

Town of Locke

900 Main Street, Locke NY 13092

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Happy Spring!

The board continues to press various County, State and Federal offices on flood-plain mitigation for issues prior to, and following, the Fall '21 flood event. They expect completion of the clean out of Hemlock Creek and the restoration of resident properties to occur this year.

The board is working on updates to local building codes. Please check with Patrick Doyle before start of any construction.

On behalf of the Locke water district, the board contracted with Hunt Engineering services to provide an assessment of immediate and long-term needs, and to explore and secure grants and/or low or no interest funds for upgrading our aging system. We have learned from this process that deficiencies or inadequate facilities score more points for subsidized funding than do a lack of maintenance and long-term planning. We are grateful for the funding that was delivered in two installments from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. We were able to cover these large engineering and maintenance expenses without placing that burden on the residents of the water district.

The town hall improvement committee continues to meet twice monthly to keep the project moving forward. In March they submitted a request to Rep. Tenney's office for funding assistance and will be submitting grant requests to other funding agencies in the coming months.

We encourage the public to attend our monthly and special meetings, (published on the town's website and in The Citizen and The Shopper newspapers.) Please consider becoming a member of one of our committees. We currently have vacancies on the following boards: Planning, Variance, Assessment and Town Hall Improvement Committee. Please contact any Locke Town Board member for more information.



Meetings & Such

Town Board Meetings

Monthly-2nd Thursday at 7:00 P.M.
& 4th Tuesday at 8:00 A.M.
(public is encouraged to attend)

Variance Board – by appt.

Planning Board – by appt.

Town Court

1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month
at 7:00 P.M. (exception: when the first
Wed. falls on the 1st of the month, court will
be the 2nd Wed.)

Court clerk is available from 4:30 to
6:30 P.M. every Wednesday

DA Night

1st Wednesday of every month at
7:00 P.M. (exception: when the first Wed.
falls on the 1st of the month, court will be
the 2nd Wed.)

Important Announcements

**LOCKE CLEAN UP DAY – Sat.
May 20th** See page 2 for details.

OFFICES up for Re-Election in 2023

Supervisor, Clerk, Town Justice,
Highway Superintendent and 2 town
council positions. See page 2 for
details.

JOB OPENING:

Highway Dept. has an opening for a
full-time Maintenance Equipment
Operator.

**It's Spring Farm Work Season –
PLEASE SHARE THE ROADS
SAFELY**

Events & Programs

LOCKE CLEAN UP DAY – will be held **Sat. May 20 from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M.** at the Locke Highway Garage. This is open to the Town of Locke residents only and proof of residency will be required. **Roll-offs will be clearly marked for specific materials. Please SORT materials before arriving. Please remove all non-metal materials from scrap metal.**

Items NOT accepted include: Burnable items such as tree limbs and leaves, Household Garbage, Liquid Paint, Oil, Tires, Trash Recyclables. Please REMOVE all non-metal materials from scrap metal.

Items Accepted: Corrugated cardboard (must be flat); recyclable scrap metals (aluminum, bed springs, tire rims); Batteries, Lawn mowers (drain oil & gas); Washing Machines/Dryers; Stoves; Hot Water Tanks; Refrigerators/Freezers/Air conditioners * (**THERE WILL BE A \$15 Charge for FREON Removal**), Electronics (TVs, Computers & Components, Monitors – anything with a cord) and mattresses.

MEMORIAL DAY AT THE TOWN OF LOCKE MEMORIAL PARK

On **Monday MAY 29^h at 9:00 A.M.**, members of the Locke/Moravia VFW will hold a service at the Locke Memorial Park. Please come out and join them as they honor the brave men and woman who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

LOCKE FIRE DEPARTMENT FIELD DAYS - **3 DAYS ONLY** - **Thursday JUNE 22 through Saturday JUNE 24^h** Join the fun at and support our fire department. Grounds open at 6 P.M. on Thurs, and Friday and 12 P.M. on Saturday. The entertainment and events include a Golf Ball Drop fund raiser as well as:
Thurs – Chasing Neon 6-9 P.M. **Fri** – Petty Thieves 6-9 P.M. , Fireworks at 10 P.M.
Sat. grounds open at 12 P.M. with a Grand Parade at 6 P.M. Parade will include the Moravia High School Band as well as Witchy Women, who march in support of victims of violence.
Music by Chris Taylor & the Custom Taylor Band 7-10 P.M.

**** BAKED GOODS donations are requested for all 3 nights for the cake booth.**

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Season Dates: 07/??/2023 to 08/??2023

The Joint Youth Summer Recreation Program is for school-age children in the Towns of Locke, Moravia, Niles, Sempronius and the Village of Moravia. The Recreation Program is held at the Fillmore Glen State Park. Information can be found at their Facebook page located at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/527198714425271/> Look for early registration in May.

***Children must be registered by June 30, 2023** in order to attend Summer Recreation. No registrations will be accepted after Rec has started.

