



City of Sherrill

Winter 2023 Newsletter

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From the City Manager **Brandon M. Lovett**

It's hard to believe that 2022 has come and gone. Again, on behalf of the City of Sherrill employees and administration I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. We're finally in the home stretch with the Route 5 Corridor project that will connect Betsinger Road to Sherrill Road. The project was delayed due to COVID but is on schedule to go out to bid in the months ahead with start and completion by Fall. The Wastewater Treatment plant upgrade project is more than 90% complete and expected to be finished by Spring. This is the first major upgrade to the plant in 40+ years. In addition to the work at the plant, the northside pump station was reconstructed, northside sanitary sewers were re-lined and a new Sewer Equipment Vactor truck was purchased. The City was awarded a \$1 million dollar Water Infrastructure grant as well as \$1.75 million Water Infrastructure grant that contributed to the \$8 million-dollar project. Starting in 2023 the City will begin to pay back the low interest loan it received from the NYS for this project. A description of this project and rates is on page 6.

Our recreation and community activity offerings have never been greater. Barry has already begun planning events/programs for 2023, and has forwarded the upcoming opportunities to sponsor, donate and/or volunteer to the Sherrill Merchants. If anyone is interested in partnering with the City, now is the time to contact Barry at bvandreason@sherrillny.org. As always, please keep an eye on the City's Facebook Page, and Sherrillrec.com for the upcoming events. This year's Winter Festival is February 4, 2023, at Reilly-Mumford Park and will feature, Skating, Snowshoeing, Sledding and Cross-Country Skiing. There will be live music, a food truck, and Copper City Brewery. The City snowshoes and cross country skis were donated by the Edwin J. Wadas Foundation and are available to our area youth and families to utilize during the winter months. Please contact the Recreation Dept. to reserve equipment.

The Sherrill Power & Light Dept. will start its annual line clearance program again weather pending, and this will continue throughout the winter/spring. Line clearance includes extensive trimming and removal of limbs and trees that obstruct and interfere with the Power System. The DPW will be performing its normal winter work including scheduled tree removals weather pending.

Thankfully, Oneida County has completed the West Hamilton Ave. Bridge project after a year of delays. This will make commuting around the City for our residents much easier heading into 2023.

A few things to remember this winter, homeowners/tenants are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of snow/ice on the sidewalk in front of your property. The City does clear sidewalks as a courtesy after streets and other priorities are addressed. Please keep access to your water/electrical meters clear for the meter readers. NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law prohibits snow/ice or any foreign objects to be blown or pushed into a public street. Snow from a driveway shall not be pushed into or across the street. Parking overnight is prohibited. Our DPW crews often work long days, evenings, nights, and mornings to keep our streets safe and clear. Please do your part to help and yield to snow removal operations for the safety of our employees as well as you and your passengers.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!!!

-Brandon

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Police Department- Please note these numbers and use the correct one for efficient response.

Emergencies- 911

Dispatch- (315) 363-3200

Leave a message- (315) 363-6221

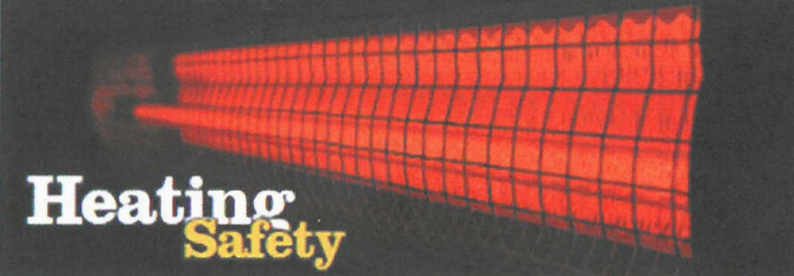
No Overnight Parking- Please remember there is a no parking on City streets ordinance in effect until April 30 which applies to all streets between 2-7am.

Fire Hydrants- Please keep the hydrants near your house free of snow. This could save emergency personnel precious moments if a structure fire should occur and the house you save could be your own.

Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department News

Membership- The department is always looking for new members. If you're interested in EMS, firefighting or scene support and are 18 years or older for adult membership or 16 years for junior visit the station during weekly Wednesday night drill at 6:50pm.

House Numbers- Please look at your property to ensure your address is clearly displayed. Emergency services like police, fire, EMTs as well as utility services, USPS and others rely on being able to identify your property by numeric address. It is also a requirement of Property Maintenance Code which is adopted by the State and enforce by the City. If you are missing your address please repair or install.



Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.


Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.

FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.



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EXPLORE

City of Sherrill Events

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

Ski and Snow Shoes

Stop by the CAC and rent cross country skis and snow shoes

Cornhole League

Cornhole league starts January 18th, the first 16 teams, see flyer for details.

Winter Festival

New location this year Reilly-Mumford Park
Saturday February 4th.

St. Sherrill Crawl Day!

Mark your calendar for the first St. Sherrill Crawl Day, Saturday March 4th.

Building News

Friday's 1/2 price bowling games
Parties-Pickleball-Basketball-Bowling-Pool
Wednesday's Game Night-Zumba(Free)

Think Spring

Saturday April 1 Spring Craft Show-more information coming soon
Earth Day/Arbor Day week
April 22- Shred It Day-more information to follow.



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Sherrill Garden Club News

The Sherrill Garden Club will meet February 7 and feature our favorite Master Gardener, Rosanne Loparco who will give a presentation on Environmentally Friendly Gardening. She will include information about composting, beneficial insects, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), safe pesticide use, gardening with less water, and maximizing space with companion planting. The March 7 meeting will also feature Rosanne Loparco but her presentation will take place on a video provided by the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Since spring is just around the corner, Rosanne's program will include all about Growing Vegetables and Small Fruits using raised beds, container gardening, designing your garden, and how and when to plant. Hostesses for the meeting are Shirley Kristan and Eleanor Cmaylo. Lastly, the April 4 meeting will be the annual spring banquet, location and hostesses to be determined. Meetings are always open to the public; you can come because you are interested in the topic of the meeting and/or also about the mission and activities of the Sherrill Garden Club!



Upcoming Events at the Oneida Community Mansion House

Concert- Chuck Lamb & Ria Curley- January 14, 6pm
Concert- Mark Nanni - February 12, 3pm
Quilt Retreat- February 7 & 8, 9am-5pm
Concert- Joe Crookston, March 11, 6pm
Concert- Susan Werner, April 23, 3pm

-Museum- The museum is open for self guided tours daily and guided tours of the house are offered on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10am.

-Lodging- Do you have family visiting? Don't forget, we have overnight lodging!

Visit oneidacommunity.org for more information.



News from VVS Schools

High School Musical March 10 & 11
FFA Maple Weekend March 25 & 26

Please visit www.vvsschools.org for news & updates!

Waterman's Martial Arts News

Waterman's Martial Arts is offering their AWARE program to the public for the first time. AWARE (Avoidance with Alertness Recognition Evasion) is a foundational self-defense program designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of violence and the mental and behavioral tools needed to mitigate it. Rather than introducing strikes or grappling techniques that require significant and continual training to make effective under duress, AWARE focuses on building prevention-based soft (i.e. non-combat) skills that people can implement in their daily lives. Visit www.wmacny.com/aware for details. Please contact heath@wmacny.com for more information and pricing. Where: Sherrill CAC Date(s) & Times: New Module every Monday January 2-30, 7:30-9pm, Proving Ground (the "final exam"): TBA but hopefully Feb 4



Plymouth Alliance Church News

169 Kinsley Street, 315-363-5642

Rev. Kurt Johnson

Sunday Worship 10:30am, Sunday School 9:15am for PreK-Adults, Infant Nursery available during the service for ages 0- 3 years old, Children's Church- Every Sunday midway through the Service

Wacky Wednesdays @ Plymouth Alliance Church- January 18, 6-7:30pm- This will take place every 3rd Wednesday each month through May 2023. A FREE dinner starts the night off at 6pm then games with the children. Pick them up at 7:30pm at the Church. Anyone in Grades K- 6th welcome.

