

Town of Murray Quarterly Newsletter

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Supervisor's Corner

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It has been a busy, but rewarding first year for me. I have spent the time getting to know all the staff and their duties here at the town building, learning all the bureaucratic compliance issues faced by the office of Supervisor, and enjoying every minute of working with such a fine group of people, whose first instinct is always to do things for the good of the community.

It has not entirely been a smooth ride, but I have found in life that there is no challenge or hardship that cannot be overcome! We have had our moments both happy and sad. We lost Councilperson Ed Bower in May, then, on a more personal note, I lost my only sister in June. While we do not forget these people in our life, the world continues to spin. We carry on, as if they are watching over us, and hopefully they approve of the job we are doing.

I am proud we have been able to institute this newsletter, which is quite a team effort. Together, we developed a program to welcome newcomers to our community, and work to continue the same quality of service the citizens of Murray have come to expect, while keeping our budget well below the tax cap.

I have had the opportunity to witness other Town Board and County meetings, and am glad to say I think we do a pretty good job here. We try to balance getting the work of the Town done, while listening to our citizens. It is our hope that you appreciate the efforts to make your town government as open and accessible as it can be. As always, if you have a question, I am in my office most days or just a phone call away.

Doubtless, the New Year will present even greater challenges! I, however, am confident we have the resources, the personnel, and the courage to handle whatever presents itself!

Here's to a great 2019!



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SUPERVISOR – Continued

Our new **Welcome Home to Murray** packages are being delivered to new residents! Thank you to all the local merchants who chose to participate! **If you wish to have your business information included, along with coupons for goods and services, email info to wh2murray@gmail.com.**

Highway/Water Department

Ed Morgan, Highway Superintendent Water Superintendent

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Please remember that there is no parking allowed along the road in the winter, between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. This will allow our plow trucks to clear the roads properly and safely. **SNOW REMOVAL: FACTS AND TIPS:** We have contracts with Orleans County and NYS DOT to plow all roads within the Town of Murray, with the exception of Route 104 & Route 31, which are plowed by NYS DOT. Street safety is the Town of Murray Highway Department's primary concern during the winter months. The Highway Department treats the pavement and removes snow whenever road conditions call for these services. Residents should remember that all snow removal operations are essentially performed under emergency conditions. Our drivers work hard to ensure safe and effective snow removal. Please help the Department by following the Snow Emergency Tips and Reminders listed below:

- The Town of Murray has about 55 road miles to maintain. Each road requires at least 2 passes of the plow, adding up to more than 110 lane miles to plow.
- It may take 3 to 4 hours to complete a typical plow route. Accumulations will occur during this time— we ask that residents please be patient.
- Please do not place garbage and recycling containers in the street. Objects in the street are the biggest deterrent to efficient plowing operations. Remove all items from the Town right of way.
- Never pass a snowplow.
- Never assume the snowplow drivers can see you. Stay at least three (3) car lengths behind the truck. If you cannot see the driver in his mirrors, then he cannot see you either.
- Be aware that snowplows will on occasion backup up at intersections.

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- If you, or your contractor, use a snowplow to clear your driveway, do not push the snow into or across the road as this is dangerous to motorists and it is illegal.
- Consider shoveling around any fire hydrant in your neighborhood to clear it of snow.
- Please reduce your speed while driving in snow and ice conditions. Speed is the #1 cause of most accidents during the winter.

MAILBOXES: The Highway Department asks that residents keep their mailboxes and posts in good condition and structurally sound throughout the year. Mailboxes that are neglected will surely be affected by our plows due to the heavy snow from our wing plows. Our drivers take extra measures to avoid mailboxes, but sometimes weather conditions restrict the driver's ability to avoid them. If your mailbox is damaged during snow removal, a post/stake and a standard size metal mailbox are the only replacements, regardless of what you had previously installed. The highway crew will repair or replace any mailbox they hit directly, to serviceable condition, not necessarily a new mailbox. We do not replace posts that are rotted and or not sound.

****If you see an area of your yard that is very green or unusually wet, please call the office at 638-8507, ext.103 and we will check to see if there is a leak. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!**

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**

Phone: 638-6570 ex. 106, Fax: 638-0676,

E-mail: assessor@townofmurray.org

Preparations for the 2019 reassessments are in progress.

Why do we need reassessments?

The fairness, or equity, of the real property tax depends on whether similar properties are treated alike. Since 1982, Section 305 of the Real Property Tax Law has required the use of “uniform percentage” as the basis of assessing in New York State. This means that each assessing unit (city, town, and village) chooses the percentage of

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market value to be used as the assessment standard, and this percentage must apply uniformly among all properties within its boundaries. In all of Orleans County, the percentage of market value is 100%. For the last two years, property has been selling for considerably more than the assessed value. When this happens, our equalization rate drops below 100%, and inequity of similar properties takes place. The terms reassessment, revaluation, and update are synonymous.

What is accomplished with reassessment?

- *Produces equity by eliminating unfair assessments
- *Provides defensible data and assessments
- *Increases taxpayer confidence and understanding
- What reassessment does not accomplish
- *Generate additional revenue
- *Prevent tax shifts
- *Compensate taxpayers for prior inequities

Do you know your market value?

- *Get a reasonable estimate of the market value of your property.
- *List of recent sales and photographs are available at the Assessor's Office.
- *Look at the property insert in the newspaper, real estate ads, and web-sites.

Any questions, please contact your Assessor's Office.

Town Clerks Office

Cindy Oliver, Town Clerk
Valerie Mauro, Deputy Town Clerk



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Tax Collection is well under way so the Town Clerk's office has been very busy. Our office will collect taxes until April 30th.

- For tax payments received or postmarked by January 31st, there is no penalty.

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- For payments received in February there is a 1% penalty, March 2% and April 3%.
- For those interested, there is an online tax portal on the Town Clerk's web page where you can view your tax bill.
- Remember we also accept partial payments of taxes and there is no limit of payments a property owner can make.

Our office is open every Saturday from 9:00 AM until noon for those who cannot make it into the office on a week day. Some of the services the Town Clerk's office offers are:

- Handicap parking permits
- Dog licenses
- Water bill payments
- Marriage licenses
- Certified copies of marriage, birth or death
- Tax collection
- Notary public
- Sporting licenses
- Genealogy searches

If you need services and are not able to come to the office during regular hours, please feel free to contact me and we can set up a time that is more convenient for you.

Any questions you may have, please call me at (585)638-6570, ext. 100 or clerk@townofmurray.org.

- **Please be advised that our recyclables are collected EVERY OTHER WEEK. On Page 6 (next page) is a 2019 Garbage/Recycle schedule. Town of Murray residents are on Week A **

Visit our website for other links and useful information about your Town and Community! Most information and commonly asked questions can be found there!

<http://townofmurray.org>


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Recycling & Waste Collection 2019

**Every
Other Week
Recycling
Collection**

 **Week A**
Recycling

 **Week B**
Recycling

 **Holiday**—no collection, pick up for the rest of week will be delayed by one day

2019 Holidays

New Year's Day
January 1

Memorial Day
May 27

Independence Day
July 4

Labor Day
September 2

Thanksgiving Day
November 28

Christmas Day
December 25

January 2019

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