

TOWN OF ROMULUS

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PLANNING BOARD PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

2005 was a productive year for the Town of Romulus Planning Board.

- Sections in the Zoning Law on property maintenance and mobile homes were updated.
- Sections on cell towers and wind towers were added to the Zoning Law
- A new district known as "Energy/Industrial" is ready to be considered at a Public Hearing at the next Town Board Meeting on April 19th.
- Dave Hayes and Barry Roach were again chosen as Chairmen of the Planning Board
- Sidewalks in Romulus, dock regulations, lakeshore visioning, community block grants, economic development, preliminary work on the next comprehensive plan and continued focus on overall "smart growth" are just a few of the items on the agenda this year.

As a reminder, the Planning Board meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. We welcome any comments, ideas and suggestions that you may have.

We all play a role in our future!!

A NOTE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT AT THE WILLARD DRUG TREATMENT CAMPUS

Willard Drug Treatment Campus continues to offer in depth drug treatment to parolees from across the state. Willard also continues to be very active in supporting our surrounding communities. Last year, we grew over 167,000 pounds of fresh produce and gave it away to local food banks and pantries. This winter we produced 46 gallons of maple syrup, which will also be donated.

This summer we anticipate helping the Town of Romulus construct much needed sidewalks to Romulus Central School.

As a service to local boaters, we will open our lower gate to the abandoned boat ramp and allow people to launch their boats on Saturday, May 6th, 2006 and once again on Saturday, September 30th, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. only. Naturally, the state will assume no liability or provide any storage. However, the access will be free and a means of putting your boat in for the season and a day to take it off the lake for the winter.

In case of bad weather the following day will be used. Any questions should be directed to Angel Lawrence 607-869-9326.



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Town of Romulus
Dumpster Day Permit

Spring Cleanup:
Friday, June 9th, 2006
Saturday, June 10th, 2006
From 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fall Cleanup:
Friday, October 6th, 2006
Saturday, October 7th, 2006
From 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

I swear to be the above pictured Town of Romulus resident



DUMPSTER DAY PERMITS HAVE A NEW LOOK THIS YEAR

Residents will need to obtain a photo identification pass for the dumpster days. This pass will be good for the spring and fall cleanup days. The permits will need to be obtained from the town hall located in Willard. If you do not have your photo dumpster pass with you to show proof of residency, you will not be able to use this service. We apologize for the inconvenience of the photo identification, however we

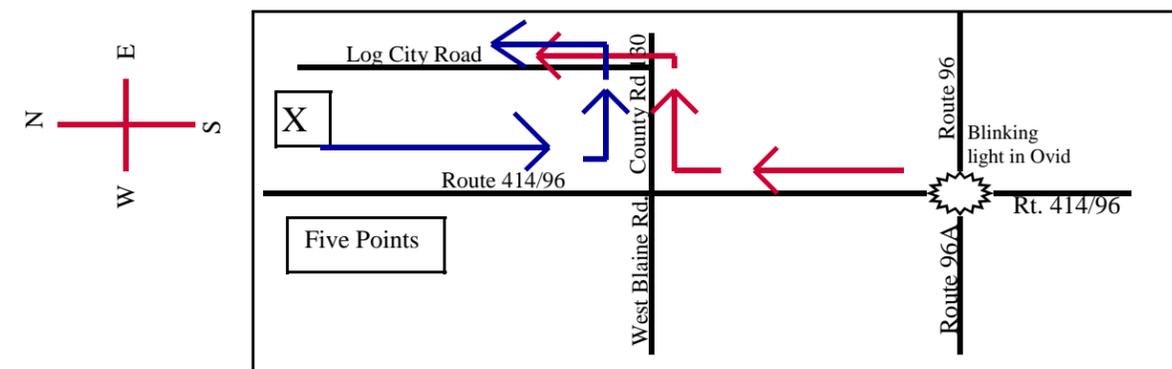
had to determine a means of eliminating non-residents from taking advantage of this service. This service is meant for Romulus residents **only** as it is paid for out of your Romulus resident taxes. These passes can be obtained anytime Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. If you are not able to come to the office during regular office hours, please contact us and we will set up an appointment with you for an evening or weekend that will accommodate your schedule.

