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COLONIE CHRONICLE

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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR MAHAN



Greetings,

Most of us are aware of the demolitions of the former Starlite Theater and Latham Circle Mall, two well-loved Latham landmarks. How many of us remember buying school clothes at the Boston Store or seeing our first really famous entertainer at the Starlite?

That both sites are being redeveloped is a very good thing for the Town. Re-energizing them will renew our neighborhoods and provide new options for our residents. And it will help us continue to build our tax roles.

The redevelopment we're seeing along all of our major commercial corridors is no accident. It is the result of our consistent focus on bringing new life to Colonie through creative re-use of vacant or under-utilized properties. Several such projects are discussed in this issue of *The Chronicle*.

Colonie is also fortunate in having significant new residential development. Indeed, last year the *Business Review* noted that the three area neighborhoods where homes sell most quickly were all in Colonie. I think this bears out what most of us already know – that Colonie is a great place to live, work, and play.

In this issue, you can also read about some of the many other factors that make Colonie so desirable. The Town's newly strengthened financial position has allowed us to keep taxes low, as discussed in the highlights of my *State of the Town* address.

You can also read about a new passive park on River Road and improvements to the Town's 8.35 miles of the Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Path – projects undertaken in creative ways that allow us to minimize the impact on our taxpayers.

Finally, we pride ourselves on the excellent services the Town provides to our residents. In this issue, you will find handy information about our 2013 free curbside waste pick-up service and our 2013 hazardous waste disposal days.

Spring seems a little late in coming this year. I trust it will arrive soon, after which I hope you will all enjoy a great summer!

Sincerely,

Paula A. Mahan

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Colonie Town Supervisor

UPCOMING EVENTS

Farmers' Market at The Crossings
Saturdays, May 18 – September 14
9 am to 1 pm, The Crossings

Town Pool Opens
Saturday, June 22, Noon to 7 pm daily

**Learn-to-Swim Program;
Tennis Programs**
Dates TBA
Call Parks & Recreation, at 783-2760

Summer Enrichment Program
June 24 to August 2
Arts, music, sports classes for K-12
Call 783-2760 for info

Drop-in Playground Program
Monday, July 1 – Friday, August 9 (except July 4)
9 am to 2:30 pm weekdays
Various playgrounds; Colonie Community Center (Free)
For info, call 783-2760

Summer Camp (Colonie Youth Center)
Weekdays, June 24 to August 16 (except July 4)
7:30 am to 6:00 pm
For info, registration, call 438-9596

Concerts in the Barn
Wednesday Evenings, July 10 – August 7
7:00 pm, The Pruy House Barn

\$5.00 for adults; children 12 and under, free
For more information, call 783-1435

Concerts at The Crossings
Thursday Evenings, July 11 to August 29
6:30 to 8:00 pm (Free)

Sponsored by Joseph Vellano & Vellano Brothers, Inc.
For information, call 456-2135

Old Fashioned Sunday
September 8 – Noon to 4 pm (Free)
For all ages. For more info, 783-1435

Harvest Fest
September 15 – Noon to 5:00 p.m. (Free)
For all ages. For more info, 456-2135

The Colonie Chronicle

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Future Town Officials? High school students from Colonie Central, Shaker High, and CBA visited Town offices in April 2012 to learn about Town government. Also pictured are Supervisor Paula Mahan and Director of Community Services Alicia Osur (fourth and sixth from left, first row), Town Clerk Elizabeth Del Torto and Town Board Member David Rowley (first and second from left, second row). This year the annual event is slated for April 25 and 26.

SUPERVISOR DELIVERS 2013 STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS

Supervisor Paula A. Mahan delivered her annual *State of the Town* address early this year before the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce and at a regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting. Key points are summarized briefly below.

