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From the Desk of the Town Supervisor



With the long, cold winter behind us, it's time to set our sights on the summer months ahead – and we have a busy season planned. First, I am proud to announce that we are bringing Thursday's In The Park at Indian Meadows back to August this year. We are currently planning free concert and movies for each Thursday in August at Indian Meadows. Watch for details on that coming to our new website soon (and, if you haven't checked out the redesigned website, please do.) Also, this summer we are finally set to start a bunch of projects to improve the quality of life in Glenville: the Glenridge Road pedestrian trail, the Indian Meadows Outdoor Fitness Park, field expansions at Maalwyck Park and work at the historic Yates Mansion are all planned to be completed this season.

On the economic development front we have been busy working on many projects around town that range from an exciting multi-use project on Dutch Meadows Lane to a major investment in the Business and Technology Park that includes a national cheesemaker (Belgioioso Cheese) investing \$25 million in our community to bring a 100,000 square foot facility that will host 50 new jobs. We're happy to report the Aldi's has finally broken ground in Town Center and are on track for an early-fall opening.

Financially, I am proud to report that the 2018 budget was passed last November stayed under the state imposed tax cap, as we have each and every year. The overall 2018 tax levy increased by just 1.8% - or an actual dollar increase of just \$7 per year, per typical home within the town. Other highlights of this budget include once again reducing the reliance of the fund balance, which we have cut our reliance on the fund balance by 75% or by \$1.1 million over the past 8 years. I am equally proud to announce that this budget further reduces our debt burden by another \$1 million from last year, adding to our reduction in town debt by \$10 million in 8 years. We have accomplished all this while continuing to invest in the town's infrastructure and staff. Earlier this year, the Town Board voted to add an additional police officer to the staff to help meet the town's growing needs and the Board is looking to add yet another officer in 2019. It's worth noting that the Empire Policy ranked the top 20 highest property tax rates in the Capital Region and although Scotia was ranked 2nd, Schenectady 1st, and Rotterdam 5th, Glenville didn't even make the top 20. I am proud that we remain committed to holding your tax rates down, below among the lowest in the entire region.

Finally, a word about our future and our past. The town is starting to plan our bicentennial in 2020 and we want your help. We are currently planning a community meeting for Wednesday, June 6th at 7 PM at Town Hall to talk about ideas of how we would like to celebrate the anniversary. If you're interested or have ideas, please plan on attending. If you can't attend and still want to help, please email me at ckoetzle@townofglenville.org. We're also looking for residents with any information or stories about Yates Mansion.

Enjoy!

Christopher A Koetzle
Supervisor

Glenville Police Department Update



As many residents have recently seen in the news over the past week, one of our suspects arrested in the Target Sports burglary last year has admitted to the crime and is facing up to twenty years in Federal prison. The extensive investigation, which we were assisted by the New York State Police and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, had to follow leads ranging from the Capital Region to Rochester. About one half of the reported firearms have been recovered and there are still suspects to be interviewed and potentially arrested. Glenville Police would not have had the success in this investigation without the assistance of these professional organizations.

The Glenville Town Board unanimously passed a resolution in November of 2017 to allow the Police Department to hire an additional officer in July of this year, expanding the police force for the first time in years. A certified Schenectady County Civil Service list was obtained and the canvassing of prospective candidates on the Town of Glenville resident list was conducted last month. Interviews will take place this week and we hope to find the best candidate for the position. The candidate will attend the Zone 5 Law Enforcement Academy in July for six months. Once the candidate successfully completes the academy and their twelve-week in-service training they will join our force protecting and serving the residents and business owners of our town.

The Police Department will continue or yearly participation with the NYS Governors Traffic Safety Committee in an attempt to curb aggressive driving and distracted driving. NYSGTSC grant funding will be applied to additional patrols looking for vehicle and traffic violations such as: cellphone use, following too closely, failing to use your seatbelt, speeding and other moving violations. This enforcement is meant to significantly decrease the possibility of a serious accident in our community.

