



Town of Groveland

Winter/Spring 2024

Supervisor:
William Devine

Deputy Supervisor:
Sandra Bean

Additional Board Members:
Amy Hunter
John Macauley
William Przsinda III

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 looks like we might be on the backside of the bitter cold winter months, and getting to start our warm Groveland spring!

A few items to touch upon:

Solar Eclipse

Groveland is in an area of totality for the viewing of the Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. As there is an expectation of an influx of out-of-town visitors in the Livingston County area, Livingston County has posted some useful hints for planning for the event and safety issues and concerns. Information can be found at: livingstoncounty.us and search for "eclipse essential rack card" or "safely viewing a solar eclipse flyer".

Water District #1

The Water District #1 project is officially out for bid, and are due to the engineer by April 12, 2024 at 12:00PM. Once a construction company is selected the construction will begin.

The Planning Board is looking for a new member. Meetings are the fourth Monday of each month, with the exception of December, at 7:30PM. If you are interested please reach out to myself at supervisor@grovelandny.org.

Water fill station is available here at the Town hall .25 cents for 50 gallons.

William Devine
Town Supervisor

Groveland Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Hello from the Groveland Town Clerk's Office.....

Winter is here, we have celebrated the holiday with friends and family and the start of new beginnings. Some may have noticed that when you call the town there is a new phone voice system with prompts to contact each department. I understand that waiting for the prompt to hear the directory number can be irritating please understand our system was outdated and our phone systems were having constant difficulties. Hopefully, you won't have a buzz in

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 ext 100 office
585-243-3810 fax
www.grovelandny.org

The Livingston County website (www.livingstoncounty.us) has a lot of good resources for the elderly in the county. Once on the website if you click on the "Departments" link and can find link "Aging, Office for the". A link for "Activities and events" and other helpful links can be found there.

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 are \$45.00 and punch cards are available at the Town Clerk's office for \$20.00 (subject to change)

your ear when you contact anyone of our departments as we progress into the future. The transfer station residency stickers went on sale December 1, 2023 and are valid until November 30, 2024, for a cost of \$45.00. The transfer station is located on Warner Road in Geneseo, NY, and is owned by the Town of Geneseo, which allows the Town of Groveland residents to utilize the transfer station with the annual purchase of the residency sticker. If you have garbage or other refuse to dispose of punch cards for \$20 each may be purchased at the town offices. All Groveland residents must purchase transfer station stickers and punch cards at the Town of Groveland Office. A list of what may be disposed of or recycled can be located on the town website at www.grovelandny.org/Town_Offices/Town_Clerk/Refuse/2023_transfer_station.pdf If you have questions on what may be recycled or disposed please contact the Town of Geneseo at (585)243-1544. Our office is open Monday through Friday but our office hours vary, please check the website or call to ensure we are here prior to stopping by. We do our best to keep all office hours and unexpected closures updated on both the website and phone; however, if you do need after business hours please contact the office and we can work something out. I am also available by email for questions at townclerk@grovelandny.org.

My best to all,
Kimberly Burgess
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector
(585)243-1750 ext. 100

Groveland Town Court

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 Vehicle and Traffic tickets in a "Plea by Mail" format, to accommodate any inconvenience and/or hardship created by "Day Court" for those to wish to avoid or are unable to attend Court in person. The Court also works closely with the Livingston County Public Defender's Office on many of the Criminal Cases here in Groveland.

If you are wondering about Small Claims or Evictions

Small Claims: Small Claims court is where you can sue for (only) money. Up to \$3000.00 in Town and Village Courts and up to \$5000.00 in City or County Courts.

-You must be 18 years or older.

-You must fill out a Court form explaining your case.

-You must pay a filing fee of (\$10.00-\$20.00).

An important fact: The defendant must live, work, or have a place for doing business in the jurisdiction in which you file your claim. Unless the claim is tenancy/lease related, then the claim can be filed within the

Seniors!

Limited...Meet and greet with other seniors every 2nd Wednesday at the Groveland Federated Parish for a 11:30 luncheon.

Contact the Parish for more info **or to be placed on the Parish newsletter via email**

@
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 Oliver Bickel,
585-991-8220

Visit our Town Website at
www.grovelandny.org
to stay up to date on any and all happenings, as well as various meetings and projects.

County or an adjoining County that the defendant lives, works, or has a place for doing business.

Evictions:

Eviction proceedings continue to be very involved and complicated. You have every right to file an eviction proceeding on your own. In an effort to avoid stalled or dismissed proceedings the Court recommends all parties be represented by counsel. The Office of Court Administration (OCA) admonishes Court Clerks against providing any forms or guidance in eviction cases. The Court Clerk shall only accept the filing "as is" (\$20.00 fee). However, the public is free to visit the website NYCOURTS.GOV for information and DIY forms for both Small Claims and Eviction Proceedings.

Our Judges, Hon. Jenean Love and Hon. Mark Bean continue to disseminate justice with a swift, even-handed, and proficient perspective. While Court Clerks Sarah Driscoll and Debra Coburn strive to assist in all Court related matters and manage cases efficiently.

