



COLONIE SUMMER 2023 CONNECTION

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

With our summer season approaching, we are making preparations throughout our Town to provide our residents the best that Colonie has to offer. We continue our efforts to make Colonie a great place to live, work and play!

As we move forward, I thank our Town Board, Department heads and staff for continuing to work with me to accomplish the goals that I have charted.

The 2023 Paving Program will be even more aggressive than last year’s record-breaking performance, with anticipation of restoring nearly 26 miles of Town road. Also, storm sewer rehabilitation will begin by relining certain pipes or replacing pipe to coincide with roads that are being restored.

Our Mohawk River Park Revitalization is well under way. There have been many improvements to our park trails, including a reenergized Cross-Country course, and the new pickleball and tennis courts are expected to open this summer. Our waterfront continues to be a priority and we have started to advance plans for residents to regain meaningful access to the Mohawk River.

The Colonie Town Pool and Splash Pad will once again be opening for Memorial Day weekend and on weekends until June 16, when it will remain open every day through Labor Day. We have also further extended pool hours to allow Town residents more opportunities to utilize this valuable summertime asset.

Our Town of Colonie Golf Course has enjoyed many updates for the season. Upgrades have been in and around our Pro Shop, including, online tee times and a new golf ball dispenser. As to the course, over the winter, we cleared nearly 80 dead trees and stumps. Also, we have new golf carts with GPS capacity to provide golfers hole by hole distance readings while playing and assists golfers in maintaining correct pathways for operation.

Our Colonie Police Department, Emergency Medical Services professionals and Volunteer Firefighters are committed to the protection and safety of our residents and visitors. I am thankful every day for their service and sacrifice for our Town. These Departments’ steadfast dedication to our Town and our residents is communicated through numerous community engagement programs throughout the year.

I continue to be grateful every day to serve as your Town Supervisor and if I can be of any assistance, my office always stands ready to help. I look forward to an exciting summer season ahead and I hope you all enjoy a happy, safe and memorable summer.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Crummey



Peter G. Crummey, Town Supervisor

“I continue to be grateful every day to serve as your Town Supervisor...”

TOWN BOARD

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

POOL OPENING

MAY 26

COPS FOR KIDS 5K

JUNE 11

TENNIS CAMP

JUNE 26

LEARN TO SWIM

JUNE 26 - JULY 7

LIBRARY KICK OFF

JUNE 27

EVENING TENNIS PROGRAM

JULY 10

CIVIL SERVICE POLICE OFFICER EXAM

SEPTEMBER 9

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visit us at:
colonie.org/stayconnected

SUPERVISOR PETER G. CRUMMEY GIVES 2023 STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS

Earlier this year, Supervisor Peter G. Crummey delivered his annual State of the Town message. Some key points are summarized below.

- Delivered the largest Town road repair program in Colonie's history, 88 roads representing 22 miles.
- Installed new software at the Colonie Town Golf Course allowing online tee time scheduling for all patrons.
- Presided over the S&P Global Ratings Town financial review where after the Town's rating was increased to AA- from the previous A+ rating. The Town's strong conservative financial management under a steady hand and a sound 2023 budget in the face of high inflation coupled with increased energy and commodity costs, were considered in raising the rating.
- Issued a Request For Proposals for a Master Renovation Plan for all 36 holes at the Town of Colonie Golf Course.
- Introduced the first ever Fund Balance Policy for Colonie.
- Provided fee offsets to Volunteer Firefighters in our Park System.
- Introduced the first ever Local Law regarding the installation of small cell nodes to streamline the approval process in order to address unsafe cell phone dead zones.
- Added the option to pay water bills online.
- Rebuilt Kiwanis Park on Route 2 adding new pickleball courts and basketball courts.
- Directed that notice of all water line breaks and repairs be posted on our Town's Colonie Stay Connected site.
- Added credit card payment options at entry points for our parks as well as for fees collected by the various Town departments.
- Commenced improvements to the Mohawk River Park. The old tennis courts have been removed for replacement with new pickleball and tennis courts.
- Joined HR and Civil Service with representatives of Hudson Valley Community College and our School Districts to create a pipeline to positions.
- Returned outdoor skating back into our pocket park system after 20 years.
- Rehabilitated trails at Mohawk River Park which will allow all residents easier access to our 174-acre park and allow our school children to return their cross country competitions to the Park.

