



James Messa
New Hartford Town Supervisor

100 Days of Progress

Town of New Hartford SPRING Newsletter 2026

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Supervisor Jim Messa

FROM DAY ONE: ACTION FOR NEW HARTFORD

Spring is a season of renewal, making it a fitting time to reflect on where we are as a town and where we are headed together.

Over the past 100 days, our administration has focused on building a strong foundation for New Hartford's future. From improving communication and increasing transparency to moving long-standing projects forward and strengthening coordination across departments, our goal has been clear: to make town government more responsive, accountable, and connected to the people it serves.

Residents deserve a town government that works well, communicates clearly, and follows through. In these first few months, we have worked to address unfinished business, improve access to information, keep projects moving, and ensure departments are working together effectively. At the same time, we are preparing for the busy spring and summer seasons, when our parks, programs, public spaces, and services are used most.

This newsletter will keep you informed about what has been accomplished, what is underway, and what residents need to know in the months ahead.

Inside, you will find department updates, important reminders, information on parks and summer programs, details about our new Report a Concern initiative, and an introduction to the resident-driven Stormwater Committee.



Thank you for the opportunity to serve this community. New Hartford is a special place, and I believe the best path forward is one built on honesty, transparency, and a shared commitment to doing what is right for our town.

Sincerely,
Jim Messa, Town Supervisor

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-Jim Messa
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100 Days of Progress

Highlights from the Town Board meeting minutes. January 1 - April 1, 2026

Financial Recovery, Accountability, and Fiscal Management

Stronger financial recovery effort launched

The Town engaged **Bonadio** for finance and accounting support to help bring records current, assist with reconciliations, and support audit readiness, while **Drescher & Malecki** was engaged to complete the 2024 financial statement audit. By April, Bonadio reported the 2024 financials had been reviewed and sent to external auditors, and the 2025 financials were nearing completion on an accelerated schedule.

Advanced the Town's audit and debt planning

The administration began working closely on the upcoming BAN renewal, debt review, and long-term planning to restore the Town's financial standing. In April, the Board approved the 2026 BAN renewal in the amount of \$6,033,045.

Improved financial procedures to avoid delays and penalties

The Board approved a new process allowing credit card purchases to be reviewed and authorized between meetings when needed, helping the Town avoid late fees and keep accounts current.

Realigned budget allocations for necessary operational improvements

The Board approved multiple 2026 budget transfers to align staffing, payroll, and department operations with current needs, especially in the Clerk's Office, Supervisor's Office, Parks and Recreation, Finance, and Animal Shelter.

Strengthened Town Clerk operations during transition

Town Clerk **Michele Moran** and her team successfully carried out the 2026 tax collection cycle under new staffing, despite an unusually limited transition and lack of institutional handoff. The office reported more than \$17.1 million collected, with a 93.43% collection rate by April 1.

Technology, Modernization, and Internal Systems

Modernized payroll operations

The Board approved an upgrade to the Town's **Paychex system** to move toward electronic timekeeping, automated approvals, and better leave tracking, reducing manual entry and improving efficiency and compliance.

Invested in cybersecurity and IT infrastructure

The Town approved a major cybersecurity and infrastructure upgrade through **Upper 90 Solutions**, including migration to Microsoft 365, offsite backups, stronger security controls, and a disaster recovery plan. This addressed long-standing technology vulnerabilities and modernized core systems.

Began upgrading Town systems through RFPs

The Board authorized requests for proposals for HVAC maintenance, a new phone system for Town buildings, IT services, and security cameras for parks, recreation, and the animal shelter.

Improved asset management and equipment turnover

The Highway Department began surplusizing outdated equipment through **Auctions International**, including trucks and miscellaneous parts, while evaluating newer equipment to improve productivity, such as a pothole repair machine.



