



# Town of Groveland

May 2022

**Supervisor:**  
William Devine

**Deputy Supervisor:**  
Sandra Bean

**Additional Board Members:**  
Steve Atterbury  
Amy Hunter  
John Macauley

## Town Board meetings

Held on the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall, 4955 Aten Road. All meetings are open meetings, and the public is encouraged to attend.

## Groveland Supervisor

It seems as though we are finally done with the snow, ice, and blistering winds, and I for one am welcoming the warmer weather with open arms. It is time to put the cold winter behind us and look forward to the upcoming fun filled spring and summer months.

We have installed an ADA push button operated door at the Town Hall in attempts to make doing business easier for those who may have mobility restrictions.

## Ambuscade & Building Improvements

The Ambuscade Park Pavilion is nearing completion. The well pump has been installed and the BOCES class is finishing up work on the bathrooms. This Pavilion is a great addition to our Town and I hope everyone can go enjoy it once it is completed.

I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Carman Electric for their donated time on this project, as well as supplying us with the well pump.

Eagle Scout, Rowan Boughton made a beautiful kiosk sign for the Ambuscade Park (shown below).



**Town  
Clerk/Collector  
office hours:**

Monday, Tuesday and  
Thursday from 9am-4pm  
Wednesday 12pm-4pm  
Friday 9am-1pm  
After hour appointments can  
be scheduled when necessary

585-243-1750 office  
585-243-3810 fax  
[www.grovelandny.org](http://www.grovelandny.org)

**Recycling and Transfer  
Station**

Warner Road open on  
Wednesdays 4:30P.M. -  
7:00P.M. and Saturdays  
9:00A.M. - 1:00P.M.  
Residency stickers  
increased for 2021 to  
\$45.00 and punch cards are  
available at the Town  
Clerk's office for \$20.00  
(subject to change)



**David Gray Road Abandonment**

As some of you may already know the Town Board made the decision to formally close what was previously the seasonal end of David Gray Road. This portion of the road has not been maintained for at least the past 6 years.

**Water Line Extensions to Households Update**

The Town of Groveland Water District No. 1 project continues to make progress to provide water to more Groveland residents. Thus far they have removed the old water storage unit on the South end of Groveland Hill Road, as well as began implementing other changes necessary to proceed with the water line.

I hope our community has a great spring and summer and gets a chance to spend some quality time with friends and family enjoying our wonderful Town of Groveland!

William Devine  
Town Supervisor

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**Groveland Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Hello from the Groveland Town Clerk's Office,  
The spring season is here and with that many begin to clean out their homes. The 2022 Residency Stickers for the Transfers Station located on Warner Road in the Town of Geneseo have maintained in price at \$45.00 and the punch cards are \$20.00. This allows our Groveland residents to use the Transfer Station in Geneseo but the residency sticker and punch card must be purchase at the Town Clerk's Office in

## Seniors!

Limited...Meet and greet with other seniors every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at the Groveland Federated Parish for a 12:30 luncheon.

Contact the Parish for more info or to be placed on the Parish newsletter via email @ [60c.dennison@gmail.com](mailto:60c.dennison@gmail.com)

## Geneseo-Groveland Emergency Food Pantry

### More than ever Needed!!!

Please consider donating to the food pantry. So many of our neighbors are in need and the pantry is bare. We have a drop box in the town hall or can be taken directly to:

The Presbyterian Church  
31 Center Street Geneseo

Contact Betsy Matthews,  
585-243-1141  
or [bsewnsow@yahoo.com](mailto:bsewnsow@yahoo.com)

Groveland. Can't make it to our office because you are working during Town Clerk Office hours, no worries just mail us a check or drop one of in the mail drop box at the Groveland Town Hall. We can mail it back to you☺

It is with a heavy heart for those who may not know that the retired Town Clerk, Betty Sanderson passed away on December 20, 2021. Betty was the Town Clerk of Groveland for 38 years and she had been in government for 54 years. Many of our residents remember when the town clerk's office was in her home. I have been working in the town office since 2009 and can't imagine the changes seen from when Betty was first Town Clerk. Betty was such a light and I will truly miss her. I am looking forward to the new blossoms the spring brings and seeing your smiling faces in our office.

My best to all,  
Kimberly Burgess  
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector

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## Groveland Town Court

Spring is arriving, winter is waning. The geese report their presence from high above, the horses and dogs have started to shed, and the green sprouts of wakening bulbs are starting to push through the mud and mulch. Faith is restored that warmer weather is coming. Here in The Court spring brings some sign of waning Covid restrictions. Though many limitations remain in place for the Officers of the Court as well as the Public, we are encouraged that the cloud of Covid will eventually give way to sunny skies. The Court continues to receive regular updates of changing Covid Protocols. We implement and adapt Court procedure accordingly almost weekly.

