



The Village of NEW YORK MILLS



December 2021 Newsletter

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From the Office of Mayor Talerico

As we head into the holiday season and look forward to the new year, I want to say how honored I am to serve as your mayor. I take the position you elected me too serious, I do not take for granted the job you elected me to do. As a village and community, we have had an incredibly successful year. This is just the beginning of moving our village forward as we promised you when we were elected. We have many great things in store for next year which will have positive impacts to our village infrastructure, safety and community pride to name a few. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the positive things we accomplished this year and then look forward to next year.

We have kept our campaign promises. Here's some of the items we campaigned on and have accomplished this year:

**We had the lowest tax increase in the past 4 years, staying under the tax cap and keeping taxes low.

**We have secured over 605,000 in grant funding for our village.

**We are addressing flooding on Elm and Main St. through our CDBG Grant .

**Plans are in progress to help reduce flooding in the Henderson, New Hartford, Clinton St areas.

**We have partnered with our school district through our parks program and by having our Village PD as SRO's in our school district.

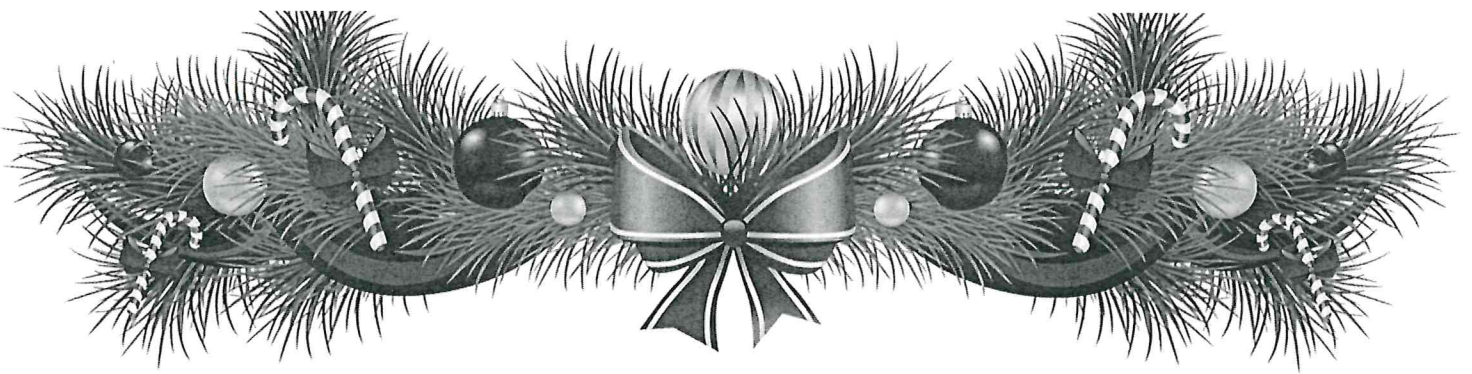
**We have brought several members of the village together by serving on various committees.

**We have upgraded our equipment and purchased new equipment in both the highway, police and fire departments without adding any additional taxes to our taxpayers.

**We have brought community events back through our letters to Santa and movie night in the park.

**We are addressing the long-standing codes issues through our codes committee and community beautification efforts.

**We have addressed several infrastructure and paving issues in the village.



**We have implemented a user-friendly website where residents can voice concerns directly to village officials.

**We have addressed public safety and backed our police department by signing a mutual aid agreement with our neighboring village Yorkville.

**We have saved taxpayer dollars by using shared services with our surrounding towns and villages.

**We have been approachable, visible and willing to listen to our village residents.

We look forward to next year. In the spring of 2022, we plan on breaking ground for our Elm and Main St. project, this project will help with flooding and ponding water in that area. We will also begin our LED lighting project in the spring, for safety purposes this will include a camera system that will cover the most widely traveled intersections and areas in our village. We have been working with Oneida County with their Main St initiative. We are seeking to get grant funds that will cover the costs of a village wide Main Street plan, Centennial Park, rehabilitation of sidewalks, improvements to curbs and crosswalks. We are hoping to receive our new fire truck and highway equipment by fall of 2022. Additionally, we will be celebrating the 100-year anniversary of our great village. I am so excited for our centennial celebration and want to thank all of our committee members for their dedication to make our 100th year special. I look forward to celebrating the past, present and future of our village.

