



Town of Torrey

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Newsletter

January 1- April 30, 2025

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, 2024).

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A Note from Town Supervisor Peter Martini

As the Winter season of 2024 - 2025 has come to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the activities and issues the Town of Torrey has addressed since the beginning of the year as well as what we expect to tackle this Spring and Summer.

Legislatively, there were two items of special note that the Town Board enacted this Spring. First, at the urging of Councilman Bruce Henderson, the Board adopted a "Right to Farm Law" which reinvigorated the local farm council. The second item was the adoption at the request of the Planning Board's Solar Committee an updated version of the Town's Solar Law. This will align us more closely with the other towns in Yates County as well as detail specific requirements for prospective developers.

The Town of Torrey has contracted with DSD Web Works of Fairport, New York for a website upgrade which should be rolled out this Spring.

Also, the Town has applied for a grant to fund an architect review of the facility needs of the Town building. This is necessitated by the absorption of the Assessor's office from the Town of Benton, the inadequacy of the Town Courtroom, as well as other issues.

The Town accepted a New York State audit of our policies and procedures which necessitated the adoption of a Procurement Policy, Investment Policy, and Credit Card Use Policy among other changes.

The Town has contracted with Hunt engineering to replace culverts with new ones on Perry Point Road over tributaries to Seneca Lake. A Draft Report is scheduled for September 2025, Design Approval by January 2026, Construction Award in January 2027, and Construction over Spring/Summer 2027.

The Town of Torrey held its second annual **Earth Day Community Clean-up** led by Torrey resident, Donna Rae Sutherland and Highway Superintendent, Tim Chambers, on Saturday April 26th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The volunteers, ages 3 through 7*, wearing bright yellow T-shirts

braved a bit of misty rain to collect around 30 repurposed bags of trash from numerous roadsides, public parks, sidewalks, and the area's hiking trails. A post clean-up gathering was held at the Seneca Stag who provided one complimentary beverage to the volunteers.

A big thank you to those volunteers who despite the rain participated and their efforts to make the Town of Torrey an example of civic pride. A special note of gratitude to Donna Rae and Tim for their organizing and coordinating this event and to Darlene Smith of Seneca Stag for her generosity.



The Town of Torrey will still hold its annual clean-up for household debris on June 14th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. See further details below for acceptable and unacceptable household items at this June 14th event.

Finally, the Town of Torrey has finalized and certified the costs associated with Water District One (**WD1**), allowing for the final payments for the costs of the \$2,400,000.00 project.

Unfortunately, the grant obtained through Congresswoman Claudia Tenney's Office for the Perry Point Water District (**WD2**) was deleted from the Continuing Resolution passed in March by Congress. The Town will continue to pursue other avenues of funding for this project.

In closing, as always I encourage you to attend the monthly Town Board meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Town Building on Geneva Street. You will see the issues facing the Town of Torrey being discussed as well as affording you an opportunity to bring forward your concerns and comments on town issues.

From the Desk of Town Board:

- The Town Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Town Building at 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, NY.
- The total Town of Torrey tax levy for 2025 is \$820,097.00 with a breakdown as follows:

General A Fund Account	\$ 271,799
General B Fund Account	\$ 18,157
Highway DA Fund Account	\$ 190,328
Highway DB Fund Account	\$ 174,615
Fire Protection District	\$ 109,978
Special Water District One	\$ 55,220

- Adopted at its February 11th meeting Local Law No. 1 of 2025 to override the tax limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c in 2026.
- The Town Board authorized the Town Supervisor to sign a letter of engagement with Mengle Metzger Barr & Co to conduct the Annual Finance Report for 2023.
- Town Council members Ms. McGrath and Mr. Henderson presented updates to the Health Insurance and Retirement portions in the Town Personnel Policy which the Town Board adopted at its January meeting.
- Ms. McGrath with Mr. Petersen investigated the medical insurance plan offered to town employees. They suggested a change to Finger Lakes Municipal Health Insurance Trust which the Town Board approved effective March 2025. This change in insurance plans will result in cost savings to both the employees and the town.
- Town Board adopted Local Law No.2 of 2025 entitled "A Local Law Repealing Local Law 1 of 2010 and Adopting a New Flood Damage Prevention Law" after receiving a new Flood Plain Law and Map from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (**FEMA**).
- At the request of Councilman Henderson adopted a "Right to Farm Law"

