Town of Royalton

2022 News Letter

Town Hall is located at 5316 Royalton Center Road, Middleport, NY 14105 www.townofroyalton.org



Elected & Appointed Town Officials

Supervisor - Daniel Bragg

Sr. Account Clerk - Melanie Brawdy

Deputy Supervisor - Lee Criswell

Councilman - Bradley Rehwaldt, Joshua Walker, and Carol Wittcop

Town Clerk - Marie L Little, MMC/RMC

Deputy Town Clerks - Pat Hinds and Susan Peters

Highway Superintendent – James Spark

Highway Clerk – Jacqueline Mistretta

Water/Sewer Superintendent - Brian Cummings

Water Clerk – Barb Bartholomew

Back-up Water Clerk - Pat Hinds

Tax Collector - Lisa Menno

Town Justice - Hon. James Budde and Hon. Laura A. Wagner

Court Clerks - Daphne Nieman and Amber Glyshaw

Assessor/Bldg. Insp./Code Enforcement – Michael Hartman

Assessor Clerk - Jennifer Donner

Town Historian - Joshua Bieber

Dog Control Officer - Scott Wymyczak

(716) 772-7531 Ext. 105 or 106

(716) 772-2431 Ext 101, 103, 104

M - F 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(716) 772-2363 Ext 117 or 118

M - TH 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM

(716) 772 - 2431 Ext 103

M – TH 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Friday 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

(716) 772-2431 Ext 114

(716) 772-2588

T,W.TH 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(716) 772-2431 Ext 108 or 109

M & TH 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(716) 772-2431 Ext 116

(716) 417-5151

Town of Royalton Meeting Schedules

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS begin at 7:00 pm and will be held the SECOND MONDAY of every month with the exception of the OCTOBER MEETING which will be held on the THIRD MONDAY of the month, or as resolution adopted at the preceding Regular

WORK SESSION MEETINGS begin at 5:30 pm and will be held on the Wednesday preceding the second Monday of the month. **PLANNING BOARD** meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

ZONING BOARD meets on the 4th Monday of each month.

Town Hall will be closed on the following days:

Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day (observed), Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day (observed), Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and the Day After, ½ Day Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, ½ Day New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, & 1 Floating Holiday

Town Clerk's office provides many services for your Convenience

Open Monday – Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (716)772-2431

Marie L. Little, MMC/RMC - Town Clerk

- Disabled Parking Permits
- Hunting Licenses
- Notary Public Services
- E-Z Pass
- 5 week Summer Recreation Program for children ages 5-15
- Marriage Licenses
- Marriage Ceremonies performed by our very own:
 - ~Judge James Budde
 - ~Judge Laura Wagner
 - ~Town Clerk Marie L. Little
 - Birth/Death Records
 - Genealogy Research
 - Vets Park Rental Reservations for the current year can be made starting January 1st.

Thank you to all the men and women who give us our freedom.



Looking for Something Fun for the kids to do this Summer ???

5-Week SUMMER RECREATION Program Children Ages 5 – 15

July 11, 2022 – August 12, 2022 9 AM until 3 PM \$50.00 per child

Registration forms are available at Town Hall / Online / OR register first day of program.

Accepting applications starting in May Program will be held at Veterans Park, Gasport Monday – Thursday / Friday – Field Trips

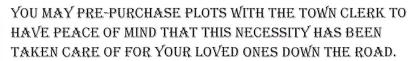


Having a party this Summer?

Why not rent Veterans Park Pavilion in Gasport. Enjoy the fresh outdoors with plenty of table space and a playground for the children to have fun. Call and rent between the months of May - October. Rental cost for residents - \$50.00, and non-residents - \$100.00, plus a key deposit - \$25.00 (which will be returned after your event.) Give us a call at the Town Clerks office @ (716) 772-2431.

CEMETERY INFORMATION

THE TOWN OF ROYALTON MAINTAINS 7 CEMETERIES WITHIN OUR TOWNSHIP. ROYALTON MOUNTAIN RIDGE CEMETERY, ROYALTON UNION CEMETERY, ORANGEPORT UNION CEMETERY AND HUSKEY CEMETERY ARE THE ONLY FOUR WITH ACTIVE BURIALS.



ALSO, IF ANYONE IS IN NEED OF COMMUNITY SERVICE WE ALWAYS WELCOME CLEAN-UP OF OUR CEMETERIES. INQUIRE WITHIN.





