

## TOWN OF ROMULUS

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Monday thru Friday:

7:30 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

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## TOWN POSITIONS

- Supervisor: David Kaiser
- Secretary/Bookkeeper: Angel Lawrence
- Main Office Clerk: Mary Farnsworth
- Councilman: Robert Gerlach  
Barbara McCall  
S. William Ritchie  
Ralph Walborn, Jr.
- Town Clerk/Registrar: Terry Smith
- Planning Board: Dave Hayes  
Barry Roach  
MaryJane Thomas  
Daniel Brodnicki  
Phyllis Motill  
Thomas Bouchard
- Zoning Board: Joella Rand  
Richard Worrell  
Helen Mittermeyer  
Richard Bloss  
Fred Swain
- Code Enforcement Officer: Lee Hoaglan
- Highway Superintendent: James Williamson
- Justice: Kathleen Greule
- Court Clerk: Terri Sandifur
- Assessor: Anne Morgan
- Tax Collector: Betty Wyckoff
- Dog Control: Aaron Covert
- 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  
Beatrice Licak

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## ROMULUS ROCKS !! OUR FIRST TOWN BLOCK PARTY SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 2005



So many new residents!! It's time we all get to know each other. Please come out August 27th for our Town Block Party. All Town of Romulus residents are invited together for a great time on Second Street in Willard, in front of the Romulus Town Hall. Parking will be available at the Herson Park and along County Rd. 132.

Rick Delong, a long time resident of Willard, has been working diligently with many of our local entertainers and has had great results in engaging them for entertainment on a volunteer basis. It amazes me how fortunate we are to have so many generous and talented people in our area who are all coming together to make this happen. Some of these wonderful entertainers who will be with us are: Spaz, Alice Detrick, Captain Jack (Band), Mike Shaw & Friends and John Nolan. If you know of anyone who would like to perform at this event, please contact Rick Delong at 607-869-3949.

We will be looking for pie and cake donations for a cake wheel for that day. Please contact Angel or Mary at the Town Hall 607-869-9326 if you would like to donate for this event. There will be a dart balloon throw and a ring toss for prizes. These events will be .50 cents each.

Mary Unger, is another wonderful resident of our town and has offered to prepare balloon figures for the kids on this day. She has been a clown for many years and is quite creative and is sure to be a big hit with the kids!! Due to the hot weather that is expected in August, we will spare her the heavy makeup and costume that you would normally see her in.



Gather up your group of three for a foul shot contest and three on three contest. The group with the most shots out of twenty will win a prize. Please contact Angel or Mary to register the names of your group for this event. This event is free!! How about some South Seneca vs. Romulus groups!

Lenny Church will be there with his concession stand for your convenience. He will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, hot sausage and beverages.



Tom Bouchard a resident of our town and also a Planning Board member is donating the use of his ice cream stand to the Herson Park Committee for this fun day! The Herson Park will be selling ice cream out of his stand. All proceeds from these sales will be applied toward the new ball field and volleyball court that is expected to be installed at the park next year. There will be face painting by Pam Lane, for those who just want to add a little to the spirit of the day. We will be looking for volunteers to help us with these events. Also if you have an idea for this day we would love to hear about it. So please give us a call or stop by your town hall.



## ADVICE FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Joint Assessment Group Office would like to remind all Enhanced (Senior) STAR recipients that renewal forms WILL be mailed in December of 2005, these forms will explain hours and the income information needed to reapply for STAR. Please feel free to call the office at (607) 869-9689 with questions.

Anne Morgan, Assessor

T H A N K  
Y O U  
W O R K



You couldn't help but notice the beautiful flowers that were all along the front of the Town Hall. The Willard Drug Treatment Campus once again took care of providing and planting flowers to enhance our building. Thank you for always including us in your horticultural projects.

## SUPERVISOR'S SUMMARY

It is most unfortunate that we had to accept Mr. Ritchie's resignation as Board member. We have been asked by many people, who will fill that position until the end of Mr. Ritchie's term? At this time, the board determined the best action to take is to leave the seat vacant and allow the residents to decide who is the best candidate for this position. It appears there will be four residents running for the two seats that are up for election. The board strongly felt because so many were running it would not be fair to the candidates if the board chose one of the four as a board member to fill the seat until the end of the term.