- The Town Board approved a change to its application fee schedule for Solar Projects based on the quality of the soil as determined by Yates County Soil and Water to:
 - \$1,000 per megawatt for poor graded
 - \$2,500 per megawatt for average graded
 - \$5,000 per megawatt for prime graded
- A Community Benefit Agreement for Solar Farms was adopted as well on the recommendation of the Town Solar Committee.
- **Grievance Day** is Thursday, May 29, 2025 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. See the Town Assessor section for more details.
- Town of Torrey **Cleanup Day** for household items will be held on Saturday, June 14th from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

From the Desk of Town Clerk (Betty Daggett):

- The Town Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Call 315-536- 6376
- The Town of Torrey website is- www.townoftorrey.com
- A new website has been developed and implemented for the Town of Torrey by D. Scott Demmin of DSD Web Works, LLC
- Appropriate Public Notices for the Town Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board are placed in the newspaper, The Chronicle Express, as well as being posted on the Town Website.
- The payroll service company, Complete Payroll, has been contracted to do the payroll for the 11 town employees affected.
- A lifeguard is needed at the Torrey Town Park on Charles Street in Dresden. Anyone interested should apply at the Town Office.
- Services provided by the Town Clerk's office include:
 - *Notary Public - No Fee
 - *Fee collection such as building permits, fines & fees issued by the Code Enforcement Office, Watershed Inspection for property sales
 - *Registrar of Birth / Death Certificates Vital copies - \$10.00 fee.
 - * Handicap Parking Permits
 - *Hunting/Fishing Licenses are on sale during normal business hours. Fishing licenses are available any business day while hunting licenses are available starting August 1st.

*Marriage License Requirements: Bride/Groom/Spouse must be present to obtain a license. The license is good for 60 days. There is a \$30 fee. Evening or Saturday appointments are available.

*Dog Licenses: State Law requires all puppies to be licensed at 4 months. At the time of licensing, a rabies certificate and neuter/spay Certificate must be presented. Licensing fees: Unspayed/Unneutered \$18 and Spayed/Neutered \$10.

(It is NYS Ag & Market law- **ALL dogs** harbored in the Town of Torrey must be licensed yearly at the Town Clerk office.)

- There is an app, **NIXLE**, alerting residents to infrastructure issues (power outages, potential flooding, etc.) specific to Yates County posted by the Sheriff's Department. Those interested should go to **NIXLE.COM** with your zip code to review current alerts and also signup to have alerts sent directly to you.

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

- Highway department phone number: 315.536.3567
- Off hours emergency callout number: 315-729-2706
- January weather resulted in 122 hours of overtime for the highway department with Yates County reimbursing the town \$16,900. The February weather also resulted in a \$16,000 reimbursement
- A startup meeting with Hunt Engineering on February 4, 2025 regarding the Perry Point Culvert Replacement Project. The Highway Superintendent, Tim Chambers, is the local contact for this project. The two culverts to be replaced are estimated to cost \$1,818,088 and \$1,176,477 respectively. The **BRIDGE-NY** program will cover most of this cost.
- Have contracted with NYS Office of General Services for 250 tons of salt for the 2025-2026 season. We are only obligated to take 50% of the contract without penalty.
- The Village of Dresden has requested the Town reroute the waterline to the bath house at the park from Cornelia Street to Charles Street, when the Village undertakes its main water line replacement in 2026.
- The Highway Department has started its usual Spring road work such as patching potholes and sweeping roads as well as completing the restoration associated with Water District 1.

