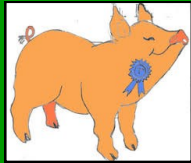


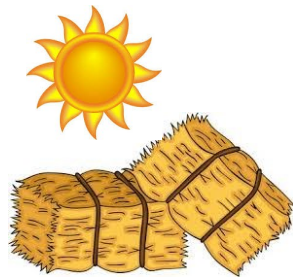
Town Talk



Issue 93

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY 13903

Summer 2019



hello
summer



Elizabeth Rounds, Town Supervisor
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Thanks to all the residents who participated in our "Municipal Cleanup Days" in June. Annually, the Broome County landfill provides all County municipalities the opportunity to dispose of certain items at no cost to the towns, and this is the first time in eight years the Town of Binghamton participated. The response by our residents was awesome. More than 150 residents participated over two days, and we had over 400 TVs dropped off and 16 tons of "stuff" taken to the landfill! Many residents appreciated the opportunity to do a little Spring cleaning. The Town Board and I would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to the Highway Department, the Building and Grounds Department, Becky Smith, and a special thanks to Nadine who took all of the residents' calls and scheduled the pickups. Please look forward to this becoming an annual event.

As most of you know, the Town was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) back in January. The grant gives the Town the funds to help qualified residents improve their homes. The process is moving along, and we are now ready to start accepting new applications and will be contacting residents who have already filled out an application. There is an informational flyer at the Town Hall and information has also been posted on our new and improved website.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Dog Control Officer Kim Gulick. The Town of Binghamton and the Town of Conklin share Kim, and she is doing a great job for both municipalities. We also have a new Town Judge, the Honorable Gregory P. Thomas. Judge Thomas is an interim Judge until the first of the year. We would like to welcome both Kim and Judge Thomas to our team.

It's hard to believe that I have been in office for over six months, and I can unequivocally say that I have enjoyed every minute (even the most challenging moments). As always, please don't ever hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Happy Summer!

Elizabeth Rounds



From the Office of Code Enforcement - Nick Pappas - 772-0357, x 12**ALL DOOR TO DOOR SALESMEN REQUIRE A SOLICITOR'S PERMIT**

I've already received some calls this summer from residents complaining about a door-to-door salesman selling educational books. This particular salesman, "Derek", does have a permit, but often times they don't. Here are the rules: Salesmen (and saleswomen) are required to obtain a solicitor's permit before selling. Permits are issued through my office at the Town Hall. **If salespeople come to your door, you have the right to ask to see the permit that they are required to carry.** If they tell you they don't need one, you can tell them that they DO and send them over to the Town Hall where I will gladly issue all of the necessary paperwork. Always try to get the company name, license plate number, make and model of the vehicle, color of vehicle, and any other information you feel would be helpful in tracking them down. Your safety is our primary concern.

**TOWN CLERK'S CORNER**

Vickie Conklin, Town Clerk - 772-0357, ext. 26
Paula Edwards, Deputy Clerk - 772-0357, ext. 23



... that couples can purchase a marriage license from a City or Town Clerk's Office in any municipality in the State of New York regardless of where in the State the couple plans to marry?

To purchase a marriage license, both parties need to be present and bring along the following identification: Original or certified birth certificate and photo identification such as a driver's license. If either party has been married before, that person will need to present proof of how the previous marriage(s) ended (certified death certificate or

certified divorce decree). A Marriage License Application needs to be filled out before arriving; it can be found on the Town Clerk's page of the TOB website. There is a 24-hour waiting period before the license can be used, and the license is valid for 60 days. There is a fee of \$40.

The TOB Town Clerk's Office requires making an appointment to purchase a marriage license. Marriage license appointment hours are Monday thru Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Please note that marriages of minors under 17 years of age are prohibited. Issuance of a Marriage License to a minor at least 17 years of age but under 18 years of age requires approval of both parents (or one parent if other conditions are met), and written approval of a Justice of the Supreme Court, or of a Judge of the Family Court, who has jurisdiction over the Town or City in which the application is made.

**SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!**

**Binghamton Township Historical Society's
 "Remembering When" Annual Luncheon
 Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019**

Museum opens at 11 a.m. Covered dish luncheon begins at noon. Please bring a dish to pass and \$2 per person to help defray expenses. Our museum is located at 923 Hawleyton Road.