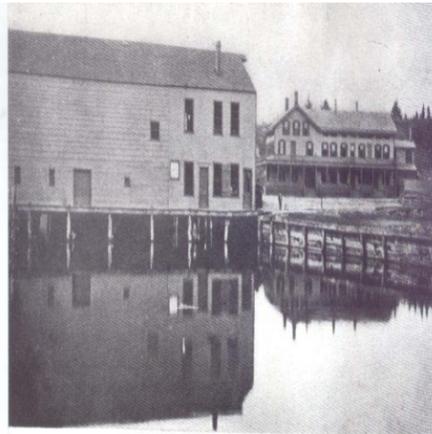
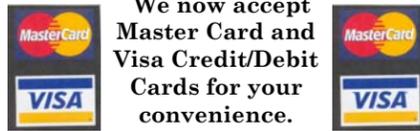
The following items **will not be accepted** at the Log City Road Transfer Station Location:

- No tires
 - No 55 gallon drums
 - No Pesticides
 - No Microwaves
 - No Gasoline, Oil or Solvents & their containers
 - No Hazardous materials, propane tanks, asbestos, medical wastes or radioactive waste
 - No Paint Cans Containing Wet Paint (can take them if they are empty and the paint is dry)
- **We can take appliances, but only if the freon has been removed.

Listed below is directions to get to the Dumpster Days Site

Blue lines from North to South Directions / Red lines from South to North Directions





Lake View House and Canning Factory, Willard, N. Y.

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 Lake View House and Canning Factory which was located in Willard. 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 Hays 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.

ANYONE FOR A GAME OF BINGO?

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.



TOWN WEB PAGE

The Town of Romulus now has a web page. You can view this website at www.romulustown.com. This web site will give you a place to print some of the most common applications the town uses. It will also allow you a place to print and review such items as the zoning law, minutes from all the meetings held here at the town hall. We are currently working on a secure credit/debit card page, which we hope will enable everyone to take care of business at a time that is convenient to our residents and others. Please feel free to contact us with items you would like to see added to the website or perhaps changes. We will do our best to accommodate your requests. Please be patient with us, while we work out the kinks. This is a new concept for us and we will try to perfect this process. The following links can be found on the web site:

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|  | 1. Home Page | 5. Historical Society |  |
| | 2. Related Web Sites | 6. Town News | |
| | 3. Town Services | 7. Forms | |
| | 4. Meetings and Events | 8. Online Payment Center | |



ROMULUS RECIPE BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED PRIZES FOR THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE WINNERS!!!

The Town of Romulus Herson Park is asking current and past residents and people that work or have worked in the town to locate their favorite recipes and submit them for the recipe book contest. We ask that you include your name with the recipe along with a means of contacting you. Please describe with your submission your present or past relationship with the town. Example: current or past resident, worked at or presently work at Willard, Five Points, etc... There will be a committee established to determine the top ten recipes.

The top ten recipes that are chosen will be asked to prepare their recipe for the August 19th block party. A panel of judges will review each recipe for ease of preparation. Each judge will taste the prepared recipe. Presentation will also be considered.

These judges will choose the top three and the following prizes will be awarded by the Herson Park a first place prize of \$50.00 and a copy of recipe book; second place prize of \$25.00 and a copy of recipe book and third place will be given \$10.00 and a complimentary copy of the Romulus Recipe Book.

Recipes and information about yourself, should be submitted to the Town of Romulus at P.O. Box 177, Willard, New York 14588 or you can email them to Romulus@rochester.rr.com. All submissions must be received by 9:00 a.m. on May 19th, 2006.

The town hall has many books, puzzles and videos. All proceeds to benefit the Herson Park. Thank you to all who have donated their used books, puzzles and videos.

- Hardcovers.....\$1.00
- Paperbacks.....\$.50
- Jigsaw puzzles..... \$1.00
- Videos/DVD's.....\$2.00



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

The Herson Park Committee received a check in the amount of \$175.00 from the E-Commerce class at South Seneca High School. We spoke with Mr. Matt Barkee, a teacher at South Seneca, to find out about his class. His E-Commerce class is a business course that introduces the basic functions of sales and marketing, business aspects using the internet, auction technology and how to create a global marketplace for the 21st century.

Faculty members donate items each year to the E-Commerce class for the students to sell on E-bay. The students are required to research the items and make a listing to market these items on the internet. The students handle all communications with the buyers and posted the invoices to the buyers. They then handled the packing of the items that were sold.

