

# Review of Romulus

## TOWN POSITIONS

- Supervisor: Raymond Zajac
  - Secretary/Bookkeeper:  
Angel Lawrence
  - Councilman:  
Robert Gerlach  
David Kaiser  
S. William Ritchie  
Ralph Walborn, Jr.
  - Town Clerk/Registrar:  
Beatrice Licak
  - Planning Board:  
Walt Mittermeyer  
Barry Roach  
Dave Hayes  
MaryJane Thomas  
Dan Brodnicki  
Lester Sandifur
  - Planning Board Secretary:  
Mary Farnsworth
  - Zoning Board:  
Joella Rand  
Richard Worrell  
Helen Mittermeyer  
Betty McNaught
  - Zoning Officer: Lee Hoaglan
  - Highway Superintendent  
James Williamson
  - Justice: Kathleen Greule
  - Court Clerk: Terri Sandifur
  - Assessor: Anne Morgan
  - Tax Collector: Betty Wyckoff
  - Dog Control: Dan Armitage
  - Water/Sewer: Jack Holley
  - Fire Dept. Chiefs:  
Romulus—Jim Hinman  
Ovid—Bill Palmer
  - Town Attorney: James Gabriel
  - Historian: Sarah Dawley
  - Deputy Town Clerk/Registrars:  
Angel Lawrence  
Mary Farnsworth
- Romulus Town Hall  
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## EMERGENCY HOUSE NUMBERS

Being able to find a house as expeditiously as possible in an emergency is crucial. The extra time searching for houses can make the difference between life and death. The town board has pondered this problem with the emergency service representatives and together a solution has been determined. The Town of Romulus Highway Dept. will head the implementing of a system to aid the emergency response teams to get to our residents quickly. We will be mounting reflective numbers on posts which will clarify exact location. We will also be posting new street signs that will indicate which house numbers are on that street. There will be no cost to the residents for this most important need.

## EMERGENCY CALL BOX

Relative to improving emergency services the New York State Troopers have had an emergency call box installed in front of the Town of Romulus Municipal building. This is especially convenient for people in need of help and do not have access to a telephone. A push of the button will automatically dispatch to the NYS Troopers Office.

## CHERRY HILL BRIGHT WITH LIGHT

A request for a street light on Cherry Hill Road in the Hamlet of Romulus was submitted. This was approved and installed.

## SPEAK WITH THE NEW COUNTY MANAGER KEITH ASHBY

County Manager, Keith Ashby will be attending the next Town of Romulus Board Meeting to meet the residents and hear their thoughts. Please come meet him on August 21st @ 7:30 p.m.

## IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH LUPPINO

Joseph Luppino was a very dedicated official of the Town of Romulus for thirty five years. Mr. Luppino served in the capacity of Town Clerk from 1955 thru 1979 and Councilman from 1985 thru 1995. Mr. Luppino passed on the date of June 20, 2002, a great loss to the community. In recognition of Joseph Luppino's 35 years of dedicated service to the residents of this town we will be holding a ceremony in his memory at our next town board meeting on August 21, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at which time a plaque will be presented to the Luppino family.

## WHO IS MARRYING "THE MARRYING JUDGE"?

Town of Romulus Justice Kathleen Greule, more commonly known as "The Marrying Judge" is tying the knot herself!! The lucky gentleman is John Yells! He can be seen driving bus #67 for the Romulus Central School. He is also employed as the Superintendent of the Fayette Water Dept.

## News in the Court

Romulus Town Court supports the idea of a county wide drug court to be administered by the Seneca Falls Town Court. Court is held every Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of every 3rd Monday at which time there is no court.

The Public Defender and ADA are in court every 4th Monday. To contact Romulus Court: Office: 869-9650 Fax:869-9570 Email: Romcourt@rochester.rr.com Justice: Kathleen Greule Court Clerk: Terri Sandifur

## Supervisor's Summary

Throughout the past years the Romulus Town Board and the town employees have worked diligently as a team to address and resolve many challenges, both small and large, to continue to upgrade our town and make it an even nicer place to live.

By far the most demanding and rewarding challenge has been the base development at the former Seneca Army Depot facility. It has resulted in an increase of more than 5 million in tax base, which benefits all of us. Jobs have been created and the outlook for the future is more of the same. The development has secured our water and sewer districts and resulted in lower rates in Romulus hamlet. Each year you will see more benefits from this development.

### SAMPSON STATE PARK

**Park hours:** 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. daily  
**Swimming:** 11:15 a.m.-6:45 p.m. daily  
**Museum:** 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wed. thru Sun. until Labor Day; After until Oct. 13th weekends only

\$6.00 Entrance fee into the park...bring the entire family and enjoy the day!