- The Town Board authorized the surplusing of the 2006 New Holland mowing tractor along with the mowers and brushes.
- A culvert on Swarthout Road was replaced in early April.
- A **safety** precaution- trash cans should **not** be placed on Town Roads, but rather on the right-of-way.
- *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 highway or on grass or loose stones adjoining a town highway

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!
- Building permits are required for any electrical, plumbing, insulation, or structural work undertaken. So far this year there have been 14 total permits for building and agriculture.
- Reminder all short term rentals must be registered with the Town. There are currently 43 short term rentals in the Town of Torrey.
- Dwight has received/reviewed a Draft of the new FEMA Flood Plain Law which the Town Attorney has also reviewed. A public hearing on the new law was held on April 8th at 7:30 pm prior to its adoption by the Town Board.
- Dwight has completed and filed with New York State the yearly 1203 form, annual census form, and Finger Lakes Regional form
- Dwight has completed all his in-service training for the year. This included "battery storage" for Solar Farms

From the Desk of Town Planning Board (George Dowse):

- Meets the third (3rd) Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Town Building

- At its January 27th meeting elected George Dowse as chairman and Roger Miller as vice chairman.
- James Warner was appointed by the Town Board to the Planning Board. There is still an opening on the Planning Board. Anyone interested should see the Town Clerk, Betty Daggett, for information.
- The Planning Board Solar Committee composed of George Dowse, Vanessa Goff, Bruce Henderson, and Floyd Hoover made revisions to the town's Solar Law, which has been presented to the Town Board. This law will repeal and replace Section 98.98 of the Town of Torrey Zoning Law regarding Solar Energy System Regulations.
- The Planning Board continues to consider the Site Plan and Special Use Permit for the Downey Road Campground by the Carner Development Group. Although the review process is on hold as the developer is reconsidering the scope of the project and whether to proceed with the project.

From the Desk of Town Judge (Hon. James Smith)

- Court is held each Tuesday at 2:00pm on the West side of the Town Building. The phone number is 315.536.5655
- The Town Court has jurisdiction over a broad range of matters, including vehicle and traffic, small claims, evictions, State and Local code, environmental conservation and civil matters as well as criminal cases involving the prosecution of misdemeanors and violations that are committed within the town's geographic boundaries. The Town Court also conducts arraignments and preliminary hearings in felony matters.
- Criminal court cases are heard on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm
- All Yates County Town and Village justices are also responsible for a scheduled share of arraignments at the County Jail where defendants are arraigned every day at 8:00AM and 6:00PM. It is called CAP Court, an abbreviation standing for Central Arraignment Cases. These may involve issuance of orders of protection, contempt of court charges for violation of orders of protection, harassment, DWI chemical test refusals, aggravated unlicensed operators, arrests for failure to appear for past citations causing bench warrants to be issued, initial arraignments for felony charges, to name a few. A representative of the District Attorney and a

member of the Public Defender's office also appear at CAP arraignments to make recommendations on holding or releasing defendants or requiring bail.

- Town Supervisor, Peter Martini, offered a report on an audit of Town Court's covering financial reports and records January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. The audit was conducted by Supervisor Martini and Councilman Petersen. No areas of concern were found.

From the Desk of Town Assessor (Stephanie Holtz)

- NYS Tax and Finance forwarded our 2025 Pre Decisional Collaboration (**PDC**) values showing our trends:

Residential	11%
Commercial	5%
Vacant/Farm	9%
Utility	12%

which allows the Town of Torrey to claim an equalization rate of 90 for the 2025 Assessment roll.

- The exemption season which runs essentially from August 1st - March 1st is over with the following results:
 - 139 Agriculture Exemptions
 - 1 New Agriculture Building
 - 1 New Cold War Exemption Application
 - 7 Senior Citizen Renewal Applications
 - 4 New Enhanced STAR Applications
 - 103 Current Enhanced STAR Applications
- The new Tentative Tax Roll will be filed on May 1, 2025
This information will be available May 1 at the following website yatescounty.org on the Real Property Tax Services Office page under Yates County Property Information Online.
Or you can contact the Assessor at townassessor@townoftorrey.com to request any information and that will be either emailed or hard copy mailed to you.
- Here is the legal notice that will appear in the newspaper and posted in the Torrey Town Office:

Notice of Completion of Tentative Assessment Roll
(Pursuant to sections 506, 526 and 1526 of the Real Property Tax Law)

HEARING OF COMPLAINTS

Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Torrey, County of Yates, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left with Betty Daggett, Torrey Town Clerk, at 56 Geneva St, Dresden, where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until the fourth Thursday in May after the fourth Tuesday in May. If you would like to discuss your new Tentative Assessment, please call and make an appointment to speak with the Assessor prior to May 22, 2025.