After all expenses are paid, the students total their net profit and determine where they will donate the funds from their hard work. This year comprised of the following students:



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| Justin Carroll | Brandon Douglas | Samantha Gable |
| Alex Gehl | Kris Greule | Falisha May |
| Paige Storrs | | |

These students decided to give this donation to the Herson Park this year. **The Herson Park would like to thank the students and faculty that put their time and energy into this wonderful program, which contributes to the community.**

SOUTH SENECA AMBULANCE CONTRACT

It has come to our attention that many residents are unsure of how the ambulance service contract works for them. Homeowners of the Town of Romulus contribute \$30.00 per parcel toward the South Seneca Ambulance for services. If you should require an ambulance while at your residency, it has been practice of the ambulance corp. to bill your insurance company and accept payment from them. If you receive a check from your insurance company for payment of ambulance services, this check is suppose to be forwarded to the South Seneca Ambulance Corp. in lieu of payment for services rendered.



The South Seneca Ambulance Corp. will forward a bill to you, which shows the total amount billed. If you have insurance it is your responsibility to give the insurance information or checks received to the ambulance corp.

Although, it is not in the contract the ambulance corp. cover the cost of guests in your home, they have been known to do so. Please keep in mind, guests can be billed. This coverage is for residents of that property only.

Should you have any questions regarding your bill, please contact the town hall and we will be happy to go over it with you.

LOST TREASURE CAN BE FOUND

Government agencies have accounts that hold unclaimed funds that are waiting to be claimed by the rightful owners. Many times an individual relocates and utility companies, banks, pension funds, etc... can not find the individual to give them a refund or money that they are entitled to.

For money held by states, go to the website www.missingmoney.com, type in your name and home state. If there are unclaimed funds out there the site tells you which state to contact. Another site to search: www.unclaimed.org and then click find property to access links to individual state treasury web pages, which will tell you how to file a claim. New York State has a web site for unclaimed funds which is www.osc.state.ny.us/ouf/oufsearchform.html. However, if you do not have internet access you can call: 1-800-221-9311 for obtain this information.

Federal agencies also hold funds in unclaimed money accounts. There is no centralized government website therefore, you must check several sites for different agencies. Listed below are these agencies and web addresses for unclaimed funds:

- Tax refunds www.irs.gov then go to "Where's my refund?"
- Savings bonds www.treasurydirect.gov
- Banks closed savings & checking www.fdic.gov
- Pensions www.pbgc.gov
- Mortgage Ins. Refunds www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/comp/refunds



SUPERVISOR'S SUMMARY

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and that the winter months were good to you. We were fortunate to have a mild winter, which kept our snow removal and heating costs down.

While at the New York State Association of Counties conference in Albany this past February, I was made aware of the fact that our state is holding a very large sum of money that belongs to our residents. These monies are made up of various unclaimed checks and inactive accounts that by law are relinquished to the State Comptroller's office until claimed. Please make use of the information that we have provided in this issue.

Now that we have been successful in getting a school speed zone established in the Hamlet of Romulus, we are going to take measures to establish a means of installing sidewalks along state Route 96 through the Hamlet. Back in 1997, a little girl was struck and injured by a camper along this very busy road. I'm sure anyone who drives through the Hamlet has observed our school age children walking in the roads. This present situation has been a concern of mine, as I'm sure for others as well. I am very pleased that the Town Board has found a way to address this issue .

We should be very appreciative of our State Senator, Michael Nozzolio, who really works hard behind the scenes to keep progress moving forward at the Seneca Army Depot ,as well as other areas of our town. Depot Redevelopment is a continuing daily work in progress. I like to think the former depot is a diamond in the rough.

I am very proud of our new town website that was developed and put into place by our own staff. Great job Angel! Please visit the website at www.romulustown.com and tell us what you think.



Thank you again to the Willard Drug Treatment Campus for the New Town Seal sign on the front of Town Hall. It is always my hope that this seal will communicate that all of our towns communities are spokes on the same wheel. We are here to work for the betterment of all!! Remember, ROMULUS ROCKS!!