I want to say how very impressed I am with our Village Police, Fire and Highway Departments. All these departments serve the village with pride. Our police department patrols 24/7, deescalates situations, builds relationships with village residents and provides public safety to us all. Our fire department ensures our village and other towns are covered if there is a fire, accident, or emergency/medical emergency. They are often times the first on the scene. Our highway department is out in all kinds of weather plowing roads, picking up garbage and recyclables. Our highway department ensures our village is kept clean and maintained. There is so much more that each of you do, I don't have room to list it all. I want to thank each one of you for all you do for our community.

In closing, it's the holiday season. I hope all of you get to spend quality time with family and friends. We have been through so much in the past couple years, it's important that we all take time to reflect, be thankful and cherish the time and memories we have with our loved ones. I hope to see all of you at our Christmas on Main St on December 10th. We have a nice evening planned that will include a sleigh ride, bonfire, hot cocoa and Christmas carols to name a few. If you just moved into the village, please send an email to clerk@nymills.com include your name and address. I would like to bring you a welcome pack and say hello. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to email me at mayortalerico@nymills.com or call the village office and leave a message. From my family to yours Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, we look forward to serving you in 2022.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy
Mayor Talerico



Come Spend a Fun Filled Holiday Evening with Us

On Friday December 10th from 6-8PM our Annual Christmas on Main Street will take place. It has been said that our Christmas on Main Street shows a sense of community, energy and holiday spirit.

6:00 PM - The Christmas Bonfire will be lit.

6:15 PM - Parade of Lights (Lighted Fire Trucks from local communities)

6:30 PM - Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree - New York Mills Optimist Club

Santa will arrive by a Horse Drawn Sleigh (the reindeer are at the North Pole preparing and resting up for Christmas) and will be in the pavilion.

Christine Jarvis from State Farm will be offering Pictures with Santa.

6:30 PM - NYM High School Choir performs around the fire.

7:00 PM - The NYM Band performs

6PM-8PM—Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides will be running continuously through the village

** This year we will be focusing on the needs of the veterans, we will be collecting non-perishable food items which will help to provide meals and supplies for the many, less fortunate veterans in our area. There will also be a donation box available for the collection of hats, scarves and gloves.*

Throughout the entire evening, several other events will be taking place:

* New York Mills Fire Dept. will be offering free popcorn and cocoa and will be monitoring the bonfire.

* New York Mills Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary will be handing out Christmas Items.

* We wish to thank all of the individuals, organizations and the Village of New York Mills who help make this event possible, along with Mr. Fred Griffiths for providing our sound system.

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New York Mills Police Department

Emergency—911

315-736-6623



As summer comes to an end, the NYMPD remains vigilant in maintaining the safety and security of the people and property of the Village of New York Mills by providing police protection 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We would like to remind residents to keep their vehicles locked at night to prevent overnight thefts. Our department would like to welcome our newest part-time officers, Officer Michael Inman and Officer Jeffrey Chase. Officer Inman recently completed his Phase II academy training along with his Field Training and he is now a certified police officer. Officer Chase comes to us with prior law enforcement training with the Village of Frankfort.

With winter weather approaching please be aware of the all-night parking restrictions regarding vehicles on public roads. No vehicles can be parked on public roadways between the hours of 2am and 6am. Please also pay attention to the alternate parking signs on Main St. Vehicles parked on public roadways or across sidewalks overnight can hinder plowing operations which may require them to be towed away.

We would like to thank Sergeant Lee Soja for his 20+ years of service with the NYMPD!

On behalf of all the members of the New York Mills Police Department, we would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year!

Chief Robert Frankland

New York Mills Highway Department

Mike Reid
Highway Superintendent

Mayor Ernie Talerico
Highway Commissioner

With winter fast approaching we would like to remind everyone that plowing across the roads and sidewalks is prohibited. If you have someone plowing your driveway, please advise them that they will be fined if they do this.

We have a new sidewalk snowblower coming this year but like everything else delivery has been delayed, so please be patient. As soon as it is in service, we will be out cleaning the sidewalks.

