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov



Animal Control

Like a Dog to Water...Summer Water Safety for Your Canine Companions

With summer's heat, many of us turn to the water for recreational opportunities. Boating and swimming come to mind--wanting to include our dogs in the family fun is natural. By taking a few safety precautions and with a little preparation, we can keep tragedy from spoiling a good time. *(As with any activity we enjoy with our pets, there is no substitute for having a good grasp of the basic obedience commands--sit, stay, come and leave it.)*

Boating with dogs: Tips for the "Salty Dog"

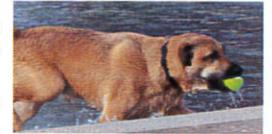
1. Bring plenty of fresh water to keep your dog from drinking from questionable sources when they get thirsty.
2. Bring plenty of treats to gain your dog's cooperation while you tend to the boat.
3. Sunscreen is important for your pooch too--bring an unscented SPF 15 spray along for your dog.
4. Make a provision for your dog to relieve himself, whether it be puppy pads, sod, or AstroTurf. Conditions may not allow going to shore when nature calls.
5. Bring a pet first aid kit containing antibiotic ointment, saline solution, antiseptic wipes, roll gauze, adhesive tape, self stick bandages, tweezers, cotton balls and swabs.
6. Get your dog accustomed to the boat prior to your first trip--experts suggest while it is docked or on a trailer.
7. Keep your first outing short to allow your dogs senses to adjust to the way a boat moves underfoot--and mitigate a slippery deck with non skid surfaces such as indoor/outdoor carpeting. This will also help protect sensitive pads from hot surfaces.
8. Keep him leashed unless you can trust him not to launch himself overboard--in smaller vessels, train your dog to settle and stay in place so a sudden movement by him does not capsize the vessel.
9. Invest in a life jacket for your dog--most dogs are strong swimmers, but inclement weather conditions and strong currents can tire them quickly. These jackets provide a handle for you to grab and help haul him back aboard. Some breeds have such heavy skulls (English bulldogs, for example) that they are not naturally buoyant and need the flotation assistance.
10. Have an emergency plan in place in case your dog goes overboard, and practice it if you have the chance. If the distance between the boat deck and the water is too great, there are floating boarding assistance devices for dogs as well as ramps for transitioning from a dock to the deck.

11. If fishing while boating is your style, don't leave bait around where your dog can ingest it, and make sure all lures are secured and not swinging loose on a fishing line where they can tempt your pooch.

Experts recognize that pools may be more dangerous for our dogs than lakes or rivers. Drowning can occur if a pet falls in and cannot climb back out.

Pool Safety and Your Dog: Tips for Water Fun

1. Never leave a pet unattended around a pool.
2. Make sure your pool is fenced and has a secure gate.
3. Make sure your pet can get out of the pool if it should fall in. Pets can panic and drown if they don't know how to get out.
4. Try not to let your pet drink pool water--the chemicals used in pools can cause stomach and mouth issues.
5. Floating pool covers are extremely dangerous in homes with pets and children. Dogs can easily become disoriented and trapped by these.
6. Check your dogs feet frequently--paws can easily become abraded by non slip surfacing used in and around pools and hot surfaces can burn their pads.



After swimming be sure to rinse your dog off. Vets recommend flushing their ears with an ear wash to prevent ear infections post swimming.

The Animal Control Office and the Town of Halfmoon wish you and your pets a healthy, happy and safe summer!