Dog Licensing in the Town of Royalton



The fees are as follows: \$ 8.00 per year for all spayed or neutered dogs.

\$16.00 per year for all Unspayed or Unneutered dogs.

Article 7 of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law states that ALL dogs must be licensed at four (4) months of age.

When you come to the Town Clerk's office to license your dogs; you will need a current rabies vaccination certificate and a spay/neuter certificate (if applicable).

ALSO, please make sure to renew your dog licenses in a timely fashion. There is a \$5.00 late fee for any license not paid within 60 days of the original due date. Failure to renew your dog license can result in a court appearance and a fine. Dog license fee will *double* if not paid within 90 days of expiration.

If your dog is sold, transferred to a new owner, or deceased...PLEASE notify the Town Clerk's office of this change so your records can be updated!!!

Each dog is given a stainless steel tag for their collar with an identification # that is specific to them and to you as their owner. If this tag is lost; it can be replaced for a fee of \$3.00. Please make sure to put this tag on their collar so that we can return them to you if they should happen to go out for a walk without you!

DOG BITES should be reported to: Scott Wymyczak, DCO (716)417-5151 Town Clerk (716)772-2431 Niagara County Health Department (716)439-7430

Tractor Supply
PetVet Clinic
website
petvet.vippetcare.com
OR
lineup.vippetcare.com

Niagara County Department of Health FREE Rabies Clinics

Saturday, April 9th Town of Porter Highway Garage

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM 1800 Braley Road, Town of Porter (716)745-3730

Saturday, June 4th Amtrak Train Depot

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM 825 Depot Avenue, City of Niagara Falls

Saturday, July 9th Town of Royalton Highway Garage 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM 5317 Royalton Center Rd, Middleport (716) 772-2431

Saturday, Sept. 17th Town of Lockport Highway Department

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM 6560 Dysinger Road, Town of Lockport (716)439-9524

Saturday, Dec. 10th City of North Tonawanda – Public Works Department 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM 758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda

(716)695-8585

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR RABIES CLINIC IS NOW AVAILABLE AND REQUIRED ONLINE AT WWW.NIAGARACOUNTY.COM/HEALTH.

DOG LICENSE RENEWAL NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE.

Visit the Homepage on our Website:

townofroyalton.org from home, office, or when you're out of town.

There will be a \$1.75 convenience fee added by the vendor

Keeping up in Gasport and Surrounding Areas



HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM

The Town of Royalton Hometown Heroes Committee will be continuing the Hometown Banner Program.

If you would like to honor your loved ones for their service in the military. Please submit an application they will be accepted between 9/01/22 thru 12/31/22 for next year.

The banners will be displayed starting with Memorial Day thru Labor Day 2023

The applications and guidelines can be found on the Town's website or at the Town Hall.

Thank you all for your service !!!



Town Wide Garage Sale July 2nd, 3rd, & 4th

Planning on a yard sale this summer? Why not join our community sale. Call Town Hall @ (716) 772-2431 to be added to the list. The master copy will be available here at the end of June. You might find some treasures right here in your neighborhood.

Royalton
Ravine is a
County Park
and can be
reserved by
calling
(716) 439-7951



SUMMERTIME IS HERE!!

Dear Royalton Residents we do realize and understand that people are getting out more walking their dogs, washing cars, and having people over for parties. Please be considerate towards each other and have a wonderful time.

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has the following requirements for fires.

*Allowable: Campfires or other outdoor open fires <u>less</u> than three feet in height, <u>less</u> than four feet in length.



Hello Seniors, Are you looking for something to do during the year? There are Some Senior Clubs that get together, socialize, have lunch, and go places.

Interested? Give them a call and have fun!!!

<u>Gasport Seniors</u> - Meetings begin in March thru December. Held at Hartland Bible Church, 8110 West Ave, Gasport, NY. Meetings are every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. From 10:00am – 1:30pm. Seniors 55 & up, Membership dues \$4.00 per year. Activities: Guest speakers (when available), trip once a year, potluck lunch every meeting. (You can bring a dish to pass or pay \$4.00) Contact: Cathy @ (716) 266-4131

Johnson Creek Seniors - Meetings are September 1st thru June. Held at Hartland Fire Hall, 8945 Ridge Rd, Gasport, NY. Meetings are every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month. From 12:00pm – 2:00pm. Seniors 50 & up, Membership dues \$3.00 per year. Activities: Many day trips, several events, cards, potluck lunch or prepared lunch every meeting with musical entertainment. (You can bring a dish to pass or pay \$8.00) Contact: Lynn Marciszewski @ (585) 765-9387.

