

Town of Murray Quarterly Newsletter

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Supervisor's Corner

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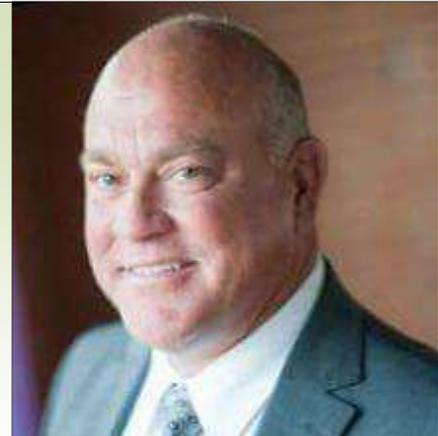
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*** Jump right in, the water's fine! We've all heard it. Well, I did just that. January came, and I am getting situated in the office formerly occupied by John Morriss, and things are going "swimmingly." Many thanks to John for the outstanding work he did in helping me prepare, and for the fine condition of the Town of Murray as he smiled all the way out the door!

The beginning of the year is busy time. First up was our Organizational Meeting, this is where we set the nuts and bolts of the Town's operations for the whole year. Designation of appointments, salaries, obligations of Board Members, etc. We are continuing to work with other County agencies on the issues of Shared Services to reduce expenses County-wide. The people currently working at the town have become like a family to me, and we all work well together!

Since taking office, I have tried to familiarize myself with every aspect of town operations, not just the day-to-day office details. I responded to a late afternoon water main break, which went long into the morning hours due to the size of the break. I witnessed firsthand the hard work and dedication of the Highway/Water Department, and how they work with other municipalities to share valuable resources and services. I went on the early morning snowplow run with the Highway Crew, who start their days at 4:00 A.M. so we can get to work safely.

During my campaign, I came to know a great many more of you, and heard your concerns for our community. I came to know a community engaged like few others, with a variety of interests, qualities, and ideas to make Murray even better.



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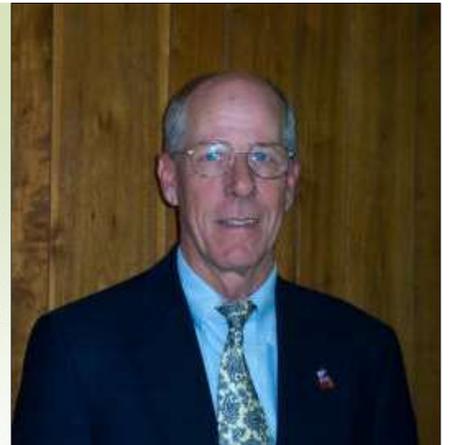
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I strongly encourage you to attend our Town Board meetings, they are the second Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise scheduled on our town website.

One of the promises I made during my campaign was to attempt to keep the people informed of what is going on in their town. This newsletter is the fulfillment of that promise. Look for them every quarter!

Highway/Water Department



**Ed Morgan, Highway Superintendent
Water Superintendent**

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*** Last fall, and continuing into the future, saw some major benefits from our new water district monitoring system.

The **BEACON Advanced Metering** system reads the master meters every 6 hours. It indicates the daily flows, and allows users to set parameters to alert for high flows that often indicate leaks or even firefighting operations.

A major leak was discovered and repaired in the system north of the canal. Being in a residential line, and near the canal and the quarries, it only showed up and was isolated when the loss was recognized by the new monitoring system.

The system can break down flow by hour and minute, and has already proven its worth in leak detection. By measuring consumption, the system allows for isolation of issues, and reliable forecasting of water usage for the projection of future needs.

The **Annual Water Quality Report** will be posted on the Town of Murray website on May 31st, or you can pick up a copy at the Town Clerks Office after that date.

Assessors Office

Lynn Wood, Assessor
Louise Passarell, Assistant Assessor



**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
and Tuesday 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

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*** The assessors have been checking new property improvements and structures, such as garages, decks, porches, additions, and new houses. If the improvement is finished, an increase in assessed value can be expected, if the improvement is still unfinished, a partial increase can be expected.

Change of assessment notices will be sent, indicating the value added for the improvement, around May 1, 2018.

Property owners that have questions regarding the assessment changes will have the opportunity to schedule an informal meeting with the Assessor to discuss their concerns. The change notices will state the schedule for informal meetings. If after the informal meeting, you, the property owner is not satisfied with the value of the property improvement, you have the right to file a formal review of your assessment with the Board of Review.

The BAR will meet on May 22, 2018, in the Assessor's Office at 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon, and at 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. A completed application, "Contesting Your Assessment in New York State" is necessary. The application is available in the Assessor's Office for pick-up.

Our function is to ensure the fair and equitable assessment of property to help determine the appropriate taxes. We are happy to assist our clients in filing their Agricultural, STAR, or any other exemptions allowed by law. The Assessors are here to help you, answer your questions, and create a better understanding of what we do.

Town Clerks Office

Cindy Oliver, Town Clerk
Valerie Mauro, Deputy Town Clerk



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Tax collection is under way and a few things to note for those who may be unaware. The Town Clerk's office can now accept partial payments on your property tax bill. Property owners can make payments between January 1st and April 30th as long as the payments are a minimum of \$200.00. Property taxes can be paid at the Town Clerk's office until April 30th. After that date, any unpaid taxes must be paid at the County Treasurer's office.

Modern Corporation's recycle and waste collection schedule for 2018 is on the Town Clerk page of the Town's website along with other important information: www.townofmurray.org For those in need, we have recycling bins available at the Town Hall, the cost is \$7.00.

The Town of Murray is one of three drop off locations in Orleans County for electronic waste. This includes televisions, computers, printers, and microwaves that cannot be put at the roadside for regular trash collection. For a full list of items accepted, go to the home page of the town's website.

As always, I am available to any resident who may need assistance but cannot make it into the office during regular hours. Give me a call at (585) 638-6570 ext. 100 and we can set up a time to meet that is more convenient for you.

Town Justice Court

Hon. Gary Passarell, Town Justice

Hon. Theodore Spada, Town Justice

The Town of Murray Town Justices perform a wide variety of duties as prescribed by law.

They hold court hearing cases ranging from violations to misdemeanors, to felonies.

They also hear small claims cases, often dealing with subjects including landlord / tenant disputes, property disputes, even perform weddings!

Town Justices are elected to four year terms. Most towns have two judges that preside over their courts. Town justices take turns as the "on-call" judge, where they are available to conduct arraignments on a 24 hour / 7 days per week basis.

Town courts are local courts with jurisdiction over all criminal and traffic matters arising within their borders. They have jurisdiction over civil matters up to \$3,000.

Town Justices annually apply and generally receive New York State Judicial Grants, applications are sent in the spring with the grants if issued, are in the fall. Grants have been used to secure computers, software, copier/facsimile/scanner, a shredder, robes, etc. In 2011 and 2012, the court has secured JCAP grants for court furniture, chamber's furniture, computers, printers/fax, Judge's bench enhancements, and other items for the new court facility. Twice each year, Justices are required to attend Advanced Judicial Training and pass an exam.

The court also assists high school students from Albion, Holley and Kendall with their attendance during court sessions for credit toward a Participation in Government course.



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