



The Village of **NEW YORK MILLS**

June 2021 Newsletter

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From the Office of Mayor Talerico

I can't believe it has been over 8 months since I was elected to serve as your Mayor. There's not a day that goes by that I'm not grateful for the opportunity to serve you. We have had an exciting few months since our last Newsletter I will highlight the many positive things we have accomplished since December. I want to thank the village board for supporting the vision to move our village forward. We have had to make a lot of tough decisions that will benefit the village for many years to come.

We have come through a very tough budget year. Our sales tax revenue was held up for most of the year, our revenues were down and we have been facing rising costs. With all of that said, the village implemented new improvements and we ended the year with a balanced budget. We are happy to report we were able to slash the tentative 11% tax increase for the new budget down to a 1.48% tax increase. This is less of an increase compared to last year and we will remain under the tax cap. I want to personally thank our budget officer Brenda Mitchell for all of her hard work during the budget process.

In February we signed a mutual aid agreement that allows our Police Department to have jurisdiction with the Yorkville Police Department. This agreement has benefited both municipalities. It has provided better coverage, better response times, and has helped with public safety. The best thing is this agreement has no additional cost to either municipality.

We continue to make codes one of our priorities. We are happy to announce that Tim Carey is now officially certified as a Codes Officer. Congratulations Tim! As our Assistant Codes Officer Tim will be supporting John Constas and will be around the village during the day hours to ensure we are staying on top of any codes concerns. Codes issues can be very involved and take time but please know we are working on addressing some of the long standing concerns in the village.

Another one of our priorities is to upgrade our village equipment. We have taken great strides since December. We have ordered a new garbage truck, swap loader, Ford work truck with plow, trailer, and Bobcat for our highway department. This equipment will help our highway department with the upkeep and cleanliness of our village. Additionally, we approved a new pumper truck for our fire department. Many of these items will take around a year and a half to get because of the COVID pandemic, but we are very excited to have this new equipment on its way.

Many of you may have seen our new Village sign. This sign was secured through a grant and was of little cost to the village. It is an LED two sided sign that will help us get information out to our residents. This sign will be used for recruiting members into our volunteer fire department. It was also be used to promote events and recognize groups and individuals.

Another priority for us is to address the sewers and flooding issues we have in the village. We are excited to announce we have been approved for a \$490,000 Community Development Block Grant that will help with the flooding and ponding on Elm and Main St in the village. This award is a huge help to our community, we are grateful to the State for providing these much needed funds. I have also signed off on paper work relating to work and repairs for the Clinton and Henderson St areas. We are awaiting word to see if that work will be approved.

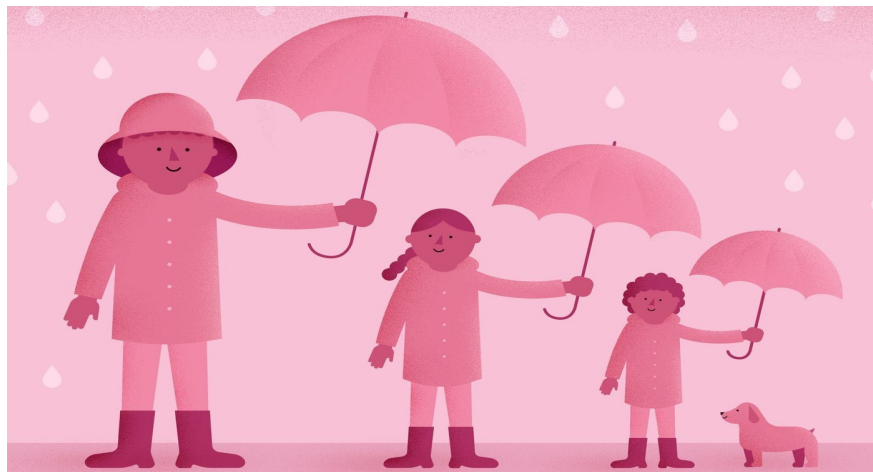
Our new Website is in process of being designed and will tentatively be ready to launch by mid summer. This website will be user friendly and will have an area for residents to submit comments or concerns. Additionally, The LED light poles are now in the design stage. We continue to work on this project, we have a tentative installation date of November for this lighting.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Memorial Day Observance. Thank you to our religious leaders in the village for their participation, the New Hartford Legion, and NY Mills Fire and Police Departments. We were honored to have Congresswomen Tenny, Assemblywoman Buttenschon, County Executive Picente, and Sheriff Maciol as our MC. Lastly, thank you to Fred and Janet Griffiths and Stash Babiarz for helping put the program together. We remember and honor all those who gave their lives for our freedom.