The Assessor will be in attendance, by phone appointment only, with the Tentative Assessment Roll, on the following dates:

Thursday, May 1, 2025 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm

Thursday, May 8, 2025 8:00 am until Noon

Thursday May 15, 2025 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 10, 2025 8:00 am until Noon

The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Thursday, May 29, between the hours of 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm, at the Town of Torrey Town Hall, located at 56 Geneva St. in said Town, to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on written application of any person believing himself to be aggrieved.

Dated this first day of May 2025.

Stephanie Holtz

Sole Appointed Assessor

Town of Torrey

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Or you can contact the Assessor at townassessor@townoftorrey.com to request any information and that will be either emailed or hard copy mailed to you.

- **Grievance Day is Thursday, May 29,2025** from 4:00 - 8:00pm. If you disagree with your property's assessment, contact the Town Assessor for the details of how, when, and where to make a **written** application on the officially prescribed form (RP-524). This form is also available online at www.tax.ny.gov, as well as the publication entitled "Contesting Your Assessment in New York State" favorites)

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

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

The Yates County Soil and Water Conservation District provides the watershed inspection services for the Town of Torrey and Village of Dresden. Educating homeowners on the function of their wastewater treatment systems has proven to be a tremendous benefit.

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 11 of these inspections.

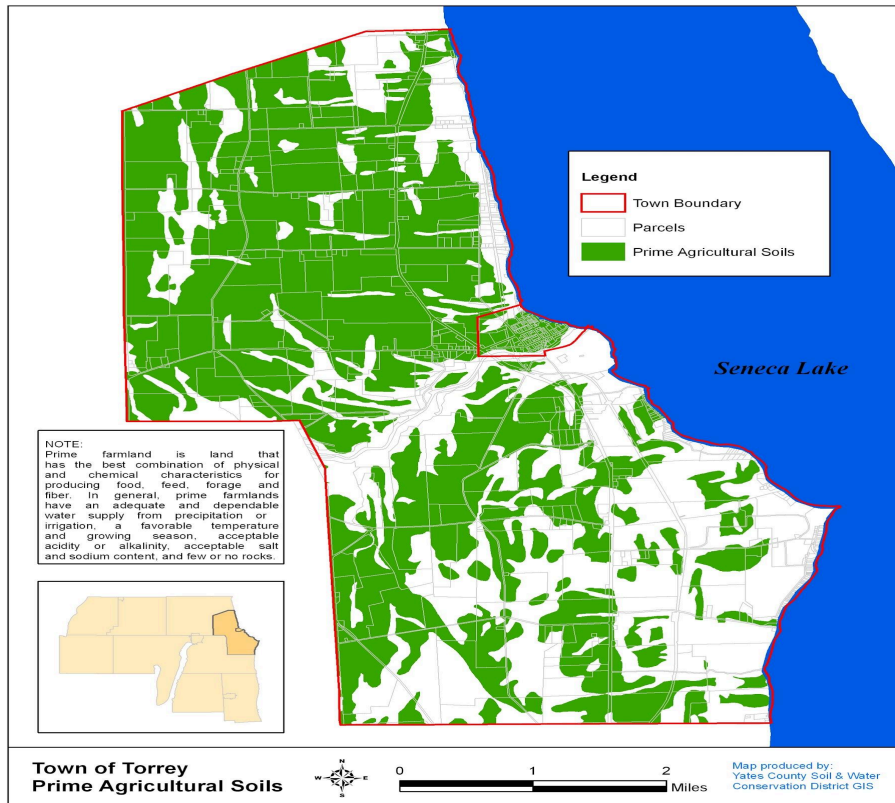
The Town Board at its February 11,2025 meeting approved its Yates County Soil and Water Agreement for Services in 2025 at a cost of \$13,520 per year.

If any residents have questions regarding the watershed inspection program, they may call the office at 315-536-5188.

Soil & Water also continues to interact with all of our local farmers utilizing NYS's Agricultural Environmental Management program. This program has been utilized in the county since 1997. We have worked with local farmers on a suite of practices

including soil erosion and field runoff, manure storage, barnyard runoff, and manure and nutrient management.

Below is the current prime agricultural land in the Town of Torrey. Prime agricultural land constitutes over 60% of the land area in the Town of Torrey.



