



# Town of Cambria 2022 Fall Newsletter

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From the Desk of Wright H. Ellis,  
Town Supervisor

*Greetings from the pages of our Fall Newsletter!*

As we eased back into more normal activities, we experienced a successful Recreation Day Program. Anticipating next year, we should be able to offer a baseball program and resume our Sunday evening concert series.

Back in 2018, we made some significant changes to our Zoning Ordinance to improve the application process and criteria for new businesses coming into our Town. The goal was a regulatory framework supporting the best interests of the Town and its' citizens, that would be reasonable, but not burdensome. The Building Inspection Department continued to emphasize the necessity for building permits in accordance with our Town ordinances and the New York State Building Code. At the time, there was much comment on social media posts claiming that the new procedures were anti-business, would ruin business in the Town, and discourage any new business from starting up here. In fact, since 2019, ten (10) businesses have either started up or expanded their initial operations. Many of them are Agribusiness or Agritourism and five (5) of them are owned or managed by women.

First among these was ***Kin Loch Farmstead-Lavender Farm and Event Venue*** at 4299 Ridge Road. They set the standard for the quality and completeness of their site plan submittal. Kin Loch was recently recognized in *Brides* magazine as one (#8) of 20 Rustic Yet Refined Wedding Venues to Book across the US.

***Sunflowers of Sanborn*** at 3311 Saunders Settlement Road quickly followed with an equally impressive site plan. They have enjoyed great success during late Summer and early Fall, attracting large numbers of visitors to our area.

***Medwell Niagara Family Medicine*** at 5949 Campbell Blvd provides a range of medical services for our citizens.

***Pop & Polished, LLC***, 3857 Eagle Drive, a woman-owned business with three (3) employees, manufactures and distributes bath and beauty products.

***Prohaska's Oh Sugar!***, 5129 Lockport Road, ***3 Sisters Garlic Farm***, 4076 North Ridge Road and ***Coulter Farms Market & Snack Bar***, 3870 North Ridge Road all cater to our taste buds.

***King Can & Bottle Return***, 5252 Saunders Settlement Road and ***Kie Storage's*** expansion of additional storage units at 5147 Lockport Road both support our desire to occasionally "clean house."

***TREK, Inc.*** will build a new \$25M facility on Lockport Junction Road, increasing its current staff from 200 to 300, with room for expansion of an additional 100 employees. And finally, ***Niagara County*** is planning to locate a ***Business Park*** on the 60 acres it owns on Junction Road.

This influx of business, all of which is located in areas designated in our Comprehensive Plan for Economic Development and zoned accordingly, will expand our tax base and promote the orderly growth of the Town. This has been a long time coming, but worth the wait.

As always, enjoy the articles within our newsletter. Please remember that our purpose is to serve the people of our Town. We are always ready to address your questions and provide assistance.

## TOWN BOARD

**Wright H. Ellis**

Supervisor  
716 - 433-8523

**Matthew P. Foe**

Councilman  
716 - 433-3370

**Jeffrey S. Hurtgam**

Councilman  
716 - 791-4146

**Benjamin D. Musall**

Councilman  
716 - 277-5390

**Randy M. Roberts**

Councilman  
716 - 433-0183

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## Monthly Meetings ~ 7PM

Town Bd. ~ 2nd Thursday  
Planning Bd. ~ 3rd Monday  
Zoning Bd. ~ 4th Monday

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## DEPARTMENT HEADS

**Debra A. Littere**

Assessor  
Tax Collector  
716 - 433-8161 x122

**James P. McCann**

Building Inspector  
716 - 433-8161 x126

**Jon T. MacSwan**

Highway Supt.  
716 - 433-8829 x127

**Tamara J. Cooper**

Town Clerk  
716 - 433-7664 x136

The Town Hall hours:  
Monday-Friday  
8:00 am-4:00 pm  
*Office Hours Vary*

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town Board will conduct a public hearing on November 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the Town of Cambria Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, to hear and consider any objections to the assessment roll in any of the following districts: Cambria Drainage District, Cambria Refuse District, Cambria Water District, Cambria Sewer District #1, Cambria Fire Protection District. The Town Board will consider those objections and reject, correct, amend or affirm the new assessment roll on or before December 31, 2022.

