



Town of Cambria 2024 Spring Newsletter

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The Town Hall is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-4:00 pm ~ Office hours vary.

From the desk of Jon T. MacSwan, Supervisor

Greetings! It is my hope that this weather lasts, it has been a fairly easy winter. After being the Highway Superintendent for many years, I know March can have “tricks up her sleeve”. Let’s hope I’m wrong. I am certainly enjoying the work as newly elected Supervisor for the Town of Cambria. I am surrounded by great people that have helped me through the early stages of transitioning into this new position.

I enjoyed the meeting of the Historical Society-great people, very energetic group. Their regular meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month. Stop by to a meeting night; you won’t be disappointed. Speaking of meetings, I was very pleased and impressed with the Cambria Opposition to Industrial Solar meeting, our attorney spoke at length at this meeting. This is a dedicated focus group with an extremely worthwhile cause.

I’d like to welcome Wade Andes as the new Water/Sewer Foreman and Corrine DiNieri as the new Recreation Director to the team! If you are interested in working for the Recreation program or have your children attend the program please call 716-433-7664 x129 for more information.

Please take some time to get outdoors this Spring! Our beautiful Town Park has so many features to enjoy-there is a pickle ball court, a playground, basketball court, fishing and a walking path that is second to none. There are picnic shelters available to rent, please call the Town Clerk’s Office to make your reservation.

I hope the residents of our great Town have a wonderful spring and summer and enjoy all it has to offer!

TOWN BOARD

Jon T. MacSwan

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716-433-8523

Louise Brachmann

Councilwoman
716-731-5785

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Councilman
716-791-4146

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Councilman
716-277-5390

Randy M. Roberts

Councilman
716-433-0183

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#### **Monthly Meetings ~ 7PM**

Planning Bd. ~ 3rd Monday

Town Bd. ~ 2nd Thursday

Zoning Bd. ~ 4th Monday

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DEPARTMENT HEADS

Debra A. Littere

Assessor
Tax Collector
433-8161 x122

James P. McCann

Building Inspector
433-8161 x126

Steven M. Kroening

Highway Supt.
433-8829 x127

Tamara J. Cooper

Town Clerk
433-7664 x136



CAMBRIA TOWN COURT

716-433-3088

Office hours vary, please call for an appointment.

Justice Jowdy Jr. ~ x113 & 139

1st Tuesday at 2:30 pm

2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Justice Jowdy III ~ x 117 & 144

2nd & 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm



Your Local Representatives

Legislator David E. Godfrey, 10th District ~ Email: David.Godfrey@niagaracounty.com (716)-751-9606

Assemblyman Hon. Angelo J. Morinello, 145th District ~ Email: morinelloa@nysassembly.gov (716) -282-6062

State Senator Hon. Robert G. Ortt, 62nd District ~ Email: Ortt@nysenate.gov (716) -434-0680

WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department is still working on the Automatic Meter Reader [AMR] replacement program. Our goal is to update the meters installed in 2007. The new AMR will be installed at no cost to the homeowner, you can call or email us water@townofcambria.com to set up an appointment to change out the existing meter. Please contact our office to update phone numbers, if necessary. **SELLING YOUR**

HOME: Our water department continues to practice procedures that ensure the public safety of our customers. The Town of Cambria Water District Rules & Regulations states that all water services must be equipped with a double check valve. If you are planning to sell your home, call the water department office to schedule a compliance inspection. This inspection must be completed before the home is sold. **Failure to schedule this appointment can affect your closing date.** Final readings are scheduled close to your closing date. We will need the name and address of the individual responsible for payment of the final bill and, if possible, provide us with the name of the new owner. As we look forward to spring, we will begin scheduling clean-up and grading restoration work from previous water/sewer related projects. If you have an area that needs restoration work, due to water or sewer construction, please contact our office at 433-2468. If you have any questions or concerns, we are always happy to help you.

2023 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT The annual Water Quality Report will be available on our website. Copies will be available at the Town of Cambria Town Hall, and posted on our website: <http://www.townofcambria.com>

HISTORIAN ~ Gail Reinbird

For historical inquiries about Cambria please email cambriatownhistorian@gmail.com. The Cambria Historical Museum meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm, for a list of upcoming events visit www.cambriahs.org or visit their Facebook page Cambria Historical Society & Museum.

BUILDING INSPECTOR ~ James McCann

 As we blossom into the Spring season and residents are preparing for their many projects, we encourage you to inquire as to whether a permit is needed. Many of our permit applications and helpful information can be found on our website for your convenience. Our department continues to strive to ensure our Town is a safe and appealing place to live. To accomplish this, we need the efforts of all residents to maintain their property per the Town's Property Maintenance Local Law and the New York State Property Maintenance Code. Properties should have regularly maintained lawns and be kept clear of debris. We routinely patrol our town noting violations and notifying property owners of existing violations, requesting they correct the matter promptly. **Cambria Fire Co. provides residents with home address signs for their mailboxes free of charge. This helps the fire department quickly locate homes in the event of an emergency. Contact Chief Shawn McIntyre by calling the station at 716-434-8948 or sending an email to cambriafire@roadrunner.com to get yours today.** As always, this is a good time to check your carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are in proper working order.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ~ Steven Kroening