- 2012 was a great year for Colonie, and I'm looking forward to an even better year in 2013.
- As we reflect on our progress, nothing has been more important than eliminating the huge deficit.
- We've achieved a position of financial strength almost impossible to imagine only a few short years ago.
- Our independent auditors confirmed that we ended 2011 with a positive fund balance – the Town's first positive fund balance since 2005.
- Our 2013 budget increase is less than one percent. We will save \$1 million on salaries and contracts.
- Building much-needed reserve funds will be one of our most important goals.
- The Town now manages its free curbside yard waste service itself, saving \$250,000 a year.
- Like every municipality, we continue to face rising costs for health insurance and contributions to the New York State Retirement System.
- Our goal is to meet these challenges while living within Governor Cuomo's 2 percent tax levy cap – as we did for 2012 and 2013.
- Going forward, the Town must continue to maintain a fiscally conservative approach.
- In 2012, the Town's total assessed value of property increased by \$21.4 million.
- We are fortunate to have several beautiful housing developments underway throughout the Town.
- We are pleased to see the long-awaited redevelopment of Latham Circle Mall and the former Starlite Theatre.
- In 2012, we made excellent progress in the third year of our paving and drainage improvement program.
- The Town began work on a new passive park along the Mohawk River.
- The Crossings, Town pool, bike-hike path, and Town golf course all earned top marks in 2012 readers' polls.
- All of this reinforces what all of us have always known – that Colonie is a great place to live and do business!

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



Conservation Day 2013: Free tree seedlings will be distributed to Town residents on Saturday, May 4 at the William K. Sanford Town Library, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Seedlings will be butternut, flowering dogwood, red osier dogwood, nannyberry, red pine, white pine, wild apple, and witch hazel serviceberry. The annual event is sponsored by the Town's Conservation Advisory Council. Here, local high school students help out at last year's event. Come early for best selection.

TOWN 'PICKS UP' LAWN WASTE

The Town is now saving \$250,000 each year by having our Department of Public Works crews collect yard waste throughout the Town's 57.2-mile expanse. Previously, the Town contracted out for the service.

Transitioning the program to the DPW is part of the Town's ongoing effort to operate more efficiently and reduce costs while maintaining excellent services.

"I am proud of how smoothly our DPW crews managed the transition. Everyone worked hard to make the program succeed, and Town residents are the ultimate winners," said Supervisor Paula A. Mahan.

In 2012, the Town purchased three 20-yard packer trucks at \$120,000 each following a competitive bid process. Three person crews staff each truck.

The new trucks also help the Town run its free Christmas tree pick-up service more efficiently.

LIBRARY PROVIDES DATABASE ACCESS

Consumer Reports is one of the most popular online databases provided by the William K. Sanford Town Library, and anyone with a Colonie library card can easily access it or 27 other databases from a computer, tablet, or smart phone.

Among the 27 other databases are Ancestry, the Business and Company Resource Center, and the Health Reference Center. Academic Search Premier provides full text for thousands of peer-reviewed journals, and AtoZ, a national directory of people and businesses, can even be used to make mailing lists.

To access the databases remotely, visit the library web page at www.colonielibrary.org, click on "Research Data Bases," enter your library card number, and choose the data base.

No library card is needed to use the databases in the library.

TOWN RECEIVES GRANT FOR RIVERSIDE LANDING PARK

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation has awarded the Town a \$10,000 grant in support of a new passive park the Town began preparing last year.

The funds, part of DEC's Mohawk River Basin Program, will be used to build pathways connecting the Town's new Riverside Landing Park to the river and the Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Path.

The 12.3-acre passive park is being built on River Road at the site of the former Latham Water Treatment Plant, which was demolished over the summer.

"This new park will make a prime piece of riverfront property accessible to the public, providing a great new recreational space for the Town," said Supervisor Paula Mahan. The park is expected to open later this year.

Following demolition of the old plant last summer, Town crews began grading the site, building berms, and removing old trees and brush in anticipation of new plantings.

"We are extremely pleased that the Colonie IDA partnered with us on this project, so the cost to taxpayers is minimal," Supervisor Mahan said.



Clearing the Way: Director of Planning and Economic Development Joseph LaCivita and Supervisor Paula Mahan watch the demolition of the former Latham Water Treatment Plant on River Road. The long-vacant plant was demolished late last summer to make way for the new 12.3-acre Riverside Landing Passive Park, expected to open later this year.



Coming Full Circle: Demolition of the Latham Circle Mall began in March to make way for construction of the new Shoppes at Latham Circle.

REDEVELOPMENT BRINGS NEW LIFE TO COLONIE

Redevelopment projects are giving new life and energy to Colonie.

“Creative re-use of existing properties is essential for smart, sustainable growth. Redevelopment ensures that previously developed sites remain fresh and viable,” says Supervisor Paula A. Mahan.

After many years of effort, the Town is finally seeing redevelopment of two well-loved but long-faded Latham landmarks – The Latham Circle Mall and the former Starlite Theatre.