### DEBRA A. LITTERE, ASSESSOR

Talk about return on investment!! Since 2017, homes in the Town of Cambria have been selling for **more** than their assessed values, decreasing our 100% Equalization Rate by 30%. **Great News...** If you are in the market to sell, but for those of us who are not, well...even though we may not be improving our houses, and the assessment has not changed, the decrease in the Equalization Rate results in a higher tax rate across the board. Our office is preparing an assessment equity for 2023 to bring our Equalization Rate back up to 100%. So, even if your assessment increases, your exemptions will reflect full values; you will pay only your fair share; and the tax rates should go down. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding as we move forward. Informational topics regarding assessment and revaluation are available on the Assessor's page on the Town of Cambria website. If you are a new homeowner, please visit [www.ny.tax.gov/star](http://www.ny.tax.gov/star) or call **518- 457-2036** to register for the STAR credit program. When you register with the State, the homeowner will be responsible for the entire school tax bill, and will receive a check or income tax credit for an amount to reduce your school tax obligation. Our office still maintains the exemptions for low income seniors, Veterans, and Agriculture. If you, or your spouse, were born in 1958 or earlier, and are receiving the STAR exemption, you may be eligible for the Enhanced Star. Please call the Assessor's Office at 716-433-8161 ext 122 for details. The deadline for **all** exemptions is **March 1, 2023** – Taxable Status Date.

### AGRICULTURAL PLASTIC DISPOSAL

Collection of agricultural plastics is scheduled between November 7th through November 11th.

A roll-off container will be located at:

4772 Ridge Rd., Lockport, NY (Haseley Farms)

3216 Ridge Rd., Ransomville, NY (Hurtgam Farms)

### PASSENGER/SMALL TRUCK TIRE DISPOSAL

#### Town of Cambria residents only:

 Tires may be dropped off on Saturday, October 29th, from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Town Municipal Building, enter at the west gate. We will accept car and truck tires only. We will not accept tractor trailer tires or tires on rims.

**Proof of residency will be required.**

**\*\*\*Electronics will be collected at the Recycling Building behind the Municipal Building as well.\*\*\***

### Cambria Town Court

Call for an appointment 716 - 433-3088

Court is held on Tuesdays

Justice Amel S. Jowdy, Jr x113 & x139

Justice Amel S. Jowdy, III x117 & x144

***As a reminder the Town of Cambria DOES NOT utilize any social media platforms. Please check our website for accurate updates and information about happenings within the Town and delays with Refuse and Recycling.***

### DEBRA A. LITTERE, TAX COLLECTOR

The school district tax bills have been mailed to taxpayers. The following is a list of the School District Tax Collectors telephone numbers:

Starpoint	716- 210-2313
Wilson	716- 751-9341
Newfane	716- 778-6855
Niagara Wheatfield	716- 215-3027
Lockport	716- 478-4803

Unpaid school tax bills will be re-levied onto the 2023 Town and County tax bill. If your taxes were in escrow, and you have paid off your mortgage, please notify the Assessor's office at 716-433-8161 ext. 122. **It is the responsibility of all landowners, including those who own vacant land, to advise the Assessor's office, in writing, of any changes of address.**

**REFUSE INFORMATION:** Garbage and recycle carts are the property of the Town and were distributed to all residential property owners 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 recycle cart per household. \*Garbage pick-up is on Thursdays. Recycling pick up is every other Thursday. Modern Corporation picks up the trash & recycling. \*All items (garbage, recycling & large item) **must be curbside by 6:30 am.** \*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 there are options. You may purchase additional capacity stickers for \$5 per tag at the Town Hall, these tags will be sold per sheet for \$25.00. At this time we can only accept exact change or a money order. NO checks or credit cards will be accepted. If you need more consistent capacity, you may request an additional cart. The fee for an additional cart will be \$85, plus an annual fee of \$30 on your water bill to pay Modern for handling the extra cart. Please see the town website for details on the New Refuse and Recycling Info as well as the current Recycling Map and pick up schedule or call 433-2468 ext. 114.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE :** For disposal information contact Hazman USA, 716- 998-8073 or [www.hazmanusa.com](http://www.hazmanusa.com).