Reservations for campsites:  
 1-800-456-CAMP

Seasonal Boat Slips Available 1/2 Price

#### PARK EVENTS:

Balloon Festival	Aug. 24
AirForce Reunion	Sept. 6,7 & 8
Navy Reunion	Sept. 10,11 & 12
Dog Show	Sept. 26,27,28&29

## ROMULUS TOWN TRANSFER STATION

Plans are in progress to create the Romulus Town Transfer Station on Townline Road in Romulus. Bagged garbage, recycling items, metal, iron, brush, tires and other items will be collected. It is planned that the transfer station will be open two days per week. The committee and Highway Superintendent, James

"Coffee with the Town Supervisor" will be scheduled for every 3rd Tuesday of each month from 8:00 till 10:00 a.m. This time is for you to discuss any issues, thoughts or ideas you may have.

### TOWN CLERK TALKS

2002-2003 Hunting licenses become available to purchase on August 19, 2002. We hope new scanning program will be in effect.

Please remember to keep your dog license current.

### DOG CONTROL

Dan Armitage can be reached at: Home: 869-9253  
 Office: 869-9326 Ext. 122  
 Pager: 1-800-836-2337  
 then dial 40710 and put in your telephone number.

Williamson are aiming for the opening of the transfer station to occur this year. More information will follow as this progresses.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE** Transfer Station Tags for the Town of Ovid can be purchased at Town Hall in Willard.

## New Town Seal Contest

In light of all the changes in our town it was decided that we were in need of a new town seal. The existing seal is pictured in the center of this page. As you will see we no longer have the Seneca Army Base in our town. This contest is open to everyone! Please submit your design to the Romulus Town Hall by November 15th. The winning seal will be chosen at the November 20th town board meeting. First prize will receive a \$50.00 savings bond and runner up prizes will be awarded to 2nd & 3rd place finishes.

## Dumpster Days

Dumpster Days was a success! We anticipate this will become an annual if not semi-annual service for the residents. This was held at the transfer station in Hays Corners.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT STAR

Q: I currently have Basic STAR, do I have to renew it?

A: No, once you have filed for Basic STAR, it will stay with you until you turn 65 or sell your property, but remember it is your responsibility to notify the Assessor's office when or if your primary residence changes, there are penalties for failure to do so.

Q: I am going to turn 65 years old this year but not until after March 1, when should I file for enhanced STAR:

A: Before March 1 of this year, the date your turn 65 is within the calendar year so it will affect you this year.

Q: I own two homes, one here and one in Florida, I am receiving the Homestead exemption in Florida, can I file for STAR here:

A: No you have declared your primary residence to be Florida by filing there, remember it must be your primary residence. (Where you vote, file income tax, etc...)

**\*\*STAR** undergoes many changes each year, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 607-869-9689, and remember all exemptions must be filed on or before March 1st of any year.

## HERNON PARK PLANS & PROGRESS

The park is starting to take shape. This has been developed without tax payer money, but rather with grants, fundraisers and donations. The park now has a 1/2 mile paved walking, biking, skate boarding and hiking trail around the parameter. There is one full size basketball court and a small court area for younger children. The swing set with a handicap swing has been installed along with a slide. The Willard Drug Treatment Campus has been one of our biggest contributors to the park. They built thirty benches and

twelve picnic tables for the cost of materials. The facility work crews have been maintaining the lawn, transplanting trees and taking care of the flowers. We also need to credit them for the preparation and spreading of stone for the black top trail that now surrounds the park. We have been selling "In Memory of" plaques at the cost of \$100.00 and placing them in the routed out area of the benches. This summer's plans are to build a pavilion, install a bike rack, flagpole and five charcoal grills. Tracey Lane who is employed by Vance Metal has been working with his employers to make five grills for the park. This project is being completed donated by

Vance Metal at no cost for materials or labor. An American Flag was donated by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. We will be working with the schools to create two scholarships (one for each of the school districts). The scholarship fund will be established and granted to two students who have devoted community service to parks and recreation. These should not be based on income nor grade average, but rather on the participation in preserving the beauty and recreation of our parks. We will devote one fund raiser a year to the scholarship fund and all other donations and fundraisers will be put into the park. We have had many residents donate time and money to the park and would like to thank all those that have shown interest. We would also like to make the community aware of the kids in our neighborhood that have worked to protect the park from any vandalism and to thank these kids for their efforts.