Colonie Town Supervisor Peter G. Crummey announced that 2023 Town Board meetings will showcase the musical talent of a student from one of the Town's schools.

"I noticed an unused piano sitting in the corner of our Town Board meeting room collecting dust and decided it should be played. I contacted our local schools inviting student musicians and, with positive response, students will now perform immediately preceding our Town Board meetings," said Supervisor Crummey.

The students perform for thirty minutes prior to the meetings and are introduced once the meeting begins. The inaugural performance on January 5, 2023, was provided by Jennifer DeSantis, a junior from Shaker High School, who also interns in the Supervisor's Office.



Shaker High School Junior, Jennifer DeSantis playing at Town Board Meeting

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Our EMS Department has had a busy start, with call volume for the first three months being up 3.5% from last year. We continue to work on initiatives that allow for at home treatment via telemedicine and transportation to alternative destinations such as an urgent care.

In March, we completed our biannual in-service training for all 100 EMS Department employees, highlighting exciting new airway equipment and state of the art infant transportation devices as well as going over general policies and procedures. Town Hall staff also attended a CPR refresher course training, and with summer just around the corner, lifeguards from our Mohawk River Park and Pool will soon begin their annual training to ensure a safe summer for everyone. Training with our town fire department partners has also commenced and will continue throughout the year.

The Department has personnel available to do group, family and 1:1 training for CPR, Stop the Bleed and Narcan programs. We also offer a complete line of American Heart Association trainings as needed. For more information, visit colonieems.org and click on Community Training, or call 518-782-2645.

The Colonie Police Department has been very active within the community. The Community Services Unit, consisting of school resource officers in the North and South Colonie school districts, is involved in the school community in many different ways, from teaching classes such as DARE to being a resource for schools to lean on when confronted with daily situations.



Asst. Chief Chris Rench, Fire Department



CPR Coordinator David Plouff & Deputy Chief Erin Kelly



Supervisor Crumme participating in Defibrillator Training



Colonie Police Chief Michael Woods

POLICE

When school isn't in session, fun events are planned to promote community engagement. Past events include bowl with a cop, coffee with a cop, kids vs. police baseball game, and community night out. Last year was the first Cops for Kids 5k and it was a great success! This year, the Cops for Kids 5k will be held on June 11th at the Crossings of Colonie. Events are highlighted on the Colonie Police Department Facebook page and Instagram.

The Colonie Police Department looks forward to welcoming our next generation of Police Officers to continue our tradition of service. The civil service exam for the position of police officer will be held on September 9th, 2023. For further information and requirements, please visit <https://www.colonie.org/departments/civilservice/exam-requirements#police>

Following the Civil Service Test, eligible candidates complete a Physical Fitness Test and Background Investigation. Successful candidates will attend a six-month Basic Course for Police Officers at the Zone Five Regional Law Enforcement Training Center where they will be taught the fundamentals of law enforcement. Upon graduation, candidates will be partnered with Field Training Officers for three months of practical experience before completing the initial training process.

The wide range of services that we provide to our community creates opportunities for officers to join specialty units such as Community Services Unit, Training Unit, Canine Unit, Special Services Team, Unmanned Aerial Systems Unit, Crisis Negotiation Unit, Bicycle Patrol Unit, or Honor Guard. Colonie Police Department also offers promotional opportunities into the Detective Division or Traffic Safety Division where individuals can specialize in Youth and Special Victims, Computer Crimes, Special Investigation, Accident Reconstruction or General Investigations.