New Website

The town launched a revamped website this past March that offers a new, easier to use design, a cleaner layout and offers a more efficient system for employees to post to it. Check it out at townofglenville.org and sign up for news and announcements while you're there.



BelGioioso Cheese to Build New Plant in Glenville



Company to Create Nearly 50 Jobs and Invest \$25 Million in Glenville.

BelGioioso Cheese, one of the nation's largest specialty cheese producers, plans to build a new 100,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Glenville, and create about 50 new jobs and retain 31 local employees. In addition, BelGioioso Cheese will be using milk from New York dairy farms, providing a boost to the State's agricultural industry.

Founded in 1979, BelGioioso is a specialty producer of all-natural, award-winning Italian cheeses. The cheeses are manufactured, aged, finished, packaged and shipped from the company's facilities, allowing them to oversee and provide quality control from start to finish. For nearly 40 years, BelGioioso cheeses have set a standard of excellence in the industry, winning several national and international awards for taste and quality. The Green Bay, Wisconsin-based company owns and operates nine manufacturing plants, including the former Cappelletti's plant in Schenectady, that support the production of nearly 30 different cheese varieties. Errico Auricchio, BelGioioso Cheese founder and owner is excited to be coming to Glenville.

BelGioioso Cheese has signed a contract to purchase 40 acres at the Glenville Business and Technology Park, where it will build a state-of-the-art manufacturing plant. The land purchase was recently approved by the United States General Services Administration, and plans for the new facility will be reviewed by the Town of Glenville Planning and Zoning Commission.

Glenville Town Supervisor Chris Koetzle said, "This is a huge win for Glenville and a great team effort by the state, Metroplex, and the town. This is another example of the tremendous growth and progress we are experiencing in Glenville and, specifically, at the Business Park."

Town Sponsors Local Musicians' Opera Celebrating Women's Suffrage

Tells the story of early female pilot and her heroic flight in support of suffrage

The town will help celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage by sponsoring an opera, *Aleda* or the Flight of the Suffbird Women. The opera tells the story of a female pilot Leda Richberg-Hornsby and her bravery in the fight for women's suffrage.

Set in Staten Island in 1916, the opera is a celebration of Leda's determination to gain the right to vote for women. Equipped with a bi-plane, a cargo of votes-for-women petitions, a huge banner reading "Women want liberty too," the suffragists set out to fly over President Wilson's yacht, docked in the New York Harbor for a national celebration at the lighting of the Statue of Liberty. Leda's plan was to "bomb" the yacht with petitions, but the elaborate plan ended in a crash after a gale of wind forced the plane down in a swamp in Staten Island. Luckily no one was hurt. The attempt stands as testimony to the courage and determination of these women in their struggle for the right to vote.

The Glenville group, Musicians of Ma'alwyck, commissioned and produced this opera that will be performed in June at CLYNK in the Glenville Business and Technology Park. Performances are scheduled for June 8th through 10th and will offer the community a unique setting in which to come hear about this dramatic story. For tickets, please visit musicianofmaalwyck.org.



Glenville Hosted 7th Annual Local Economic Development Forum

Panelist to discussed projects, vision for town's future



Town officials joined local planners, consultants, and state employees to present plans to the town's small business owners, developers, and land owners relating to the vision for the Freemans Bridge Road commercial corridor, the town's Business and Technology Park, and other areas of growth within the town. The event, with a near record turnout, provided attendees with networking opportunities for business owners and developers to come together and talk about possible projects. This year's forum featured a

formal panel session where panelists discussed the many projects going on in town and talked about the vision for the town's commercial corridors.

The panel, moderated by Supervisor Chris Koetzle, featured Mike Relyea of Amanus Consulting, Don Adams of Creighton Manning Engineers, James Levy of Planning4Places, and Jason Purvis of New York State Office of Community Renewal. Each gave a short overview of their project within the town and participated in an open "question and answer" discussion period.