Reminder: Since 2009 the **DEC** has had in place a **No Burn Ban** from **March 16th** to **May 14th** throughout **Yates County**.

From the Desk of the Mayor of Dresden (Brian Flynn):

- Mayor Brian Flynn (Term: April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2027)
- Village Trustees
 - Bret Siegrist (Term: April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2027)
 - Jon Stryker (Term: April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026)
- Village Board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm
- Colleen Riviello is the Village Clerk and Kathy Whitney is the Deputy Clerk.
Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00pm, phone number 315-536-2477. The village email address is-
villageclerk@villageofdresden.org

- Village of Dresden elections for Mayor and Village Trustee were held on March 18, 2025 with 20 votes cast. The reorganization meeting was held at the April 16th board meeting.
- Following the regular April 16th Village Board meeting the following items were enacted upon:
 - + A Public Hearing on adopting a New Flood Damage Prevention Law
 - + A date set for a Public Hearing to discuss the Water System Main Replacement Project
 - + A date set for a Public Hearing to adopt a Local Law to Override the NYS Tax Cap
 - + A date set for a Public Hearing to *Review* the 2025-2026 Village Budget
 - + A date set for a Public Hearing to *Adopt* the 2025-2026 Village Budget
- A public hearing on the 2025 - 2026 Village Budget was held on April 16th. The amount to be raised by property tax is \$201,316.00.00 which is an increase from last year's 190,266.00. The new tax rate is \$11.11.502771 per \$1000 of assessed value, which is lower than the previous fiscal year of \$12.811686. *However*, because of a town wide reassessment done last year most property owners in the Village will see an increase in their total tax bill!
- Also at the April 16th meeting a public hearing on a local law to override the tax levy limit established by New York State law was held.
- The village is the lead agency under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (**SEQRA**) for the Village of Dresden Water System Main Replacement Project. The project has been awarded a \$4.16 million grant for the project. The Village of Dresden has hired Hunt Engineering for this project. The tentative timeline for this project is:
 - July 2024 Community Development Block Grant submission
 - August 2024 Regulatory Approval
 - January 2025 Solicitation of Bids
 - February 2025 Awarding of Bids
 - April 2025 Shovels in the Ground
 - June 2026 Project Completion
- The Village of Dresden was awarded a grant to install emergency generators at the village building and at its water tank on Rte 54. The Village solicited bids

but they exceeded the grant amount by a considerable amount. The grant is being reworked to narrow the size of the generator to meet essential needs (e.g. fire truck garage doors).

- The Village received a cost proposal to update the Village Comprehensive Plan from Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning not to exceed \$7,000. After four (4) Committee Meeting Workshops, there is to be a Public Workshop #2 held on May 14th at 6:30 pm at the Village Office.
- Village Spring Cleanup runs from April 1st - April 30th to pick up leaves and small brush that is placed on the street in front of your property. After that brush and leaves will be picked up the last Friday of the month until the end of October.
- The **Seneca 7 Relay** race passed through the Village of Dresden on Sunday, April 27th.
- Seneca Lake Lodge 53 Milo Street will hold a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner on May 4th from Noon to 2:00 pm. Adults are charged \$15.00, Children 5 and over \$8.00, while children under 5 are free.
- The date for the "Dresden Days" celebration is tentatively set for Friday July 18th and Saturday July 19th from 8:00 am - 3:00pm. (Dresden Days are held the third Friday & Saturday of July every year).
- A Chicken BBQ on Saturday, July 19th at the grassy area across from Gazebo Park beginning at 11:00 am until sold out. There will be music at the Gazebo from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm by Jason Allison.
- The Village is again sponsoring **Live Music at the Gazebo** this Summer. Artists and dates are scheduled as follows:

June 10th - PB Acoustic (acoustic country)

June 24th - Ken Campbell (acoustic, songs from classics to fan favorites)

July 8th - Warren Paul

July 22nd - Black Robin Band (classic rock.pop & blues)

August 12th - Jason Allison (classic rock 1960's - 1990's)

August 26th - Randy Knapp

The concerts begin at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket. There are some benches provided. Hot dogs, chips, snacks and beverages will be available for purchase at every concert. The final concert on August 26th, there will be a free “Thank You” picnic for all who have come out to support our concerts.