\$6M
2026
BAN Renewal
APPROVED

And there's more

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Transparency, Communication & Public Access

Expanded communications and transparency

Progress led by **Confidential Secretary Christine Martin** has included reorganizing the Town website, enhancing official social media content with timely notifications of Town Board agendas and minutes, introducing live streaming of Town Board meetings, and launching an official **YouTube** channel to preserve and share meeting videos.

Community Awareness

These improvements are part of a broader effort by Supervisor Messa to make local government more open, accessible, and connected to the people it serves.

Established reliable long-term access to public meeting records

Town Board meetings will be live-streamed, and recorded meeting videos will be readily accessible on YouTube. These recordings will be maintained as part of the public record and will no longer be deleted, helping ensure continued public access to Town proceedings.

Set the foundation for more transparent board reporting

Early in the administration, **Supervisor Messa** directed the creation of monthly PowerPoint presentations by department heads and council members so residents could more easily follow Town operations, updates, and priorities.

Strengthened public access to Town government

The Board voted to designate the **Daily Sentinel** as the Town's official newspaper, citing more consistent coverage of Town affairs and better support for public notices and deadlines.

Improving records management and retention practices

The Board reaffirmed adoption of the LGS-1 records retention schedule, supporting better records management and legal compliance. **Town Clerk Michele Moran** also reported submission of a \$75,000 NYS Archives grant application for a multi-year records digitization project that would improve FOIL response times and protect historic records.

Ready Public Access

Working to enhance the records management system; expediting the FOIL process and improving access to public records, historic data, and vital statistics.

Infrastructure, Public Works, & Facility Improvements

Re-established the Stormwater Committee

The Town formally appointed five residents to a new Stormwater Committee, strengthening local input and creating a more organized response to drainage and flooding concerns.

Expanded flood monitoring and storm response capabilities

The Highway Department reported progress on stormwater camera installations at key locations throughout town to provide real-time alerts during storms.

Infrastructure and traffic improvements

The Board authorized bids for the Valley View and Chapman Road traffic signal project and approved RFPs for sidewalk paving in Chadwicks. Engineering and planning continued on additional road, drainage, and safety improvements.

Entered into practical service contracts to support Town operations

The Town approved contracts for fire protection, mowing, ditching, storage tank liability coverage, and flag maintenance, helping ensure continuity of services and upkeep of Town assets.

Sign Litter Enforcement

The Town of New Hartford will be strictly enforcing a zero-tolerance policy for sign litter. Unauthorized signs placed in public rights-of-way, at intersections, on utility poles, or in other prohibited areas will be removed by the Highway Department, and violators will be put on notice.



Staffing, Workforce, & Organizational Capacity

Strengthened the workforce in key departments

The administration filled critical vacancies and approved staffing changes across Town government, including positions in the Court, Highway, Parks and Recreation, Finance/Personnel, and the Supervisor's Office.

Created a more practical hiring path for Highway staffing

To help fill hard-to-recruit positions, the Town amended its **Teamsters contract** to re-establish the Laborer/MEO Trainee title, allowing hires to enter the department and obtain their CDL within six months.

Approved important labor and personnel agreements

The Board authorized a formal offer of settlement for the new **PBA contract** and renewed important employee-related agreements, including non-union health insurance coverage.

Animal Shelter Services

Enhanced program and regional partnerships

The Town approved service agreements for animal shelter and animal control services with **Kirkland, Paris, Whitestown, Marcy, and Lee** reinforcing New Hartford's role as a regional service provider.

Improved animal shelter operations

The Board authorized **ACO John Treen** to issue licenses and rabies certificates for shelter operations, added budget support for shelter contractual expenses, approved volunteer appointments, established adoption fees, and continued work on expanded kennel space.



Public Safety, Codes, & Municipal Oversight

Strengthening code, zoning, and land use oversight

The Town adopted a six-month moratorium on large-scale solar systems while reviewing and potentially revising local regulations, and it introduced a local law related to truck traffic restrictions on Andover Avenue.