On a happier note, the sidewalk project is on its way! This year we will be determining the costs and exhausting all avenues of any financial aide that we may be able to qualify for. We are hoping to begin construction in the spring of 2006. We have been working closely with the Willard Drug Treatment Campus on the possibility of their facility providing the work crews to eliminate labor costs. It is our hope that we will be able to obtain funding through a grant to cover some, if not all of the materials for the new sidewalks. The Hamlet of Romulus will be the first area of concentration, as the board felt it was imperative the students are not walking in the roads to school. Ralph Walborn, Jr., one of our Town Councilman, will be measuring the front of each property to determine the length of sidewalk that will run along each parcel. If you see Ralph in front of your property, perhaps you could help him determine where your property starts and ends.

As you see from our front page, the town will be holding a block party. This is a block party that is being held for the entire Town of Romulus. I hope to see you there!

Dave Kaiser

We now accept  
Master Card and  
Visa Credit/Debit  
Cards for your  
convenience.



### ROMULUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Romulus Historical Society is selling historical sites post cards like the one shown above. The picture above was once known as the Romulus Hotel. Of course, this picture does not do the post cards justice, as they are much nicer. The post cards being offered for sale are pictures of:

1. Lake View House & Canning Factory which was located in Willard
2. Lehigh Valley Depot & Seeley's Hotel which was located in Hayts Corners
3. Romulus Hotel which was located in the Hamlet of Romulus
4. Main Street Romulus
5. Romulus Train Station
6. NYS Hospital in Willard

Post cards can be purchased at the Romulus Town Hall in Willard. They are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. All proceeds will be put towards the Romulus Historical Society.



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

Every Thursday night starting at 6:45 p.m. at the Ovid VFW.



### ROMULUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This organization is still looking for members. There is an annual Membership fee of \$5.00. A new historical building was donated by the New York State Department of Corrections to the town for the purpose of displaying the historical memorabilia. Presently the organization has many items to display, however they are always looking for more. Any donations or use on loan items, which can be displayed would be greatly appreciated. The Willard Drug Treatment Campus was very generous and made a sign displaying our location. This will be located in front of the building. The annual Willard State Employees picnic is soon approaching and therefore, the historical society has informed us they will open on September 10th for tours from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. for these attendees.



### REDUCED SPEED ZONE AND CROSSWALKS

In the near future you will see a reduced speed to 25 MPH in the Hamlet of Romulus by the School. According to correspondences from New York State Department of Transportation, we have also been approved for two crosswalks. We would like to thank the Romulus School District's Superintendent, Mike Midey for his assistance in making this happen. We also received assistance from Senator Nozzolio's office to help present our need for the reduced speed and crosswalks. The Town of Romulus would like to thank the Senator for his help and NYS DOT for reviewing and agreeing that there is a need.

### COUNCILMAN S. WILLIAM RITCHIE RESIGNS

S. William Ritchie, long time resident of Hayts Corners, Highway Superintendent for many years and Town Councilman for the Town of Romulus after his retirement is planning to move and can no longer serve in his capacity while residing in another township. This will be a great loss to the Town of Romulus and the Hamlet of Hayts Corners. The Town of Romulus Town Board regretfully accepted his resignation.

### DUMPSTER DAYS BY PERMIT ONLY IN OCTOBER

The second dumpster days for this year will be a fall clean up scheduled for Saturday, October 8th through Monday, October 10th.

The hours for the fall cleanup "Dumpster Days" will be from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. all three days.



A permit is required and can be obtained from the Romulus Town Hall in Willard. Each permit has an 8 load limit for October. If you do not have a permit you will not be allowed to use the dumpster days site. There will be no permits given out at the site and they can only be obtained from the Town Hall in Willard. The following items will not be accepted:

1. 55 gallon drums
2. Paint Cans containing wet paint
3. Pesticides
4. Hazardous materials, propane tanks, asbestos, medical wastes or radioactive
5. Gasoline, oil or solvents and their containers
6. No microwaves
7. No yard wastes, grass clippings, branches, leaves, etc...

Appliances will be taken, but only if the freon has been removed.  
There is a limit of ten tires per card holder



## COURT'S CORNER



### THE FACTS ABOUT SMALL CLAIMS COURT:

Small claims court is an informal court where individuals can sue for money only up to \$3,000.00, without a lawyer. If you choose, you may be represented by an attorney at your own expense, but it is not necessary to have an attorney since small claims court is meant to be a "People's Court" where claims may be tried speedily, informally and inexpensively.