Beth Abramson, Animal Control Officer

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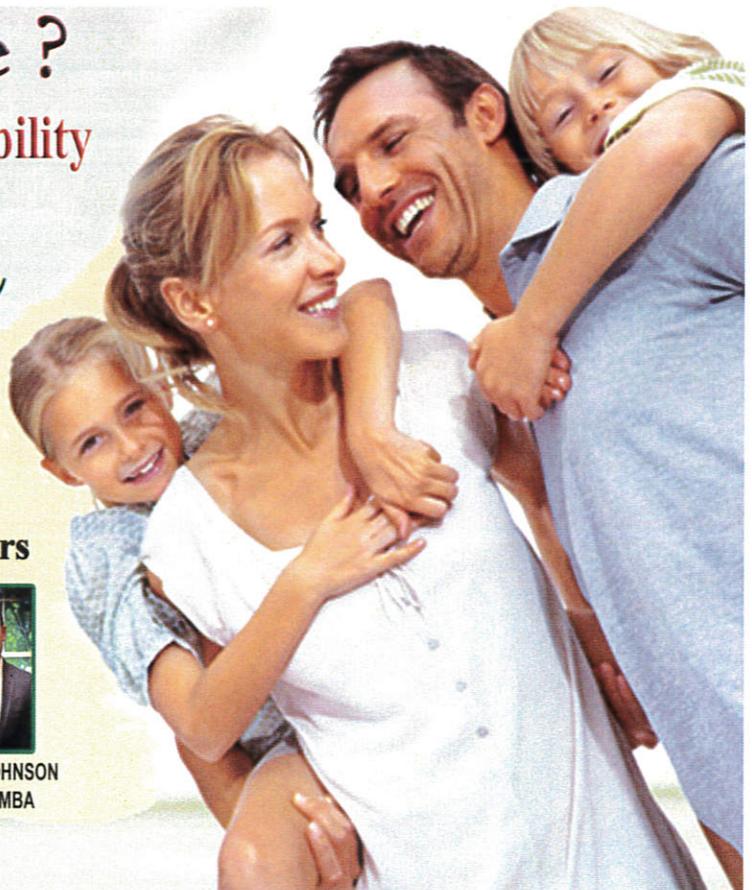


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(Agents/Advisors Call for our Broker Kit)



Parks Department

Time to Recover

Late summer is a good time to get your lawn aerated so water, air, and nutrients can easily pass through the soil and be taken up by the roots.

Promoting deep rooting this time of year allows the grass to store food energy to get through winter, provide a quick Spring green up, and reduce the production of clippings in Spring.

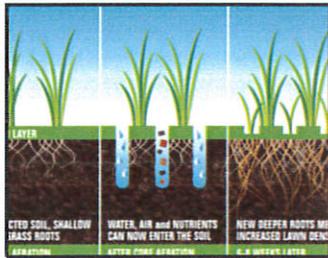


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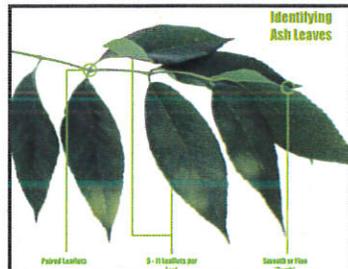
Emerald Ash Borer



New York's Ash Trees are in danger from a pest named the Emerald Ash Borer.

This small green beetle will infest populations of ash trees, and will ultimately cause the tree to die if not treated.

You can identify an ash tree by its upright oval shape, diamond patterned bark, and a leaf made of leaflets arranged in a line with one terminal leaflet



Photograph: David Cappaert
<http://www.forestryimages.org>



Contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension office for Saratoga County at 518-885-8995 if you see signs or symptoms on the trees such as S-shaped galleries under the bark, dead and dying branches, or D-shaped exit holes.

Paul Maiello, Director of Parks

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

Highway Department

The Town of Halfmoon Highway Department has purchased a speed radar sign. The sign was purchased in an effort to curb speeding on our Town roads after an influx of residents' concerns. You may see this speed radar sign sporadically throughout the Town.



Transfer Station

The Town of Halfmoon Transfer Station has announced their Fall clean up dates and times. The dates are **September 20, 23, 24, 27, 30, October 1st**
Tues. 8am – Noon • Fri. Noon – 5pm • Sat. 8am – 3 pm.

Fall clean-up is limited to Halfmoon Residents, No Contractors. A required Transfer Station Permit can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours; permits will be enforced.