As the snow begins to melt and the ground thaws, flooding can become an issue. It is very common for yards to have some temporary standing water and drainage ditches to be at their maximum capacity during the spring thaw. It is good practice to get outside as soon as the weather permits to be sure that the drainage system on your property is flowing, as it should. Several times the only reason for additional water is that there is an obstruction in a ditch or culvert somewhere. If there appears to be a bigger problem, please contact our office and we will look at it to see if it is part of the town's responsibility. April 15th, 2024, we will begin brush pick up again. We can accommodate limbs up to 8" in diameter. Please be sure that they are stacked neatly, butt ends toward the road, and a pile spread out low is preferable to piled high. So our machine can easily pick up piles please do not stack near any mailbox, street signs & or telephone poles. We will **NOT** take piles that have wire, rope, stakes, roots, root balls, vines, dirt, thorns, or poison ivy in them. We have the ability to pick up stumps and root balls with a machine at our convenience. Please make sure to notify us in advance. **We DO NOT PICK UP BRUSH in the months of July and August.** We utilize the warm summer months to repair our roads. The first week of September we will resume brush pick up and will continue until November 1st. We do not pick up Leaves. Mulch will be available to all town residents for pickup. Loading is at our convenience please make sure to notify us in advance. Should you have any questions or concerns, you may call the office at 716-433-8829, Ext. 127.

NYS Legislation was passed last year to allow volunteer fire companies to bill for ambulance services and emergency medical treatment (EMT). The Town of Cambria is not involved in this State legislation. Please note if you receive a bill, you must contact your insurance company or Cambria Volunteer Fire Company (716-434-8948) directly regarding any billing questions.

TAX COLLECTOR ~ Debra A. Littere

The last day to pay taxes is **Monday, April 1st, 2024.** From 8:00–12:00 and 1:00 – 3:30pm. If you can't make it on that day, please drop your payment at the post-office, it must be postmarked **April 1st 2024.** There is also a drop box outside the front doors to the town hall that is checked daily and will be checked at **3:30pm April 1st 2024!** **Please consider adding a current phone number to your check or payment stub to facilitate communication regarding payment issues!** Tax bills/receipts are available online! On the Town of Cambria website, www.townofcambria.com, under the Tax Collector tab, the link <https://egov.basny.com/cambria> will give you information on your taxes that you can view or print out from your own computer! If you wish to have your tax receipt **emailed** to you, please send an email to dlittere@townofcambria.com indicating your request, and we will email future receipts to you. It is my pleasure to serve the Town of Cambria residents as your Tax Collector!

TOWN CLERK ~ Tamara J. Cooper

According to Article 7 of the New York State Agriculture and Market Law, all dogs 4 months of age and older must be licensed within the town they reside. Licensing ensures that all dogs have been properly vaccinated against rabies; and necessary to protect both you and your neighbors. Did you know that you may also purchase NYS hunting and fishing licenses in our office? Licenses are sold Monday-Friday from 8 am-3:30 pm. We accept cash, check, money order or credit card (there is a convenience fee for use of credit cards). The Town Clerk's office also handles the renewal and issuance of handicap tags. Please remember to bring in your NYS driver's license when coming into the office. **WATER BILLS: We are now accepting credit/debit cards IN PERSON ONLY for water bill payments - there is a convenience fee to use a card that goes directly to the credit card vendor.**

CAMBRIA TOWN PARK

With winter coming to a close, our spring cleanup will be taking place. As always please remember to keep our park clean for everyone, pick up after yourself and your dog! **This being said, please remember all pets must be on a leash to keep everyone safe (NYS Ag & Markets Law Chapter 69, Article 7 Section 118).** The Town of Cambria Town Park has (5) shelters and (1) gazebo available to rent (**reservations are required**) from May through October. **There is a non-refundable rental fee.** Residents and non-residents of the Town may reserve a shelter, fees for non-residents is slightly higher. Please contact the Town Clerk's office at 716-433-7664 for reservations. Interested in renting our sports diamonds or fields? Contact Pat McCoy (716-471-4395) for availability and rates.

RECREATION ~ Corrine DiNieri



The Town of Cambria 2024 Summer Recreation Program will be a 6 week program running July 8th through August 16th. Registration for the program will be the following dates from

5:30pm ~ 7pm: March 21st & 28th; April 11th & 18th; May 2nd & 9th. Registration for non-residents will begin in May. Registration will be at the Community Room; **payment must be made at the time of registration, exact cash or checks only will be accepted.** The registration fees are: Residents \$175.00 per child and Non Residents \$275.00 per child. **In order to participate in the program your child must be 5 years old NO later than June 1st (NO EXCEPTIONS).** It will be a fun filled summer for children ages 5-15. Current immunization records and a small color photo of your child are required for registration.

Stay up to date with all of our new events for the upcoming year by liking us on Facebook TOWN OF CAMBRIA RECREATION PAGE.