We have all new employees at the Highway Department all of which are working out well. If you see them, introduce yourself and let them know you appreciate the hard work they are doing for the village.

We are working on getting new equipment, but everything has been delayed due to CVOID.

Our phone number is (315) 736-3204 if you have any problems or concerns, please call. If we are not in the garage to answer, please leave a message and we will get back to you.

There will be no dumpster rentals for the months of November – February.

Please be courteous to the snow plows they are out to clean the roads for you.

The New York Mills Highway Department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



Fire Department News
Emergencies DIAL 911 Business Phone 736-1453

We responded to over 900 calls so far this year - THANK YOU to our volunteer NYMFD members for your service and dedication to our community – 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, 365 days/year. In addition to responding to emergency calls, we participate in community events including America's Heart Run and Walk, the Boilermaker Road Race, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation Run and a variety of fire-safety related activities. We are always looking for more members to help us. If you are interested in becoming a member or you want to know more about our fire department, please call our business phone at 315-736-1453. Membership applications are also available in the Village Clerks office.

As we move into the colder months, it is a good time to check your heating unit, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors for proper function. Electrical overloading is a leading cause of home fires so please you don't overload circuits when you decorate for Christmas. Also be sure to monitor the condition of your Christmas tree. Please follow our Facebook page for more safety information.

We can't help you if we can't locate you. Please double check the street numbers on your house or commercial building. Step out in front of your building after dark and check to see that your street number is clearly displayed and the numbers contrast with the color of the building. The numbers should be large enough to be seen from the street. Please contact our Codes Officer John Constas if you'd like more information.

Our fire department will help Santa tour the village, our Whitestown response area and New Hartford fire districts in December. Visit our Facebook page for more details.

Our annual fund drive letters were mailed recently. Please be generous – we use this money to support many of our projects such as Community Fire Prevention training and the NYM School After Prom party. We also purchase equipment such as our Autopulse automated CPR device. You can also support us – especially during the upcoming holiday season – by shopping through Amazon Smile. Make purchases at smile.amazon.com, choose the New York Mills Volunteer Fire Company Inc. as your charity and Amazon will donate to our fire department. Thanks for your support...!

PLEASE CALL 911 IF YOU NEED ANY TYPE OF ASSISTANCE. This includes emergencies and other issues such as flooding, smoke/carbon monoxide detector problems, and lift assists. The 911 dispatchers will determine what type of help is needed and will dispatch the necessary agencies IMMEDIATELY. Our business line is NOT designed for receiving calls for assistance and attempting to do so may result in unnecessary delays.

Have a Happy and SAFE Holiday Season!

Fire Chief Rick Ulinski and the Members
of the New York Mills Fire Department



Codes Department

The New York Mills Village Board understands that codes violations are an increasing concern of our community members. The lack of codes compliance promotes an unfavorable view of pride and dedication to our neighborhood. The beautification of the village overall will help deter the enticement of criminal activities. The maintenance of property promotes pride as well as making our village aesthetically appealing. Although some issues may seem insignificant, the lack of compliance and enforcement has proven to lead to larger issues. Over the last few years, the Village of New York Mills has attracted many absentee landlords who do not maintain their properties. We are committed to holding them accountable.

In order to rectify the increasing break down of our respected community, Village Officials have decided to undertake a strong effort to address the codes issues within the village. We have put together a Codes Committee to advise and assist our Codes Officers with this initiative. I would like to thank the following committee members for their dedication and commitment to raising the standards in our village: Mark Kulpa, Dave Piekieniak, Chief Rob Frankland, Chief Rick Ulinski, Codes Enforcement Officer John Constas and Codes Enforcement Officer Tim Carey.

Our Codes Enforcement Officers are monitoring properties street by street to identify any codes violations visible from the roadway.

Violators are given a notice, with 30 days to remedy the violation. If the violation is not corrected after 30 days, an appearance ticket will be issued, and the violator can be fined up to \$250 per day as determined by the Village of New York Mills Court.