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

The fees for clean-up are as follows:

\$5.00 per car load, \$10.00 per truck or van load, \$10.00 per trailer load. Regular household garbage will be charged the normal rate.

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

Cathode Ray Tube (CRT's) televisions and monitors are charged as follows: 17" and under \$10.00, 17"-27" \$20.00, above 27" \$35.00, Wood Consoles/projection TV's \$45.00

Paint containers must be open and dry.

Yard waste is accepted for free, (branches no more than 3 in. diameter and 6 ft. in length)

Tires are charged according to size:

13"-16" \$3.00, 17"-19" \$6.00, 20" and up \$15.00.

No combustibles or toxic substances allowed

For further questions please contact John Pingelski at 664-3127 or at jpingski@townofhalfmoon-ny.gov

John Pingelski

Halfmoon Highway Superintendent

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9/11 Memorial Ceremony

The Town of Halfmoon will hold its annual **9/11 Memorial Ceremony on Sunday, September 11, 2016** at 6:00PM at the Abele Memorial Park.

This ceremony has been held since 9/11/02, one year after the attack on America. Everyone is invited to attend. Our Emergency Responders, members from the military and special guests will take part to reflect on the events that occurred on that day.

Please share in the remembrance of this tragic event at the ceremony, or if you cannot attend take a moment on that day, to Never Forget.



The Halfmoon Senior Express

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, Post Office, hair appointments and our Senior Center. This service is funded by the Town of Halfmoon at NO cost to riders. For more details and information on the service, please go to www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov or call (518) 664-2186 to schedule a pick up.



John Pingelski, Halfmoon,
Highway Superintendent

Grant Department

Exciting News from the Grant Department

Our Champlain Canal Trail Extension project is now complete. It has been in the construction phase since last summer. The project extends the Trail to the South, just beyond the Town of Halfmoon line toward Momentive. Stay tuned for details about a ribbon cutting.



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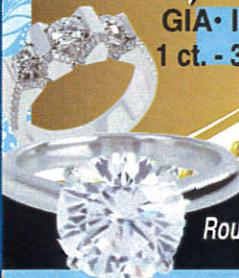
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Taekwondo Instructor Passionate on Bully Education

By Master Michael A. Yuhasz

Did you know that one out of four children is bullied every day? Physical, emotional, verbal and cyber-bullying is a daily occurrence. It's reported that every seven minutes a child is bullied on the playground. It's also reported that 42% of all students have been harassed on the internet. The truly staggering fact is that most bullying isn't reported at all.

The different types of bullying include: face to face bullying including threats both verbal and physical. Emotional bullying that includes dirty looks, purposeful ignoring or leaving someone out of a group because of how they look or a group they belong to. While cyber-bullying includes, texting, social media (Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat) and other types of electronic media that may be used for cyber-bullying.

As a Taekwondo Master, a former Elementary school teacher and a member of Shenendehowa's Character Education Committee I see these issues as having a major impact on children and their overall confidence. There are many factors involved when children and teens bully each other. Many children who bully are lonely and seeking attention; and at times bullying gives them the attention they're looking for, although negative, it is still attention. Others are sad or angry. I can remember being younger and my parents going through a divorce. It can be trying on a child and at times they act out through bullying. Another form of bullying could be from someone in their family, whether it's a parent or a sibling, they are repeating the behavior. Lastly, it's not easy to "fit in" and children don't know how – so they bully.

Many times children, teens and adults lose interest in the things they enjoy especially when a bully is bothering them. A confident person has the ability to ask for help when they need it but at times we need to be reminded about the things we are good at. Children who are passionate about something including sports, photography, music, bike riding, art, or even video games, need to be reminded about their talents in a sincere manner without giving them a false sense of accomplishment. When this is done correctly by supporting parents, teachers and other mentors a child or teen will have the confidence to the challenges of being bullied.