In closing, I want to say how thankful I am for you. I have talked to many of you either through phone, email or in person. So many of you have been supportive, encouraging, and helpful during the transition period. We have a great village and great community. I want to encourage all of you to look out for the elderly, your neighbor and each other. I think one of the lessons COVID taught me personally is to slow down, enjoy life and be kind to people We never know what may happen to any of us. Kindness and decency to one another will always go a long way. The greatest communities are the communities that look out for one another.

“No act of kindness no matter how small is ever wasted”

~Aesop



New York Mills Police Department

Emergency—911

315-736-6623



What a year it has been! As of April 2021 I have been the Chief of Police for 1 full year. I must say that I am extremely humbled and proud to serve the great residents of this village in which I was born and raised.

As my tenure of this position begins, we must unfortunately also say goodbye to a 17 year veteran of the NYMPD. Senior Officer Guy “Captain” Danella has decided to retire his full-time position with the village. Officer Danella has served the residents of New York Mills by providing the highest level of professionalism, receiving multiple awards and citations throughout his career. Officer Danella has become a coveted mentor to new officers of not only the NYMPD, but neighboring agencies as well. Officer Danella will remain part-time with the department and continue to oversee our evidence management, as he is a wealth of knowledge and extremely proficient as an Evidence Technician. Officer Danella has our congratulations upon his retirement and our heartfelt thanks for many years of loyal service. We wish him the greatest success and happiness in the future.

With the summer months comes many outdoor activities including bonfires and BBQ’s. I would like to remind residents of a few local laws, to prevent any confusion. The Village Noise Ordinance prohibits any unnecessary noise between the hours of 11pm and 7am. Recreational Fires: All fires shall be no less than 30 feet from the nearest wall of any building or any wooden structure. All fires shall be no less than 15 feet from any property line, street, or alley. All fires shall be attended by at least one adult person with an adequate mean of extinguishment nearby. No person shall kindle, start, or cause to be kindled any fire other than substantial containment (surrounded be at least three sides) constructed of metal, concrete, or brick so as to prevent the escape of burning materials. The village overnight parking ordinance is in effect year round. No vehicles shall be parked on public roadways between the hours of 2AM and 6AM. If for some reason you need to park in the road overnight, simply call non-emergency number 315-736-6623 and advise the officer on duty of your situation.

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

-Chief Frankland



Seniors on Parade

To honor the Graduating Class of 2021 the Village will be holding a “Senior Parade” to take place after the Ceremony (approximately 7:30PM) on June 25, 2021. The parade will start at the school on Marauder Boulevard and will end at the Village Park on Main Street. Please come out along the route and support our Seniors !



Highway Department

Mike Reid
Village Highway Superintendent

Mayor Talerico
Highway Commissioner

Road paving will begin throughout the Village in the next coming months, so please be cautious and courteous to the Road Crews.

The Post Office is putting in a drive-up mail box located on the side of the building. There will be only one way to access it so please pay attention to signs that will be placed on Main St.

The Highway Department will be repairing storm drains throughout the Village.

Green waste consisting of shrubbery, twigs, etc., must be put in a metal or plastic manufactured container with handles, weighing no more than 50 pounds. Branches should be piled parallel to the street. Do not put **anything** in the roadway, they have the potential to clog the storm sewers. The Village will **NOT** take grass clippings. If you wish to dispose of grass clippings, they will need to be in a Village green garbage bag. Green waste should be put out on Sundays after 6PM for Monday pickup.