SENIOR RESOURCES



Supervisor Crummey at our Colonie Senior Citizens Club meeting



Director of our Senior Resources Department, Angelina Searles



Supervisor Crummey at our Thunder Road Seniors Winter Event

Our Senior Resources Department is happy to report great success in assisting our town seniors during the volunteer AARP Income Tax preparation program. We are thankful to all the volunteers who staff this program, as it provides a vital service to our residents.

This Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment period, our caseworkers assisted clients with their Medicare inquiries and changes. Our staff are certified NYS health insurance counselors and provide unbiased assistance with Medicare, Medicare Savings Programs, Extra Help, Medicaid and EPIC. If you have a question about your Medicare insurance or want to inquire about assistance with paying for your Medicare Part B premiums or prescription copays, please call our office.

The Legal Aid Society continues to be available monthly to meet in person with town seniors at our office located at 12 Metro Park Road, Suite 103, Albany, NY 12205. Beginning in May, we will have a representative from the New York Department of Veterans' Services available monthly. The representative will be able to assist veterans and their spouses with questions and issues concerning eligibility for benefits, VA healthcare, or any other concern related to the person's veteran's status. If interested in meeting with a representative from either of these programs, please contact our office to schedule an appointment. We have enjoyed the opportunity to spotlight a Town of Colonie senior citizen in our The Senior Starter newsletter. Each month we learn about the enriching experiences of our Town seniors and get to show case their accomplishments. If you would like to nominate someone for the Senior Spotlight or share your own story, please contact Carrie at blancharde@colonie.org or 518-459-3977.

There are Six (6) not-for-profit senior citizens clubs located in the Town of Colonie that offer activities and recreational opportunities for Town residents age 55 or older. If you would like more information on the clubs and their locations, please visit our website <https://www.colonie.org/departments/seniors/senior-citizens-clubs> or call our office 518-459-5051, ext. 2.

Our staff is readily available to assist residents and their caregivers with navigating general information, housing and in-home services, financial assistance and entitlement programs, health insurance counseling, caregiver services, and social/recreational opportunities. For more information on any of these services, please contact our office at 518-459-5051, Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Supervisor Crummey with the Towers of Colonie Silver Streakers Club



Our Senior Resources staff

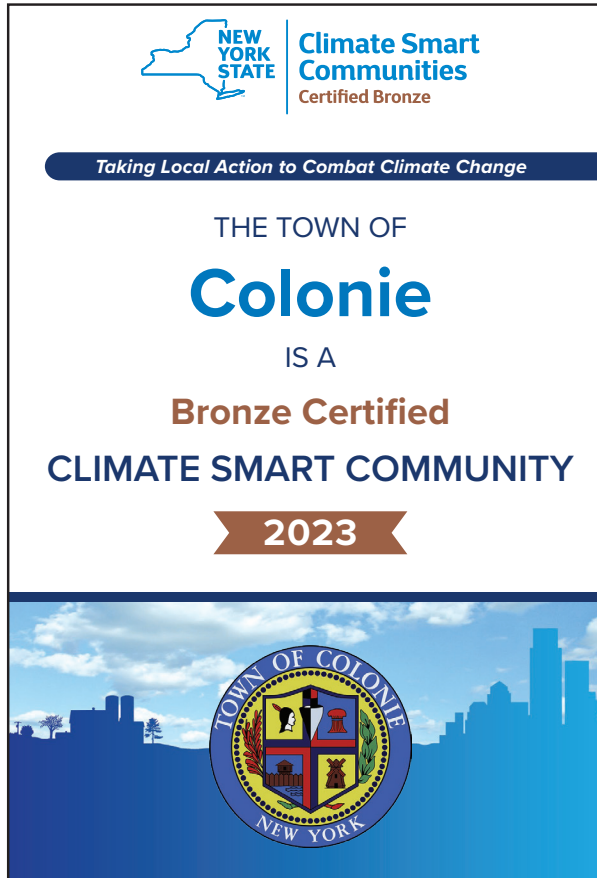


CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY

The Town of Colonie has been designated as a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Colonie Town Supervisor Peter G. Crummey stated, “Last year, I directed our Climate Smart Communities Task Force to achieve climate smart designation for our Town and I am pleased with this certification which demonstrates our commitment to incorporate sustainability practices into all that we do to make Colonie a most desirable community to live, work, and play.”

