



COLONIE CONNECTION

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Dear Fellow Colonie Resident,

Now that we have arrived into the summer season, I can't help but reflect on how quickly the first seven months of my service as Town Supervisor has passed. I took office back in January with a humbled sense of gratitude and responsibility to protect and enhance our quality of life here in Colonie every day. While we have made great strides in this short time, I am excited and motivated to keep moving forward to maintain our reputation as a premier location to live, work, and raise a family in the Capital District.



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Working in conjunction with our dedicated department heads and their staff, we have focused our energy identifying both short and long term goals that will have a meaningful impact on residents town wide. One major example is my concentrated effort to improve the safety and structure of our Town roads. As soon as the weather allowed, we embarked on the most aggressive road repair program ever undertaken in our Town. We will continue this practice each year in order to catch up.

The Town enjoys 850 acres of park space that provide a variety of opportunities to be outside and experience the natural beauty of our community. I have made it a priority to rejuvenate many of these areas and preserve their availability for years to come. We are currently in the process of rebuilding Kiwanis Park on Route 2 and have already dedicated over 40 acres to the Albany Pine Bush. Our Mohawk River Park is also overdue for an upgrade and overhaul of available services.

For the first time, the Colonie Town Pool and Splash Pad opened for Memorial Day weekend and will remain open through Labor Day with extended hours to allow town residents more opportunities to utilize this fantastic resource to stay cool and enjoy the summer season close to home.

Our Town Police, Fire and EMS professionals are dedicated to the protection and safety of our residents and visitors. Their tireless devotion provides us all the freedom and peace of mind to take advantage of so many wonderful opportunities to gather with friends and family. I thank them for their service and appreciate their single-minded allegiance to safeguard our treasured community.

It is an honor to serve as your Town Supervisor and I look forward to continuing to build on our accomplishments in the days and weeks ahead. Together we will work to build a better Colonie. If I can be of any assistance, my office stands ready to help. I wish you all a happy, safe and memorable summer.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Crummey
Colonie Town Supervisor



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TOWN BOARD

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Concerts in the Park

Thursdays July 7th - Sept. 1st
at The Crossings at 6:00 p.m.

New York Players – July 7

The Georgie Wonders Orchestra:
July 14

Josh Casano – July 21

The Lustre Kings – July 28

In The Valley – August 4

Garland Nelson's Reflection:

Motown Tribute – August 11

Big Sky Country – August 18

Body and Soul – August 25

SIRSY – September 1

Farmers' Market

Saturdays at Crossings Park

May 14th – September 24th

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Farmers' Market Storytime

June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th

starting at 10:00 a.m.

Town Pool and Splashpad Opens

May 28th thru September 5th



SUPERVISOR CRUMMEY

DELIVERS 2022 STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS

Earlier this year Supervisor Peter G. Crummeley delivered his State of the Town message to the Capital Region Chamber and at a Town Board meeting. Key points are summarized below.

We have set an energetic and dynamic course to build a better Colonie. While I serve daily at Town Hall, or at any one of our town facilities, I could not enjoy the success of what we have already achieved without the unwavering support of our Colonie Town Board. Deputy Town Supervisor Rick Field, together with fellow Town Board members, Danielle Futia, Alvin Gamble, Melissa Jeffers, Jeff Madden and Jill Penn have served collectively with me in getting the job done.

Our Colonie Police Department continues to serve with distinction. We will strive to be at full staff this year utilizing the most up to date policing technologies and techniques available. These policing techniques get the right help, for the right people at the right time.

Our Emergency Medical Services continues to deliver award winning services, recently receiving the Lifetime Gold Plus Award from the American Heart Association for exceptional care in patients having heart attacks and strokes.

Our volunteer fire service continues to be an essential part of our public safety. Twelve departments serve our Town and each with distinction and commitment. We do not have to look very far to see examples of exceptional service by our volunteer fire departments.