For a tour any time of year, call 669-4186!

Highway Dept.**Water/Sewer Dept.****Mike Donahue****Phone: (607) 669-4323**

SUMMER HOURS
through Labor Day:
Tuesdays thru Fridays
6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED ON MONDAYS
through Labor Day.

SUMMER ROAD MAINTENANCE

As summer continues, you'll see us around the town patching roads and performing sign maintenance and road maintenance. We'll also be working on our sewer lining project in various locations throughout the town. The purpose of this is to repair any cracks or slight breaks in the clay pipes that have worn out over the years as well as to prevent any ground-water from seeping into the lines. Some projects that have already been completed include paving all of Cheryl Drive, stone and oiling over 10 miles of roads, and completing all projects and paperwork for FEMA 4397- DR.

Summer weather has everyone thinking about house renovations, installation of landscaping as well as pools and fences. Remember . . . You must call *Dig Safe New York* (Dial 811) before you dig.

OTHER TIDBITS: We do not pick up leaves or brush/branches in the summer. We kindly ask that you DO NOT put these items out to the roadside because we will not be picking them up. We will do our annual brush and branch pick up during the month of September. Dates will be posted on the website. Also, woodchips will be available throughout the summer. It will be posted on the website if they're available. As always, if you have any concerns or issues, please call our office at 607-669-4323.

WATER/SEWER NEWS

This time last year we made the announcement of the new water/sewer billing location and hours. Well, believe it or not, a year has passed, and I want to thank all the residents for their understanding and cooperation. I think the transition went smoothly and everyone has been more than patient.

I would also like to take this time to note that the Town has recently changed online payment companies. All water/sewer bills can be paid online, over the phone, or by mobile app. **PayGOV.US** charges a 3% convenience fee and offers the ease of not having to mail out a check or drop off a payment in person unless you're paying in cash. Please check out detailed information on our website under the Water & Sewer Maintenance & Billing Dept. page to find out more. The link is posted there!

**WATER/SEWER BILLING SCHEDULE FOR 2019**

These are approximate mailing dates:

November 1st (1st billing of a cycle); due in early December

February 1st (2nd billing); due in early March

May 1st (3rd billing); due in early June

August 1st (4th billing); due in early September (SEE NOTE BELOW!)



NOTE: If the last bill (August) is not paid by October 15th, it is turned over to the Broome County Real Property Tax Office as unpaid and is then relieved onto next January's Town & County tax bill. If you have a question about your bill, please call Nadine Pappas at (607) 669-4323.

A Little History from the Town Historian - Vickie Conklin E-mail: historiantob@gmail.com

I was perusing some old articles recently and found one to be particularly interesting. It had to do with the creation of the Town of Binghamton logo, and it was something I hadn't known. Here's what I learned, and I thought you might enjoy it, too.

In 1975, the Town Board officially adopted a logo to be used for the Town of Binghamton. The drawing was done by Marsha Van Vorce Fenner. In 1994, the Town Board decided to upgrade the logo. Marsha Van Vorce Fenner, along with Lillian Urganus, gave the Town Board different drawings, but after careful consideration, it was decided to redesign the logo we had. The Town Board then adopted the logo as the official logo of the Town of Binghamton. (See below.)

The symbols in the Town of Binghamton logo have the following meanings:

- The **oval shape** represents an egg which symbolizes the birth and life of this community.
- The **eagle** represents patriotism.
- The **hands** represent friendship.
- The **three interlocking circles** represent heritage, present growth, and future anticipation.
- The **sprig of wheat** represents the peaceful attitude of this area's people and its governmental bodies. It also symbolizes the rural atmosphere that still prevails in many areas of this town.



The Town of Binghamton Community Center Is A Popular Place for Parties!



Our Community Center, located at 1905 Coleman Road, has been a very popular rental hotspot this summer! We've been booked consistently for wedding receptions and graduation parties, and the calls continue to come in! If you're considering booking the Community Center for an event in the 2020 summer season, I'd like to suggest that you make arrangements to book now! We reserve on a "first come / first serve" basis, so you're taking a risk by waiting.