Moratorium on Solar

Grants & Strategic Planning

Securing outside grant support and long-term funding opportunities

The Town began discussions with **MRB Group** regarding grant writing and economic development support, including future competitiveness for initiatives such as Downtown Revitalization funding.

Expanding Community Support & Public Programming

The Town approved community events and public-use requests including the **Parkinson's Awareness Walk, Everyone Can Play 5K, and Grateful for Graham Walk**, while also participating in awareness efforts such as **Parkinson's Awareness Month**.

Collaboration with local municipalities

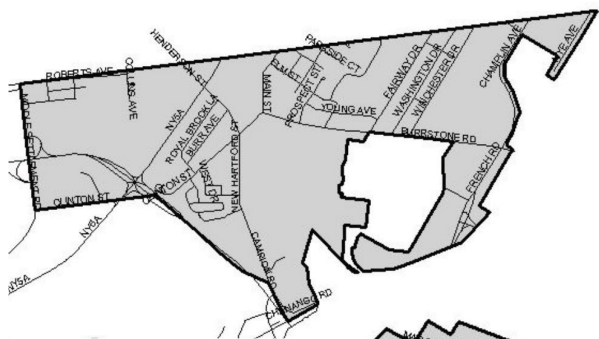
On March 24, 2026 Supervisor Messa hosted the first-ever meeting of neighboring supervisors and mayors to explore opportunities for regional collaboration. Joining **Supervisor Messa** were **Village of New Hartford Mayor Don Ryan, New York Mills Mayor Ernie Talarico, Whitestown Supervisor Shaun Kaleta, and Deputy Town Supervisor and 4th Ward Councilman David Tehan**. The discussion focused on ways municipalities can work together more effectively by sharing resources, pursuing grant opportunities, and coordinating on common challenges. The meeting reflected a shared commitment to practical solutions and stronger partnerships.



March 24, Local Leadership Meeting

Seated left to right: Mayor Don Ryan, Village of New Hartford; Mayor Ernie Talarico, Village of New York Mills; Supervisor Shaun Kaleta, Town of Whitestown; Supervisor Jim Messa, New Hartford Town Supervisor; Councilman David Tehan, New Hartford Fourth Ward and Deputy Town Supervisor.