As for our infrastructure, it is imperative that we take bold steps to address our aging infrastructure. Colonie has approximately 1300 town roads consisting of approximately 330 miles. It is unquestioned that we must step up our highway maintenance. This year, we have embarked on the most ambitious town road repair plan in Colonie's history. Clearly, there are more roads requiring assistance that we can wholly repair in one year, but you will see evidence of road work throughout the Town this year.

As to our Latham Water District, it maintains approximately 440 miles of pipe. Two thirds of the pipe is cast iron which was the typical pipe utilized during the applicable installation period. Cast iron does not flex so it can easily break under pressure. We are moving forward with pipe replacement in some of our most challenged areas.





As to our parks, with the support of our Town Board, I have directed the immediate rebuild of the Kiwanis Park on Rt 2. Further, I have proposed a deep dive into our Mohawk River Park. Our Town river frontage is currently not accessible for watercraft, even though the park was originally served with a boat launch. Colonie residents should once again enjoy direct access to the Mohawk River. The tennis courts there have been deemed unusable for too many seasons. We are renovating that area this year to provide new park opportunities to our town residents. We opened the pool earlier than ever before and it will stay open through Labor Day.

Our green initiatives are already underway; our Town board dedicated forty-one acres to be preserved and maintained by the Albany Pine Bush Commission expanding their environmental holdings to roughly 3400 acres. In addition, I have asked our Climate Smart Communities Task Force to achieve climate smart community designation for our Town in this calendar year.

You may have noticed new welcome signs as you enter our Town, welcoming travelers to Colonie – “a great place to live, work and play.” I work each day to keep these words true.

The State of the Town address is posted at colonie.org.

Colonie Police

In our continuing efforts to engage the community in positive ways, we provided residents the ability to pick up COVID test kits and masks on several occasions. Officers have been able to hand out thousands of test kits and masks.

The Colonie Police Department is committed to serving the residents of Colonie. We are always looking for excellent candidates to serve as Police Officers and Public Safety Dispatchers. We expect to hire several officers and dispatchers this year to fill current or expected vacancies. Information about the department and the hiring process can be directed to our Administrative Services Unit at 518-782-2619, the Colonie Police Department website: <https://www.colonie.org/departments/police/>, or the Town of Colonie Civil Service website: <https://www.colonie.org/departments/civilservice/>. We recently produced a recruitment video that we are very proud of and that has won regional and state awards. The video can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jo1E6weAgZo>

Colonie Embarks on an Aggressive Road Paving Program

Under Supervisor Crummey’s leadership, the Town Highway Department has initiated the largest and most ambitious paving program in Town history incorporating 88 roads that encompass over 20 miles. The program is off to an excellent start with many of the designated streets already re-conditioned. In addition to paving roads, the Highway Department is sweeping our Town roads. The Department also began the 2022 Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Program, which includes cleaning and repairing over 30 catch basins.

Supervisor Peter Crummey pictured with Public Works Operational Supervisor, Tom Romano.



Streetlights

The Town has begun the replacement of over 4,000 streetlights with compact, efficient and powerful LED (Light Emitting Diode) lights which will not only result in up to a 50% reduction in streetlighting electric costs but will also provide better lighting and significantly reduce greenhouse gas production associated with generating the electricity needed to power the lights.



Colonie celebrates Arbor Day and Town Conservation Efforts

For the sixth year in a row, the Town of Colonie has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. Town Supervisor Peter Crummey celebrated the achievement on Friday, April 29 in front of Memorial Town Hall by issuing a proclamation, unveiling a new Tree City USA sign, and raising the Tree City USA flag over Town Hall. He was joined by members of the Town Board, Conservation Advisory Council, and residents to mark this special occasion. “Our Town is able to earn this designation because we have so many residents that are dedicated to preserving the character of our community and understand the intrinsic value of planting and caring for our trees. We will continue to embrace sustainable environmental policies that will protect the natural beauty of Colonie for generations to come” said Colonie Supervisor Peter G. Crummey.