Being a Taekwondo Instructor there are a few ways to help stop bullying without using Taekwondo physical techniques. The following are phases that are taught at Adirondack Taekwondo.

- **Phase One** – Ignore the bully. Look bored or annoyed. Don't let them see you get upset. Remember to keep track of when the bullying is happening. Make sure you keep notes with your family.
- **Phase Two** – Stay with your friends and allies. Many times bullies stress you out when you're alone and target people who stay to themselves. Your friends and allies (trusted adults) need to know about the problem. Once a bully knows you have a support team and allies they will tend to back off.
- **Phase Three** – Don't make the bullying worse. Tell it like it is... Try saying – 'I don't like it when you...please stop'. Act surprised... Try this – 'I can't believe you just said that!' Or you can ask a question, such as – "Was that really necessary? Really?"
- **Phase Four** – Talk to a trusted adult. When you're thinking about being bullied all the time and the bully is affecting your happiness most days, causing you to feel sad, worried or sick – It's NOT worth it. Remember it's not your fault and you did nothing wrong. You need help and talking to a trusted adult is not a wimpy thing but rather a very strong thing to do. Most bullies don't want any adults involved because they have no power over adults and they know they will help you and not them.
- **Phase Five** – Self-Defense taught at Adirondack Taekwondo.

Lastly New York State has enacted the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) which is intended to give students in public schools an education environment free from discrimination and harassment. Our public schools have formed Character Education Committees and have moved to incorporate the DASA requirements at all our schools. Each school has promoted character traits with words of the month, bucket filling, moral storytelling, hiring outside professionals to tackle bullying on a district level and much more.

October is **National**
BULLYING
Prevention Month

October is Bullying Prevention month; 2016 marks the tenth anniversary. Please join the Town of Halfmoon and Master Michael A. Yuhasz at a workshop in Town Hall on **October 13, 2016 at 7:00PM**. For more information on the workshop or hosting your own workshop visit www.ADKTKD.com or call Adirondack Taekwondo at (518) 373-0442.



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The Clifton Park Hotel - a Halfmoon Landmark



This is an excerpt from a newspaper article that appeared in *The Sunday Record* on September 1, 1985. John Scherer, Clifton Park Town Historian gives a brief history of the hotel:

It was built by Clifton Park's first supervisor, Ephraim Stevens, between 1821 and 1831 and known for several years as Stevens' Tavern. The location was always a busy one, being a central stop on the stagecoach route

between Waterford and Saratoga. The hotel's first recorded sale was in 1834, although it was sold many times thereafter.

The name Clifton Park Village Hotel was coined around 1859 when the hotel was owned by Isaac Rogers and the area renamed as the Village of Clifton Park in the Town of Halfmoon. A hotel ledger at the time shows a night's lodging cost \$1: a week's lodging, \$6: and a fancy lobster dinner and drink \$1.50. A dance hall with a special wooden "springboard" floor was added to the rear of the hotel in the late 1890's. And as late as the 1920's, when it was bought by the Kakulski family, the hotel was still a popular local dance spot.

During prohibition days, legend has it, the towns of Clifton Park and Halfmoon alternated being "dry". But the hotel bar kept running, selling liquor on which ever side of the town line it was legally allowed. No one was sure why the Clifton Park - Halfmoon boundary cuts through the center of the hotel. The hotel bar and restaurant operated continually through the 1960's.

The hotel is still owned by the Kakulski family.

Lynda Bryan, Town Clerk

Gillette Carnival

The Town of Halfmoon was proud to be the host location for the Gillette Carnival to benefit Nick's Fight To Be Healed Foundation. Thank you to everyone for enjoying the carnival and supporting this important cause. This event raised of \$10,000 for a great cause that benefits local families!