- It should be noted the cost of the benches (\$500.00 each) was covered by the generosity of the community. This is another example of the Village’s community spirit that also made possible through donations the pavilion at Washington Park and the refurbished Bruce Hansen Playground.
- Applications are still being accepted for the **Hometown Veterans Banner Program**. There were 70 individuals who submitted applications prior to April 4th so they could be in place by Memorial Day. Contact the Village Office for more information, if you wish to honor someone still this year with a banner.
- The Dresden Fire Department meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. There is a need for volunteer firemen in Dresden. All residents of the Town of Torrey are encouraged to volunteer.
- The Dresden Fire Department held a breakfast fundraiser (Adults \$12.00 and those 12 and under \$6.00) on April 19th from 8:00 am - 11:00 am. They expect to hold a breakfast every other month.

From Yates County Legislators (Terry Button, Richard Harper, Rick Willson

Website: yatescountyny.gov at <https://www.yatescountyny.gov>

- The revenue sharing plan adopted by the Yates County Legislature in 2023 has resulted in the Town of Torrey receiving \$16,700.86 in 2025.
- Yates County in conjunction with Schuyler County have scheduled a “Household Hazardous Waste” collection day with each county hosting it every other year. This year Yates County will host and receive household hazardous waste and tires as well as electronic waste. The event will be held on September 13th at the Yates County FairGrounds. You **must** pre-register to schedule a drop off time. Look for more information on the Yates County Planning Department Website and to pre-register. Note that EWASTE in Victor and Sunking Sustainable Solutions in Brockport do accept electronic waste.
- Yates County will hold an open house at the new highway department and emergency services building in Benton Center on May 17th from 8:00 am to 12 noon.

Community Events

- **YATES COUNTY Board of Elections (BOE)** will hold elections November 4, 2025 from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm at the Town of Torrey Office Building. The following are the offices up for election:
 - * Torrey Town Supervisor
 - * Torrey Town Councilman (2)
 - * Torrey Town Clerk
 - * Torrey Highway Superintendent
 - * Torrey Town Justice
- **The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)** puts out a weekly bulletin each week detailing proposals and actions throughout the State

The Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) is available at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>

Yates County is in Region 8

Since 2009 the **DEC** has had in place a **No Burn Ban** from **March 16th** to **May 14th** throughout **Yates County**.

Also there is an online platform for the public to report suspected cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (**HPAI**) in Wild Birds

- **The Yates County Historical Office** led by Len Kataskas will host a meeting of New York Public Historians of Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, and Yates County. The meeting will be held on Saturday, May 17th, in the Yates County Building Auditorium and feature guest speakers Patricia Noell (Religious Fervor in the Finger Lakes) and Chris Caruso (Lafayette's visit to the Finger Lakes). The public is invited to attend.
- **Memorial Day Observance** for the Town of Torrey will be held at

the Gazebo in Dresden (across from the United Methodist Church) at 10:30 am on May 26th, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather, the observance will be held in the United Methodist Church. The Honorable Jason Cook will be the guest speaker. The Penn Yan Middle School Band under the direction of Liesi Leonard will perform several selections. The Roll Call of Honor for those veterans since World War I who are deceased will be read by Don Chambers as part of the service. Following the program, there will be a parade to the Evergreen Cemetery, where "Taps" will be played by Phil Bracht and Jeff Stempien.

This is the 103rd consecutive year for this event and marks the 80th year since the end of World War II. If you are unable to join us, please take a moment on May 27th at 10:30 am to acknowledge and give thanks to those who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy our freedom!

(Note: The proper protocol for flying the American flag on Memorial Day is to fly the flag at half-staff from sunrise to noon, and then raised briskly to the top of the staff for the remainder of the day.)

- The **Seneca 7** relay race around Seneca Lake was held Sunday April 27, 2025 passing through the Village of Dresden Sunday morning. There will be 300 teams of 7 members with each team member taking turns to complete the 77.7 miles around the lake.
- The **Yates County Chamber of Commerce** has produced a Finger Lakes Wine Country Video highlighting wine making in the area. It can be found at <https://youtu.be/5YdZl1mF99k?si=5-KC8ouL1Gvr61zd>
- **Town of Torrey Park** on Charles Street is looking to hire a lifeguard for the Summer
- **Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization** (SWIO) has submitted and received approval of its Nine Element (9E) documentation to the NYS Department of State. The 9E Plan has been officially accepted and closed.