Town Council and Wards



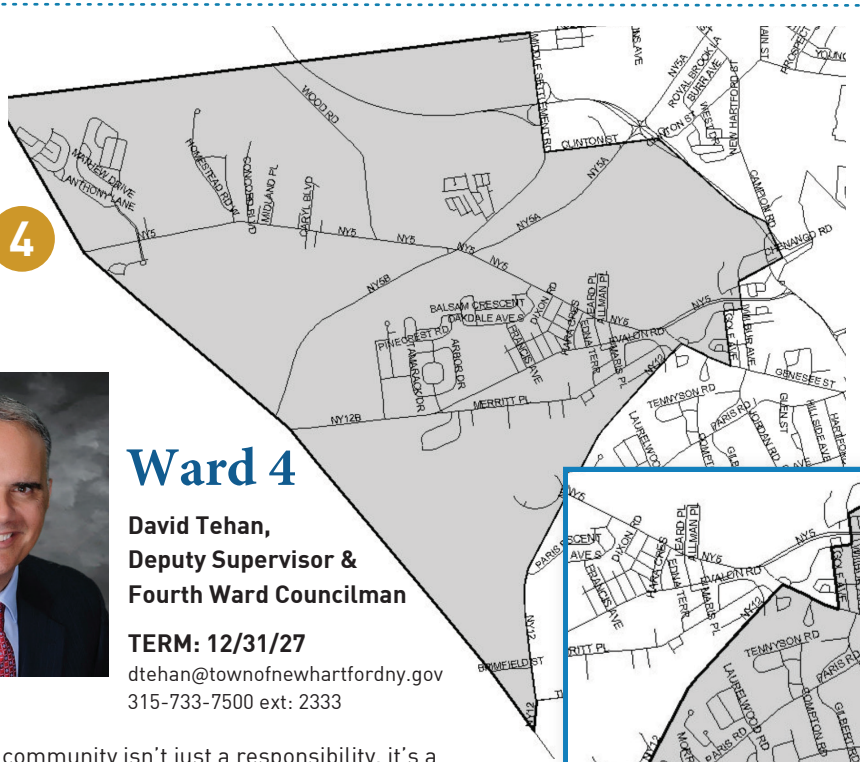
Ward 2

John Latini III
Second Ward Councilman

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315-733-7500 ext: 2381
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"I am honored to serve the residents of New Hartford and to work on behalf of our community. This year, I am proud to continue the street lighting and street sign initiative, an effort I was pleased to begin with the help of our Highway Department. Keeping an open line of communication is key to success, and I encourage residents to reach out anytime with questions, concerns, or suggestions by phone, text or email."

- John Latini



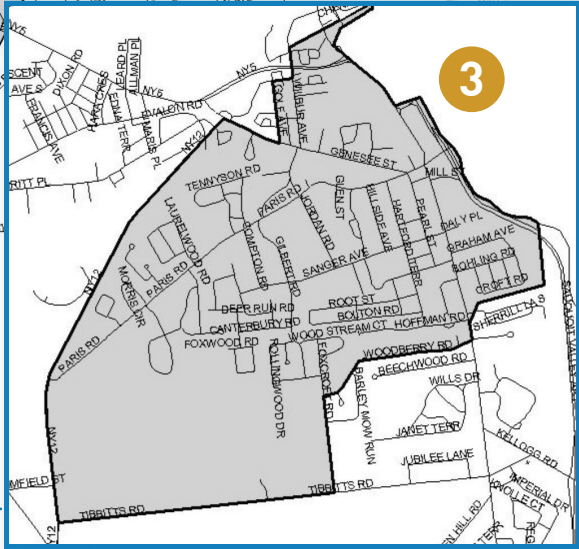
Ward 4

David Tehan,
Deputy Supervisor &
Fourth Ward Councilman

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"Serving our community isn't just a responsibility, it's a commitment to listen, lead, and deliver results that make everyday life better for our residents. I'm honored to serve in a dual capacity as Deputy Town Supervisor and 4th Ward Councilman. Together, we're building a stronger, more resilient town, one decision, one project, and one neighbor at a time."

- David Tehan



Ward 3

David Reynolds
Third Ward Councilman

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"It's an honor representing the residents and businesses in the 3rd Ward and working with the entire Town Board on all the very important issues faced by our Town. Constituents' comments, concerns and suggestions are always welcomed."