Town Supervisor Peter Crummey is joined by Town Board Member Danielle Futia, CAC Chair Zainab Magdon-Ismail, and Town Board Member Jeff Madden to unveil the Town’s 6-time designation as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. (Photo: Aimee Johnson, PEDD)

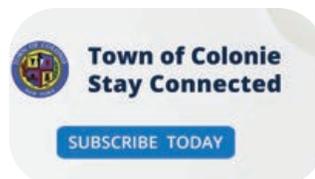
The Town’s Arbor Day/Conservation Day Celebration culminated on May 7 at the Pruyn House where residents were invited to pick-up free seedlings provided by the Conservation Advisory Council. The event also provided residents an opportunity to learn more about conservation with soil testing by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County. Other organizations like Friends of the Pine Bush Community and the Adirondack Mountain Club set up booths to provide more information about some of the area’s natural treasures.



Stay Connected

Sign up for community news and events, Supervisor updates, urgent alerts, and to receive this publication electronically.

Visit colonie.org/stayconnected



PHONE DIRECTORY

Main Line	783-2700
Animal Control	783-2711
Assessor	783-2701
Attorney	783-2704
Building	783-2706
Civil Service	783-2721
Community Development	783-2718
Comptroller	783-2708
Emergency Management & Planning	782-2645
EMS	782-2645
Environmental Services	783-2827
Fire Services	783-2712
General Services	783-2726
Highway	783-2795
Historian	782-2601
Human Resources	783-2720
Justice	783-2714
Landfill	783-2827
Latham Water District	783-2750
Library	458-9274
Management Information Services	783-2895
Planning & Economic Development	783-2741
Police (Non-Emergency)	783-2744
Pruyn House	783-1435
Public Works Engineering	783-6292
Pure Waters (Sewer)	783-2766
Recreation	783-2760
Senior Resources	459-5051
Supervisor	783-2728
Tax Department	783-2730
Town Clerk	783-2734

The Colonie Connection

Peter G. Crummey, Supervisor

Andrew Curry, Coordinator

The Colonie Connection is published by the Town of Colonie to provide residents with information on Town happenings and services. For more information, call (518) 783-2728 or email the coordinator at: CurryA@colonie.org

2022 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Sponsored by: Division of Environmental Services
Division of Fire Services
NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation

WHEN:

Drop off Dates: Wednesday Sept. 14th and
November TBA, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WHERE:

TOWN OF COLONIE LANDFILL
4 ARROWHEAD LANE
COHOES, NY 12047

**Residents of the Town of Colonie will be accepted by appointment only.
Proof of Residency will be required at the time of disposal.**

Practice Pollution Prevention

Stormwater runoff is rain that falls on roofs, lawns, or paved areas, and is carried away by a system of stormwater pipes or culverts and ditches. As it flows over the land surface, it can be contaminated by debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. This untreated water is then discharged directly into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water.

What you can do to help:

- Recycle used motor oil
- Participate in Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- Use hazardous substances in the smallest amounts possible

Please recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil and other fluids. Don't pour them onto the ground or into storm drains!

We reserve the right to refuse any material which is not deemed acceptable to the managing chemist on site.

For more information call the DPW/Division of Environmental Services at (518) 783-6292 or visit colonie.org



For Mandatory Pre-Registration

Contact:

MXI Environmental Services
Toll Free 1-800-742-5542 Ext. 109
Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Please do not call sooner than 30 days
prior to Drop Off Date**

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Remember the "best method" for disposal of unrestricted pesticides is proper use. If not banned, restricted, or outdated, use according to directions or give to a friend to use.