Middleport Seniors – Meetings begin July 27th. Held at Middleport Scout House, 131 Telegraph Rd (Rt 31), Gasport, NY. Meetings are every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. From 11:00am – 1:30pm. Seniors 55 & up, Membership dues \$3.00 per year. Activities: Get together at shows, dinners, and lunch will vary from month to month. Contact:Jean @ (716) 735-3427

Wolcottsville Seniors – Meetings begin in March thru December. Held at St Michaels Lutheran Church, 6379 Wolcottsville Rd, Wolcottsville, NY. Meetings are every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. From 11:30 – 2:00pm. Seniors 55 & up, Membership dues \$5.00 per year. Activities: Guest speaker (when available), card games, Bingo, bus tours (2x a year),

potluck lunch every meeting. (You can bring a dish to pass or not). Outside Activities: Meet for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and view shows. Contact/President: Donna Killion @ (716) 433-7198.

Assessor/Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer - Mike Hartman

Town of Royalton - (716) 772-7826 Mondays & Thursdays 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Clerk's hours Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Town of Hartland – (716) 735-7778 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

NOTICE

Building Permits are Required



The Town of Royalton currently participates in The following exemption programs:

ENHANCED STAR: Only if you are currently receiving Basic Star Income driven exemption – Maximum amount of income \$92,000. Star Phone # 518-457-2036.

LOW INCOME OVER 65: To qualify must own and reside as permanent address, be 65 years or older, total income of household sliding scale.

VETERANS: Must show DD214, selected years of service for qualifications.

AGRICULTURAL: Farmers must earn \$10,000 per year, proof is required.

***Remember Proof of Income is Mandatory. See the Assessor for more information.

Keep your Lawn Clean and Mowed.

Check your Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors twice a year.

SPRING INTO ACTION

The Zoning Officer will be surveying the Town for Junk Cars and just plain Junk. Get a step ahead of him and get rid of this stuff before he sees it. Here are the most common excuses for Junk Cars and Debris on your property.

- 1. It's stuck and I can't move it
- 2. I'm saving it for parts
- 3. It's a classic car and I'm going to restore it someday
- 4. I'm going to fix it and put it on the road soon
- 5. It's my wife/husband's
- 6. It was here when I bought the property
- 7. It's my property...I can do what I want to
- 8. Tell my neighbors to look the other way
- 9. It's for sale

FYI...these responses usually do not work. PLEASE put these items in a barn, scrap them, or throw them away.

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

Please be sure to have your house number on either your house or mailbox to:

"Ensure a Quick Response; When there's an Emergency"

Terry's Corners Vol. Fire Company Gasport Chemical Hose Vol. Fire Company Wolcottsville Vol. Fire Company Offer Reflective Address Markers

Ask for an order form at Town Hall

New York State Property Maintenance Code

304.3 Premises identification

Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers

shall be Arabic numbersals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be not less than 4 inches (102 mm) in height with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7mm).

ATTENTION: New Home Owners

Register for the S.T.A.R. (School Tax Assisted Relief)
24 hrs a day, 7 days a week @ www.tax.ny.gov/star

Property owners without access to a computer can register by phone weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (518) 457-2036.

Further questions? Contact your local Assessor's Office @ (716) 772-7826.

Are you eligible for STAR?

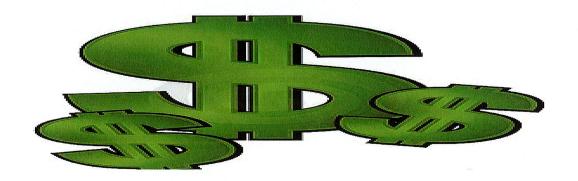
If you own your home, it's your primary residence, and if your income is \$250,000 or less, you may be eligible for the Basic STAR credit.

If you're 65 or older with an income of \$92,000 or less, you may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR credit.