- David Reynolds



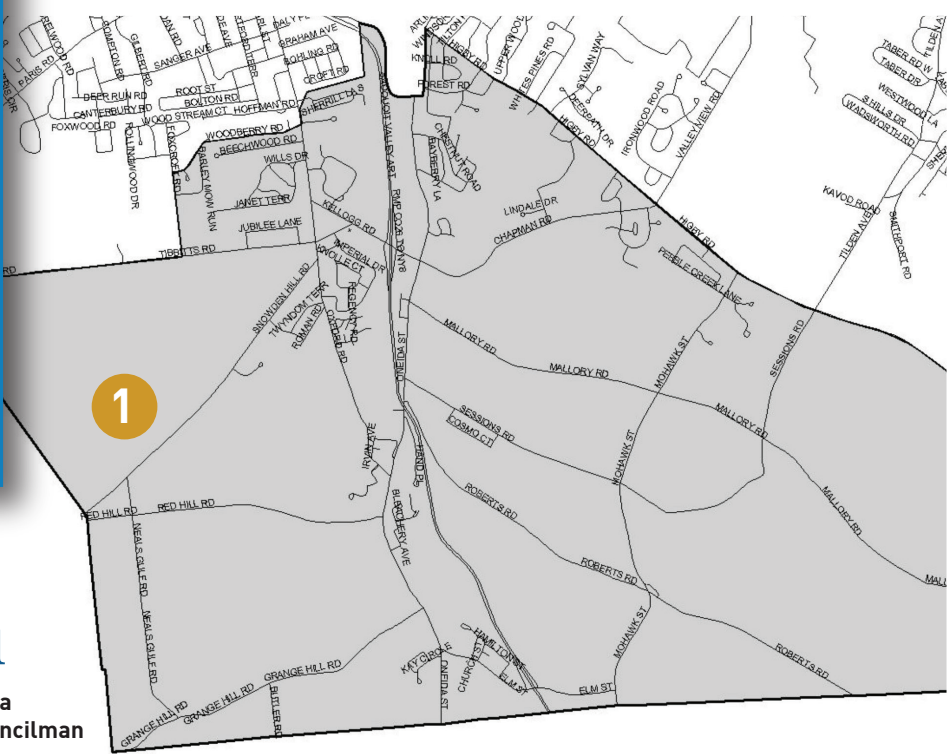
Ward 1

Vincent Pristera
First Ward Councilman

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"I'm honored to serve our community and grateful for the trust you've placed in me. Over the first few months on the board, I had the opportunity to play a role in some major decisions and connect with residents in the 1st Ward. I look forward to working with the Town Supervisor, fellow councilmen and department heads."

- Vincent Pristera



Ward 1 Street Location:

Augusta Dr.	Chapman Rd.	Frederick Dr.	Jewel Ridge	Oneida St.	Snowden Hill Rd.
Bayberry Ln.	Chestnut Rd.	Gateshead Rd.	Jubilee Ln.	Oxford Rd.	Thurston Blvd.
Beechwood Rd.	Chestnut Pl.	Glencrest Blvd.	Kay Cir.	Oxford Towne Ct.	Tibbitts Rd.
Benton Cir.	Christopher Cir.	Grange Hill Rd.	Kellogg Rd.	Pear St.	Twyndom Ter.
Bitten Ct.	Church St.	Hamilton Pl.	Kensington Ct.	Pebble Creek Ln.	Valley Pl. (last 2)
Bleachery Ave.	Cosmo Ct.	Hamilton St.	Kingfisher Ln.	Pheasant Ln.	Wakefield St.
Bradley Rd.	Cosmo Ln.	Hand Pl.	Knight Rd.	Red Hill Rd.	Westminster Cir.
Brantwood Ln.	Ct. Knolle	Harrogate Rd.	Knoll Rd.	Regal Ct.	Weston Rd.
Brantwood Rd.	Cranberry Ln.	Heron Ct.	Lindale Ave.	Regency Rd.	Wills Dr.
Bromwich Rd.	Danberry Cir.	Highy Hills Dr.	Lloyds Ln.	Roberts Rd.	Willowvale Ave.
Brooks Ln.	Danberry Rd.	Hughes Ln.	Lower Woods Rd S	Rockport Rd.	Woodbrooke Rd.
Brookside Ter.	Donegal Pl.	Humphrey Ter.	Mallard Brook Ln.	Roman Rd.	Woodhaven Ln.
Butler Rd.	Edgebrook Pl.	Imperial Dr.	Mallory Rd.	School St.	
Butternut Rd.	Elm St.	Irvin Ave.	Meadowbrook Dr.	Sessions Rd.	
Camden Way	Florence Ct.	Janet Ter.	Mohawk St.	Sherrill Ln.	
Center Ter.	Forest Rd.		Neals Gulf Rd.	Sleepy Hollow Ln.	

*Ward 1 also includes the New Hartford streets with Chadwicks and Sauquoit postal codes. (Not listed here.)