To reserve your date on the calendar, please call Missy Chapman at the Town Hall by calling (607) 772-0357, ext. 14. Thanks, and enjoy the summer!

COST: \$300 per day rental plus \$200 refundable security deposit.

Broome County Landfill's Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

The Broome County Landfill continues to accept hazardous waste (including household and auto batteries, propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs, driveway sealers, paints, solvents, stains, cleaners, pesticides, and pool and photography chemicals) AND old electronics (such as computers, printers, stereos, TVs, copiers, fax machines, mobile phones, etc.). You can drop these at the landfill for FREE on the following days from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.:

The Broome County Landfill is located at 286 Knapp Rd. (near the airport)
Phone: (607) 763-4450

Wed., August 7 / Sat., August 10 / Sat., August 24
Wed., September 4 / Sat., September 7 / Sat., September 21
Wed., October 2 / Sat., October 5 / Sat., October 19

THE FIREMEN'S ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ**Saturday, August 17 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. or sold out.****Hawleyton United Methodist Church****901 Hawleyton Road****Adults: \$10 per 1/2 chicken dinner****Children: \$5 per 1/4 chicken dinner****Dinner includes baked beans, cole slaw, roll & butter***To purchase a ticket ahead of the event, call (607) 242-5414.***Firemen will
be selling
tickets door
to door.****SAVE THE DATE! FIRE PREVENTION DAY****Sat., October 12, 2019 at Station #3 - Park Avenue****Watch for details at www.townofbinghamton.com****NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE**

On June 6th, Regional Director Thomas McCartney from the Department of Homeland Security Emergency Services (DHSES) presented a program that introduced attendees to the various organizations under the DHSES umbrella and the roles they play in emergency situations. It was eye opening to learn their roles in many of the catastrophes that have affected our area over the years — tornadoes, floods, etc. Their most recent involvement has been in remediation of the flooding along Lake Ontario. Thank you to Regional Planner David Adler for his help in setting up this very informative program and to Tom McCartney for the informative presentation.

REGISTER NOW FOR A "CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS" TRAINING PROGRAM TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12TH AT THE T.O.B. COMMUNITY CENTER

As a follow-up to June's program, our Neighborhood Watch group has the opportunity to host the Citizen Preparedness Corps on Thursday, September 12th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Town of Binghamton Community Center, located at 1905 Coleman Road, Binghamton, NY. The varied organizations of the Department of Homeland Security Emergency Services will be represented to advise participants on how to properly prepare for any disaster. All participants must register in advance, and we need at least 50 registered participants to host this program. **Each family that attends will receive one *Preparedness Kit* that contains a backpack filled with a first aid kit, flashlight, gloves, and other supplies.**

To register for the course, click on the following link:

<http://www.dhses.ny.gov/aware-prepare/nysprepare/registration/index.cfm>

Under "Current Registrations", select "Thurs., September 12, 2019 - 6 p.m.- Broome - Binghamton". For the required entry "Organization/Affiliation", enter "NONE" if not applicable.

If you do not have a way to register or have any questions, please call Jan Strnatka at 723-7244.

This event is brought to you by the Governor in conjunction with Assemblyman Clifford Crouch, BC Executive Jason Garner, City of Binghamton Mayor Richard David, and Town of Binghamton Supervisor Elizabeth Rounds.





News from County Legislator Kelly Wildoner

As we all enjoy a bit of sunshine and warm weather this summer, I wanted to take a moment to update the residents of the Town of Binghamton on some exciting things the County Legislature has been doing.

As always, the County Legislature is fighting to keep our communities safe! We recently approved the District Attorney's *Student Resource Officer* program, which provides local schools the opportunity to have experienced police officers inside the walls for the protection of everyone. We were also able to authorize Phase II of the County's Centralized Arraignment Plan, which keeps offenders out of our Town Halls and allows local law enforcement to remain on patrol for much longer periods of time, doing what they do best!

More good news for the Town of Binghamton! The Broome County Department of Public Works – Highway Division has recently finished road repair on Park Avenue, all the way from Stevens to Hawleyton Road. We know how important the County roadway system is to our residents who commute to and from work every day, that's why infrastructure repair continues to be a priority for the Legislature. This year, we were able to budget \$2.5 million towards the reconstruction and rehabilitation of County-owned roads and highways.

