



COLONIE CONNECTION



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Dear Fellow Colonie Resident,

Happy New Year! As we turn the calendar to 2023, it is the perfect time to both reflect on the people, progress and projects that defined the last twelve months, but also look ahead to new perspectives, partnerships, and possibilities. We have a great deal to be proud of as we continue to embrace a renewed sense of purpose to improve our neighborhoods and our future for the Town of Colonie residents.

From day one as your new Town Supervisor, I laid out an ambitious agenda that would have a meaningful impact for every person who lives, works, and plays within our borders. We successfully rolled out the most aggressive road repair program, maintained our elite level of public safety, enhanced our park and recreation spaces, enacted a Local Law to encourage cell service providers to fix dead zones, modernized and streamlined many of our Town services, began to address long overdue upgrades to our water and sewer systems, and met with countless residents, groups and business owners who share passion for our great Town.

We have made tremendous strides and we will continue to tackle obstacles, create solutions and complete the necessary tasks. While working hand in hand with the dedicated members of the Town Board and our Department heads and their staff, we will continue to meet our challenges head on and keep Town government moving forward.

As we enter the winter months, with the inevitable storms and cold weather, I wish to thank the staffs of our Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services and Public Works Departments that will be out there every day to help protect us through the season and ensure the safety and well-being of our community. Their perseverance is inspiring and is part of what makes Colonie great.

As I enter my second year as Town Supervisor, I look forward to once again serving you and thank you for allowing me to do so. Together, we will build a better Colonie. I wish you all a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Crummey
Colonie Town Supervisor



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tree Pickup

Tree pickup will begin
January 3rd through February.



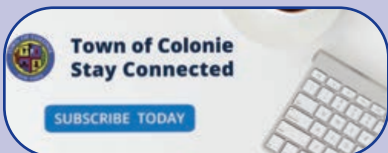
Did you know?

During the winter of 1775-1776, Colonel Henry Knox traveled on Loudon Road, now known as Route 9, in order to transport an artillery train from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston at the request of General George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

Stay Connected

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

Visit colonie.org/stayconnected



HIGHWAY

We had a very successful 2022 paving program, which commenced in April and concluded in November. We completed 88 streets, 22 centerline miles of road, with another 2 miles of road paved by the Town of Colonie Highway Department. In total, over 44,000 tons of blacktop was used on the 88 paved Town roads this year. Our 2023 road program will be even more expansive surpassing last year's totals, as we continue to aggressively update Town infrastructure.



TOWN OF COLONIE PREPARING FOR SNOW REMOVAL

To best serve our Town residents during this winter season, please consider these helpful actions:

- Please avoid piling snow on sidewalks;
- Kindly refrain from moving snow into the road;
- If possible, please keep parked vehicles off the road and avoid parking vehicles in a cul-de-sac;
- Please remember to remove portable basketball hoops from the Town Right of Way.
- Garbage cans should be off the road;
- Always try to avoid any unnecessary travel on days of inclement weather;
- While driving, please maintain a distance of 100Ft from the rear of the plow truck for safety reasons and to avoid sand and salt spray on your vehicle;
- Please reduce your vehicular speed and give yourself extra time to safely reach your destination.



For residents and businesses, if you use a snow plow service, please inform them of these guidelines, and remind them to refrain from depositing snow on sidewalks and onto the roadways.



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.



POLICE

The Colonie Police Department had a very busy and remarkable summer filled with events and services throughout the Town! The Community Services Unit was busy hosting many events for residents including weekly car seat inspections, a car wash to benefit the American Cancer Society, a whiffle ball tournament, and various other happenings each week.

The department wrapped up the summer season with Community Night Out at the Crossings Park, where over 500 attended. We enjoyed connecting with the residents and are looking forward to future community events in the new year.



EMS

The EMS Department experienced a record-breaking number of calls for service through the spring and summer. The EMS Department was chosen to be part of a 5-year project which will allow us to offer additional treatment options besides hospital Emergency Rooms. Locally and nationwide, hospital emergency rooms continue to be busier than ever, and we have teamed with United Concierge Medicine and several urgent care centers to give you additional options in your care. In addition to transportation to a traditional ER, this project will allow us to add telemedicine and transportation to alternative destinations to get you the best care possible, in the fastest amount of time.