Green bags are to be tied and put out Monday's after 6PM for Tuesday Garbage pickup. They should not be over 50 pounds or they will not be picked up. Heavy items may be put out on Mondays after 6PM as long as you purchase a green tag from the Village Clerk's Office for \$5.00.

Recyclables can be put out after 6PM on Tuesday for Wednesday pickup. Please use lids so that the wind doesn't blow them all over your yard and throughout the Village. Also, please be sure that your bin is not larger than 40 gallons.

We do not take contractor's projects from tree's being taken down; the contractor will have to dispose of those themselves.

The Highway Department hours will be 5:30AM until 3:30 Monday – Thursday until October. If you need to reach them, please call (315) 736-3204 and leave a message. We check the machine frequently throughout the day.

ROAD PAVING



This summer, the Village Board has scheduled the paving of the following streets:

- Main Street, between Greenman and St Mary.
- St Mary St
- St Stanislaus St
- Parkside Ct, between Main St and Crandall Ct
- Glod Ave between Parkside Ct and Chestnut
- New Hartford St, between Henderson and the Village line.

At this writing, no firm date has been established for when the work will be done.

Fire Department News
Emergencies DIAL 911 Business Phone 736-1453



Stay at home, stay safe and stay healthy!
Fire Chief Rick Ulinski

The New York Mills Fire Department responded to over 300 calls from January through May, including several structure fires and mutual aid responses to neighboring communities. We're fortunate to have a dedicated staff of highly trained volunteers to handle these emergencies. Thank you to all our members for your service to the community!

We'd like to welcome our newest probationary members – Richard Fabbio, Lester Higgins Jr, Brandon Greer and our new junior firefighter – Jacob Edwards – to our department.

The Village ordered a new pumper from Seagrave Fire Apparatus. This truck will replace our 1982 Seagrave pumper and provide a significant upgrade to our fleet. We also improved the exterior lighting system on our 2006 Rescue Pumper and added reflective chevrons to improve visibility at accident scenes.

In addition to our inhouse training, several members participated in NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control courses this year. These courses included Hazardous Materials Operations, Aerial Apparatus Operator and Accident Victim Extrication. The training paid off as we successfully extricated an accident victim using our Holmatro tool (aka "Jaws of Life") at a crash on French Road in May.

The new LED billboard - funded by a Firefighter Recruitment and Retention grant - was installed in front of the firehouse. Please watch for Village events and Fire Department safety tips. You can also follow us on Facebook and visit our website site at nymfd.com for more information.

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer!
Fire Chief Rick Ulinski

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New York Mills Ladies Auxiliary

The New York Mills Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Inc. is looking for new members. The following is taken from our By-Laws.

Article Two
Purposes

The following are the purposes for which this Auxiliary has been organized: To establish a meeting place for its Members for social purposes; to promote a spirit of friendship and benevolence among Members and to assist the welfare of one another, to voluntarily render financial or other assistance to those residents of the community served by the Fire Department who may be in need thereof, particularly if they have suffered loss or injury through fire; and to provide them with food, clothing, shelter, medicine and medical attention; to aid and assist, at all times, in the welfare of the firefighters of the Department with which this Auxiliary is affiliated, particularly those firefighters suffering loss or injury or deprivation to their families as a result of active engagement fighting or preventing fires; and to do any and all things necessary, appropriate and lawful for the accomplishment of these purposes.

Article Three
Membership

- 1 a) Membership in this Auxiliary shall be open to all who are either the spouse, significant other, parent, child or sibling of an honorary, deceased, active, lifetime active or lifetime inactive firefighter of the New York Mills Fire Department. Membership is also available to anyone in the community holding a desire to be an active participant towards the Purpose of this Auxiliary as defined in Article Two herein and must be sponsored by an Active Auxiliary Member. All Members must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

Please contact President Janet Griffiths at 315 736-5020 if you are interested in joining our Auxiliary or looking for further information. You may also contact any member of the New York Mills Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Parks and Recreation