Before you register

You'll need this information to register for the STAR credit:

- Names and social security numbers for all owners of the property and their spouses;
- Primary residence of the owners and their spouses;
- Approximate date the owners purchased the property, and the name of the sellers;
- 2021 school tax bill, if you received one;
- Address of any residential property owned in another state;
- if the property is owned in trust, the legal name of the trust;
- 2021 federal or state income tax returns for all owners. If you didn't file a 2021 income tax return, you'll be asked to provide financial information for all property owners.



Town of Royalton Highway Department

Open Monday - Thursday 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM Clerk's hours Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Jim Spark, Highway Superintendent

(716)772-2363

BRUSH PICKUP: Brush should be put at the road side with the *CUT ENDS FACING THE ROAD* in an untangled manner. Brush pushed in piles with equipment will not be picked up until property owner untangles pile. For safety reasons to our employees and machinery we require tree limbs and shrubbery to be free of roots and dirt and of a size that can be picked up by one person. Your cooperation is very much appreciated. Please call the Highway office at (716)772-2363 Monday through Thursday Between 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM to request brush pick up at your residence. **There is NO set schedule for brush pick-up.**

WOOD CHIPS: Wood chips are available, free of charge, to Town residents per request.

SIGNS: I Anyone Witnessing the vandalism or theft of any road signs in the Town is asked to take down the license plate numbers of those involved and to contact the police department.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION: Please be aware of men working signs, roadside equipment and flag men. For your safety and the safety of the construction worker, please be patient and take appropriate precautions. Also, for your convenience, you can go to www.nyalert.gov to sign up and receive alerts for any road disruptions/closures.

<u>CULVERT PIPES</u>: Anyone who has reason to enter or exit fields in any type of motorized vehicle must use a driveway entrance. If there is not currently a driveway entrance where you enter or exit, you can have one installed by the highway department. If you are in need of a culvert pipe, you can purchase one through the Highway Department. However, we can only install Culverts on Town roads. Also, if you have drainage issues please report this to Paul Bruning at (716)735-7637 or (716)695-4259.

PLOWING: Please note...New York State has a law in place that specifically prohibits the placing of, or leaving of snow, ice or other substance upon **any** highway, which includes pavement, shoulders, and ditches. Plowing snow from a driveway across the road and piling it on shoulders or in ditches can cause serious injury to persons traveling the road, and it also causes flooding. Violating either of these laws could result in a summons from a local police agency to be issued to the responsible party. Any resident that currently uses this method of clearing snow from your driveway; please find an alternate place to deposit the snow from your driveway. **Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.**

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING: The Highway Department cannot take electric recycling items, except on scheduled e-recycling days set up by the Town Hall.





Tires can be dropped off at the Highway Garage Monday through Thursday 7:00 am until 4:30 pm only. Do Not leave tires at the gate. You must sign in at the Highway Office and show proof of residency. There will no longer be scheduled drop off days. Each household or business is allowed to drop off four (4) tires per month.

Report Street Light Outages to Town Hall



Before you call we need the Pole # and an address/road or cross road.

GARBAGE COLLECTION IS EVERY WEDNESDAY RECYCLE COLLECTION IS EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY

RED WEEKS – Everyone South of and ON Chestnut Ridge Road

BLUE WEEKS – Everyone North of Chestnut Ridge Road

GRAY DAYS – Holiday NO Collection, pickup for the rest of the week will be delayed by one day.

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> The Large Recycle Bins are numbered and assigned to each Royalton Address. They <u>MUST</u> stay at this address if you move.

Please use Recycle Bins for recycle only not for garbage

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

MODERN CORPORATION'S REFUSE PICKUP REGULATIONS:

Six (6) containers per week not to exceed 30 gallons or 60lbs in size/weight.

Scrap lumber bundled and not exceeding 4' in length.

One (1) large household item (furniture, appliance, mattress, etc.) per week. Appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, etc. containing fluorocarbon (Freon) must be certified that the material has been removed.

Cardboard must be cut down to size of the recycle container and placed inside. Any recycle material should be loose and not enclosed in plastic bags. Please make bins visible and have out to the curb by 6:00 AM for collection.

NO TIRES. NO COMPOST. NO DEAD ANIMALS.



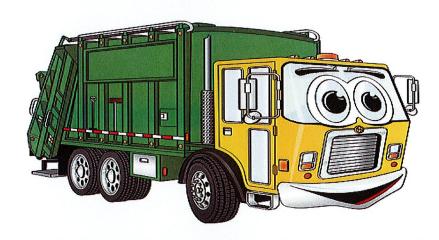
ELECTRONICS

Please **DO NOT** put your old Televisions and other Electronic items to the road.