Free Teen Sunday at the Sherrill CAC- January 15, 3-5pm- This takes place the 3rd Sunday of each month through May 2023. Anyone in grades 6-12 is invited to come out for a FREE afternoon of bowling, games, and pizza.

Release Time- Thursday, February 2-March 30, 8-8:45am- This is our Religious Education Program for any student who attends E.A. McAllister School. Your child will learn a Bible lesson, sing songs & games before the school day begins. Grades K-6 welcome. You do not have to attend the Church to have your child attend. Call the Church Office, (315) 363-5642 with questions.



News from the Sherrill-Kenwood Free Library

We're now on Instagram! You can always visit us online at <https://www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org/> and Facebook, too!

"A library is infinity under a roof."—Gail Carson Levine

Winter Hours:

Mondays: 10am–4pm	Tuesdays: 11am–4pm
Wednesdays: 10am–7pm	Thursdays: 11am–7pm
Fridays: 11am–4pm	Saturdays: 10am–1pm

Director's Note: As we turn the page to 2023, I would like to thank all of our patrons for their visits in 2022. Our library is growing, and we're very excited about many new programs, services, and other offerings that you'll learn more about over the course of this coming year.

With growth, there is often some change. However, our number one priority remains the same: our responsibility to our patrons, to help our friends throughout our VVS community and beyond. This is something that will not change.

As a staff, we feel lucky to be in positions to help our neighbors, and to provide opportunities for our community to learn, grow, and relax in a friendly space. It's the community that makes the library, and we're thankful for your support. And if it's been a little while since you last stopped by, come in to say hello and see what we have going on!

-Best regards, Bill

Ongoing and Upcoming Programs: Please visit our website for our full list of programs, clubs, book discussions, art classes, story times, and more!

New Weekly Story Times! Mondays & Wednesdays at 10am- Join us for stories and a craft twice a week in our Children's Area! These story times are intended for children under the age of 5, but all ages are welcome. We look forward to seeing you and your little ones there!

Women's Wellness Workshops- New year, new you! Join Gretchen Slater, Health Coach at Graceful Gains Wellness Studio in Verona, for a series of one hour women's wellness workshops. Held on Wednesdays at 6pm from January 11–25, these workshops will provide women with the practical information, skills, and tools they need to help them experience better health. Individual workshops will focus on

Stress and Wellness, Nutrition and Wellness, and Sleep & Movement and Wellness.

Author Visit with VVS grad Matt Pelicano- Join author and CNY native, Matt Pelicano, for a sampling and discussion of his latest novel, *The Woolems of Averlune*, on Wednesday, January 25 at 6pm. An allegorical journey through the five stages of grief, *The Woolems of Averlune* takes place in the wake of life-shattering loss and focuses on 14-year-old Annelyse Bellamy and her father, Edward, as they navigate the internal and external landscape of suffering.

Oneida Limited Oral History Day- Join us for an interactive program on the evening of Wednesday, February 15 with members of the Oneida Community Mansion House's Oneida Limited Oral History Project. This project aims to interview former employees of Oneida Limited (OL) who worked everywhere from the factory floor to the boardroom, in an effort to find out what it was like to work for this storied company. You will learn about initial findings of the project, learn how you can tell your story about working for OL, listen to extended audio clips, and bring some of your artifacts from working at OL to the library for scanning by OCMH Staff!

SKFL Book Club-Our book club returns in February for our 89th installment! We'll discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles on Wednesday, February 1 at 4pm in our Community Room. Copies are available for pickup at our library.