Trustee John Edwards
Parks Commissioner

New York Mills

2021 Summer Concert Series

Tuesday Night Bands/Rain or Shine Pulaski Park—Main Street

June 29th	7 PM	Fritz's Polka Band
July 6th	7 PM	NO CONCERT
July 13th	7 PM	Tuesday Night Big Band
July 20th	7 PM	Salt City Brass
July 27th	6:30 PM	Fritz's Polka Band
August 3rd	6:30 PM	Salt City Brass
August 10th	6:30 PM	DVD Band
August 17th	6:30 PM	The Paddy Nappers



New York Mills Senior Center

Spring has sprung and I hope everyone is healthy and still hanging on. It has been a tough 2020 year. BUT I hope this 2021 year will improve. I have been receiving calls from my Seniors as to when I can open back up the center to socialize, play bingo, go on casino trips, and parties. I still haven't gotten the word yet as to when I can open back up BUT you will be notified as soon as I get the word.

Have a safe summer ahead and continue to wear your mask and get your vaccination.

Miss you all !
Kathleen Brown



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Library News

Hours: Monday - Friday 12 noon - 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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Summer Reading. The theme for New York State libraries in 2021 is “Tails and Tales.” This year we will encourage reading with Book Bingo. How does Book Bingo work? Get a BINGO card at the library or print out from the library website. Read material to match boxes on your card and fill in or mark the boxes. When you get 5 in a row, turn in the completed card to the New York Mills Public Library and get a prize. Prizes we have so far are brag tags and small cloth string backpacks. The more you read the more prizes you can get! At the end of the program, the completed Bingo cards will be entered into a drawing for gift certificates to bookstores. The program will run for 8 weeks, from June 28 through August 21.

Check out the library website for the Book bingo cards and for further programs. We are planning to organize with the Village Parks Program to present library programs. **Our protocols continue to evolve** to help prevent the spread of the virus while providing library services. We no longer quarantine library materials. Currently we continue to require a mask completely covering the nose and mouth to enter and be in the building at all times. We respect your privacy so we are not asking you if you are vaccinated. We continue to require masks to protect families with children who are not yet eligible to receive a vaccine and unvaccinated people. This is in accordance with the New York State Department of Health which “strongly recommends masks in indoor settings where vaccination status of individuals is unknown” as of May 17, 2021. As the response to the epidemic continues, we will continue to review our safety protocols. We will continue to provide curbside service to those who do not wish to enter the building for any reason, including physical difficulty, not wishing or able to wear a mask, or any other reason. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the library during open hours, or send email or fill out a Contact Us form on our website.



Parks and Recreation

Summer is finally here and we are excited about the new and improved changes to our summer program. Safety and oversight have been a large concern for us and with formulation of the Parks Committee we were able to brainstorm creative ways to provide a safe, fun program for our youth. We are happy to announce this year's program will occur with the collaboration of the Villages of New York Mills, Yorkville and New York Mills Union Free School District. The program will look a little different than previous years but rest assured there will be quality activities for the children to enjoy. The summer program will be held at the school and will have two sessions running from 9-12 and 12-3. Registrations and Medical Release forms must be submitted to the Village Clerk before June 30th. The program will begin on July 7th and run through August 20th. Children going into grades K-6 that meet at least one of the following criteria can participate.

- Attend New York Mills Elementary School
- Live in the Village of New York Mills
- Live in the Village of Yorkville

Our village parks will still be maintained for village use however no attendants will be staffed there. It is our Village Boards desire to continue to improve our parks and maintain an attractive community. We plan beautification projects regularly and welcome anyone that would like to participate. We recently upgraded the fixtures in the rest rooms at Pietryka Park and will be doing the same at Pulaski Park this summer. I hope that everyone was able to see the beautiful flag display done by Owen Jassak to honor our veterans. The flags were displayed from May 8th – 14th and as always, Owen did a wonderful job. Thank you Tim Williams for providing the wonderful aerial photos for the village Facebook page.