### WATER DEPARTMENT

 Our water department continues to practice procedures that ensure the public safety of our customers. The Town of Cambria Water District Rules & Regulations state that all water services must be equipped with a double check valve. If you are planning to sell your home, call the water district 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 the name of the new owner. Fire Hydrant damage is a common problem for all seasons. Accidents involving hydrants sometimes go unreported especially in the winter months. For everyone's safety, it is critical that these damaged hydrants be repaired as soon as possible. If you notice a fire hydrant that needs repair, please contact us immediately. Office hours for the Water Department are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you have any questions or concerns, we are always happy to help you. We can be reached at 716- 433-2468 ext. 114.



### GAIL REINBIRD, TOWN HISTORIAN

There will be an open house and meeting at the Cambria Historical Hall (located at 4153 Lower Mountain Rd.) at 7:00pm on October 26th. Interest in reviving the Cambria Historical Society (which has been inactive due to the covid pandemic) will be discussed. New members are welcome to participate in all levels of involvement. Or, just come and check out the Underground Railroad, the Seven Sutherland Sisters, farm equipment, and other Cambria History displays to find out more about your local history.

### **\*\*\* ATTENTION DOG OWNERS \*\*\***

#### **2022 DOG ENUMERATION (Dog Count)**

According to Article 7 of the New York State Agriculture and Market Law- ALL dogs older than 4 months of age must be licensed within the town they reside. Licensing ensures that all dogs have been properly vaccinated against rabies; this is for the protection of both you and your neighbors. Please visit the Town Clerk's office with your dogs current rabies vaccination and spay/neuter certificate if your dog is currently unlicensed. If you are found harboring an unlicensed dog within the Town during the dog enumeration (count) you will be subject to a \$10.00 enumeration fine in addition to the licensing fees.

**Please get your dogs licensed before December 30th in order to pay 2022 rates**  
*Unspayed/Unneutered is \$18.00 Spayed/Neutered is \$11.00*

**\*\*\*Please see the enclosed postcard and return it as soon as possible\*\*\***

**NEW DOG LICENSE FEES FOR 2023:** Please be advised that dog license fees will be increasing effective January 1, 2023. We find it necessary to implement new fees as a result of the increasing cost to run the program.

**2023 LICENSE FEES:**  
**Unspayed/Unneutered will be \$20.00**  
**Spayed/Neutered will be \$15.00**



**There will also be a \$10.00 late fee for all dog licenses that are 30 days past their renewal.**

#### **FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**

**Saturday, December 10, 2022 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**City of North Tonawanda Public Works:**  
**758 Erie Ave., North Tonawanda, 716-695-8585**  
**You must pre-register at [www.niagaracounty.com/health](http://www.niagaracounty.com/health)**

### **JON MACSWAN, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**



WOW!!! What a summer! The paving season is complete. We were successful in getting Burch Rd., Van Dusen Rd. and the lower portion of Cambria Rd. paved. We are currently working on the approved ditching projects and expect them to continue into the winter. Brush chipping will resume in September and will continue until the first week in November. Please be reminded that we **DO NOT** pick up brush that has wires, roots, poison ivy, or dirt in it. Limbs should be stacked butt end towards the road. Remember, beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Town of Cambria's Winter Parking Ordinance will take effect and remain until April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. There is no parking permitted on Town roads between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Please be sure to keep vehicles off the roadway during these hours so we can plow for the morning commute. This will be especially important in any subdivision where plowing is already a challenge. We are here to assist you in any way that we can. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office.

### **JAMES MCCANN, BUILDING INSPECTOR**



As the autumn season starts we would like to inform you that starting in the New Year, the building department will begin requiring "**Roofing Permits**". The paperwork can be obtained online or at our office. If you are planning any remodeling projects, you should check with our office to see if a Building Permit is required. Building Department hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Appointments are encouraged as field inspections are also conducted during these hours. **Building Permits** are required for **Sheds** even if they are **pre-assembled**. This helps to ensure the structure is far enough away from the property line and is in compliance. As a friendly reminder, the NYS Building Code requires fire alarms/ carbon monoxide detectors in all bedrooms and corridors of your home. This helps to ensure the safety of your loved ones. We look forward to assisting you with your fall projects and hope you have a wonderful season!