HIGHWAY AND WATER/SEWER DEPARMTENTS WORK TOGETHER ON A FIVE-YEAR PROJECT



The Highway Department and the Water/Sewer Departments will be seen this spring replacing storm sewers, water/sewer lines and blacktop on First Street, Pleasant Street and a portion of Prospect Street in the Hamlet of Willard. Over the next five years, the Hamlet of Willard will see this type of replacement on each of the streets. The next phase of the project will be Second Street and the remainder of Prospect Street and the final stage of the five-year plan will be Third Street. We then hope to move onto working with the County Highway Department to begin work on County Road 132 and 132A.

Upon completion of the Hamlet of Willard, another plan will be devised to commence work in the Hamlet of Romulus and its side streets. It is the goal of the town to maintain all water/sewer, storm sewer and roads for the towns.

SOUTH COUNTY MAILBOX ACTION COMMITTEE



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!! This was the sentiment that was shared at a March 22nd meeting here at the town hall. Supervisor David Kaiser chaired a meeting involving Supervisor O'Neil of Lodi, Sheriff Connolly & Lieutenant Maleski of the Seneca County Sheriff's Department, Ray Marvez Postal Inspector, Alex Humulock Romulus resident and Town Council Members, Mr. Collinsworth and Ms. McCall.

The group has formed an action committee to address the mailbox vandalism that has become an increased problem over the past couple of years. The first form of action will be to install surveillance cameras strategically throughout the southern towns and villages of Seneca County. There is an offer for a reward for information leading to the arrest of the culprit or culprits of these federal crimes. We will also be collecting information from the community and asking for their assistance. Ray Marvez, a Rochester Postal Inspector has offered the temporary use of postal service cameras .

Supervisor Kaiser will chair this committee. The committee hopes to incorporate interested residents from all of our south towns and villages. A letter outlining the goals and purpose of the action committee will soon be sent to the neighboring towns with a request for members.



Pictured above, Doug Reynolds and Tom Betrus from the Willard Drug Treatment Vocational Department, as always with a beautiful finished Product.

NEW SIGNS & SEAL

The Town Hall in Willard has a new Town Seal sign that hangs on the outside of the building. In 2004 there was a town seal contest held. Three local artists were the judges. Mr. Robert Gerlach (Duke) submitted a seal that was picked by the judges, which was later modified by David Kaiser to include all the different communities of Romulus.

The vocational department at the Willard Drug Treatment Campus has been diligently working to provide our township with several signs they are painting and building for us.

Soon you will see "Welcome To" signs in each of the hamlets with flower boxes to welcome not only people to our communities, but to welcome spring as well. Second Street in Willard will also have a sign, which will indicate the direction to the Romulus Town Hall.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO OUR GREAT NEIGHBORS , THE WILLARD DRUG TREATMENT CAMPUS!!!

HERNON PARK SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



Award Amount: \$100.00
Awards Available: 2
Type of Award: Essay



Eligibility: Student at South Seneca Central or Romulus Central
No age or grade requirement

Requirements: You must write a 250 – 750 word essay on the following topic:
Why do you feel parks and recreational areas are important to our society?

You must submit this to the following address no later than the close of business on April 24th 2006:

Town of Romulus
Heron Park Committee
P.O. Box 177
Willard, New York 14588
Or email entry to:
Romulus@rochester.rr.com

Please provide the following information with your submission:

- Your name
- Address
- Phone number
- Which school you attend
- Age
- Grade
- Email address (if you have one)

Recipients of Awards: Will be selected on May 1st, 2006 by the Heron Park Committee Members

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.

NEED RECYCLING BINS??

You can obtain blue recycling bins here at the Romulus Town Hall. Each resident is limited to two bins per household. You can also obtain a list of items that are considered for recycling.

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	WNYR 98.5
WCGR 1550	WLLW 99.3
WFLR 1570	WFLR 95.9
WSFW 1110	
WAUB 1590	

Emergency Phone numbers for after regular office hours:

David Kaiser, Supervisor:
Home: 607-869-9826
Cell: 607-351-6844

Angel Lawrence:
Home: 607-869-9570
Cell: 607-275-6891

Mary Farnsworth:
Home: 315-585-6064

SEX OFFENDER LISTING

We've had many inquiries regarding sex offenders in our town and surrounding towns. We have a book in the town hall that lists all sex offenders in the south county towns. You can also obtain this information on the internet at:

www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor

Or you can call 1-800-262-3257 for information.