Pictured: Noreen Loiselle, Ms. Gillette of Gillette Shows, Janie Calmar of Nick's Fight to Be Healed Foundation, Jim Loiselle and Supervisor Tollisen



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The Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall *By Supervisor Kevin J. Tollisen*

On Thursday, June 2nd, a half size replica of the Washington D.C. Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial was displayed in the Town of Halfmoon Town Park. The Moving Wall was open for viewing from the Opening Ceremony until Monday afternoon, June 6th. Each day the memorial was open from 7:00AM - 10:00PM starting with a bugler playing taps, and each evening ending with a bag piper. And each day the names of the over 58,000 soldiers whose names appear on the Moving Wall were read aloud. After the 5 day event, it was announced that every name, over 58,000, had been read. The whole event was made possible by Senator Kathleen Marchione, plus her staff, the Town of Halfmoon Town Board and staff, and dozens upon dozens of volunteers.

Organizing the event began in early 2016. Finding a site for the wall and coordinating the roles for the volunteers was important to make sure the event was solemn and respectful for all who attended. Volunteers worked continually by directing cars for parking, transporting visitors via golf carts, looking up names, reading the names, and listening to hundreds of visitors share their stories. It was a most moving event that brought people from as far away as Herkimer County and Oneida County, to local residents. Visitors included Veterans from Vietnam, family and friends of those who are on the wall and people who wanted to experience the impact the wall has. Seeing the names etched - that we must remember were real people with their own story - on the mirror like wall was an impressive site that had powerful feelings for the many that came.

Having the Moving Wall in Halfmoon allowed those who may not be able to visit the site in Washington D.C. a chance to witness a smaller scale replica. Ultimately the Moving Wall gave people the opportunity to pay tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in order for us to be able to enjoy our Freedom. The Town of Halfmoon was proud to host this event and thank all those who attended and helped to make this a very special experience for the Town.



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For the past few months, the Halfmoon Planning Department has received numerous inquiries regarding the private development activities on Rt. 146, between Rt. 9 and Enterprise Avenue. The following summary provides an overview of the projects and their status (as of 6/30/2016). Please see the map for the corresponding project number.

(1) Rt.146/Lawrence Circle: This site is currently being leveled and graded by the owner, under Town rules for soil disturbance. No specific project has been submitted for review or approved for this commercially-zoned site.

(2) Rt. 146/Old Plant Road: This site has been leveled and graded by the owner. There is no approved project for the site. An application was submitted in 2014 for approval of a drive-thru bank, however, the project was placed on hold by the owner and no approval has been granted.

(3) 411 Route 146: This site was approved by the Planning Board earlier this year for an 18,240 sq. ft. professional office building. The steel-frame building is currently under construction. The building will house the offices for Prestige Services, Inc., a local Halfmoon business that provides lunch meals to Senior Citizens throughout Saratoga County.

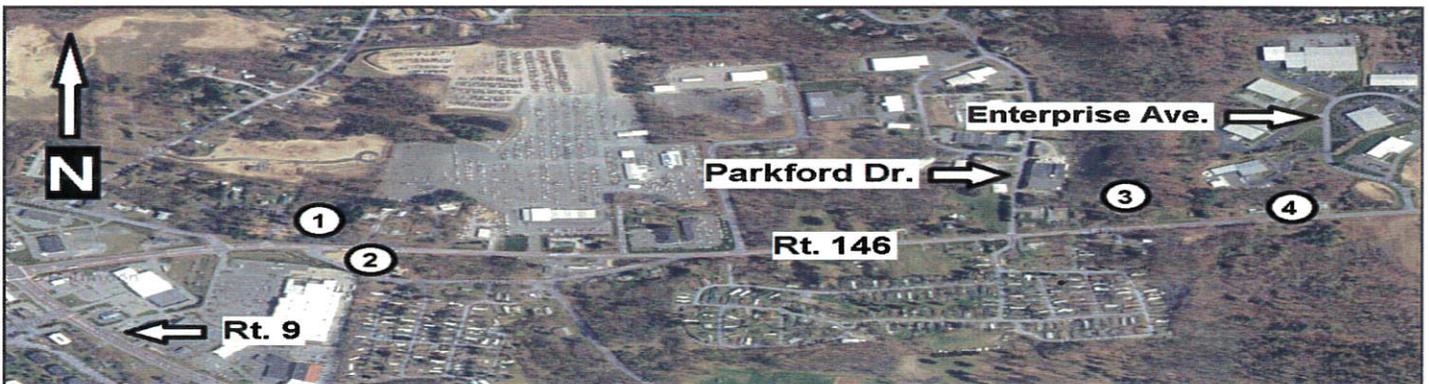
(4) 419 & 421 Route 146: Known as the "421 Flex Park", this site was approved last year for two "flex space" warehouse/office buildings (44,000 sq. ft. & 15,000 sq. ft.). The site is currently being graded and leveled, with large mounds of dirt removed during the past few months, in preparation for construction of the buildings.