Climate Smart Communities is a New York State program that assists local governments to take steps in their communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change. The Town of Colonie began the process by adopting the climate smart pledge and becoming a registered Climate Smart community. The Town was required to earn a minimum number of points and meet certain requirements related to priority actions to achieve this level.



Supervisor Crummey presented with the Bronze Climate Smart Community Plaque



Climate Smart Task Force Members with Colonie Town Supervisor Peter G. Crummey. Left to right – Sean Maguire, Veronika DeGiovine, Supervisor Crummey, Evelyn Neale and Christopher Connors. Committee Members not shown, include, Sally Courtright, Scott Hoot, Gregory Bearup, Mark Frost, Andrew Curry, Katelyn Reepmeyer and Matt McGarry

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

COLONIE CONNECTION SUMMER 2023

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, please call 518-783-2728 or email CurryA@colonie.org

PARKS & RECREATION

Since the Town of Colonie Pool was opened by Supervisor William Sanford in 1967, it has served as a place of enjoyment and refreshing fun for all town residents.

Supervisor Peter Crummey has again extended the days and hours of operation at the pool. The pool will open on May 26, 2023 and remain open on the weekends through June 16, 2023 when it will then remain open daily through Labor Day.

The daily hours for 2023 will be 10:30am – 7:00pm. Supervisor Crummey and the entire pool staff want to welcome you back to the Colonie Mohawk River Park and Pool and encourage you to explore the other activities that the park has to offer. There are newly renovated hiking trails and playgrounds for the kids, all with the backdrop of the Mohawk River.



The Parks and Recreation Department is offering a six level Learn-to-Swim Program, open to children who are 6 years or older by the start of the program, which will take place at the Colonie Mohawk River Park Pool from Monday, June 26th to Friday, July 7th, at 9:30-10:15 a.m. The cost is \$100 per child. Registration will be accepted online, in person, or by mail at the pool address. The Park Office is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and more information can be found at the website <https://www.colonie.org/departments/parksandrec/programs>.

The Town of Colonie will also be holding a Summer Enrichment Tennis Camp for children and an Evening Tennis Program for children and families. The Summer Enrichment Tennis Camp will take place at the Shaker High School tennis courts, and will run for 6 separate weeks: June 26-30, July 3-7 (4 days), July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28, and July 31-August 4. The camp is open to all players ages 5-18, from beginner to advanced. There will be three sessions offered: morning (9 am-12 pm), afternoon (1-4pm), and full day (9am-4pm). The Evening Tennis Program will be held for five consecutive weeks starting the week of July 10th, from 6pm-7:30pm. This program will take place at the tennis courts at South Colonie High School, Lishakill School, and Shaker High School. More information can be found at the following website, <https://www.colonie.org/departments/parksandrec/programs>.

SUMMER CAMPS IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALBANY COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION 2023

FLAG FOOTBALL

Lisha Kill Sports Complex

7/10 - 8/4

Monday - Friday

1:00pm - 4:00pm

LACROSSE CAMP

Mohawk River Park

7/24 - 7/28

Monday - Friday

10:00am - 1:00pm

DRONE RACING

Boght Baseball Complex

7/24 - 7/28

Monday - Friday

10:00am - 1:00pm

BASEBALL CAMP

Boght Baseball Complex

7/10 - 7/21

Monday - Friday

10:00am - 1:00pm



Supervisor William K. Sanford, 1967



Supervisor Peter G. Crummey with Pool Staff

2023 DROP-OFF DAYS



YOU MUST REGISTER BY CALLING MXI ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AT 1-800-742-5542, EXTENSION 109. TOLL-FREE, MONDAY-FRIDAY 8-4 P.M.

Residents of the Town of Colonie will be accepted by appointment only. Proof of Residency will be required at the time of disposal. Please do not call sooner than 30 days prior to drop-off date.