Anyone over 18 years of age can bring an action in small claims court. Corporations, partnerships, associations or assignees cannot sue in small claims court, but they can be sued.

In the Town of Romulus to start a small claims case you must meet with the Court Clerk, Terri Sandifur, to file a statement of claim. You should be prepared to give a brief statement of the facts that form the basis of your claim. You will be required to pay a filing fee of up to \$20.00 based on the amount of damages you are seeking.

The person you are suing must live, work or have a place of business in the Town of Romulus. When the claim is filed, the clerk will tell you when the case will be tried and send out the necessary paperwork. The law requires a period of 21 days for mail delivery of the notice. Before trial, you should gather all the evidence necessary to prove your claim or your defense, anything that will help prove the facts in dispute.

Kathleen Greule, Justice



### THE DROP ON WATER



For residents who move to another location in the winter, please make sure you contact our office to have your water shut off. If a house is not heated well enough or should you run out of fuel, the pipes could break and cause much damage to your home. Please have your water shut off to assure this doesn't become your situation. Also if water is off more than 3 months your water bill will only reflect operation & maintenance charges and no usage charges.

The Water Department would like to give you a few items to look for to help save you money on your water bills:

1. Make sure your water hose is off after use
2. Repair any leaking faucets
3. We encourage water saver toilets
4. Report any leaking fire hydrants
5. Make sure the bottom of your water meter is not rusted, leaking, etc...

If you notice an excessive amount of water where it wouldn't normally be, please notify our office. It is possible there is a leak.

Homeland security has become a very important issue. If you notice unusual activity or not a regularly seen vehicle in the vicinity of the water towers, reservoir, pump stations or water plants, please notify our office or the authorities.

If this winter your shut off valve cap or curb box has been broken off, please notify our office and we will repair this as soon as possible.

Jack Holley, Water Commissioner

## HERNON PARK

The park committee is presently working on installing a professional size sand volleyball court. It is the committees' hope that this will be completed some time late August or early September.

A new tether ball will be installed on the tether ball pole. They are in the process of replacing the basketball backboards and rims.

The original thought of the committee was to install a skate park in memory of Tommy Davis. However, as we have watched neighboring towns and villages install these parks, we have also watched many remove the equipment because of the danger and liability. Therefore, the committee will be applying the funds raised in Tommy's name to the new ball field. Tommy was also a fan of baseball and his parents agreed, to name the ball field in his memory would be appropriate. All proceeds from August 27th events will be applied toward the ball field. Presently the field has been plowed, tilled and will later be leveled and grass seed will be planted by fall. We hope to have the ball field put in by 2006. The long term goal is to strive toward installing dug outs, stands for seating, a backstop and with any luck and interest by the town and its neighbors, eventually a concession stand.

It has been a very slow process and unfortunately a very small committee. The park has been built on donations, fund raising and grants. Our committee is very small and certainly has room for more members. If you have any interest in developing a family oriented and safe place for our children, please contact the Romulus Town Hall to join this committee of determined residents. Meetings are held once a month during the spring, summer and fall months. Each meeting is less than an hour of your time. It would be great to receive in put and ideas from more of our residents. Please consider joining our group and help us plan for the future.



## NEWS FROM THE WILLARD DRUG TREATMENT CAMPUS

Sunday, July 17th the Willard DTC experienced a water main break. Willard DTC supplies water for the campus and the Hamlet of Willard. The break was fixed and then broke again. As a result of the break, low water pressure was experienced throughout the hamlet and facility.

Willard Drug Treatment Campus, however sprang into action to insure that the hamlet and facility would continue to receive water. Local water haulers were secured and three local fire departments; Romulus, Ovid and Lodi, immediately came to our aid. In addition a 4" fire hose was laid down from the Ovid pumping station on County Road 131 to bring additional gallons of water. By Monday afternoon, July 25th, pressure was fully restored in most areas.

Willard Drug Treatment Campus has identified and repaired this system, and through additional work, is now pumping more water than ever. This wonderful but hot summer has put a great strain on the entire system and everyone should continue to conserve where they can. We also appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience.