Common codes violations are as follows:

- Accumulation of rubbish and garbage on the property
- Unregistered / Abandoned Vehicles on the property
- Premises ID Address numbers not visible from the roadway
- Exterior siding / doors / windows maintained in poor condition
- Foundation walls maintained in poor condition
- Exterior porches / decks / stairs in unsafe conditions – missing steps, boards etc....
- Uncut grass and overgrown weeds and bushes
- Building Permits not displayed during renovations

Tenants should notify their landlords immediately and inform them of codes violations that they are aware of.

Please don't hesitate to call the office at 315 736-9212 if you have any questions or concerns that require codes enforcement to investigate.

As residents, we should all take pride in our community. We are raising our standards to maintain the quality of life in the village. Higher standards are meant to be restorative, not punitive. Understand that this is a process and all of our codes concerns will not get resolved swiftly. By coming together as a community and making a commitment to enhance the tranquility of our neighborhoods, we can ensure that New York Mills will be an exceptional place to live.

Trustee John Edwards



LETTERS TO SANTA

Hooray! Christmas on Main Street is BACKKK. Once again we have received permission from Old St Nick himself to use our "special" mailbox for all of you to mail your letters to Santa. It will be placed at the Pulaski Park right near the gazebo on December 5th. Just look for the giant blow up Santa!

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Merry Christmas



Parks and Recreation

I'm pleased to announce that we successfully enhanced our Summer Program. This year's program occurred with the collaboration of the Villages of New York Mills, Yorkville and New York Mills Union Free School District. Safety and oversight have been a large concern for us and we were able to provide a safe, fun program for our youth by moving the program to the school. The program was much different than previous years and I was impressed with the increased participation. It was challenging to start our first year at the school while the playground was being renovated. It has always been our goal to keep the children engaged in positive, meaningful activities that promote positive life choices. Our partnership with the school and the use of the facilities has made this possible. I anticipate an even greater number of children will enroll for the 2022 Summer Program. Special thanks to our School Superintendent Joanne Shelmidine and Yorkville Parks Commissioner Adam Sassone for supporting this partnership that provides a wonderful opportunity for the children in our community.

We continued with our tradition of Tuesday Night Concerts and offered a diverse venue to appeal to all residents. We had our first Movie Night at Pulaski Park and it was a fun night with plenty of refreshments and fireworks during the intermission. Thanks to all that participated and made the event a success. We will continue to look for ways to expand and improve this event and encourage our residents to come join the fun.

Now with the holidays approaching it is time to prepare for "Christmas on Main Street". This is a wonderful tradition in our village that has brought friends and neighbors together to celebrate for the past several years. This event will be held on December 10th from 6:00 till 8:00 PM. Please read the enclosed flyer for details and our schedule of activities.

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.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Trustee John Edwards
Parks Commissioner



New York Mills Senior Center

Well.... Winter is creeping up on us, now that Fall is gone. We are now taking new memberships for the center for 2022, the cost is only \$5.00 a year. We have paper bingo every Tuesday, we meet around 10AM for socializing and card playing. The Meeting starts at 12:30PM and there is always a 50/50 raffle tickets at the door. Sorry to say we don't have any trips planned yet due to the fact that some places have not opened to full capacity, and also a bus driver shortage. We still have fun and the center when we get together every Tuesday. We also have a birthday goodie day the first of the month for everyone and the birthday people get their donuts FREE. Come and join the fun.

Kathleen Brown

New York Mills Senior Director

Library News

Hours: Monday - Friday 12 noon - 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Telephone: 315-736-5391 Email: newyorkmills@midyork.org

Website: newyorkmillslibrary.org

Website: newyorkmillslibrary.org with link to our Facebook page

The library organized 4 Zoomobile visits and 5 yoga classes for the Village Parks Program this summer. Fifteen to 22 children participated in each session. We gave away over 30 age appropriate yoga books. Those titles and others are available at the library—come in and check them out! Nine children participated in the book bingo reading activity.

We are sad to report that our library board president, Mrs. Philomena Nowakowski, passed away in September. Phil was a long time library supporter who served on our board diligently and with kindness. We miss her.

The library needs new board members on a regular basis. Our bylaws specify 5 members, serving 5 year terms on a rotating basis, with a limit of 2 terms. Currently we have 2 vacancies. Please consider contributing to the community by serving on our library board. The time commitment is a few hours a month. The library is a municipal library with board members appointed by village officials. It is supported by the village administration, which is an advantage for municipal libraries. For more information, contact Amy Topor at the village or Diane Berry at the library.

