



*Celebrating 100 Years — 1921 - 2021*

# The Village of Orchard Park



Annual Newsletter — May 2022

OrchardParkVillage.org

## The Village of Orchard Park Kicks Off Its Second Century in Style



On Friday, November 26, 2021, more than eighty Orchard Park supporters gathered at the Orchard Park Country Club to celebrate the Village's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Incorporation. It was a truly memorable way to honor the past and look toward the future.

2022 will see a full slate of activities in the Village, including the Memorial Day and Independence Day parades, sixteen concerts at the Quaker Arts Pavilion, the Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Orchard Park, the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Club Car Show, the Village's Summer in the Park (Ice Cream Social and Street Dance), and Holiday in the Park.

We welcome Dale Pyne to the Board of Trustees, as he fills the vacancy left from James Cosgrove's appointment to Orchard Park Village Justice. We wish both much success in their new roles.

The Village has introduced a new recycling program from Waste Management called *At Your Door Special Collection*®. You will now be able to arrange pickup of unwanted automotive products, garden chemicals, paint products, household chemicals, electronics, mercury-containing items, and swimming pool chemicals directly from your home.

The Department of Public Works has several major projects lined up for this year, including replacing water lines on Argyle and Allen, as well as road work on Hillside, Elmhurst, South Shore, and West Highland.

We encourage you to visit the Village website (OrchardParkVillage.org) for answers to many of your Village-related questions.

Thank you for your continued support. It is our pleasure to serve you!



Mayor Jo Ann Litwin Clinton

## The Village of Orchard Park Board of Trustees and Staff

### Jo Ann Litwin Clinton, Mayor

- Chief Fiscal Officer
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- Insurance
- Town Board Liaison

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- Public Works
- Street Lights, Sidewalks, and Signals
- Public Safety

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- Senior Projects
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- Town Tree Conservancy Liaison
- WNY Railway Restoration Project
- Rails to Trails Liaison

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- Solid Waste & Recycling
- Revenue From Outside the Village
- Policy and Procedure Review
- Planning Board Liaison
- NYSEG

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- Zoning Board Liaison
- Building Department Liaison
- Village Code Review
- Website Review
- Youth Court / Youth Liaison



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Village Board meetings are held most 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month at 7:00 PM. Please visit our website for details.

## Department of Public Works — 716-662-3866

The return of warmer weather lets the DPW focus on a full slate of infrastructure and roadway improvements.

In 2021, our major project was replacing the water line and paving of Carrow Street and Lockwood Lane and upgrading Orchard Terrace.

This year we will be replacing the water lines on Argyle Place and Allen Lane. Repaving and patching will take place on Hillside Drive, Elmhurst Drive, South Shore Drive, and W. Highland Avenue

Together with the Orchard Park Garden Club, we will be planting and maintaining the hanging baskets and flower boxes. This program is funded through the generous donations of local businesses and residents.

Your tax dollars have been used to purchase a new and improved sidewalk plow to help ensure clear, safe walkways for our residents.

Please remember the Village restricts on-street parking between November 1 and April 1 to provide snow plowing services.

Water distribution is one of our most important responsibilities. 14.5 miles of pipe supply safe drinking water to our residents 365 days a year. The DPW employs seven individuals, most of whom maintain a Class D Water license with New York State. We are available 24/7 and can be contacted at 716-662-3866. After hours, please contact the Orchard Park Police at 716-662-6444. They will alert the appropriate personnel. The annual water quality report can be downloaded from the Village website at *Departments / Water Quality*.

We also handle curbside collection of brush and leaves, and make sure the roads are kept clear throughout the winter.

We strive to improve our levels of service and welcome all of your feedback. Please contact us with your thoughts so that we may advance the department.



## Garbage and Recycling — 716-496-5000

Waste Management provides garbage and recycling collection for all one, two, and three family homes in the Village. All garbage/trash must be contained in Village provided carts. If you have additional trash that cannot fit, garbage tags can be purchased in the Village Office.

Garbage and recycling guidelines can be found on the Village website or picked up at the Village Office.

**Collection day is Friday.** All refuse and recycling must be within five feet of the roadside by 6:30 AM. Bulk items will be collected the first Friday of every month (two item limit). Tags can be purchased in the Village office for additional bulk items. Waste Management observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day; collection will be on Saturday that week, **unless the holiday falls on a Sunday!**

Recycling will be collected every other Friday. Additional recycle carts are available at no charge – please call the Village Office. The carts should be placed 4 ft. from any obstacles such as other carts and mailboxes. Important recycling information and schedules are available in the Village Office or on our website.