CAMP GREGORY on Cayuga Lake – Registration for Summer 2023 camp is now open! Options for camps are overnight for grades 3rd-10th and day camps for grades K-6th. The season will start in July and will last in weeklong periods. <https://www.campgregory.org/>

FYI: The Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council will be placing signage at some Owasco lake tributaries.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SEATS OPEN FOR RE-ELECTION/ELECTION in 2023 in the Town of Locke include: Supervisor, Clerk, Town Justice, Highway Superintendent and 2 town council positions. Anyone interested in running for any of these positions is encouraged to contact the Cayuga County Board elections at: 315-253-1285 for guidance on the steps to do so. Deadlines to collect signatures are in April and May and their office can provide you with exact dates and requirements, <https://www.cayugacounty.us/209/Petition-Information> . The 2023 political calendar can be found at: <https://www.cayugacounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/21810/2023-POLITICAL-CALENDAR-> .

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS: Building permit applications can be obtained from the Code Enforcement Officer, the Town Clerk or online at <https://www.cayugacounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/3365/Building-Permit-Applicaion-PD> Please contact our code enforcement officer, J. Patrick Doyle at 315.729.3921 prior to beginning a project to determine if a permit is required.

NOTE TO DOG OWNERS: All dogs over the age of 4 months, harbored within the town, are required by NYS law to be licensed. A valid rabies certificate is needed to license your dog. Proof of spay/neuter is also required at the time of licensing. Licenses must be renewed annually. For details see: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/109> and <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/110> .

GRASS & DEBRIS: Please do not blow grass and other debris into the streets and roads. Not only does it make our roadways look bad, but it is also illegal per section 214 of the NYS highway law.

BURN BAN: The annual New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) statewide ban on residential brush burning will begin **March 16 and run through May 14**. Since 2009, DEC has enforced the annual brush burning ban to prevent wildfires and protect communities during heightened conditions for wildfires each spring.

SOLAR LAW: The Town of Locke Solar Energy Law was adopted pursuant to Sections 261-263 of the Town Law of the State of New York, which authorizes the Town of Locke to adopt zoning provisions that advance and protect the health, safety and welfare of the community, and “to make provision for, so far as the conditions may permit, the accommodation of solar energy systems and equipment and access to sunlight necessary therefore.” The full law document can be obtained from the Town Clerk’s Office or online at: <https://www.cayugacounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/17515/2022-1-24-Locke-Solar-Law>

BOARD OF ELECTIONS: Change of Address – Don’t forget to change your address with the Board of Elections when you move. Forms are available online at: <https://www.cayugacounty.us/196/Board-of-Elections> or from the Town Clerk’s Office.

BOARDS – COMMITTEES – CONTACTS

Variance Board – meetings are held by appointment.

- Gerald Sharpsteen, Interim Chairperson – He may be reached at gerrysharpsteen@gmail.com
- Sandy Ketola
- Ralph Montgomery
- Chester Prusinowski
- Paul Hargett, alternate/deputy chair

Planning Board - meetings are held by appointment.

Contact Donald Francis, board chair, at 315.497.2600 to set up an appointment.

Minutes are available following approval on the town’s website or by request from the Town Clerk.

- Donald Francis, Chair 315.729.5227
- Linda Fox
- Ralph Crandall
- Ellen Prusinowski

Board of Assessment Review/Appeals

- Michael Hingston, Chair
- Jim Naylor
- Ted Bell

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Water District Committee

- John Carey, Chair 315.497.1421
- Fred Mackey
- Gerald Sharpsteen
- Phil Franklin

Town Office Improvement Committee

- Thane Benson, Chair, 315.497.3427
- Fred Mackey
- Vacant
- Lori Beyea-Powers

Town Officials

Supervisor Richard Glenister
315.898.6606

Town Board

Thane Benson, Deputy Spvr 315.497.3427
Fred Mackey 315.729.3128
John Carey 315.497.1421
Jeremy Fenner 315.730.8174

Town Clerk / Tax Collector

Melanie Funk 315.497.9338
Email: lockeclerk@yahoo.com
Hours: Mon & Thurs 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.
Tues 3:30 – 6 P.M.

Code Enforcement Officer

J. Patrick Doyle 315.729.3921
Office; 315.497.9338
Hours: Wed 3 – 3:30 P.M. (or by Appt.)
Email: jpdoyleiit@hotmail.com

Highway & Water District

Robert ‘Bob’ Wagner, Deputy Superintendent
315.246.7014

Assessor

Caitlyn Brown 607.749.0546
Email: fittsoffice@twcny.rr.com
315 N. Main St, Homer NY 13077

Town Justice

Hon. Johnathan Orkin
315.497.2932

Court Clerk

Claire Hebbard
315.497.2932

Town Attorney

Norm Chirco
315.252.1563

Town Historian

Esther Thornton
315.497.0537

Dog Control

Country Acres Pet Services
607.749.2734

**If you are interested in serving on any of these boards or committee’s please contact the board or committee chair.*