NEW this summer is our 1st Annual Car Show on Saturday, July 13th, 2024 at the Cambria Town Park. More details coming soon.

To register for the car show, or if you have any questions regarding anything with recreation please contact Corrine 716-433-7664x129 or recreation@townofcambria.com.

ASSESSOR~ Debra A. Littere

DID YOU KNOW.. If you reside in Cambria, are 65 years of age or older, and your total household income is less than \$33,700 (2023 Income tax return needed), you may be eligible for an additional exemption on county, town, or school taxes. Please contact us for more information. As we continue to monitor the real estate market and process building permits to reflect physical changes to property, we will be sending out change of assessment notices to those affected in the first week of April. Informal meetings with the Assessor are available in April by appointment. Beginning May 1st, you can sign up to meet with the Board of Assessment Review on Tuesday, May 28th, 2024. Appointments are encouraged. **Attention Veterans...** If you have served in active duty during 11/1/1955 – 5/7/1975, you are now eligible to receive the Alternative Veterans Exemption, contact us for the paperwork needed. The Niagara County Assessors Association is sponsoring a **scholarship** to any Niagara County resident who is a graduating senior from one of the Niagara County high schools and plans to attend college within New York State in the fall of 2024. Applications may be picked up at your local guidance office. Completed applications must be postmarked by April 1st, 2024.

The Town of Cambria has three fire companies that serve our Town. Please visit their websites & Facebook pages for information on their events, membership opportunities and hall rentals. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Cambria Volunteer Fire Co.

4631 Cambria-Wilson Road, Lockport, NY 14094
716-434-8948 (Hall) 716-266-3810 (President)

www.cambriavolunteerfire.com

Sportsman Raffle ~ April 13, 2024 2pm-6pm

Hall Rental Information: CVFhallrental@gmail.com

Stop out on Thursday nights to meet the members-always looking for firefighters, EMT or social members!

Sanborn Fire Co.

5811 Buffalo Street
Sanborn, NY 14132
716-731-4616



Pekin Volunteer Fire Co.

3024 Upper Mountain Rd.
Sanborn, NY 14132
716-731-4777

www.pekinfire.com

FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC



Saturday, April 13, 2024-9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Town of Hartland Salt Shed, 3542 Wruck Rd.

Saturday, June 1, 2024-9:00 am—12:00 pm

Hyde Park-Oasis. Centennial Pavilion, 911 Robbins Dr.

Saturday, July 13, 2024-9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Town of Lewiston Highway Garage, 1455 Swann Rd.

Saturday, September 14, 2024-9:00am-12:00pm

Town of Lockport Highway Department, 6560 Dysinger Rd.

Saturday, December 7, 2024-9:00am-12:00pm

City of North Tonawanda-Public Works Department

758 Erie Avenue

You must pre-register at 716-439-7490 or

www.niagaracounty.com/rabiesclinic

NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED



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CURRENT RESIDENT OR

In an effort to reduce costs, this will be the last newsletter that is mailed out. Beginning with the Fall newsletter, we will be posting it on our website AND have some copies available at the Town Hall. If you need a copy mailed to you, please call 716-433-7664 or email townclerk@townofcambria.com to make this request. Thank you.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING



GARBAGE AND RECYCLE CARTS are the property of the Town and have a serial number that is on record in our office. If you sell your home, the Garbage and Recycle Cart is to remain with the property. The Town's policy is one (1) garbage and (1) recycle cart per household. Garbage pick-up is on Thursdays, recycling pick-up is every other Thursday. Modern Corporation (1-800-330-7107) picks up the trash & recycling. All items (garbage, recycling & large item) **must be curbside by 6:30 am. Tires and construction materials are NOT accepted curbside.** Modern will **ONLY** pick up Garbage and Recycling Carts that have the Town Logo and Numbering System on them. **If you have more waste than what will fit inside your cart you may purchase additional capacity stickers for \$25 per sheet (5 tags) at the Town Hall. We can only accept cash (exact change only).** If you need more capacity, you may request an additional cart for \$85, plus an annual fee of \$30 on your water bill to pay Modern for handling the extra cart. Please visit <https://www.townofcambria.com/Refuse> for information about Refuse, Recycling, the current Recycling Map and pick-up Schedule or call 433-2468 ext. 114. The Town of Cambria offers electronic recycling for Town residents ONLY. Drop off is MONDAY'S ONLY FROM 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Please call 433-8829 x127 with any questions and be ready to provide proof of residency. **HAZARDOUS WASTE** disposal, contact Hazman USA, 716-998-8073 or www.hazmanusa.com.

TOWN HALL CLOSED 2024 HOLIDAYS

Good Friday, Friday, March 29
Memorial Day, Monday, May 27
Independence Day, Thursday, July 4
Labor Day, Monday, September 2
Columbus Day, Monday, October 14



2024 REFUSE/RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Memorial Day Monday, May 27
Delayed until Friday, May 31
Independence Day Thursday, July 4
Delayed until Friday, July 5
Labor Day Monday, September 2
Delayed until Friday, September 6