## Village Water Bills

Most Village homes are serviced through the Village Water Department. Quarterly bills typically arrive in early January, April, July, and October. Payment is due approximately 30 days after the mail date. Visit our website under *Departments / Water Quality*.



## Annual Water Quality Report

In compliance with state and federal regulations, the **Annual Water Quality Report** is attached. More information and an electronic version is available on the Village website under *Departments / Water Quality*, or at **ECWA.org**.

## 2022 Village of Orchard Park Calendar of Events

- Annual Memorial Day Parade ..... Monday, May 30
- Annual Independence Day Parade ..... Monday, July 4
- Shakespeare in the Park (at the Middle School) ..... Thursday, July 21
- Boys of Summer Pavilion Concert ..... Sunday, July 24
- Orchard Park Police Open House and D.A.R.E. Hot Dog Cookout. .... Tuesday, July 26
- 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Orchard Park ..... Wednesday, July 27
- Ice Cream Social at the Pavilion (Summer in the Park) ..... Friday, July 29
- 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Club Classic Car Show and Cruise ..... Saturday, July 30
- Annual Street Dance (Summer in the Park) ..... Saturday, July 30
- Holiday in the Park ..... Saturday, December 3



## Great News for Disposing Hazardous Items!



The Village has contracted with Waste Management to provide home collection of hazardous products ...

- **Automotive Products:** Antifreeze, batteries, fluids, waxes, motor oil, oil filters, fuels, upholstery cleaner, gasoline, etc.
- **Garden Chemicals:** Fertilizers, insect sprays, herbicides, pesticides, and weed killers
- **Paint Products:** Paint, glue, caulk, spray paint, stripper, stain, thinner, wood preservative, and more
- **Household Chemicals:** Ammonia, bleach, cleansers, tile cleaner, drain cleaner, rust remover, and more
- **Electronics:** Computers, monitors, TVs, keyboards, DVD/CD players, cell phones, microwaves, tape players, VCRs, printers, fax machines, gaming consoles, etc.
- **Mercury-containing Items:** Compact fluorescent lamps and tubes, thermometers, and more
- **Swimming Pool Chemicals:** Tablets and liquids

Simply schedule a home collection appointment through the At Your Door Special Collection® service. It's easy and convenient to properly dispose of these items.

For a complete list of acceptable items, program guidelines, or to schedule a convenient home collection, visit **WMAYourDoor.com** or call **1-800-449-7587**.



## Building Department — 716-662-9327

To protect all residents and property owners, building permits are required to assure compliance with the NYS Fire Prevention and Uniform Building Code, as well as the Village of Orchard Park Municipal Code.

Everything you need to know about Village permits and inspections, can be found on our website under *Departments / Code Enforcement*.



## Beautification

Anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible donation to Beautify Orchard Park II (BOP II) may do so through the Village Office. Your generous contributions make it possible to hang baskets and plant flowers.

## Village Planning Board

The volunteer Village Planning Board reviews permit applications in residential and non-residential zones, and provides referrals to the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as any other permits or matters referred by the Code Enforcement Officer or the Village Board. All permit applications must be submitted to the Village Office no later than noon on the Wednesday before the next Tuesday meeting. Contact information and meeting minutes can be found on our website under *Departments / Planning Board*.



## Zoning Board of Appeals

When permit applications are submitted, the Village Code Enforcement Officer reviews them to determine if variances to the Village's Municipal Code are required. The application is then reviewed by the Village Planning Board. If the Planning Board determines a variance is required, the applicant completes a Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) application. A public hearing is then scheduled. Schedules are published in the Orchard Park Bee and notices are sent to all property owners within 200' of the subject property.

At the public hearing the volunteer ZBA board members review the application and interested parties are given the opportunity to express concerns. The ZBA follows specific criteria for granting any variance and then votes on the requested variance.

Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday after the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM as needed. Please follow Planning Board submittal requirements. Contact information and meeting minutes can be found on our website under *Departments / Zoning Board of Appeals*.