Groveland Highway Department

A note from The Groveland Highway Department, as the spring/summer season soon approaches, let's go over: **WORK ZONE SAFETY!**

The highway department works with Livingston County to mow roadsides during the summer months. The town has 60 miles of roads, and a limited crew. Keep in mind, this is the time for "WORK ZONES" Slow down, speed is one of the major causes of work zone crashes. Pay attention to the signs, warning signs are there to help you move safely through the work zone. Black and orange signs let you know there is work being done. Don't drive distracted, 100% of your attention should be on the road and its surrounding. Obey the flagger, the flagger knows what is best for moving traffic safely through a work zone. A flagger has the same authority as a regulatory sign or police officer, so you can be cited for disobeying their directions. Be patient and stay calm, work zones aren't there to inconvenience you. The crew is there to improve the highway. So, if you see one of our Highway Crew out working, give yourself time, space and slow down, to allow for safe passing.

After major rain and wind storm, myself and other crew members do go out and assess the roads, should you find a limb in the road or any issue that is concerning, please feel free to contact the town highway barns at (585)243-2970 or if it is after hours contact the non-emergency number for the Sheriff's Office at (585) 243-7100. We thank you for your continuous support of the highway department, any questions or concerns please feel free to give us a call.

Tanner Harvey
Highway Superintendent

Groveland Code Office

My office continues to be busy issuing building permits and performing ongoing inspections pertaining to each permit before issuing Certificates of Compliance or Occupancy. It is the time of year for me to be performing annual fire inspections and other required fire inspections.

Our office receives information from the Veterans One-Stop Center. There is a satellite office in Mt. Morris at 7 Murray Hill Drive. There are a lot of social opportunities held in Livingston County for veterans through this office and can be found at: www.vocwny.org. The events can be found if you scroll to the bottom of their home page and click on the link "Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program" then the link "See what we're up to next!" and then click on "Livingston" to see the events that will take place. You can also sign up for their newsletter at that site.

Lake View Cemetery has burial plots for sale. They are \$600 per plot. Contact Joe Snyder for prices and plot location 585-335-9820

The Town website has a lot of information regarding Zoning and Planning. If you do not find the information you are looking for there, please feel free to contact me or my office. It would be better to know specifications before performing any work than risk getting fined for improper work done or work without permits.

I have received a lot of questions regarding tiny homes/houses. In the Town of Groveland, the minimum square footage of a single-story house is 900 square feet. Anything below that square footage would require an area variance to be filed for and approved.

Remember to keep checking smoke and CO detectors regularly.

New York State has a burn ban in effect from March 16 – May 14. The Code Office does not enforce the burning bans – DEC does. You can also make a report at the Liv. Co. Sheriff's non-emergency number at (585) 243-7100. More information on the burn ban can be found on the DEC website.

Ron Maxwell
Code Enforcement Officer

Groveland Assessor

Hello from the Assessor's office!

The deadline for exemption application was March 1, 2024. I am in the process of going through all exemptions received. I am also working on updating the Tentative Roll that should be out in May. If you have had any changes to your inventory, please make an appointment to see me. I can be reached at (585) 243-1750 ex. 108 or by email at: assessor@grovelandny.org for any questions you may have concerning assessments.

Thanks,

Carlton Maxwell
Assessor

Groveland Fire Department

The Groveland Volunteer Fire Department held their annual election of officers at the March 2024 meeting. These new officers will take over the 1st of April. Our outgoing Chief Tanner Harvey's term of three years has come to an end. He would like to say "thanks" to the community for their support and will continue to be a dedicated member of the fire department. The department has been very busy with events throughout the year. Ron Niedermaier chaired the "Pancake Breakfast" this year, the breakfasts were very successful. Breakfasts begin in October and finish in March, they are always the second Sunday of the month. In April there is Open House in conjunction with "New York Recruit" all the equipment will be on display. Some of 2023 events consisted of our 2nd Clambake, a dedication of Station #2 (Groveland Hill) with the Barber family and the Adamson family. Feel free to stop by and see the dedication plaque on the front of the build. A few of our members go to the ARC/Kids Start program at Hampton Corners during fire prevention week. They give the

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!

children fire helmets, tours of the trucks and trying on the gear. In November there was a Gun Raffle, Vendor show and Turkey Raffle, of course the department has their annual visit from Santa in December, with cookies and milk for all.

As you can see there is always something going on at the fire hall. If you would like to volunteer there is always room for more. Maybe firefighting isn't for you but there is so much more, water rescue, first responding, apparatus operation, fire police, CO calls, event planner, instructing a class or just a support person. Maybe you just like to mow lawn. The department has 4 pieces of property, two fire halls, the pavilion and the ball field.

The pavilion and fire hall are available to rent for your next special occasion.

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Pattie Johnston, Secretary
Groveland Fire Department



EARTH DAY

2024 COUNTY-WIDE CLEAN UP IN GROVELAND NY

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

10 a.m. - NOON (Refreshments at Town Building at end)

MEET AT GROVELAND TOWN HALL

4955 ATEN ROAD, GROVELAND NY 14462

** Rain date: Saturday, April 20, 2024 - same time; same place**

We will meet at the town hall to get all the materials needed to remove roadside garbage on various roads in Groveland. Sponsored by The Groveland Town Board and Chaired by Pete Dolan. Volunteer certificates issued to those earning credit hours.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: PETE DOLAN @ 243-4655