The Town has been working closely with local developers and businesses to help make Halfmoon an attractive place for them to grow and expand. The projects along Route 146 are a sign that our Town remains a "hot spot" for development and growth in upstate New York, keeping jobs local and expanding our tax base.

For the latest information on the activities of the Halfmoon Planning Board, including projects currently under review and recent approvals, please visit the Planning Department page at

<http://www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov/planning-department> and click the "Agendas" and "Decisions" links.

Richard Harris, Director of Planning



An aerial map of Route 146 between Rt. 9 and Enterprise Avenue, in Halfmoon.

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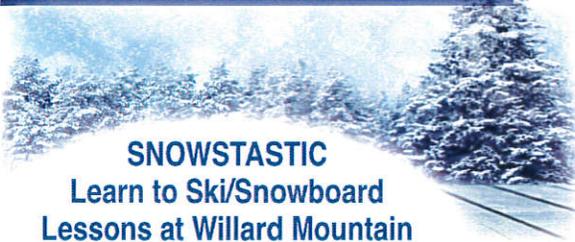
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Halfmoon Volleyball Tournament

Please join us for our second annual Breast Cancer fundraising event!



Saturday September 24, 2016

(Rain date October 1, 2016)

Starts at 10am at the Town Hall

2 Halfmoon Town Plaza

\$150 entry fee per 8 person team

Entry fee includes t-shirt for all team members

Donations welcomed • Free Lunch

Tournament winner gets a trophy and a year's worth of bragging rights!

All proceeds benefit Mechanicville-Stillwater Breast Cancer Walk

Entry forms available in Town Hall. Please make checks payable to:

Mechanicville-Stillwater Breast Cancer Walk, put your team name in the Memo.

Any questions? **Contact Paul Hotaling at 275-8852**

or email Amanda Smith at asmith@townofhalfmoon-ny.gov



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We will be collecting items for our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive starting September 28th.

The donation box is located at the front entrance of the the Town hall. Items needed:

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

Donations will be collected until November 18th.

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

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Halfmoon Softball Fall Rec and Travel Info

2016 Fall Rec registration is now open!!

To register: Please email us at halfmoongirlssoftball@gmail.com with your daughter's Name, Date of Birth, and contact phone number.

COST: FREE

Rec ball will be played on the 4 Saturdays between Labor Day and Columbus day from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.



2016-2017 TRAVEL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for all levels (10, 12, 14, 16, & 18u) will take place on Tuesday August 9th and Wednesday August 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the Halfmoon Girls Softball Complex located at 12 Woodin Road, Halfmoon. Makeup date will be Tuesday August 16th.

YOU MUST REGISTER ONLINE

Registration Fee is \$50. Fee will be deducted from the seasonal fee of \$300 if your daughter is chosen for a team.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT US VIA EMAIL AT halfmoongirlssoftball@gmail.com OR CALL 518-810-9160

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!

Halfmoon Celebrations is proud to announce our next few FREE events.....