In addition, the Town is now reviewing final plans for redevelopment of another long-vacant property, the former Lennon’s Florist site on Rt. 2.

At the Starlite site, the Galesi Group plans a mixed-used redevelopment in line with the needs of the community. Grossman Development expects to have at least one new store up and running at the Latham Circle Mall site by the fall.

Many other projects are helping to give Route 9 a fresh, new look. The Village of New Loudon is entering its next phase of construction after completion of Rumors Day Spa and the new Berkshire Bank. Across the street will be Saint’s Plaza, a redevelopment at 641 Loudon Road.

Moving north up Route 9, the long-vacant building on the corner of Sparrowbush Road is being demolished for a new Mabey Self Storage Facility, and a previous auto dealership at 860 Loudon Road will be redeveloped into new retail space.

Heading west on Route 7, Colonie became home to the area’s first Joe’s Crab Shack, and the NYS Police moved into its beautiful new Troop G headquarters.

The Town is also working with Albany RV to relocate all its operations to a new state-of-the-art sales facility just off Northway Exit 6. Along Central Avenue, Lia Honda and Lia Jeep-Chrysler dealerships are moving forward with new showroom space.

Among many redevelopment projects along Wolf Road are the arrival of Trader Joe’s and the anticipated arrival of Whole foods, a Texas Roadhouse at the Clay’s Seafood site, the new Samurai restaurant at the old Burger King site, and a new restaurant at the Friendly’s site.

TAKING STEPS TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Is your home chilly in winter? Are your heating costs too high? Save money and have a more comfortable home by taking control of your energy use.

The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program offered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) provides a comprehensive, whole-house approach to improving energy efficiency and home comfort while saving money.

Energy assessments and upgrades are conducted by a participating Home Performance contractor. Income-qualified homeowners are eligible for additional incentives to make energy improvements. You can request an application form and find participating contractors at www.GreenCapitalRegion.org.

For further information, call the Community Development Department at 783-2718.



Doorway to History : This heavy two-piece door from the old Schuyler Home at the Flatts, shown here, was recently donated to the Colonie Historical Society by a Schuyler family descendant. The door, which dates from at least the 1750s, has its original wrought-iron hinges and latches and was apparently removed shortly before the house was destroyed by an arson fire in the 1960s. According to Colonie Town Historian Kevin Franklin, it’s the Society’s oldest and most important Colonie artifact. Franklin says the Historian’s Office is always looking for donations of historic items related to Town history. Call 782-2601 for information.



RIVERFRONT BIKE-HIKE PATH EXPANDED, IMPROVED

A beautiful riverfront resource, the Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Path now has two new sections, and another section has been repaved.

“I am very pleased that through the Town’s efforts, Colonie’s section of the bike-hike path is safer and more beautiful than ever,” said Town Supervisor Paula A. Mahan.

One new section runs through Parkside Estates, connecting to Dunsbach Ferry Road opposite Island View Road. Constructed by a developer at no cost to the Town, it greatly enhances safety by eliminating the need to walk or ride along Dunsbach Ferry Road.

The second new section runs east through the Winding Creek neighborhood all the way through to Fonda Road, near scenic Cohoes Falls. This section was also constructed by a developer at no cost to the Town.

Finally, the Town repaved the section from Buhrmaster Road east to the bridge over Shaker Creek, part of its ongoing commitment to maintain the 8.35 miles of bike-hike path in the Town.

Built on a former railroad bed, the bike-hike path has been fully paved by the Town over the past several years. In addition, Town crews work on the path year-round to make it as user-friendly as possible in every season.

HELPING SENIORS TO EAT BETTER

One out of every four older New Yorkers living at home is nutritionally at risk, according to New York State statistics.

The Town’s Senior Resources Department helps address this problem by providing confidential assistance in applying for SNAP, the Senior Nutrition Assistance Program. SNAP provides an easy-to-use and stigma-free debit card used in grocery stores.

Senior Resources can also provide eligible seniors with Farmers’ Market coupons for use at participating markets, including the Town’s Farmers’ Market at The Crossings.

In addition, seniors can get a hot lunch for a suggested \$3.00 donation at various sites around Town. The lunch program is sponsored by Colonie Senior Service Centers.

For more information, call Senior Resources at 459-5051.