## ELECTION DISTRICTS

Due to the increasing cost of maintaining three election districts it was decided the town would consolidate three districts into two voting districts and all voting would take place in one location. All voting for all districts will be held at the Town of Romulus Town Hall in Willard effective the 10th day of September, 2002 for Primary Elections. Should transportation be an issue, please contact our office and we will make arrangements to assist you. This consolidation will save the taxpayers a substantial amount of money and also increase wages for our election inspectors to an amount equivalent to other townships.

Example of savings before and after consolidation:

**Previous Election Expenses:**  
 12 people @ 5.45 per hour x 15 hours = \$981.00  
 \$50.00 per machine per inspector: \$50.00 x 3 x 2 = \$300.00  
 Total without mileage and class expenses = **\$1,281.00**

**State is considering a mandated charge as follows:**  
 \$120.00 x 12 = \$1,440.00 inspectors  
 \$ 300.00 machine custodians  
**\$1,740.00 Total**

**Election Expenses Due to Consolidation:**  
 2 districts, locate both machines in 1 building (will have extra machine as back up, should one machine go down):  
 8 people x \$8.00 per hour x 15 hours = \$960.00  
 2 custodians x \$75.00 per hour x3 machines = \$300.00  
**Total \$1,260.00**

## ZONING & PLANNING

As of June 24, 2002 the Town of Romulus Town Board approved the long time coming Zoning. Our Planning Board has worked diligently since 1997 to devise the Zoning that will work to better our town and its future. For several years, Ken Alexander served as Chairman of this planning board and began the steps to implement a plan for zoning. In 2001 Mr. Ken Alexander,

Chairman and member Penny Moses regretfully resigned their positions due to other commitments. Since, Walt Mittermeyer has accepted the position of Chairman and Barry Roach has become the newest Planning Board Member. There have been other residents over the years that we would like to thank for their contributions on this

## ZONING & PLANNING (CONTINUED)

board. Building Codes is now superceded by Zoning. Lee Hoaglan has accepted the appointment as Zoning Code Officer and will be working with the Town of Romulus Zoning Board which is comprised of Joella Rand, Rich Worrell, Helen Mittermeyer and Betty McNaught. We are looking to fill the fifth seat on this board and also since Lee Hoaglan's appointment as Zoning Officer we now need to fill a Planning Board Member position, as he had to resign from this position to avoid conflict of interests.

Copies of the Zoning Ordinance can be obtained at the Town Hall.

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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday  
7:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

\*\*If you need after hours appointment, please  
contact us and we will accommodate you.

### Other Available Services:

**Photo Copies, Faxes, Notarizing and  
Tourism Brochures.**

*Email us:  
Romulus@rochester.rr.com*

### Anyone for a game of BINGO??

Every Tuesday night starting at 6:45 p.m. at  
the Romulus Volunteer Fire House

Every Thursday night starting at 7:00 p.m.  
at the Ovid VFW

## CENSUS...

Since the year 2000 we have been trying to correspond with any and every dept. possible to try to regain the count for the new development on the previously known Seneca Army Base. We calculate approximately double our existing count is not being accounted for. The Census was completed April of 2000. The new development went into our town July of 2000. We realize we can't obtain full credit due to the cut off date being three months prior to all the new development. However, we are attempting to locate anyone in the census bureau that can aid us in a pro-ration for this development. The town provides services to all the areas of new development and therefore, it certainly should receive the credit for their existence.

### MEETING DATES:

Town Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each  
month at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board Meetings: 2nd Wednesday  
of each month at 7:15 pm

Hernon Park Meetings: 4th Wednesday  
of each month at 6:00 p.m.

### ROMULUS & VARICK WORK TOGETHER TO SAVE TAXPAYERS MONEY

The towns of Romulus and Varick have been discussing combining the water districts to lower costs and save taxpayers money by consolidating the services for this joint district. Town of Romulus has already passed this savings onto its residents and Varick residents will soon see this savings reflected in their upcoming billings.

### FIVE POINTS/WDTC ADVISORY MEETINGS

Five Points and Willard Drug Treatment have a community advisory meeting on a regular basis. The main topic at the last meeting was the Willard gardens. Last year 66,000 pounds of vegetables were donated to the community. It is their hope

to triple the amount this year. Five Points will be composting food wastes for both facilities. There are two workcrews which go to Five Points, one crew is designated for Ovid, one for recycling and two crews for the garden work area. Additional crews are dispatched into the community, such as Hernon Park and Town Hall. The flowers you see in front of town hall have come from the gardens at WDTC and have been planted by work crews. In the winter, Superintendent Williams came to our needs and sent work crews to shovel the sidewalks and clear the way for our children to easily await school buses on the sidewalks rather than in the roads.