Acids	Muriatic Acid
Adhesives	Nail Polish
Aerosols	Nail Polish Remover
Boric Acid	No-Pest Strips
Brake Fluid	Oven Cleaners
Cements	Paints: Latex & Oil Based
Charcoal Lighters	Paint Remover
Chlorine	Paint Thinner
Cleaning Fluid	Permanent Solutions
Corn & Wart Remover	Pesticides
Degreasers	Photo Chemicals
Disinfectants	Pool Chemicals
Drain Cleaners	Rat Poison
Dry Gas	Rust Solvents
Dyes	Solvents
Epoxies	Spot Remover
Flea Collars & Powders	Toilet Bowl Cleaners
Hair Removers	Tub & Tile Cleaners
Herbicides	Turpentine
Inks	Varnish
Insecticides	Weed Killers
Insect Repellants	Wood Pesticides (Some)
Lacquers	Wood Polishes
Lubricants	Wood Stains
Moth Balls or Flakes	

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Asbestos
* **Anti-Freeze**
Biological or Medical Wastes
Dioxin Suspect Pesticides
(2,4,5T, certain formulations of
Weed-Be-Gone and Silvex)
* **Electronics (tv and computer)**
Explosives and Flares
PCB's
Pentachlorophenol
Pressurized Tanks and
* **Gas Cylinders (Propane Tanks)**
Radioactive Waste (smoke detectors)
* **Waste Oil**

* These materials can be brought to the Town of Colonie Landfill during regular business hours for recycling.

2022 YARD WASTE BRUSH PROGRAM

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE APRIL 11th – NOVEMBER 4th, 2022

After November 4th, the Town will continue to collect yard waste, but not on the regular weekly schedule. Unscheduled curbside collection will continue through December 9th, *weather permitting*.

Program Guidelines

For ease of handling, we prefer yard waste to be packed in biodegradable bags. Yard waste may also be placed in reusable containers no larger than 32 gallons in volume and weighing no more than 40 pounds. It is no longer necessary to identify reusable containers with compostable yard waste stickers purchased from the Town.

Place the bags and/or containers at the curbside for your pick-up day.

Residents may also bring compostable yard waste **at no charge** to the compost facility at: **1319 Loudon Road, Cohoes** during normal business hours.

Through June: Monday – Friday 7am to 3pm., Saturdays 7am – Noon

July, August, and September: Monday – Friday 7am – 2pm., Saturdays 7am – Noon

Residents may pick up free compost beginning May 6

Note: Compost is not recommended for vegetable gardens, but can be used as mulch, a soil conditioner, to establish a lawn, or as an ornamental plant potting soil.

Holiday Collection

If a legal holiday falls on a collection day, pick up for all fire districts may occur on another day during that week.

Weekly collection is scheduled by Fire District:

Monday	Midway / Stanford Heights
Tuesday	Loudonville / Albany Shaker Road
Wednesday	Latham / Schuyler Heights
Thursday	Boght / Verdoy / Maplewood
Friday	Fuller Road / West Albany

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- Lawn Clippings
- Leaves
- Plant Debris
- Hay
- Branches & brush up to 3 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length, tied with string in manageable bundles (no wire) or in biodegradable bags



UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- Bags or Containers over 40 lbs. in weight or 32 gallons in volume
- Yard waste in plastic bags (including orange pumpkin bags)
- Wreaths (because of wire)
- Branches or brush not bundled with twine or in biodegradable bags
- Branches stuffed in containers
- Garbage
- Yard waste containing rocks, sod, or dirt
- Yard waste frozen in reusable containers
- Treated wood
- Construction/demolition debris
- Non-organic material, including metal of any type

Town of Colonie

(518) 783-LEAF (5323)

Village of Colonie

(518) 869-7562

Village of Menands

(518) 434-2922



Supervisor Crummey presenting a proclamation to Town Clerk Julie Gansle



Supervisor Crummey working with the Receiver of Taxes Michele Zilgme



TOWN BOARD

Your Elected Town Board Officials

Pictured (L-R) Councilman Jeff Madden, Councilwoman Melissa Jeffers, Councilwoman Danielle Futia, Supervisor Peter G. Crummey, Councilwoman Jill Penn, Councilman Alvin Gamble and Deputy Supervisor Rick Field.