Staff development training continued in house for all employees over the fall with an emphasis on mental health awareness. Part of what sets Colonie EMS apart from other EMS agencies is our longstanding commitment to rescue training – we believe that our EMTs and paramedics must be able to access our patients quickly and safely, no matter the circumstance. With the help of our fire department partners, employees completed the Rescue Technician Basic course and the Accident Victim Extrication Training course.

The Department remained busy training the public in hands only CPR and Stop the Bleed, as well as holding 2 EMT courses. This spring we graduated 15 students from our EMT course and we expect another 30 Students will graduate this December. EMTs are the backbone of the prehospital healthcare system and attend classes 3 nights a week to qualify for the NYS written examination. Through our community outreach events we have trained hundreds in Hands Only CPR, Stop the Bleed, and fall prevention. We have also certified hundreds of people in traditional CPR this year. We also provide specialized training and community outreach based on individual needs. You can schedule these or Stop the Bleed/CPR training for your organization by calling the training division at 518-782-2650. Our next EMT course will start in January 2023.

More information can be found on our website, colonieems.org, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, or call the EMS Office at 518-782-2645.



PARKS

Colonie Town Supervisor Peter Crummey is happy to announce that after nearly 20 years, Ice Skating returns to the Town's Pocket Park network. For residents who want to make ice skating a part of their winter memories, the West Albany Pocket Park is hosting an ice-skating rink. Skating at the park will be daily until dusk and is dependent on the ice and weather conditions. Supervisor Crummey stated, "I would like to re-introduce outdoor ice skating in our parks and this venue provides a great opportunity to bring families and the community together."



We hope you will visit us at the West Albany Pocket Park and create some great traditions with your family and friends. The West Albany Pocket Park is located on the corner of Braintree and Newton Streets and provides plenty of parking. Pocket Park parking is also available off of Exchange Street.

RENOVATED NATURE TRAILS

We are excited to welcome the community back to the nature trails at the Mohawk River Park on Schermerhorn Road. These trails were enjoyed by many who loved the peacefulness and splendor of walking by the Mohawk River and were once the home of high school Cross Country meets. These nature trails were one of the many improvements identified and it's the first step in bringing this park back to its original beauty.

❄️ "I am standing by the commitment I made to revitalize the parks within the town and I am excited to welcome the community back to these trails," stated Supervisor Peter Crummey. Notable renovations, as seen in the before and after photos, include a widening of the paths, tree root removal, leveling of the paths and a new top layer applied.

With these trail renovations scheduled to be completed in the spring, they will be a nice compliment to the eight pickleball and two tennis courts that are being constructed there. Supervisor Crummey noted, "We are listening to what the residents want and we will continue to provide recreational activities for our residents."



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

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LIBRARY

Hands on Tech Help Available at the Library

Did you know? Free one on one help is available for assistance with the Library's digital collections, technology questions, and information searches. Services are provided by appointment in person by members of our staff and tech-savvy volunteers. To sign up for a 30-60 minute appointment, call our Information Desk at 518-810-0314 or fill out a help request at libr.info/1on1. A member of our team will reach out to schedule with you.



Social Work at the Library

Visit a library and you will often see families and individuals who are happy and thriving. Joyful laughter at the thrill of discovery erupts here often. Ideas are generated, discoveries abound, and connections are made. But just as often, libraries serve folks experiencing hard times in their lives. Job loss, homelessness, mental and physical health challenges, food insecurity, legal issues, technological issues, and social isolation all generate so many questions - and answering is our business. In response to a surge in the number of patrons entering the library in crisis, many libraries have begun exploring new partnerships with social workers. We're excited to report that we are joining this movement! In partnership with the School of Social Welfare at SUNY Albany, we kicked off our first ever social work internship this past September. This new internship position is designed to create cross-pollination between our staff and social workers, as well as allow us to expand our 1on1 help services to better support people with critical human service's needs. We look forward to seeing how this collaborative approach will help us better support our community. Stay tuned to our website at colonielibrary.org [colonielibrary.org] and social media accounts for more updates on this new initiative.



Phasing in the Library Maker Space

We have opened a new space in our library, where creativity and technology can come together, the Colonie Library Maker Lab. This high-tech work space is equipped with a wide variety of digital tools and staffed by friendly library techies. Orientation classes on podcasting and digitization of photos, VHS tapes, are available in the Lab now, with many more introductory workshops, open Lab time, and appointment opportunities to come as we work through a phased rollout. To see a list of workshops, visit colonielibrary.libcal.com. For the latest news on Maker services, policies and equipment, visit colonielibrary.org/maker [colonielibrary.org].