Thursday, August 11th
Up All Night
(Cover Band-Today's Hits) w/fireworks to follow
6:30pm – 9:00pm at the Halfmoon Town Park

Friday, August 26th
Movie Night
(Shown at dusk) at the Town Park
(Rain location is in the Town Hall)

Free popcorn and water and free items to go with the theme of the movie



Saturday, September 17th
Fall Festival Family
fun activities for all ages

1:00pm – 5:00pm at the Town Park

This FREE event includes a hayride, carnival games, raffles, business building, face painting, balloon artist, Saratoga County Sheriffs; Fire Departments, rock climbing wall, pony rides and so much more - you don't want to miss out on these fun Fall events!

Hope to see you at these family friendly FREE events,

David M. Maxfield
President & Volunteer

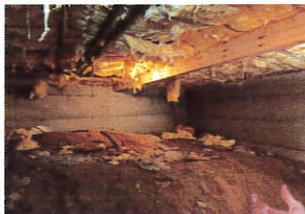
For more information visit us at www.halfmooncelebrations.org; email us at halfmooncelebrations@gmail.com; Find us on Facebook under (Halfmoon Celebrations Events); follow us on Twitter @HMCelebrations or download the Event Stroll App on your smart phone.

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The 6th Annual Kayaking 4 Meso Hopes to Draw 200 Paddlers

The 6th annual Kayaking 4 Meso is again being co-hosted by the Town of Halfmoon. This year's event is set for Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016. The event is an eight-mile paddle down the Hudson River, launching from **Admiral's Marina** in Stillwater to the beautiful **Halfmoon Lighthouse Park** in the Town of Halfmoon. Participants paddle a total of eight miles, passing through three locks on the historic Champlain Canal. With about 150 kayakers on the water, it's quite a spectacular sight to see.

This event, founded by Mark Wells of Mechanicville in 2011, is inspired by his daughter Linda who was diagnosed with asbestos-caused mesothelioma when she was 16. Surviving this deadly cancer has been an ongoing battle for Linda. Her dad created this event to raise awareness and donations to help fight this rare cancer through research, and also to give those fighting mesothelioma hope and encouragement in their battle against this incurable cancer. The 2015 Kayaking 4 Meso event honored the presence of six mesothelioma survivors, three of whom paddled in the event.



The 2016 paddle is hoping to attract over 200 participants. Registration by August 19 guarantees participants a t-shirt to wear on the day of the event. All the information about the event can be found on the website: www.Kayaking4Meso.org. All proceeds go to the **Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation** for mesothelioma research. Festivities with food and refreshments will be available at the Halfmoon Lighthouse Park from 1 to 4pm. This is a fun event for all and quite the adventure for those going through the canal system for the first time - so grab those kayaks and meet us on the river!!

Summer Recreation Program



Campers busy working on their project



Having fun in the bounce house

It was another busy year for the Summer Recreation Program. Campers enjoyed field trips, and on-site activities. Thank you to our counselors, bus drivers, and Recreation staff for helping to make this program safe and fun!

See you next year!



Tae Kwon Do visit included demonstrations and breaking boards

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Receiver of Taxes

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and is ready to enjoy a hopefully colorful Autumn. In this issue of the Navigator I want to take time to remind you that school tax bills will be out the last week of August. These tax bills are collected by the schools not the Receiver of Taxes Office in the Town of Halfmoon. On the bill you receive you will see the office that collects your bill or the address in which to mail your payment.

If you do not receive your bill by the first week of September, please contact your school district for a copy. This happens most often to owners who have recently paid off their mortgage or closed their escrow account in the 2 months before bills go out. The phone numbers for the 3 school districts are as follow:

Shenendehowa: 518-881-0625
Mechanicville: 518-664-5727 ext 2201
Waterford-Halfmoon: 518-237-0800

All school districts now have their tax bills online, so you can print out a copy of the tax bill.

I also want to remind property owners that credit card payments can be made at the Town of Halfmoon Receiver of Taxes Office for water payments and building permits. The credit card companies will charge 3.0927 percent over the counter and on the phone for these transactions and \$5.00 for online payments. This is the only way the Town of Halfmoon can make this service possible for those many people who have requested it. The Town of Halfmoon does not receive any compensation for this service.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and the beginning of Fall.