The Court Office is routinely open Monday-Thursday from 9:00AM to 3:00PM and Friday 9:00AM to 12:00PM. Groveland Town Court has been and will continue to hold "Day Court" on the first and third Wednesdays of each month starting at 9:00AM until conclusion. The Court together with the District Attorney's Office continues to process tickets in a "Plea by Mail" format, to accommodate any inconvenience and/or hardship created by "Day Court" for those who wish to avoid or are unable to attend Court in person. To clarify a Vehicle and Traffic defendant has the option to plea guilty OR not guilty without attending Court in person.

The Office of Court Administration has recently given local courts permission to hear Eviction Cases again. Due to the Covid Mandates still in place regarding Eviction Proceedings, Evictions are very involved and complicated. In an effort to avoid stalled Eviction Proceedings the Court recommends all parties be represented by counsel.

Our Judges, Jenean Love and Mark Bean continue to achieve excellence administering the law in our Town Court. While Court Clerks Sarah Driscoll and Debra Coburn remain dedicated to pursuing exceptional service by accommodating individuals requiring help managing their cases efficiently.

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## Groveland Highway Department

From the Groveland Highway Department, It has been a snowy and windy winter, putting the frost in the roads approximately 20". This causes the roads to raise and wreaks havoc on them for future repairs. Our summer road work we will find to be more challenging this year than last due to the rising cost of oil, as most of the highway work is based on oil. For example oil and stoning roads, paving, plastic piping along with the cost of diesel fuel. We will do our best to make the work go as far as we can but please be patient as we are keeping our eye on the final bottom line for the tax payer too. We have had two employees retire and now we are back to full staffing with the hiring of two new employees. I would like to welcome Robert McChesney and Jordan Mitchell to the highway department. The highway crew has been busy in their down time from plowing, clearing the right of way of trees in preparation for the summer months. I want to thank the many who have called or contacted the Highway Department for the positive feedback we have received as two storms back to back with over a foot of snow each kept us on our toes.

D. Mark Caldwell  
Highway Superintendent

### **TRAFFIC ALERT:**

The NYSDOT has began work on the poor pavement conditions on NYS Route 408 at the I-390 ramps (exit 7). This work began sooner than expected, but hopefully will be completed shortly with no issues.

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## Groveland Code Office

I just finished attending the annual Code training conference for the year. It was filled with great workshops and was a wonderful learning opportunity for our office.

This is a reminder that the New York State Outdoor Burn Ban is in effect from March 16 – May 14, 2022. The Code Office does not handle burn complaints. These are handled by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

As Daylight Savings time has begun, it is a good time to remind you to check the batteries in smoke and CO detectors. New York State Property and Maintenance Code requires smoke detectors in every bedroom and on every level. CO detectors are required on every level, also. All new home building and renovation permits will have this noted on the permit.

Winter snows are melting and revealing all sorts of items that may have been discarded and forgotten about. It is also required by NYS code that all garbage be covered in watertight containers. Complaints that are made in regard to garbage issues are acted on through my office.

Also, as a reminder that even though accessory buildings under 144

Lake View  
Cemetery has burial  
plots for sale.  
Contact Joe Snyder  
for prices and plot  
location  
585-335-9820

square feet do not need building permits, zoning permits are required in these cases to insure that set backs are met.

If you have any questions in regards to permits or code issues, just email me or give me a call and I will be glad to answer. My email is [codeenforcement@grovelandny.org](mailto:codeenforcement@grovelandny.org) and phone is (585) 447-1358.

Ron Maxwell  
Code Enforcement Officer

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### Groveland Assessor

Hi, my name is Carlton Maxwell and I was appointed the new Assessor for the Town of Groveland in January 2022. I grew up in Geneseo, NY and spent the prior four years running live events at an arena and auditorium in Augusta, GA. Since I am a new Assessor, I've been getting mentored by Tammy Baker who was the Town's former assessor in 2015 as well as our county director of Real Property Bill Fuller.

Here is some information for our residents regarding the 2022 reassessment. The revaluation that is taking place this year is happening across the county and happens every four years. We have seen a steady rise in housing market since the last revaluation in 2018. My numbers are based on the sales we have been seeing and trends provided by the state based on our sales. I did take a few weeks in February to drive around and conduct visual inspections from the road of the parcels we have in our town.

I have had numerous informal reviews with those interested. Our Grievance Night will be held Wednesday, May 25, 2022. For grievance night the Board of Assessment Review or BAR will be looking for the following supporting documentations: photo's with estimate of repairs, survey, DEC map, engineer report(structural defects), appraisal(no older than a year), sale contract and comparable (Zillow, realator.com). A book of sales for 2019-2021 received from the county is available to review in our office. Other avenues for you to use are real estate websites such as Zillow or realator.com.

Carlton Maxwell  
Assessor

### FIGHT the BITE

Protect against  
mosquitoes

They Need Water to  
BREED

- Remove used tires from your property
- Turn over wading pools and wheelbarrows
- Keep swimming pools properly chlorinated
- Dump water from children's plastic toys
- Repair holes in screens

Be Safe & Be  
Kind!