

TOWN OF TORREY BOARD
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Newsletter
January 1 - April 30, 2020

The Torrey Town Board is sending this newsletter to bring residents up to date on some of the issues the town has considered and/or is working on since the last newsletter (September 1 - December 31). Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting restrictions, normal Town activities have been curtailed. Hopefully we will soon return to business as usual!

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Dwight James (Code Enforcement Officer) torreycodes@gmail.com
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From the Desk of Town Supervisor (*Pat Flynn*):

- The engineering firm, CPL, has finalized drawings for WD 1
- Easements necessary for WD1 have been reviewed by the Town Attorney and sent to the affected homeowners
- Negotiations with Norfolk Southern for easements under their tracks are ongoing

From the Desk of the Town Board:

- The Town Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm
- Continues to work on a contract with the Village of Dresden to supply water to Town of Torrey Water District 2 (WD2)
- **Grievance Day is Thursday, May 28,2020.** Contact the Town Assessor for the details of how, when, and where.

From the Desk of Town Clerk (*Betty Daggett*):

- Town Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Although, the office is closed until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted! Call 315-536- 6376 for essential business.
- Fee collection such as building permits, fines & fees issued by Code Office
- Licenses : marriage, hunting, fishing, dog & birth/death certificates (If you love your dog(s), please license them. Licensing helps with Identification of lost dogs and provides protection for the community. It is also NYS Ag & Market law- **ALL** dogs harbored in the Town of Torrey must be licensed yearly

at the Town Clerk office).

- The Summer Recreation program will run from July 1 - August 14

From the Desk of Town Highway Superintendent (Tim Chambers):

- Off hours emergency callout number: 315-729-2706
- Consolidated Local and Highway Improvement Projects (CHIPs) funds (approximately \$65,000 in previous years) may be reduced causing a review of previous planned paving, stone, or oil of several roads throughout the Town
- Snow removal season has ended so the highway department has now turned to Spring tasks- patching potholes, mowing roadsides, sweeping roads, drainage work, etc.
- Torrey Cleanup Days is tentatively scheduled to be held August 15th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm (see more details under **Upcoming Community Events**)
- *Reminder according to NYS law:*
 - + throwing trash, garbage, rubbish, litter or refuse on Highways and adjacent lands is prohibited
 - + the town superintendent of highways shall sue for and recover a penalty not to exceed \$100 from any person depositing ashes, snow, ice, stones, sticks, etc. upon a hwy or on grass or loose stones adjoining a town hwy

From the Desk of Town Code Enforcement Officer (Dwight James):

- Call the Town Office at 315-536-6376 (cell 315-730-3291) or email at torreycodes@gmail.com to inquire about Permits. When in doubt ask!
- The new New York State Building Code took effect on May 12, 2020. Check with Dwight for additional information
- Building permits are required for any electrical, plumbing, insulation, or structural work undertaken
- Construction or alteration of any accessory structure, addition or new construction requires a permit

- Reminder all short term rentals must be registered with the Town

From the Desk of Town Planning Board (*Dave Granzin*):

- Meets the third (3rd) Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Town Building although at this time COVID-19 restrictions have forced cancellation of recent meetings
- An item on the agenda is a review of dog kennel laws

From the Desk of Town Judge (Hon. George Thompson)

- Court is held each Tuesday at 2:00pm on the West side of the Town Building. The phone number is 315 536 5655
- Criminal court is held the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm

From the Desk of Town Watershed Inspector (*Yates Cty Soil & Water*)

The Town's inspectors can be contacted at the Yates County Soil and Water Conservation Department 315- 536-5188.

In November of 2014, the Town of Torrey passed a local Wastewater Law effective January 1, 2015. Under the new law, any onsite wastewater treatment system within 200' of Seneca Lake or a DEC classified stream is required to be inspected every 5 years. The cost of the inspection is borne by the Town of Torrey (unless this is a property transfer). However any pumping of the septic or repair is a cost to the homeowner. We are now in year 6 of these inspections.

From the Desk of the Mayor of Dresden (*Bill Hall*):

- Mayor Bill Hall (Term: March 2019 - March 2021)
- Village Trustees
 - Brian Flynn (Term: March 2020 - March 2022)
 - Bret Siegrist (Term: March 2019 - March 2021)
- Village Board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm
- Colleen Riviello is the Village Clerk. Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 2:00pm, phone number 315-536-2477. Although,

the office is closed until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted!