I'm asking all of our community members to report any vandalism that you might witness. We encourage people to enjoy our parks but it is not unreasonable to ask them to respect what our tax payers provide. Our Police Department will continue to follow up on any information that could lead to the arrest of someone vandalizing our parks.

Tuesday Night Concerts at Pulaski Park will start on June 29th. These concerts have provided our community with great entertainment and an opportunity to gather together with friends and neighbors for the past several years. We still have several openings for not for profit organizations that would like to provide refreshments at these events. This is a great way to get your organization more involved with the community and to raise funds. Contact me if you would like more information. Please come out and enjoy the fun, food, and friendship on Tuesday evenings.

We have a special surprise for Tuesday 8/24. We will have our first ever movie night at Pulaski Park. Ryan Rys will provide DJ service before the movie. We are still working out the details and will have more information on our village website and Facebook page as we get closer to the event.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions for me I can be reached at edwards@nymills.com or if you prefer you can leave a message with the Village Clerk. Enjoy the summer!!!

Trustee John Edwards
Parks Commissioner



A GREEN LAWN IS NICE, BUT PLEASE DON'T OVERFEED THE GRASS

Healthy lawns can make your yard look attractive, but some activities can contribute to pollution of our waterways. Phosphorous is a nutrient that is essential for plant growth and was once a common component of commercial lawn fertilizers. High levels of phosphorous from unnecessarily-applied or over-applied fertilizer can be washed into our streams and wetlands during snowmelt and rain events, where it can then degrade water quality and make it unhealthy for people and aquatic life.

In 2012, a new State law was enacted to improve water quality by reducing the use of phosphorous fertilizer applied to lawns. Lawn fertilizers must now have less than 0.67% phosphorous by weight. This does not apply to garden fertilizers.

This phosphorous law restricts the use of fertilizers in the following ways:

- Prohibits the use of phosphorous fertilizer unless establishing a new lawn or a soil test shows an existing lawn soil does not have enough to support turf growth.
- Any spilled fertilizer on a impervious (paved) surface must be cleaned up.
- Prohibits application of lawn fertilizers containing nitrogen, phosphorous or potassium between December 1 and April 1.
- Prohibits application of fertilizer within 20 feet of any water surface unless there is a vegetative buffer at least 10 feet wide.

We can all reduce phosphorous runoff and improve water quality in our streams by following a few simple steps:

- Only apply fertilizer if a soil test indicates it's needed, and don't apply more than necessary.
- Never apply fertilizer before a rain storm.
- Leave grass clipping on the lawn to serve as fertilizer.
- It will result in a better environment for all of us.

Codes Department

The codes department would like to welcome Tim Carey as our new Assistant Codes Officer. We will be working together to identify and take corrective action on Codes Violations in the village if you see anything you think may require Codes action please do not hesitate to call the office @ 315-736-9212 and we will investigate your concern and take the appropriate action. Remember if you plan to start a project check to see if a permit is required including driveways, fences, sheds, pools, and decks. Also check to see if your house or business is properly identified with approved address numbers that are visible from the street that way in the event of an emergency you can be located more quickly.

During the election period while candidates were approaching citizens in the village for their concerns a common theme seem to resonate regarding codes. We have taken your issues and concerns into consideration and have a formed managing committee along with additional labor support.

Going forward please feel free to call the office with all your code concerns before you put hammer in hand or shovel to the ground to ensure you are safe and within the guidelines of the village. Thank You, and stay safe.

Village of New York Mills Codes Department



Hello from the New York Mills 100th Anniversary Committee! We've been planning a fantastic event to celebrate our centennial next summer (2022) and we've got some incredible things planned. We're having a tough time finding photos or video footage of the mills during the 1970s, 80's, and 90's. Which of course will be the most nostalgic times for most of us. Think photos or videos of field days, bell fest, parades, or any photos of ANY of the past bars and establishments that were here during the last 4 or 5 decades. Even just street shots from those decades would be incredible. We can digitize reels, vhs tapes, anything you've got. Don't let these get lost forever in just our memories. Email the clerk at (clerk@nymills.com) if you've got anything to share.

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