2006 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT GOALS

INNER OFFICE: (Lawrence, Farnsworth and Smith)

1. Work on developing a web page for the Town of Romulus

PERSONNEL : (Collinsworth, Gerlach, and Walborn)

1. Determine qualifications for summer maintenance worker to include mowing the grounds at town hall, the park and some work for water/sewer department with the new lines and road construction going in on First Street and Pleasant Street.

BUILDING : (McCall, Collinsworth, and Walborn)

1. Investigate the costs and possibility of a used vending machine, perhaps through an auction, ebay, etc....
2. Obtain cost estimates for replacement of all entry doors at the town hall to include handicap accessibility for front entrance doors.
3. Look into the well situation at the highway garage and determine a solution.
4. Prepare a study for the most cost effective way to expand the high way garage and obtain estimates for the following years budgets.
5. Investigate roof replacement of highway barn

WILLARD WATER/SEWER : (Gerlach, Holley and McCall)

1. Look into replacing water/sewer lines and develop a 5-year plan to do so to include the highway superintendent in simultaneously repairing the roads as the lines are being replaced.

ROMULUS WATER/SEWER: (Walborn, Holley and McCall)

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: (Walborn, McCall and Hayes)

1. Develop and implement a system or program to disperse and handle CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) money.
2. Work with Planning Board and Zoning Board to continue to incorporate the ordinances into the zoning laws and make any revisions deemed necessary.

YOUTH & RECREATION : (Gerlach, Lawrence and McCall)

1. Work with Department of Corrections to obtain any assistance in obtaining work crews or equipment to install for the ball field.
2. Look into the cost of chain link fencing, backstop, bleachers and dugouts for Ball field and put together a 3-year plan to complete this project.
3. Monitor Romulus/Varick Summer Recreation Program.

BASE REDEVELOPMENT : (Walborn, McCall and Collinsworth)

1. Work diligently to insist on proper representation from a south county resident to be on the County IDA (Industrial Development Agency) Board.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: (McCall, Walborn, Gerlach and Collinsworth)

1. At least one member to attend South Seneca Ambulance Corps. quarterly meetings.

SIDEWALK : (Walborn, McCall, and Collinsworth)

1. Continue to pursue sidewalk reconstruction project to include the cost estimates.

BLOCK PARTY : (Lawrence, Farnsworth, Collinsworth)

1. Block party is scheduled this year on August 19th, 2006. Need to organize a committee of residents to plan and organize the next block party.

TOWN OF ROMULUS 2006 STANDING COMMITTEES

****FIRST NAME IS CHAIRMAN OF THAT PARTICULAR COMMITTEE**

- 1 – Finance: Collinsworth/Walborn/McCall
- 2 – Personnel: Collinsworth/Gerlach/Walborn
- 3 – Highway: Collinsworth/Gerlach/Walborn
- 4 – Buildings & Grounds: McCall/Collinsworth/Walborn
- 5– Willard Water /Sewer: Gerlach/Holley/McCall
- 6 – Romulus Water/Sewer: Walborn/Holley/McCall
- 7 – Planning & Development:McCall/Walborn/Hayes
- 8 – Animal Control: McCall/Walborn/Ferris

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Youth & Town Park: Gerlach/Lawrence/McCall
- Base Redevelopment: Walborn/McCall/Collinsworth
- Sidewalks: Walborn/McCall/Collinsworth
- Emergency Services: McCall/Walborn/Gerlach/Collinsworth
- Block Party Committee: Lawrence/Farnsworth/Collinsworth/

APPOINTMENTS

- Assessment: Collinsworth
- Audit Committee: Walborn
- Publicity & Promotions: Gerlach
- 5 Points & Willard DOC's: Gerlach/Walborn

LOOKING FOR MEMBERS FOR:

- Block Party Committee
- Heron Park Committee
- Mailbox Action Committee

The more members there are the better the chances for success!!!