COLONIE PHONE DIRECTORY

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| 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 | 782-2609 |
| EMS. | 782-2645 |
| Environmental Svcs. | 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 Dist.. | 783-2750 |
| Library. | 458-9274 |
| MIS | 783-2895 |
| Planning & Economic Development | 783-2741 |
| Police (Non Emergency) | 783-2811 |
| 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 |
| Youth Bureau | 456-2135 |



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE 2013

PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER BY CALLING TOLL-FREE 1-800-742-5542
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9-5 P.M.

*Reservations are accepted no sooner than 30 days prior to the scheduled drop off day.
Residents of the Town of Colonie will be accepted by appointment only.
Proof of Residency will be required at the time of disposal.*

DROP-OFF DAYS

April 24
4:00pm - 7:00pm

June 15
3:00pm - 6:00pm

September 18
4:00pm - 7:00pm

WHERE

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For more information call: 783-6292 | Division of Environmental Services Or visit www.colonie.org



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.

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

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.

2013 YARD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM



Your Yard Waste Team: Town Supervisor Paula Mahan is seated in one of three new packer trucks used to help transition the Town's free yard waste collection program to the Department of Public Works. Previously the Town contracted out for the service. Also pictured, from left, are DPW lawn and leaf crew members Gary Platt, Eric Brizzell, James Lauder, Travis Winglosky, Tom Verenini, Commissioner of Public Works Jack Cunningham, Michael Forst, Al Unser, Kevin Neville, Lawn and Leaf Foreman Kevin Killian and Highway Supervisor Bill Neeley. Transitioning the service to the DPW has reduced the cost of the program while providing the same level of service for residents.

WEEKLY COLLECTION IS SCHEDULED BY FIRE DISTRICT

MONDAYMIDWAY & STANFORD HEIGHTS
 TUESDAYSHAKER ROAD/LOUDONVILLE
 WEDNESDAYLATHAM & SCHUYLER HEIGHTS
 THURSDAYBOGHT, VERDOY & MAPLEWOOD
 FRIDAYFULLER ROAD & WEST ALBANY

See a map showing collection districts and pick-up days on the back page of this newsletter and at: www.colonie.org.

If your collection day falls on a legal holiday, place yard waste at the curb as you normally would. Your yard waste will be picked up either on the holiday or on another day during the week. All other collection days during a holiday week remain the same.

Scheduled pick-up during holiday weeks may be delayed by as many as two days. Legal holidays affecting the 2013 Yard Waste Recycling Program are Memorial Day, May 27; July 4th; Labor Day, September 2; Columbus Day, October 14; and Election Day, November 5.

Please note that regularly scheduled weekly pick-ups run from April 15 to November 8 in 2013. After November 8, the Town will still collect yard waste as needed, but not on the regular weekly schedule. Unscheduled curbside collection will continue daily through December 19, weather permitting.

ACCEPTABLE YARD WASTE

LAWN CLIPPINGS
 LEAVES
 PLANT DEBRIS
 HAY

BRANCHES & BRUSH UPTO 3 INCHES
 IN DIAMETER AND 4 FEET IN LENGTH,
 TIED WITH STRING IN MANAGEABLE
 BUNDLES (NO WIRE)

NOT ACCEPTABLE

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
 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

2013 CURBSIDE COLLECTION PROGRAM

APR. 15 – NOV. 8 SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS
 DAILY UNSCHEDULED CURBSIDE COLLECTION
 WILL CONTINUE THROUGH DECEMBER 19,
 WEATHER PERMITTING.

For ease of handling, we prefer yard waste to be packed in biodegradable bags. The bags can be purchased at local supermarkets, hardware stores, and home centers.

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 stickers purchased from the Town.

Residents may also bring compostable yard waste at no charge to the Landfill compost facility at 1319 Loudon Road, Cohoes, during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 7 am to 3 pm; Saturdays 7 am - 2 pm).

Residents may pick up free compost beginning May 1. (Note: Compost is not recommended for vegetable gardens.)

Please note that the regularly scheduled weekly pick-ups will this year run from April 15 to November 8. The Town will still collect yard waste as needed after November 8, but not on the regular weekly schedule. Unscheduled curbside collection will continue daily through December 19, weather permitting.

For questions, call the Town of Colonie at 783-LEAF (5323), the Village of Colonie at 869-7562, or the Village of Menands at 434-2922.