This year New York State added new requirements for public libraries, most of which depend on the new requirement of a long term plan. The basis for this plan is community input into the roles and activities of the library. Currently our library roles are to lend materials, with an emphasis on fiction, provide computer and Internet access and assistance, provide access to region wide materials and online resources through membership in the Mid-York Library System, and provide summer reading programming. There are additional roles the library could take on, depending on what the community wants and what resources could be developed. What roles would you like the library to take on? What activities? Please provide input by your method of choice: email, Contact us link on the website, mail or drop off a note or letter or talk to a board member or library staff. Look for the long term plan to be posted on our website in December.

Centennial Committee News:

The Centennial Committee has been hard at work planning a celebration highlighting the heritage and pride in our village.

Some highlights include:

- A Centennial Celebration Calendar with photos from our village, then and now. They are available for \$10 each at the village office beginning December 2nd
- Included in this newsletter is also an application for a Celebration Banner that will line Main Street in New York Mills commemorating our 100-year anniversary. Please review the insert to purchase a custom banner.

SAVE THE DATES—On **March 29, 2022**, there will be a bell ringing ceremony beginning at 10 AM at the village bell next to the firehouse. It will be rung 10 times on the hour until 7 PM. The 100 chimes of the bell will celebrate the 100 years of our village. Should there be inclement weather, the bell ringing ceremony will be April 4, 2022.

On **July 9, 2022**, there will be FUN, FOOD, FRIENDSHIP as well as ENTERTAINMENT and FIREWORKS from 5:00pm until dusk, celebrating our centennial.

More information will follow with details in the June 2022 newsletter.

Lastly, the committee has been working with the Mayor and Village Board, as well as a grant writer to dedicate our newly founded Centennial Park, located across from the firehouse on Main Street. We look forward to celebrating with you.



Merry Christmas ~ If you or someone you know needs help this holiday season please call the Village Office and we will be sure to lend a hand.

Village Resident
New York Mills, NY 13417

Village of New York Mills
1 Maple Street
New York Mills, NY 13417

ATTENTION NEW YORK MILLS PROPERTY OWNER

The Village of New York Mills is preparing to apply for various grants to assist residents maintain their homes and businesses. Please complete this form and return to the village office as soon as possible. You can return it during regular business hours, 9am to 4pm, Monday through Friday, or place in in the court drop box on the front side of the building near the doors.

Your feedback is vitally important for the Village as we seek grant funds.

Please answer the following questions and return this form to the village office.

What is the address of your property? _____

Is your property a single-family residence? Yes or No (circle one)

If not, how many housing and/or commercial units does your property contain?

Number of Residential units: _____

Number of Commercial units: _____

Do you operate a business or rent to a business at your property? Yes or No (Circle one)

How is the electrical system in your building? Good, Fair, Needs Updating. (Circle one)

How is the plumbing system in your building? Good, Fair, Needs Updating. (Circle one)

Is your building fully insulated? Yes or No (Circle one)

What is the approximate age of your central heating system? _____

What is the interior condition of your home (walls, ceilings, floors, windows)? Good, Fair, Needs Updating (Circle one)

What is the condition of your porches and stairs? Good, Fair, Needs Updating. (Circle one)

Are there any special repair needs inside your home you would like to tell us about?

What is the condition of your roof? Good, Fair, Needs Updating. (Circle one)

What is the condition of your siding? Good, Fair, Needs Updating. (Circle one)

What is the condition of your chimney or chimneys? Good, Fair, Needs Updating. (Circle one)

Do you have storm windows and doors? Yes or No, or Partial (Circle one)

Please use this space to tell us about any concerns you have about your home, neighborhood or other issues you wish to bring to our attention:

Thank you for your time and assistance!!!

PLEASE COMPLETE SURVEY AND RETURN IT TO :

**Village Clerk
1 Maple Street
New York Mills, NY 13417**

or

Leave in Drop Box in front of building

or

Turn into Village Clerk Monday-Friday 9-4PM

Thank you!!



Kids of all ages

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