"This is a great opportunity for our business community to come together and talk about all the great opportunities that exist in Glenville," said Chris Koetzle, Town Supervisor. "We have so many great attributes; so many reasons why a small business would want to come to Glenville and there is just so much development going on in the town that it's nice to see us all come together under one common vision."



Senator Schumer Visits Senior Center



Senator Schumer paid a visit to Glenville this past April to address the town's senior citizens about additional Social Security funding that the Congress secured and the president signed in the 2018 federal budget.

Aldi's Breaks Ground

Aldi's broke ground on its Town Center project this past April. Work is expected to last through the summer with a late-fall open date planned. The new addition to Town Center is across from Price Chopper on Route 50.



Hillis Promoted Into Full-Time Role

With the retirement of long-time Glenville employee Jamie MacFarland at April's end, the Glenville Town Board appointed Glenville Senior Center Coordinator Vicki Hillis to the vacant position of Director of Human Services. Ms. Hillis's duties will include administration of the Glenville Senior Center, Town Parks, Community Services, and employee safety and health. Ms. Hillis can be reached at vhillis@townofglenville.org.



Town Celebrated Earth Day with Tree Planting Ceremony in Park



Dogwood trees to be added to town's dog park

Supervisor Chris Koetzle and Deputy Supervisor Gina Wierzbowski were joined by local business leaders to plant trees in the Andersen Park where the town's dog park is located at 180

Van Buren Rd on Saturday, April 21st.

Lilananda Yoga Studio was on-hand to help plant the trees and offered residents free yoga classes on Sunday, April 22. The BioSoil Farm of the Glenville Business and Technology Park also donated the "super-charged potting soil" made from worm castings at the Glenville indoor farm. Representatives from the farm talked with residents about their environmentally friendly soil mixtures.

"The town is pleased to have such great members of our business community come together and help us beautify our park while celebrating Earth Day," said Chris Koetzle, Town Supervisor. "This tree planting, although small in context, highlights the need to better protect our planet and acts to remind our residents that collectively, we can all do something to be better stewards."

Thursday's in the Park Returns to Summer 2018

Full lineup includes plans for movies and concerts; "date night" planned for 8.23

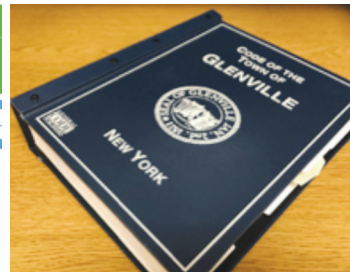


The town will host "Thursday's in the Park" at Indian Meadows again this year with a full lineup of entertainment planned for every Thursday in August. All acts and/or shows have not been confirmed yet, but the History and Culture Committee is planning on hosting concerts during the first three weeks in August and movies during the last two weeks. This year the committee is adding a "date night" for adults on Thursday, August 23rd where the town will screen a classic movie under the stars. A children's movies is planned to end the season on August 30th.

The town started the entertainment venue last year with a series of concerts and movies in the outdoor setting at Indian Meadows park. Events this year are expected to start around dusk. The committee is still looking for event sponsors and if anyone is interested in supporting this great venue, please email Supervisor Chris Koetzle at ckoetzle@townofglenville.org.

Watch the town's website or glenville2020.org for details.

Town Codes Review Committee Off and Running



Last October the Glenville Town Board adopted a new Comprehensive Plan for the Town, replacing the Comprehensive Plan that had been in place since 1990. Development and adoption of the new Plan was an intensive three-year process, requiring unwavering dedication

from resident volunteers of both the Comprehensive Plan Committee and the Residential Advisory Committee, not to mention a considerable time commitment on the part of Planning staff and Town Board members. Local residents and business owners were also heavily invested, as over a dozen public hearings, workshops and public information sessions helped shape the Plan.

Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan was just the first step in a multi-step, multi-year effort. Now the Town is charged with amending its Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, and related land use codes, some of which date back several decades.

Tasked with this challenge is the newly formed Town Codes Review Committee, which held its kickoff meeting in March. The Committee consists of representatives from various Town departments and the Town Board, and it is chaired by Glenville resident and former Town Councilman James Martin.

As with the Comprehensive Plan process, amending the Town code will likely take two or more years. Stay tuned for updates via the Town's website, and eventually, public information meetings and hearings.

Happy Retirement

After 34 years of dedicated service to Glenville, Jamie MacFarland fully retired from the town on April 30th. In his tenure Jamie served in many capacities - overseeing the town's parks, senior center, and youth activities. Jamie also served as the town's Deputy Supervisor, director of operations, and human resources officer and was a major catalyst for creating and running Oktoberfest. During Jamie's tenure his many roles, he was largely responsible for the town building a branding new senior center, expansion of the town's parks system that includes the creation of a brand new dog park, and work with youth athletic leagues that have led to new baseball, soccer, football, and softball fields in our parks.

Jamie partially retired 5 years ago from director of operations and transitioned from full-time to part-time. During that time, the Board decided to transition the Supervisor to full-time (from part-time) a create a fully professional Supervisor's position instead of hiring an outside person to run day-to-day operations of the town. This move saved the town significant amount of money and was certified by the New York State Comptroller as an efficiency for the residents of the town.

Jamie brought professionalism, class and a certain calm to his many roles at the town and was always a gentleman. Jamie will be missed, but we all wish him well in his future plans.

Freemans Bridge Road Complete Streets Plan to be Wrapped up in May

After over a year of effort, the Town of Glenville and its consultant Planning4Places is about to conclude its Complete Streets Plan for the Freemans Bridge Road corridor. Funded through the Capital District Transportation Committee's (CDTC) Linkage Grant Program, the Freemans Bridge Road Complete Streets Plan looks to transform this important Town highway corridor from its current automobile-dominated environment into a street that accommodates all users.

"Complete Streets," most simply defined, are streets for everyone. Complete Streets are important streets and highway corridors that are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.

Planned Improvements in the Vicinity of the Intersection of Freemans Bridge Road and Maple Avenue

Complementing the installation of sidewalks and multi-use paths will be the implementation of access management and traffic calming principles for the corridor. Examples of access management include the consolidation of existing driveways, establishment of parallel service

roads, connecting of parking lots on adjacent properties, and the minimization of new curb cuts. Traffic calming takes on many forms, including the installation of raised landscaped medians, use of high visibility crosswalks with pedestrian count-down timers, narrowing of travel lanes, and bump-out curbing, among many others. All of these techniques will be on the table as the Town moves to complete the Plan, and beyond.

As of this writing, the tentative schedule for wrap-up of the Plan includes the last scheduled public workshop/hearing on May 1st and a final presentation to the Town Board on May 16th. For more information on the Plan and schedule, please visit the project website at www.freemansgateway.com.



Glenville 2020



Glenville officials will host a community forum to discuss the upcoming celebration of the town's 200th anniversary in 2020. The forum is designed to engage

Community Forum to Discuss 200th Anniversary

the community in discuss on possible ideas to help mark the event. Interested residents should attend to share thoughts and comments on how we can make this a special occasion for all. The meeting will be held on June 6th at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Glenville Seeking Businesses Interested in Microenterprise Funding

The town of Glenville is seeking \$200,000 for a new Microenterprise program. The program will assist small business owners or startups by providing grants to nurture job creation and growth at local businesses. Half of the total funding will be earmarked for startup ventures.

Eligible businesses must be located in the town of Glenville or village of Scotia and have no more than five combined part- and full-time employees, one of whom must be the owner.

Grant awards will range from \$5,000 to \$35,000 per business and can be used as working capital or for the purchase of inventory, equipment and furnishings, among other uses. The funds cannot be used for new building construction, property acquisition, the renovation of existing buildings or for debt relief.