Respectfully,
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Receiver of Taxes

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Town of Halfmoon *Calendar of Events* August, September, October

August

- 1st 7:00pm **Zoning Board** Main Meeting Room
- 3rd 6:30pm **Town Board Pre-Meeting** Board Room
- 7:00pm **Town Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 8th 6:00pm **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** Conference Room
- 7:00pm **Planning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 11th 6:30pm **Up All Night followed by Fireworks**
Town Park 324 Rt. 236, Halfmoon NY 12065
Halfmoon Celebrations FREE Event!
- 15th 7:00pm **Open Space & Trails Committee Meeting** Board Room
- 17th 6:30pm **Town Board Pre-Meeting** Board Room
- 7:00pm **Town Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 22nd 6:00pm **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** Conference Room
- 7:00pm **Planning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 26th **Family Movie Night @ Dusk** Town Park 324 Rt. 236, Halfmoon NY 12065 -
Halfmoon Celebrations FREE Event! - (Rain location - Town Hall)
- 30th 1:00pm - 6:00pm **Red Cross Blood Drive** Main Meeting Room -
Call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment



September

- 5th (All Day) **Labor Day Holiday - All Town Offices and Senior Center Closed**
- 6th 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 8:00am **Kayaking for Meso Event** Lighthouse Park -
Kayak from Stillwater to Lighthouse Park with festivities
in the park (see article for details)
- 11th 6:00pm **9/11 Memorial Ceremony** Abele Memorial Park
- 12th 6:00pm **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** Conference Room
- 7:00pm **Planning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 17th 1:00pm - 5:00pm **Fall Festival** Town Park 324 Rt. 236, Halfmoon NY 12065 -
Halfmoon Celebrations FREE Event!



September cont'd

- 20th 8:00am - 12:00pm **Fall Clean Up - Halfmoon Transfer Station** 322 Rt. 146
- 21st 6:30pm **Town Board Pre-Meeting** Board Room
- 7:00pm **Town Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 23rd 12:00pm - 5:00pm **Fall Clean Up - Halfmoon Transfer Station** 322 Rt. 146
- 24th 8:00am - 3:00pm **Fall Clean Up - Halfmoon Transfer Station** 322 Rt. 146
- 24th 10:00am **Volleyball Fundraiser Event** Pavilion adjacent to Town Hall -
A benefit for the Breast Cancer Walk held in Mechanicville
(see article for details)
- 26th 6:00pm **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** Conference Room
- 7:00pm **Planning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 27th 8:00am - 12:00pm **Fall Clean Up - Halfmoon Transfer Station** 322 Rt. 146
- 27th 7:00pm **Historical Society Meeting**
Historical Building 280 Lower Newtown Rd. Waterford, NY 12188
- 30th 12:00pm - 5:00pm **Fall Clean Up - Halfmoon Transfer Station** 322 Rt. 146

October

- 1st 8:00am - 3:00pm **Fall Clean Up - Halfmoon Transfer Station** 322 Rt. 146
- 3rd 7:00pm **Zoning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 5th 6:30pm **Town Board Pre-Meeting** Board Room
- 7:00pm **Town Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 10th (All Day) **Columbus Day Holiday - All Town Offices and Senior Center Closed**
- 11th 6:00pm **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** Conference Room
- 7:00pm **Planning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 13th 7:00pm **Bully Prevention Workshop** Main Meeting Room (see article for details)
- 17th 7:00pm **Trails and Open Space Committee Meeting** Board Room
- 19th 6:30pm **Town Board Pre-Meeting** Board Room
- 7:00pm **Town Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 24th 6:00pm **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** Conference Room
- 7:00pm **Planning Board Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- 25th 7:00pm **Historical Society Meeting** Main Meeting Room
- Special Presentation
- 31st **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**



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