Friends of the Library Meetings: Thursdays, January 26, March 23, and May 25 at 4pm in our Community Room. All are welcome, especially VVS residents! The Friends Group supports the Library with our Annual Book Sale, the Cookie Walk in December, Children's programs, and in other ways that benefit the Library. We would love to see some new faces at our upcoming meetings! If you have any questions, please contact: Nancy Carroll, President of the Friends Group, at 315-363-0432 or via email at njcarro@gmail.com

City of Sherrill Wastewater Treatment Plant Project and 2023 Sewer Rate increase explanation:

The City of Sherrill's, 2-year, \$8.2 Million Dollar Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Collection System Improvements Project has been successfully completed. The project was necessary to stay in compliance with the City of Sherrill WWTP's State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and to update the facility's major components which had been in continuous operation for over 40 years and were operating past their useful lives. This is the first major upgrade to the WWTP since 1982.

The NYSDEC mandated seasonal disinfection to the City of Sherrill's (SPDES) Permit. To comply with this requirement, the City has installed a \$1.2 Million Dollar UV disinfection system which kills any fecal coliforms/bacteria before flows are discharged to Oneida Creek.

The City has also replaced the mechanicals in the main treatment processes. This included replacing the mechanical rotors in the existing oxidation ditches, which aerate the main treatment tank, and the clarifier scum skimmer and sludge rake, which collect scum and sludge. These upgrades renew this infrastructure for the next thirty years and reuse existing tankage.

The project also included the installation of a new influent fine screen and vortex grit removal system. These systems protect downstream equipment such as pumps, from large items like wipes, rags, and grit which can damage the equipment. The existing digester was converted to an aerobic digester to improve process functions, the digester was also equipped with a new cover and sludge pumps. Improvements to telemetry and controls were also included. These improvements totaled around \$4.6 Million Dollars.

Nearly \$200K was used for pipe lining, pipe replacement on various sections of the northside sanitary sewer collection system. Roughly \$200K was utilized to rehab the Northside pump station as well. \$425K was used to replace the 1982 Vactor Manufacturing (Sewer Truck) with a new 2021 Sewer Equipment Co. of America (sewer truck) to maintain the collection systems, hydro excavate and much more. Engineering, Bonding, Legal and Administrative costs made up the balance.

The City was successful in its application for grant funding through the Consolidate Funding Application (CFA) process. The City secured \$1M in NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Grants and another \$1.75M in NYSEFC Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grants. This funding helped to alleviate the financial burden of our sewer uses, and the City was successful in obtaining a low interest loan for the nearly \$5.5M balance of the upgrade via NYSEFC Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Loan. The 30-year loan repayment begins in 2023.

The average household disposes 1,000 cubic feet (7,500 gallons) of sanitary sewer each billing cycle. A billing cycle is 2 months, and there are a total of 6 per year. In 2022 the annual average sewer bill was \$360. The sewer rate was \$4 per cu. ft. and the customer charge was \$20 per billing cycle. For 2023 the customer charge will increase from \$20 per billing cycle to \$25. The sewer rate will increase from \$4 per cu. ft. to \$5.25. The average household will see a 30% increase. So, the average household that disposes of 1,000 cubic feet (7,500 gallons) will see their bill increase approximately \$105 annually (approx. \$8.75 a month or \$17.50 per billing cycle). Using these statistical figures, the average bill will go from \$360 (2022) to \$465 (2023). The increase in rates is necessary to pay the nearly \$5.5M debt service (loan) for the required upgrade. City of Sherrill sewer customers will pay roughly \$250 less per year than the New York State average (\$715). The City has worked diligently on this project for the last 3 years and is confident we did so in the most cost-effective manner to meet project goals, renew infrastructure, protect water quality, and limit rate increases to the City's residents.





Reminder

Ordinance No. 10 – Garbage, Rubbish and Trash

Containers: Containers shall have handles, the acceptable container materials are galvanized iron, non-rusting metal, or plastic. Containers shall be tightly covered and weather tight. The use of rope, bungees, wire, or any other tethering device intended for cover securement on containers is prohibited. Collection crews reserve the right to cut tethering device if necessary. ***Plastic bags are not acceptable for garbage containment. Plastic bags shall not be placed in recyclable bins or used for the containment of recyclables.***

Capacity: Capacity shall be no less than 10 gallons and no more than 35 gallons per container.