### **PEKIN FIRE COMPANY EVENTS**

**3024 Upper Mountain Road ~ 716-731-4777**

**Annual Chowder Sale from 11am until 2pm.**

*Now accepting credit cards*

Saturdays - Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, 2022,

Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, 2023

Annual Vendor Show - Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022 - 12:00- 5:00 pm

Annual Turkey Party- Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022 - 6:00 pm



### **CAMBRIA FIRE COMPANY EVENTS**

**4631 Cambria-Wilson Road ~ 716-434-8948**

Check for more information about events, hall rental or membership at [www.cambriavolunteerfire.com](http://www.cambriavolunteerfire.com) or like our Facebook page.

### **RYLEIGH MCCOY, RECREATION DIRECTOR**

We would like to thank all the families that participated in our program! The Town provided a 5 week program this summer with new activities including STEM crafts and on site "field trips". We will be posting a tentative schedule for the 2023 season in January on the website; stay tuned! Please note there will be a new process for registration and payments in 2023, more details will be available on the website when it becomes available. Lots of fun and exciting things to come in the summer of 2023!!

### **TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN PARK**

The Town of Cambria Town Park is now open year round. The walking paths will be cleared of snow **WHEN STAFFING IS AVAILABLE**. An ice rink for ice skating will be available when the weather allows. The comfort station **WILL NOT** be open during the winter. **Dog owners: Please remember there is a NYS Leash Law, you MUST have your dog on a leash at all times when walking them inside the Town Park.** Please be courteous and pick up after your dog as well; there are several dog waste stations with bags located throughout the Park. Shelter reservations for 2023 will be accepted beginning January 3, 2023. **Please remember the Park hours are from dawn until dusk.**



Town of Cambria  
4160 Upper Mountain Road  
Sanborn, NY 14132

**PRESORTED STD.  
US POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT #21  
NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14304**

CURRENT RESIDENT OR

The Town of Cambria offers electronic recycling for Town residents ONLY. Drop off of equipment is **MONDAY'S ONLY FROM 9:00 am-1:00 pm**. Please call 716-433-8829 x127 with any questions and be ready to provide proof of residency.

**HOLIDAY REFUSE  
PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

*Thanksgiving Day ~ Collection will  
be on Friday, Nov. 25, 2022*

**Please note Recycling is  
every other week.**

Please see the website or call 716-433-2468 ext.114 for the pick-up schedule.

**Problems with pick up? Call  
Modern at 1-800-330-7107.**

**VETERAN'S DAY  
CELEBRATION**

Our annual Veterans' Day ceremony will be held at **11:00 am on November 11, 2022**, at the Community Room. Please join us in honoring our Veterans'. Light refreshments to follow. Thank you for your service.



**Town of Cambria Trunk - or - Treat**



Sunday, October 30, 2022  
1:00 pm-4:00 pm at the Cambria Town Park

Join us for some trick or treating, a kid's raffle, a best-decorated trunk contest, meet and greets from local law enforcement, and a visit from several local first responders!

If you own a business and would like to advertise, we are also allowing vendors to line the trunk-or-treat path!

To ensure you have a parking spot, please register your trunk with Ryleigh McCoy at [Recreation@townofcambria.com](mailto:Recreation@townofcambria.com), or at 716-433-7664 ext. 129.

Come out and have a scary good time with us!



**ELECTION DAY ~  
NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

Polls are open from 6:00am to 9:00pm, all voting will take place at the Cambria Fire Hall, 4631 Cambria-Wilson Rd. Please contact the Board of Elections (716-438-4041) for an absentee ballot and for early polling location dates and times.  
Thank you!



**HOLIDAY-TOWN HALL CLOSED  
2022**

Veteran's Day	Fri., Nov 11
Thanksgiving	Thurs., Nov 24
Day after Thanksgiving	Fri., Nov 25
Christmas Day (observed)	Mon., Dec 26
New Year's Day (observed)	Mon., Jan 2

**2023**

Martin Luther King Day	Mon., Jan 16
President's Day	Mon., Feb 20
Good Friday	Fri., Apr. 7