## Selling a House in the Village?

A sewer inspection must be completed for any property changing ownership in the Village of Orchard Park. The cost of the inspection is \$75.00, payable to "Village of Orchard Park." Please contact the Village Office when selling a house and we will contact Erie County Division of Sewerage Management to schedule the inspection. Once completed, we will issue a Certificate of Compliance.



## Police—Fire—Emergency: Call 911

NON-EMERGENCY 716-662-6444

The police station is located in the back of the Municipal Center. Police officers and detectives, led by Chief Patrick Fitzgerald are always on duty. An enhanced 911 emergency calling system helps locate the origin of any call received. The appropriate first responders are then dispatched.

## Emergency Management

Be smart. Take Part. Create your *Family Emergency Communication Plan*. Creating your plan starts with one simple question: “What if?”

“What if something happens and I’m not with my family?” “Will I be able to reach them?” “How will I know they are safe?” “How can I let them know I’m OK?” During a disaster, you will need to communicate with your family.

Communication networks, such as mobile phones and computers, could be unreliable during disasters, and electricity could be disrupted. Planning in advance will help ensure that all the members of your household – including children, people with disabilities, and others with access and functional needs, as well as outside caregivers – know how to reach each other and where to meet up in the event of an emergency.

Planning starts with three easy steps:

1. Collect Information
2. Share Information
3. Practice your communication plan

Visit [Ready.gov/make-a-plan](https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan) for more information.



## Driveway Plowing and Sidewalk Safety

Snow plowing contractors will be required to have a permit to operate in the Village beginning this year.

Village residents and/or property owners must not permit snow from private property to be placed or stored on a Village Right of Way (R. O. W.) or street. Recently the DPW has had to remove snow placed in the R. O. W. in order for the street to be properly plowed. Going forward, this expense may be charged to the property owner. Property owners will be given an opportunity to remove the snow immediately. If the snow is not removed, the cost of removal will be billed to the property owner. Property owners are encouraged to discuss this with their contractor.

The R. O. W. includes sidewalks and extends beyond the street pavement. Sidewalks are also required to be cleared and unobstructed from snow or ice.

The law provides that sidewalks must be maintained in a safe condition and that responsibility for any needed repairs can rest with the owner of property that adjoins the sidewalk. If the Village receives notice that a sidewalk is unsafe, the Village will undertake an inspection of the sidewalk and will then notify the property owner of the needed repairs and a timetable for the repairs. If the repairs are not undertaken, the Village may perform the repairs and assess the cost to the adjoining property owner.

*This newsletter is enclosed with your Village Tax Bill  
“by order of the Orchard Park Village Board of Trustees.”*

## Village Justice Court — 716-662-6415

The Village Court is in session the first Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM in the court room of the Municipal Center. Visit our website under *Departments / Legal*.



## Useful Numbers

- Post Office — 60 School Street 716-662-4110
- Public Library — Highland & S. Buffalo 716-662-9851
- Recreation (Yates Park Shelter Rentals) 716-662-6450
- Chestnut Ridge Park 716-662-3290
- Chestnut Ridge Shelter Rentals 716-858-8355

### Senior Citizens

- Community Activity Center 716-662-6452
- FeedMore WNY 716-822-2002
- Senior Citizen Van 716-662-8378
- Senior Nutrition (option 3, Kitchen Mgr.) 716-662-6452

### Youth Services

- Boys & Girls Club 716-662-1941
- Town Recreation 716-662-6450
- YMCA (1620 Southwestern Blvd.) 716-674-9622

### Orchard Park Central Schools

- General Information 716-209-6200  
*2240 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca*
- South Davis Elementary 716-209-6246  
*55 South Davis Street*
- Eggert Elementary 716-209-6215  
*3580 Eggert Road*
- Ellicott Elementary 716-209-6278  
*5180 Ellicott Road*
- Windom Elementary 716-209-6279  
*3870 Sheldon Road*
- Orchard Park Middle School 716-209-6220  
*3580 Eggert Road*
- Orchard Park High School 716-209-6242  
*4040 Baker Road*
- Community Education 716-209-6295  
*2240 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca*

### Utilities

- Water Village of Orchard Park 716-662-9327
- Sewer Erie County 716-823-8188
- Electric NYSEG (Service) 800-572-1111  
NYSEG (Outages) 800-572-1131
- Gas National Fuel (Service) 716-686-6123  
National Fuel (Emergency) 800-444-3130