Weight: The combined weight of a single container and its garbage or recyclable contents shall not exceed 40 pounds.

Acceptable Items: The municipal pick-up of garbage and recyclables ONLY applies to the **normal**, weekly accumulation of household trash. NOT the disposal of clothing, basement clean outs, building and construction materials, furniture, animal carcass, tires, hot water heaters, appliances, large metal items, sharps and the like. Residents and Commercial entities shall adhere to the most current, local regulations on proper disposal of, but not limited to: garbage, recyclables, household hazardous waste, and electronics. ***All material generated outside the City of Sherrill shall not be included in municipal pick-ups. Violators will be prosecuted for theft of services.***

Location/Timing: Containers shall be placed along the curb within the City right of way/marginal strip for collection. No garbage or recyclables shall be set out earlier than 6:00pm of the evening immediately preceding the scheduled day of municipal pick-up. Emptied containers shall be removed by 8:00pm of the day of the scheduled municipal pick-up.

Free Items: Items being disposed of as "free" may only remain curbside for a maximum of a 24 hours.



Sherrill Department of Public Works News

The DPW thanks the public for their cooperation during the snowfall on December 15 & 16. Crews did not encounter much at all in the way of vehicles parked on the street. If everyone can keep in mind to remove vehicles from the street during snowfall it would be greatly appreciated as it makes for a cleaner and more efficient route for our operators which in turn makes for safer streets for commuters. Please remember the Transfer station is open Saturdays 8am-1pm.

Snow Removal Reminders



- **Clear snow from your property, but don't push it into or across the street, or onto sidewalks and trails.** Article 1219 of New York State VTL prohibits plowing, shoveling, or blowing snow into a street or highway.
- In most snowfalls, **plowing operations begin between midnight and 4am**, but the exact time depends on the predicted start and end of the snowfall and its intensity.
- **Snow removal takes place in three steps.** The first step is to apply granular salt if applicable, depending on snowfall rate. Step two is removal of snow with City plow equipment. Step three is to apply granular salt where applicable. The main run for plowing consists of Seneca St., Sherrill Rd., Hamilton Ave., Betsinger Rd., Kinsley St., Campbell Ave., Ransom Ave. and Williams St.
- Heavy or above-average **snowfalls may require a multi-day operation** to clear (in this order) streets, parking lots, sidewalks, trails and ice rinks. In an average snowfall, the goal is to clear streets within four hours.
- **Sidewalk clearing is the responsibility of the property owner**, however the **City of Sherrill does its best to clear sidewalks with City equipment in a timely fashion**, after streets and parking lots have been adequately cleared. To compliment the City's sidewalk snow removal, please do not park vehicles across the sidewalks during or after a snow event that would hinder these efforts. Please do not place trash cans, bags or debris on the sidewalks.
- Vehicles cannot be parked on the public streets between 2-7am November 1-April 30. This includes the curb cut parking areas on Seneca St., Sherrill Rd., Robertson Rd. and Betsinger Rd.
- Be courteous when approaching City snow removal equipment. Don't assume they see you, please give them adequate room, and exercise patience.
- Mailboxes damaged by direct impact from a city snowplow will be repaired, but mailboxes that break from the force of the snow coming off the snowplow will not be repaired. The city will conduct a review of each mailbox damage claim to determine whether the city has responsibility for the damage and if so to repair.
- The city will repair turf that was damaged as a direct result of plowing beyond the road edge. All other damage within the public right-of-way is the owner's responsibility (e.g. shrubs, bushes, rocks, trees, irrigation systems, driveways, etc.) Report snow plow damage to Sherrill Public Works at (315) 363-0370.
- **The City of Sherrill, Sherrill-Kenwood Water District and the Sherrill-Kenwood Fire Department ask residents and businesses to help in keeping fire hydrants clear of ice and snow.** It's important to clear a minimum of three feet around the hydrant to give the Fire Department room to work and to get quick access in case of a fire. If a hydrant is lost or buried in snow, firefighters can lose valuable time trying to locate it when they first arrive at a fire.