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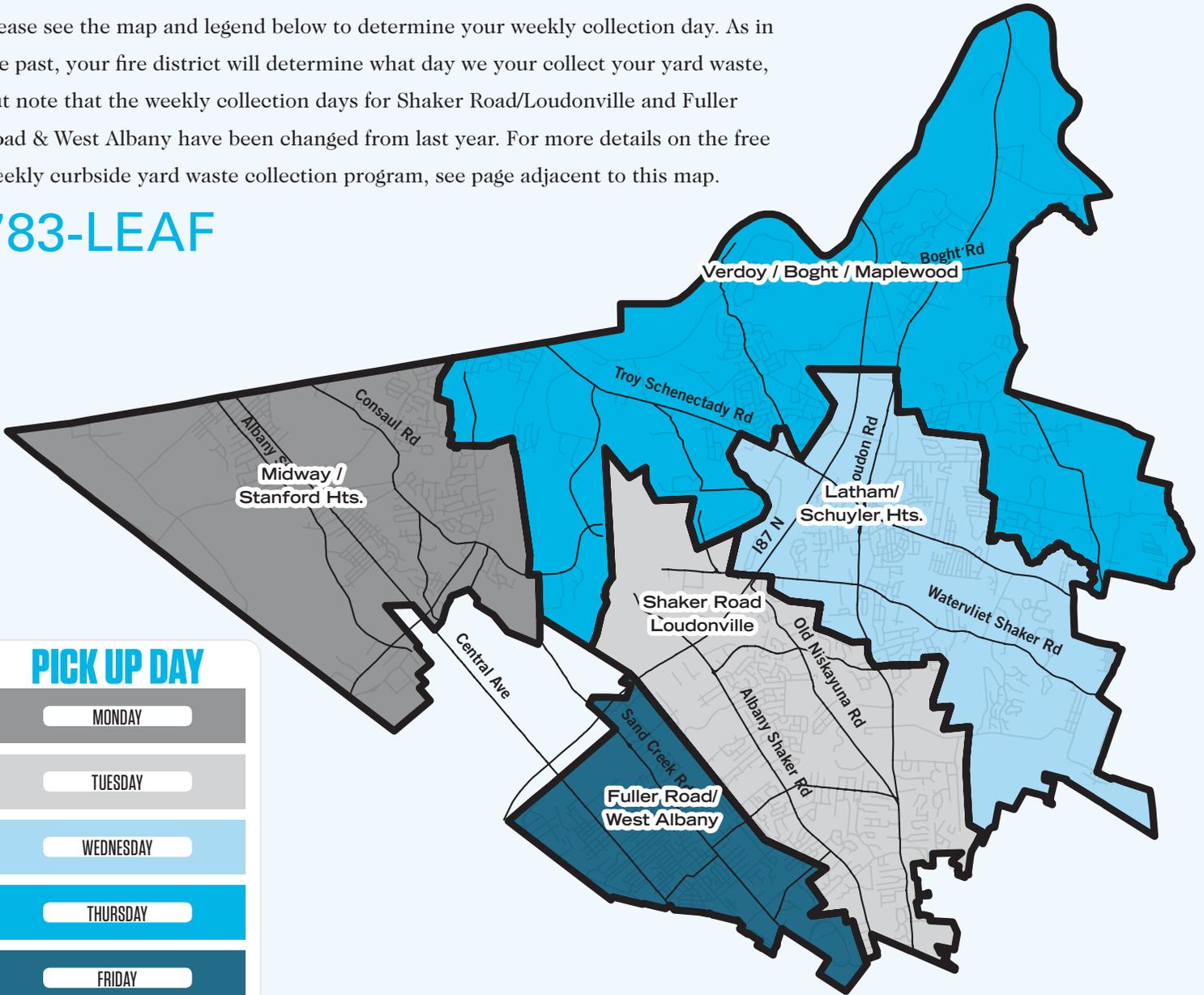
2013 YARD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM CONTINUED

APRIL 15 – NOVEMBER 8 | SCHEDULED TOWN-WIDE CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

NOTE: DAILY UNSCHEDULED CURBSIDE COLLECTION WILL CONTINUE THROUGH DECEMBER 19, WEATHER PERMITTING.

Please see the map and legend below to determine your weekly collection day. As in the past, your fire district will determine what day we your collect your yard waste, but note that the weekly collection days for Shaker Road/Loudonville and Fuller Road & West Albany have been changed from last year. For more details on the free weekly curbside yard waste collection program, see page adjacent to this map.

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PICK UP DAY

- MONDAY
- TUESDAY
- WEDNESDAY
- THURSDAY
- FRIDAY