DROP-OFF DAYS AND TIMES

- **Wednesday, May 10, 2023**
4:00pm - 7:00pm
- **Wednesday, September, 13, 2023**
4:00pm - 7:00pm
- **Saturday, November 4, 2023**
1:00pm - 4:00pm

LOCATION

Town of Colonie Landfill
1319 Loudon Road (Rt. 9)
Cohoes, NY 12047

SPONSORS

- Division of Environmental Services
- Division of Fire Services
- NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation



ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

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



UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

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

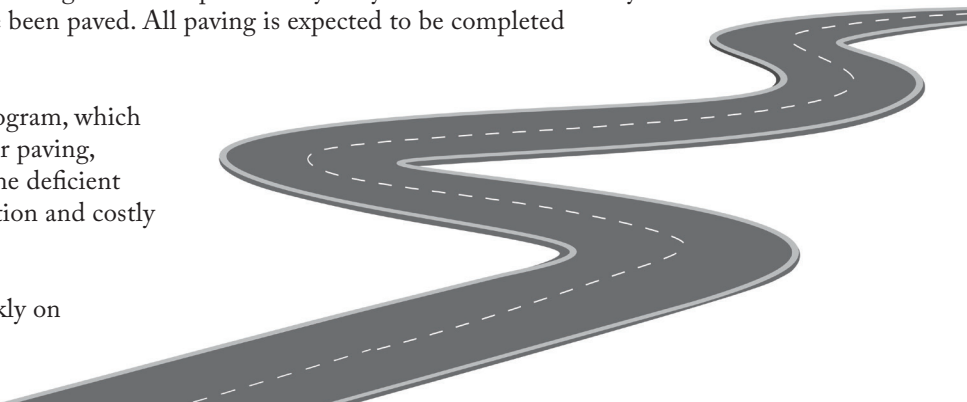
*These materials can be brought to the Town of Colonie Landfill during regular business hours for recycling.

HIGHWAY

The Town of Colonie Highway Department's 2023 Paving Plan will include 129 streets, totaling 25.75 miles of road and requiring over 65,000 tons of blacktop. We will begin in late April or early May and work continuously through the spring, summer and fall until all streets have been paved. All paving is expected to be completed by October.

We will also begin our storm sewer rehabilitation program, which will replace deficient storm sewers on roads scheduled for paving, and our pipe lining rehabilitation program, which will line deficient storm sewers from within, removing the need for excavation and costly pavement replacement.

The Supervisor will post upcoming road restoration weekly on [Colonie Stay Connected](#).





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EMPLOYMENT

Join the team that helps make Colonie a great place to live, work and play. Town employees keep our streets clear of snow, ensure that we have high-quality drinking water, respond to calls for emergency services, maintain the Town Park facilities that we enjoy, connect senior citizens to helpful services, and provide programming and assistance at our Town Library. We continue to take new initiatives to build on the quality services we provide. The Town frequently has job openings in departments ranging from Emergency Medical Services to the Department of Public Works to the Town Library to our various administrative offices. Currently, the Town has openings for Seasonal Laborers in our Highway Division. The Town regularly posts examination announcements and job vacancies on our Civil Service website at www.colonie.org/departments/civilservice/employment.

LIBRARY

Summer Reading Sneak Peek!

This summer's reading program is themed "All Together Now", and we couldn't be more excited! Last year our community came together in record numbers to read, play, and learn together, and we look forward to another great slate of events this year. We have added more popular elementary enrichment workshops and kids in 4-6th grade can learn about making a newspaper or build a collaborative Lego exhibit! Our teens will have multiple opportunities to participate in fun events, and to volunteer. Teen volunteer sign ups will be online, Saturday, May 6th @ 10am. For adults, we'll have crafting, music, walks and so much more! Join us for the Summer Reading Kick-Off on Tuesday, June 27th from 4-7pm where you can sign up to get started!



Supervisor Crummey reading to children at the Library Kick Off