Melvin L. Williams, Superintendent

## TRASH BURNING NOTICE

Please be advised leaves and brush can be burned in the hamlets as long as it does not become a nuisance to your neighbors. However, absolutely no household garbage is to be burned.

## DOG DETAILS



All dogs four months or older must have a rabies vaccination certificate under the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law for licensing of dogs. The owner of any dog four months of age or older shall immediately make application for a dog license. Application for a dog license shall be made to the Town Clerk at the Town Hall in Willard. Anyone in violation of the licensing law could have their dog seized and impounded by the Dog Control Officer or be given an appearance ticket.



**SYMPTOMS OF RABIES:** Marked changes in behavior, the animal becomes unnaturally withdrawn or unnaturally approachable. The animal can be excited, aggressive, irritable and snap at anything in its path. An animal may be unusually tame, affectionate and friendly. Staggering, convulsions, spitting, frothing at the mouth and paralysis of the legs or throat may occur.



Aaron Covert, Dog Control Officer

## HIGHWAY HAZARDS & HAPPENINGS



Seneca County Workforce has provided us with a summer help worker. Joe Darrow from Lodi, will be with us for the months of July and August.

We have reopened Cayuga Lake Road. We will not be resurfacing until next year so we can make sure it holds. Elm Beach Road has been paved. Take an evening drive along the lake, cool off and check it out.

The short section of Bromka Road has been rebuilt. We will be leaving it crusher run for the winter with a coating of dust oil. The reasoning for this is the construction of the new Seneca County Jail. That section of the road is currently receiving a lot of truck traffic.

Kendaia Road spur will be the next road we will work on this summer, along with Smith Vineyard Road intersection.

Have a safe summer and remember to drive slow in construction zones.

Jim Williamson, Highway Superintendent



## CODES CORNER

Zoning permits need to be obtained prior to work commencing or prior to the placement of portable buildings.

Portable buildings or pre-fab storage shed type buildings require a permit if the building is 140 square feet or larger. For an example: 10x14 or 12x 12 or larger will require a permit.

Any permanent addition or structure that changes the dimensions of the property requires a permit.  
F. Lee Hoaglan, Zoning Officer

## TOWN CLERK TALKS



The hunting season for the year 2005-2006 is approaching quickly. Hunting licenses become available August 15, 2005. The license is valid from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006. Deer Management Permit (doe permit)



instant lottery deadline is the close of business on October 1, 2005. The first come first serve doe permits will begin on November 1, 2005. The following is a list of what you need for a particular license:

- Previous hunting license or hunter's safety course:
  - Small game, big game and muzzle loading
- Previous bow hunting license or bow education certificate & hunters safety courses: (only New York State bow course)
  - Bow hunting and junior archery
- Previous trapping license or trapper education certificate:
  - Trapping



Birth certificates for live births should be submitted to the Town of Romulus Registrar within 5 days of the birth.

Terry Smith, Town Clerk

## DROP BOX AT TOWN HALL

To the left of the double doors at the town hall is a drop box for those who can't get here during office hours.

## COPIER SERVICES:

A copier for the public can be found in the main entrance of the Town Hall. This copier is set up as a vending machine. The cost is .20 cents per copy for 8 1/2" x 11" copies.

## 911 HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS

The 911 green house number sign that should be in front of your property along the highway right of way is mandatory. We have found that this system is working very well for emergency services people and for delivery workers. It is our hope that other towns will also consider the advantages and will help assist our emergency services to expedite the arrival time at the proper destination. If you have a new home and have not received a green house number sign or you have never received a sign, please contact Jim Williamson at 607-869-9578 and he will make sure one is.

## EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If there is an emergency with the water or any other pertinent information, we will contact the following radio stations:

AM STATIONS	FM STATIONS
WGVA 1240	WNYS 98.5
WCGR 1550	WLLW 99.3
WFLR 1570	WFLR 95.9
WSFW 1110	
WAUB 1590	

## DID YOU KNOW ????

The Town Hall has books, video tapes and puzzles for sale to help raise money for the Hernon Park projects.



Paperbacks .50,  
Hard covers \$1.00,  
Puzzles \$1.00  
Videos for \$2.00.

Donations are always welcomed and appreciated.

Candy Bar Sales .....\$1.00 each  
Snickers, Milkyway, Reese's, M&M's  
Plain or Peanut & Nestle Crunch