The Legislature also continues to focus on protecting our local business community and improving the local economy! My colleagues on the Legislature and I have long supported local businesses and were recently able to implement a brand-new Best Value Local Law that will provide local businesses with better opportunities to secure County business in the future. This legislation is just the latest step we've taken to help keep our tax dollars working hard for us here at home!

We've also begun a massive overhaul of our Emergency Services Communications system! This project will be the most significant improvement to the communications system to date and the upgrades are much needed and past due. With such a large project, there's always a high cost, but you can't put a price tag on the safety of County residents and enabling our local law enforcement and emergency services agencies to work effectively. The County will be building an entirely integrated communications system that will allow law enforcement and emergency services entities to work with one another seamlessly. Even better, we authorized the County to purchase all the new equipment for local entities and municipalities, which keeps the financial burden off our partners at the municipal level.

Lastly, the County Legislature has continued its tradition of remembering and honoring our Veterans! At the Legislature's 9th Annual Veterans of Distinction ceremony, I was proud to be able to present a posthumous Certificate of Appreciation to William Sanders' wife, Jackie. Mr. Sanders served in the United States Navy from 1963 to 1970 and was nominated to become a Veteran of Distinction by David Snitchler and the members of VFW Post 1611. At this year's *Annual First to Say Thank You* event, I was also honored to have the opportunity to present Certificates of Appreciation to the dozens of fine young men and women from our communities who have decided to enter the Armed Forces upon their high school graduation. What an absolute honor! The Legislature will always treasure and show its gratitude to our Veterans, past and present, who sacrifice more than we can know to help protect our American values and traditions.

I hope everyone continues to enjoy their summer with friends and family. We'll be doing another update in the fall. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (607) 778-2129, kelly.wildoner@broomecounty.us or on Facebook by searching "Broome County Legislator Kelly Wildoner."

*Kelly Wildoner is a County Legislator representing the
Towns of Binghamton and Conklin along with part of Vestal.*





WON'T YOU PLEASE WELCOME THE HONORABLE GREGORY P. THOMAS

Hello. My name is Gregory P. Thomas and on May 16, 2019, I was appointed as your Town Justice to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Justice Kristen Luce.

**COURT HOURS ARE
NOW THURSDAY
EVENINGS.**

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Arraignments begin at 6 p.m.

I am currently the Justice in the Village of Johnson City and the Town of Union. I was appointed to the Village Justice position on January 1, 2015, and the Town of Union position in February of 2017, and I was elected to both positions the following November. In April of 2017, I was assigned by Judicial Order to be the Justice in the Town of Maine to fill in due to the illness of Justice Donald "Dutch" Magill. Upon Judge Magill's passing, I remained in that position until the end of the year. I have been elected by my peers to be the recording secretary for the Broome County Magistrates Association as well as a Director on the State Board of the New York State Magistrates Association.

Prior to becoming a Justice, I retired as a Police Sergeant with over 22 years of law enforcement experience. I went on to take a position in the loss prevention field as manager for the largest food distribution company on the East Coast. Soon after, I expanded my realm of experience as an investigator for a non-profit agency under NYS OPWDD to investigate violations and the protection of the rights of persons with developmental disabilities.

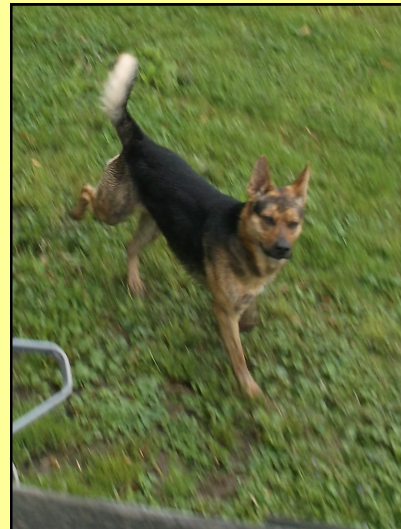
Since becoming Justice, I have worked to make improvements in each of the Courts I have presided over. I was part of the team that was instrumental in helping to bring the Central Arraignment Part (CAP) to Broome County, which ensures counsel at arraignment for all defendants. Broome was the first County in the State to go active with CAP. I even had the honor of presiding over the very first arraignment in CAP.