The Town Board controls Town finances, legislation and policy, and acquisition of real property. It appoints all non-elected officers and employees of the Town, including members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. Along with the Supervisor, the Town Board creates and appoints unpaid members to various advisory boards. The Town Board also votes on the budget recommended by the Supervisor and votes budget modifications or transfers.

Colonie EMS — We Put People First

The EMS Department responded to 13,427 calls for service and transported 9,336 patients to the hospital in 2021 – an increase of 17% from last year. Personnel changes includes the addition of full and part time EMTs and paramedics. The hiring of an Associate Medical Director and integration with the Albany Med Fellowship program bring exciting changes to the Department. This now allows our Medical Director the ability to respond to EMS calls in the Town and provide medications directly to the patient, which will provide greater and faster care to our patients.



EMS also has new automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) as a result of a continued partnership with law enforcement. Each police car will now have an AED right in the vehicle, providing faster service in an emergency. Other new pieces of equipment include automatic loading stretchers, and a bariatric ambulance that can transport patients up to 1,600 pounds.

Partnering with Supervisor Crummey and the Colonie Police Department, EMS hosted several COVID-19 test sites. Test kits can still be obtained by calling EMS at 518-782-2645 and these kits are available to Colonie residents free of charge. EMS continues to participate in community outreach events as well, with programs for CPR and AED training, Stop the Bleed training and general safety and wellness. When Deputy EMS Chief Erin Kelly and School Resource Officer Taylor Warner learned of the need for supplies in the Shaker Middle School backpack program, they created and led a food drive that was so successful a classroom was needed to store the overflow!

EMS was also awarded the Lifeline Gold Plus Award by the American Heart Association for excellence in stroke and heart attack care this year. Additionally, an \$80,000 grant was provided to EMS by the NYS Office of Mental Health. This grant will allow our EMS employees to receive mental health training to strengthen suicide prevention efforts. Our EMS Department continues to be the best in the region. More information can be found on our website – colonieems.org, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or call the EMS office at (518) 782-2645.



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Town of Colonie
Memorial Town Hall

534 New Loudon Road
Latham, NY 12110
[visit colonie.org](http://visit.colonie.org)

2022 Parks and Recreation Upgrades

The revitalization of the Kiwanis Park is continuing with the construction of two pickleball courts and two NCAA-size basketball courts with new fencing installed around the courts. The layout of the new courts allows us more area for green space for all to enjoy. The work at the site is anticipated to be completed by August 2022.

The Mohawk River Park is in the design stage to house eight new pickleball courts along with two multi-use basketball courts. This state-of-the-art facility will include a newly paved parking area and access to the concessions stand without having to enter the pool.

If you have stopped by the Town Golf Course you will see the many upgrades already made to the Pro Shop. The new point of sale system that has been installed allows players to access tee times online, receive informational e-mails, and store any payment method they wish to expedite the check in process. The Town hired a professional golf architect to inspect the course and submit a plan to the Town with the upgrades needed to once again become a premier public golf course.



The Parks and Recreation Department is also finalizing a Master Plan to begin the revitalization of the neighborhood Pocket Parks with new tennis and basketball courts.

For the first time, the Town Pool and Splashpad opened for Memorial Day weekend with many accolades from our citizens. It turned out to be a beautiful, sunny holiday weekend and everyone was happy to have a place to cool off.

The Library

Oceans of Possibilities – at the Town Library

Our Summer Reading Challenge began on Tuesday, June 28th successfully with the Kickoff Carnival.



Keep track of your reading June 28 - August 15 for chances to win great prizes!

We are also thrilled to offer a full slate of great in person programs for all ages. From concerts, movies, craft and technology classes to Family nights and Story Times. Check it all out on our website calendar and in our upcoming newsletter! <https://colonielibrary.libcal.com/>