The microenterprise program will contain provisions emphasizing job creation, particularly for low- and moderate-income employees. To be eligible for a grant, businesses must create at least one full-time or equivalent job within 90 days of the completion of their grant-funded project. Retention of existing jobs as a result of the funding does not fulfill the program's job creation requirement.

Business owners must complete a small business education course and pay a minimum of 10 percent of eligible project costs prior to the disbursement of grant funds.

Contact the Glenville Economic Development and Planning Department at 518-688-1200 extension 7 for more information.

Oak Wilt Disease Management Needs Public's Cooperation

Oak Wilt Disease, formerly limited to the Glen Oaks neighborhood, returned to Glenville at the Sanders Preserve and St. Anthony La. neighborhoods in 2017.

The NYS DEC has acted aggressively to halt the spread of this disease which can kill a mature oak tree in less than a month. All affected trees have been removed and chipped, and now the public's help is needed. DEC's advice as follows:

1. Do not move firewood of any type from the town of Glenville. Oak is often mixed in with other wood types and can spread oak wilt inadvertently.
2. Do not prune oak trees between March and September.
3. Trees show oak wilt symptoms around the 4th of July. They are:
 - Brown coloration develops on leaves starting at the outer edge and progressing inward toward the mid-vein of the leaf.
 - Branch dieback starts at the top of the tree's canopy and progresses downward.
 - Leaves suddenly wilt in the spring and summer and may fall while there is still some green on them.
 - Fungal spore mats may develop under the bark of infected trees.
4. If you believe a tree may be infected, contact DEC Forest Health at foresthealth@dec.ny.gov

A sign has been placed temporarily on Rt. 50 in town center to provide this important public information.

Town of Glenville – DPW

The Town of Glenville in conjunction with County Waste announces that the 2018 Bulk Item program will begin on June 4, 2018. Please place your acceptable items curbside on Sunday, June 3, 2018. More information can be found on our website at <https://www.townofglenville.org/dpw-highway>.

As our highway budget permits, will be paving town roads in Alplaus, this includes Bruce Drive.



In the event of a severe storm in the Town of Glenville that causes down trees and limbs, we ask that residents place debris out to the curb side as soon as possible. Crews will conduct a two week clean up

from the date of storm.

Spring/Summer yard waste disposal, including leaves, brush, and grass clippings is the responsibility of the homeowner. Please contact your trash hauler for their details.

Code §99 entitled Brush, Grass and Weeds states that property owners must maintain their lot or land. Any such lot or land that allows uncut growth of grass, weeds or brush, or any noxious or poisonous plants to accumulate or grow to a height in excess of 10 inches will be in violation.

Maalwyck Park Update

The town has contracted with Hartgen Associates to perform the final phase of archaeological investigation in conjunction with site work to construct the main road and parking for the park. AMZ Contracting, Inc. will perform the road work and the park will be quite active with construction and archaeological investigation this spring. The fields in the upper plateau of the park will also benefit from additional topsoil placement to make them level. The final phase of work will be construction of a pavilion with rest rooms and water, electrical, and sewer service, to be bid upon completion of the archaeological and road work.

Town Software Upgrades Also Near Completion

In addition to upgrading water meters and water billing software, over the past year the Town has also undertaken an upgrade of its financial software and buildings & codes software systems. Employee training on these new systems has been ongoing in 2018 and both new systems will "go live" in the next few weeks. The new financial software replaces a DOS-based system purchased by the Town in the 1980s while the buildings and codes software replaces a legacy system that is nearing 15 years old. These upgrades will provide more efficient services for residents and staff by linking the town-wide permitting, cashiery, and financial systems, replacing stand-alone "silo" systems that were unable to communicate with each other. Due to our financial reserves, the Town was able to pay cash - and avoid borrowing and debt payments - to upgrade these antiquated financial, buildings & codes, and water billing software systems.