At its January 29, 2025 meeting the following slate of officers were elected

Chairman	Mark Venuti	Supervisor Town of Geneva
Vice Chairman	George Lawson	Supervisor Town of Starkey

James Smith
Ian Smith

Treasurer
Secretary

Torrey Town Justice
SWIO Steward

The Crooked Canal Wetland Project where the wetlands of the Keuka Outlet would be used when there is large volume of runoff to divert it from the outlet is progressing. Presently, work is being done to collect signatures to submit the final permit. The State Historical Preservation Office is requiring a Phase 1A report. This is an archival search of documentation for archeological areas of sensitivity. Finally, the Keuka College students are beginning the work on the design of educational signage.

The next quarterly meeting of SWIO is scheduled for Wednesday April 30th, 2025 at 5:00 pm at the Starkey Town Hall (40 Seneca St. Dundee, NY).

Additional information is available at the SWIO website-

<https://senecawatershedio.wordpress.com/>

- The **Torrey Cleanup Day** will be held on June 14, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. behind the Torrey Town Buildings at 56 Geneva St. Dresden.

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

concrete blocks

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.

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

- **Auction for the New York State Haiti Benefit** will be held on June 20 - 21 at the Yates County Fairgrounds in Penn Yan. Friday night will feature dinner 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, a miscellaneous auction at 6:00 pm, and cattle auction at 6:30 pm. Saturday will see breakfast at 6:00 am to 9:00 am, Auction at 8:00 am, and then lunch at 10:30 am - 2:00 pm.

The address is:

2370 Old Rte. 14A
Penn Yan, NY 14527

- The **Yates Summer Concert Series** has announced its schedule for this Summer on the old Courthouse Lawn in Penn Yan starting at 6:30 pm:
 - June 25 - Cool Club and the Lipker Sisters
 - July 2 - Nate Michaels
 - July 9 - Finger Lakes Chamber Music Festival
 - July 16 - Community Chorus
 - July 23 - Maria Gillard Trio
 - July 30 - Blue Eyed Soul
 - August 6 - Community Band
 - August 13 - Lyin Eyes

- **Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association** (SLPWA) will start monitoring Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) on July 1st by local volunteers and will continue through Columbus Day weekend. Check their website www.SenecaLake.org for additional information or to volunteer!

- **Friends of the Keuka Outlet (FOTO)** has held or will hold a number of events. Check the website www.KeukaOutletTrail.org. Anyone interested in volunteering should email Allison Stewart, a member of **FOTO** Board of Directors at this address: allisonstewartlaws@gmail.com

Generally, the **FOTO** Board of Directors meets every third Wednesday evening of the month at the LNB Community Room.

On April 27th, **FOTO** volunteers held a cleanup of the trail event.

Look for the **FOTO** tent at the annual **Keuka Arts Festival, June 14 - 15, 2025** located on the Penn Yan portion of the Keuka Outlet Trail (**KOT**)!

On September 20th the **5th Annual Celebrate Cascade** is scheduled. Plans for this event are in development.

If your community group wants to participate in a mural design, do a poetry reading, bird walk, owl prowl, or host any other kind of event, remember we have two pavilions available (Rental fees for private events are very

reasonable).

Check the **FOTO** website www.KeukaOutletTrail.org for details for all these events as well as other upcoming events.

- The **Windmill** on Rte 14A opened for the season on April 19th
- The annual **Keuka Arts Festival** will be held **June 14-15, 2025** located on the Penn Yan portion of the Keuka Outlet Trail (**KOT**)!
- **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 town newsletter continues to be very positive. Additional feedback and/or comments are welcome and can be submitted by sending an email to: townclerk@townoftorrey.com or Grant Downs: gjdowns1946@gmail.com
- Newsletters will also be posted on the Town of Torrey website: <https://townoftorrey.com>
- Delivery of the Town Newsletter will be electronically only, although there will be a *limited* number available at the Torrey Town Office and Dresden Village Office
- Those wishing to have future newsletters sent by email should provide the following information and send it to the town clerk or editor

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