My wife Kim and I have been married 31 years, reside in Johnson City and have two grown children and four granddaughters. I look forward to working for the residents of the Town of Binghamton and making it a safer community to reside in and visit.

*Enjoy your
Summer*

WELCOME, KIM GULICK, OUR NEW DOG CONTROL OFFICER!

Kim replaced Nick Vascello, and comes to us with experience in the field. She has a real passion for animals and founded the website "Lost & Found Pets Broome County, NY" on Facebook in 2013. (Give it a LIKE!) She has successfully reunited hundreds of pets with their owners. Currently, Kim would like your assistance. If you've seen this dog (male shepherd mix), please call her immediately at (607) 221-8357. He was last seen in the area of Morgan & Stevens Road and surrounding areas. Please do not chase, shoo away or try to capture. Your help is greatly appreciated!



Town of Binghamton

**279 Park Avenue
Binghamton, NY 13903**

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The Town of Binghamton is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write:



USDA — Director
Office of Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue—SW
Washington, DC 20250-9410

TOWN HALL PHONE: (607) 772-0357

Telecommunication Device for the Deaf:

1-800-662-1220 or 711

TOWN HALL PHONE EXTENSIONS ARE LISTED BELOW

Assessor, John McDonald	Ext. 15
Assessor's Clerk, Amy Ricci	Ext. 13
Attorney for the Town, Alan Pope	Ext. 52
Bookkeeper, Sandra Reifler	Ext. 21
Bldg. Inspector/Codes, Nick Pappas	Ext. 12
Community Center, Missy Chapman	Ext. 14
Councilman, Dean Nye	Ext. 54
Councilwoman, Mike Bensley	Ext. 56
Councilwoman, Vicky Xlander	Ext. 57
Court Clerk, Martha Nuzzela	Ext. 19
Deputy Town Clerk, Paula Edwards	Ext. 23
Deputy Supervisor, Vicky Xlander	Ext. 57
Dog Control Officer, Kim Gulick	Ext. 22
Emergencies at Night: Dogs/Water 778-1911	
Highway Supt., Mike Donahue	669-4323
Information Desk, Becky Smith	Ext. 10
Plan. Bd. Chair., Bill McGowan	Ext. 50
Supervisor, Elizabeth Rounds	Ext. 11
Tax Collector (call Broome County)	778-2124
Town Clerk, Vickie Conklin	Ext. 26
Town Engineer, John Martin	Ext. 51
Town Judge, Hon. Gregory Thomas	Ext. 20
Water/Sewer Maint., Lee Cooper	669-4323
Water/Sewer Billing, Nadine Pappas	669-4323
Youth Activities, Christopher Streno	Ext. 48
Zoning Board Chairman, Carl Letson	Ext. 49

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON

Tue., August 6	Town of Binghamton Work Session @ Town Hall - 5:30 p.m.
Wed., August 7	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Sat., August 10	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Sat., August 17	Firemen's Annual Chicken BBQ @ Hawleyton UMC beginning at 1 p.m. (see page 5)
Tue., August 20	Town of Binghamton Town Board Meeting @ Town Hall - 7 p.m.
Sat., August 24	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 2	All Town offices are closed for the Labor Day holiday.
Tue., Sept. 3	Town of Binghamton Work Session @ Town Hall - 5:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 4	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 7	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Thurs., Sept. 12	Neighborhood Watch @ TOBCC* - "Citizen Preparedness" Course (see page 5)
Tue., Sept. 17	Town of Binghamton Town Board Meeting @ Town Hall - 7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 21	"Remembering When" @ Museum. Tours at 11 a.m. / Lunch at noon (see page 2)
Sat., Sept. 21	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Wed., Oct. 2	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Sat., Oct. 5	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Sat., Oct. 12	Fire Prevention Day at Fire Station #3, Park Avenue. Will be on website in the future.
Sat., Oct. 19	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

*TOBCC refers to the Town of Binghamton Community Center,
located at 1905 Coleman Road.