- The public hearing for the Village Budget was held in April via teleconferencing. The tax rate is below the New York State Tax Cap.
- Village Election scheduled for March have been postponed to late Summer
- A date for the “Dresden Days” celebration is uncertain at this time because of COVID-19 restrictions.
- There is a need for volunteer firemen in Dresden. All residents of the Town of Torrey are encouraged to volunteer.

Upcoming Community Events

- **Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association (SLPWA)** stream sampling in the Keuka Outlet began May 11th. Sampling is not as robust as in previous years as it is now done in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) monitoring will start in early August 5 and will continue through the beginning of October. Check the website www.SenecaLake.org for additional information or to volunteer!
- **Memorial Day Observance** for the Town of Torrey was to be held at the United Methodist Church in Dresden at 10:30 am on May 25th followed by a parade and Cemetery remembrance. The service this year has been **modified** because of COVID-19 restrictions. This year after the church bells chime at 10:00 am, at the Evergreen Cemetery the Roll Call will be read followed by Taps courtesy of Phil Bracht and Jeff Stempien. This is the 98th consecutive year for this event and marks the 75th year since the end of World War II. If you choose to join us, please wear a mask and practice social distancing! If you are unable to join us, please take a moment on May 25th at 10:00 am to give thanks to those who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy our freedom!
- **Special Event** our own Ken Campbell of the Town of Torrey presents “An Evening of James Taylor’s Music” on Saturday,

May 30th, 6:30 'till 8pm via FACEBOOK Live. Go to the site <HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/KENCAMPBELL.5249> for a delightful evening of music.

- **Summer Recreation Program is tentatively scheduled** to be held July 1st - August 14th. Inquire at the Town Office for more information.
- **Friends of the Keuka Outlet (FOTO)** Check their website www.KeukaOutletTrail.org for events planned for this Summer.
- **Benefit Auction for Haiti** at the Yates County Fairgrounds has been postponed

- The **Torrey Cleanup Day** will be held on August 15,2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. behind the Torrey Town Buildings at 56 Geneva St. Dresden. Face masks are required!

The following items are *accepted*:

rubbish
wood
metal
furniture
dried paint cans
empty propane tanks
appliances
computers
electronics

The following items are *not accepted*:

concrete
stones
bricks
brush
bagged garbage
burn barrels
Freon appliances

wet paint
liquids
oils
pesticides

There are *charges* for the following items:

Mattress or Box Springs \$10 each

Couches \$20.

Recliners \$10.

CRT Monitors \$ 10.

CRT TV up to 26" \$ 20.

CRT TV 27 and up - screen size \$ 40.

Flat panel TV & Monitors \$ 10.

Tires up to 17" \$ 2.00 ea. (Not accepting tires larger than 17")

There is a limit of 2 loads per household!

Warning anyone dumping before 8:00 am and after 2:00 pm is subject to violations!

Any Questions?? Contact Town Clerk at 315-536-6376

- **Anthony Road Twilight 5K** for the benefit of the Keuka Outlet Trail and Geneva Cross Country is tentatively scheduled to be run on August 7th. Race day check-in and registration is at 5:00 PM
- **Yates Transit Services** provides public bus service throughout the County including a route from/to Dresden and Penn Yan. Call 315.694.7700 or go to their website- **yatestransitservice.com**

for additional information.

From the Desk of the Newsletter Editor (*Grant Downs*):

- The response to the previous newsletters of 2018 and 2019 has been very positive. Additional feedback and/or comments are welcome and can be submitted by either calling 315-536-6376 or sending an email to: townclerk@townoftorrey.com
- Delivery of the Town Newsletter will be electronically only
- Newsletters will also be posted on the Town of Torrey website: <https://townoftorrey.org>
- As we make the transition from a hardcopy newsletter to electronic copy **only**, there will be a limited number of hardcopy newsletters available at the Town Office
- Those wishing to have future newsletters sent by email should provide the following information and send it to the town clerk:

NAME: _____

EMAIL Address: _____

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