LOCAL POST OFFICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

The United States Postal Service no longer has their telephone numbers listed in our local telephone books. This might be a handy area to clip and save for future use:

- Willard Post Office: 607-869-5275
- Ovid Post Office: 607-869-2841
- Romulus Post Office: 607-869-9495



Thank you to the following people for a great job with hanging the holiday lights and taking them down after the holidays:



- John (Jack) Holley**
- Robert (Hobie) Stapleton**
- Gordon (Butch) Carroll**
- Dan Duddleston**
- Mike Gable**



BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE LATEST PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FOR ZONING

Property Maintenance is part of the Zoning Ordinance the Town of Romulus. The complete Property Maintenance Article XIV can be found in the Town of Romulus Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of Property Maintenance is to ensure public health, safety and welfare insofar as they are affected by the continued occupancy and maintenance of structures and premises.

UNSAFE STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT

General. When a structure or equipment is found to be unsafe, or when a structure is found unfit for human occupancy, or is found unlawful, such structure shall be condemned. (108.1)

Structure unfit for human occupancy. A structure is unfit for human occupancy whenever such structure is unsafe, unlawful, or, because of the degree to which the structure is in disrepair or lacks maintenance, is unsanitary, vermin or rat infested, contains filth and contamination, or lacks ventilation, illumination, sanitary or heating facilities or other essential equipment required by The International Family of Codes adopted by New York State, enforced by Seneca County, or because the location of the structure constitutes a hazard to the occupants of the structure or the public. (108.1.3)

Notice. Whenever a structure or equipment has been condemned , a notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place in or about the structure. (108.3)

The Code Enforcement Officer shall make a report, in writing describing the conditions to the Town Board and to the Seneca County Building Codes Office, making recommendations with regard to its repair or demolition and removal.

Areas of Minimum Conditions: these different sections have detailed information in the property maintenance of the zoning:

- Sanitation**
- Rodent harborage**
- Unregistered Vehicles**
- Parking of commercial vehicles**

- Weeds & Plant Growth**
- Exhaust vents**
- Outdoor storage areas**
- Rubbish and Garbage**



Accumulation of rubbish or garbage. All exterior property and premises of every structure shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage. (305)

Dry vegetation, combustible waste and refuse. Combustible waste, refuse, and large quantities of dry vegetation, which by reason of their proximity to buildings or structures would constitute a fire hazard or contribute to the spread of fire, shall be removed. (305.1.1)

GARBAGE is defined as:.....INFESTATION is defined as.....RUBBISH is defined as.....Refrigerators, freezers, appliances and furniture.....Disposal of garbage Penalties

1. A violation of this article is an offense punishable by a fine not exceeding \$350 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months, or both, for conviction of a first offense. Conviction of a second offense committed within five years of the first offense, is punishable by a fine not less than \$350 or more than \$700 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months, or both. Conviction of a third or subsequent offense committed within a period of five years is punishable by a fine of not less than \$700 nor more than \$1,000, or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months, or both. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation.
2. In addition, any person who violates any provision of this article or who shall omit, neglect or refuse to do any act required thereby shall, severally, for each and every violation, forfeit and pay a civil penalty of not more than \$100. When a violation of any of the provisions is continuous, each day thereof shall constitute a separate and distinct violation subjecting the offender to an additional penalty.
3. The imposition of penalties for any violation of this article shall not excuse the violation nor permit it to continue. The application of the above penalties or prosecution for violation of any provision of this article shall not prevent the enforced removal of conditions prohibited thereby. The expenses of the Town may be chargeable, in addition to the foretasted criminal and civil penalties, to the offender and may be recovered in civil court of appropriate jurisdiction. In addition, all expenses incurred by the Town in connection with the proceedings to repair and secure, or demolish and remove the unsafe conditions, including the costs of actually removing a building, and vehicles shall be assessed against the land on which such building is located and shall be levied and collected in the same manner as provided in the Town Law for the levy and collection of a special ad valorem levy. Any contract for demolition and removal of a building shall be awarded through competitive bidding if so required by law.

Complaints of violations. Whenever a suspected violation of the code occurs, any person may file a signed written complaint reporting such violation to the Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer may also investigate any oral complaint made to his/her office.

Taxpayer action. Upon the failure or refusal of the Code Enforcement Officer or Town Board to institute an appropriate legal action or proceeding for a period of 31 days after written request by a resident taxpayer of the Town to do so, any three taxpayers of the Town residing in the district in which such violation exists, who are jointly or severally aggrieved by such violation, may institute such appropriate action or proceeding in the same manner as the Code Enforcement Officer or Town Board.