Modern <u>WILL NOT</u> take these items. Curbside collection does not include Televisions and other Electronic items any longer. This is a Law that was made effective January 1, 2015.

Town Hall Electronic drop off day will be announced during the springtime.

Lockport Recycling Center 178 Oakhurst St Lockport, NY 14094 (716) 434-6568



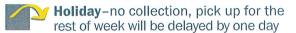
Niagara County Sheriff Non-Emergency #(716) 438 - 3393

Collection Schedule









2022 Holidays with Service Interruption

Memorial Day May 30th

Independence DayJuly 4th

Labor Day September 5th

Thanksgiving Day November 24th

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TOWN OF ROYALTON WATER / SEWER INFORMATION

4244 BOLTON ROAD - GASPORT, NY 14607

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday - Thursday 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Friday 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

BRIAN CUMMINGS - WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT PHONE: (716) 772 - 2107

Please include the stub with your water payment and write your account number on your check.













Water / Sewer Billing:

- Water bills are mailed out the first week of the billing month. If you do not receive your bill by the 10th of a billing month contact the billing department to avoid late fees. For your convenience there is a lockbox located outside the entrance to Town Hall for after hour's business. If you make payment via your banking system please allow 10 business days for it to reach us in the mail as the banks bill pay system sends check in batches rather than daily. If payment is not received in our office prior to the due date the 10% penalty will be added.
- If you leave the area temporarily (i.e.)(vacation or winter homestead). Please consider prepaying your water bill for the time you are away or provide us with the address you want your mail sent. When you return home you need to contact us again to change your address back to your residence.
- If your contact information changes phone or physical address please
 notify the billing department so that we have updated information for
 both billing and emergency situations such as a broken pipe or frozen
 meter which would require access to the property.

Property Sales & Purchases:

If you are **SELLING** your home please contact our office prior to your closing date. Prior to selling your home a dual check valve inspection is mandated by the Niagara County Health Department.

When you receive your **CLOSING** date please contact the department again so that we can schedule the **final read** and place the property into the new owner's name.

If you are **PURCHASING** a new home please contact our office ASAP so that we may obtain the proper new owner information and contact information.

Water/Sewer Billings BILLS ARE MAILED 3 TIMES PER YEAR FEBRUARY JUNE & OCTOBER

WATER QUALITY REPORT

Located on the Town of Royalton Website or pick up a copy at the Town Clerks Office.

Tax Levy

Any past due balance on water and/or sewer that was due prior to October 1st will be applied to the Town and County Tax bill along with a \$100.00 administrative fee.

What is happening in Water / Sewer Department in 2022?

Water:

- Town Water Department Staff will be putting a waterline in the North half of Ward Road.
- We are currently engineering Phase 16 which will include putting a waterline in on Griswold to Ditch Rd., all of Ditch Rd. and 2 sections of Akron Rd. This will take the remainder of this year to engineer and we anticipate putting the water in year 2023.

Sewer:

We are pleased to announce that we were awarded a grant to pay for 75% of the mandatory disinfection upgrade to the W.W.T.P. A new generator for the Plant is also included in this grant.

As always we are pleased to serve the people of this great Town and will do so to the best of our ability. Thank you, Brian

WATER RATES:

First 3,000 gal. - \$40.00 minimum charge 3001 - 20,000 gal. - \$2.45 per 1,000 20,001 - 60,000 gal. - \$2.05 per 1,000 60,000 + gal. + = \$1.09 per 1000

SEWER RATES:

First 3,000 gal.=\$4.80 minimum charge + remaining gallons @ \$2.25 per 1000 gal.

INFRASTRUCTURE RATES:

Water \$5.00 per billing period (Town wide)
Sewer \$105.00 per billing period (Gasport Hamlet only)

Meter Rentals

The Town has rental meters for rent for metering water usage in the Town of Royalton only. You need to go to the Town Hall to complete the paperwork and pay the deposit for a meter when you rent it out for usage for both Small and Large Meters.

Small Meter Rental 3/4 " – 1" has a deposit of \$100.00. These are available at the Town Hall. **Large Meter Rental – has a deposit fee of \$300.00.** Complete paperwork at Town Hall. Pickup meter at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Bolton Road.