Questions? Call the Sherrill Public Works Department at (315) 363-0370.

Assessor News

March 1 is the deadline for filing certain property tax exemption applications with the Assessor's office. Below is a list of the most common property exemptions:

- Basic STAR- Renews automatically- available for primary residence to all homeowners with income less than \$500,000.

- Enhanced STAR- Renews automatically- available to homeowners 65 or older with income less than \$93,200.

*Please note: To receive these exemptions you must apply for the initial year. Contact the assessor's office for information or visit <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm>.

- Veteran Exemption- Renews Automatically (if you receive the disabled Veteran's exemption and your percentage of disability changes you must bring your paperwork to the assessor's office so your exemption can be updated).

- Senior Citizen's Exemption- As of this writing we are awaiting a decision by the Governor of New York to allow us to carry over the Senior Exemption from the 2022 assessment year. The Assessor's Office will send out a notice in early January informing all Senior Exemption recipients of the Governor's decision and if any action needs to be taken.

- To apply for a new Senior Exemption, visit the Assessor's office located in Vernon Town Hall (315) 829-2587. There is an income limit and you must be 65 years of age or older to receive this exemption. Please call to see if you qualify. The Vernon Assessor's hours are Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm.

Many people who are currently receiving the STAR Exemption (both Basic and Enhanced) might want to think about changing to the STAR Credit. See the info below from the State web site to understand the benefit of switching.

Why switch to the STAR credit from the STAR exemption: If you currently receive your STAR benefit as a reduction on your school tax bill (the STAR exemption), you may receive a greater benefit if you switch to the STAR credit to receive a check instead. The value of the STAR credit savings may increase by as much as 2% each year, but the value of the STAR exemption savings cannot increase. The STAR exemption savings can never be higher than the amount of the final STAR credit.

The STAR credit benefit can continue to grow. By switching to the STAR credit, your benefit could grow by as much as 2% each year, and it can never be lower than the STAR exemption benefit. For example, if your STAR exemption benefit was \$800 on your 2020-2021 school tax bill, that's the most you can receive in any future years, unless you switch to the STAR credit. If you switch to the STAR credit, your benefit can grow by as much as 2% each year. In the first year, that could mean up to \$816- an extra \$16 in savings. Five years later, the STAR credit benefit could reach as high as \$900 due to the power of compounding. STAR benefits can change each year. Whether you're receiving the STAR credit or exemption, the benefit can change each year due to a variety of factors, including school tax rates, changes in property values in your community, and local assessment practices. As a result, the STAR credit benefit may not always increase, and when it does increase, it may do so by 2% or less. However, the STAR exemption benefit can never increase, even when the STAR credit benefit does increase. The STAR exemption benefit will never be higher than the STAR credit benefit.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions concerning eligibility for an exemption, Town of Vernon- (315) 829-2587 or City of Sherrill- (315) 761-9009.

Notes and News from "The Hall"

-City Commission meetings are at City Hall in the City Court room on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7pm. The schedule may fluctuate during June, July and August. Contact City Hall or check the city website for the updated summer schedule.

-The 2022 City budget was passed at the December 12th meeting. There was a small increase in the tax rate of \$.20 to \$.28 per \$1,000 assessed value. A continual struggle is to continue to provide the best services possible for residents, through programs, a quality workforce and reliable up-to-date equipment. -The bi-monthly customer billing charge for water and sewer rates will increase \$5 to a rate of \$25 per billing. Additionally, the water rate will see a 3.5% increase up to \$4/100 cu. ft. Sewer Rates however will see a significant increase as the City begins the repayment of its soon to be completed \$8,200,000 wastewater rehabilitation project. More details are contained in this newsletter explaining the project and rate increase.

-The City continues to see an increase in utilization of the online bill pay through the various choices offered; credit card, debit card, EFT payments, pay by phone or text for utility billings. You can get reminder alerts, schedule recurring payments, or get your utility bill e-mailed to you directly. Go to the City homepage at www.sherrillny.org and click on "Online Bill Pay" to sign up or get more details.

-The City encourages residents who have not already done so, to sign up for the e-mail notification program, this is located at the bottom of our homepage, www.sherrillny.org. The City strives to get its messages, notices and all pertinent information out to residents in as many ways as possible. The city has a Facebook page, utilizes the "e-mail blast" as well as its growing www.sherrillrec.com recreation tool. More and more of the City's programs will be requiring you to sign up for a SherrillRec.com account to participate and utilize. Contact Barry VanDreason at the CAC with any SherrillRec.com questions (315) 363-6525. Never hesitate to call City Hall at (315) 363-2440 during normal working hours if you have any questions about the City, its programs or services.

-2023 is an election year for the city commission. The 3 incumbent commissioners that have terms expiring December 31, 2023 are: Tom Dixon, Patrick Hubbard

and David Hyle. The 2023 election calendar has not been set by New York State. More information will be available in the Spring.

-The Sherrill Power & Light's Utility Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 3:30pm at City Hall.

-The Sherrill-Kenwood Water District's Board meets at City Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8am.



Have you recently replaced your refrigerator, clothes washer, dishwasher or thermostat? If so, you could qualify for our Sherrill Electric ENERGY STAR Rebate Program!

Rebates are available on the following ENERGY STAR certified products:

Refrigerators - \$200

Clothes Washer - \$150

Dishwasher - \$150

Thermostat - \$50

*We also offer a Commercial & Industrial Customer Rebate program. Please visit our website for more details and how to apply!

www.sherrillny.org/departments/power-light/

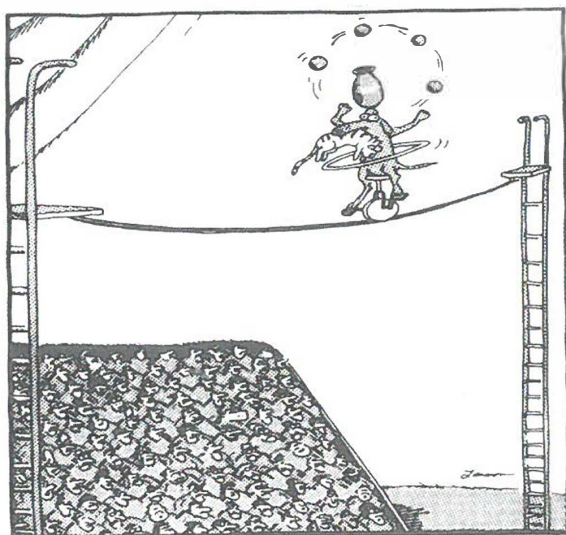
Wildlife Concerns

Occasionally the City or Police receives an inquiry regarding wildlife (deer, fox, skunk, etc.) that has made its way onto a property in the City. Often the term "Animal Control" is mentioned. The City of Sherrill contracts with the City of Oneida for "Animal Control" and Animal Control services loose and/or dangerous dogs only. Animal Control does not deal with wildlife, cats, or anything other than dogs. When dealing with wildlife our recommendation is consistent with the NYSDEC to leave them alone. Typically wildlife will leave the premises on their own or noise, light or activity will scare them away. Visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7005.html> for more information. In the event wildlife becomes aggressive and this behavior is witnessed by law enforcement then the appropriate action to control and/or mitigate the situation may be necessary. In most cases the homeowner will need to contact a Wildlife professional to remove wildlife independently. There are several professionals in the area who can be found via internet search. For tips on deterrent visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/89522.html>

NYSDEC Wildlife Region 6 (315) 866-6330 x116
Herkimer Office

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Hmmm????.....Oh, hahahahaha!



High above the hushed crowd, Rex tried to remain focused. Still, he couldn't shake one nagging thought: He was an old dog and this was a new trick.



"Good heavens! Pablo got an 'F' in art! ... Well, I'm just going to go down to that school myself and meet this teacher face to face!"