Ward 2 Street Location:

Allen Rd.	Fairway Dr.	New Hartford St.	Sherman Dr.	Taber Ln.	Water Beech Pl.
Arlington Ter.	French Rd.	Ney Ave.	Sherman Ln.	Taber Rd.	Waterford Ln.
Beckwith Cir.	Golden Pl.	Old Orchard Rd.	Silver Birch Ct.	Tilden Ave.	Westminster Rd.
Burrstone Rd.	Graffenburg Rd.	Pleasant St.	Slaytonbush Ln.	Tilden Ln.	Westwood Ln.
Carmen Ln.	Grasshopper Ln.	Powell Ave. S	Slaytonbush Ter.	Tilton Rd.	Wheatley Cir.
Cascade Dr.	Highy Rd.	Read St.	Smithport Rd.	Upper Woods Cir.	White Pine Rd.
Christine Ct.	Hingham Rd.	Roberts Ave.	South Hills Dr.	Upper Woods Rd.	Wild Turkey Rd.
Collins Ave.	Ironwood Rd.	Robin Rd.	Stonebridge Ct.	Valley View Rd.	Winchester Dr.
Collins Ln.	Juniper Ln.	Salisbury Dr.	Stonebridge Rd.	Viburnum Ln.	Windsor Terra
Coxe Ave.	Liberty Ave.	Sedgewick Pk. N	Stonegate Rd.	Viburnum Pl.	Wishaway Wood Ln
Cross St.	Lower Woods Rd N	Sedgewick Pk. S	Sylvan Glen Rd.	Wadsworth Ln. E	Woodland Village
Davis Pl.	Mason Rd.	Shepard Ave.	Sylvan Way	Wadsworth Rd.	
Deerpath Ct.	Narla Ln.	Sherman Cir.	Taber Dr.	Washington Dr.	
Deerpath Dr.					

*Ward 2 also includes the New Hartford streets with New York Mills and Utica postal codes. (Not listed here.)

Ward 3 Street Location:

Andover Ave.	Deer Run Rd.	Glen St.(last 2)	Lowell Dr.	Pippinwood Dr.	Virginia Ln.
Appler Rd.	Eagle Ridge Dr.	Golf Ave.	Middle Grove Ln.	Rollingwood Dr.	Wayside Ln.
Barley Mow Run	Ealy Ave.	Hartford Ter.	Morgan Ln.	Root St.	Wedgewood Rd.
Bolton Cir.	E Emerson Rd.	Heatherwood Dr.	Morris Cir.	Ruth Ave.	Wilbur Rd.
Bolton Rd.	Erie Ave.	Hillside Ave. S	Oakwood Dr.	Sanger Ave.	Wildwood Rd.
Briarwood Ct.	Esmeralda Ave.	Hoffman Rd.	Old Campion Rd.	Sherwood Rd.	Woodberry Ln.
Briarwood Ln.	Fieldwood Rd.	Hubbardton Rd.	Old Willow Rd.	Slusser Ave.	Woodberry Rd.
Canterbury Rd.	Foxcroft Rd.	Jordan Rd.	Ontario Ave.	Tallmadge Ct.	Woodbourne Rd.
Claridge Ct.	Foxwood Rd.	Kelly Ln.	Ora Ave.	Tanglewood Rd.	Woodstock Ct.
Compton Rd.	Galway Rd.	Knollwood Rd.	Orange Ave.	Tennyson Cir.	Woodstream Ct.
Crawford Ln.	Genesee St.	Laurelwood Rd.	Paris Rd.	Tennyson Rd.	
Crestwood Ter.	Gerry Ave.	Lawrence Ave.	Partridge Rd.	Terrace Hill Dr.	
Dartmoor Ln.	Gilbert Rd.	Longfellow Dr.	Phelps Ave.	Thornwood Rd.	

*Ward 3 also includes the New Hartford streets within the Village of New Hartford. (Not listed here.)

Ward 4 Street Location:

Alexandria Rd.	Clinton St.	Glendale Ave.	Larchmont Dr.	Norwood Rd.	Seneca Tpk.
Allman Pl.	Clintonview Blvd.	Grace Ter.	Leard Rd.	Oakdale Ave. N	Stanhope Ct.
Alvin Pl.	Concord Blvd.	Gracie Pl.	Lincoln Dr.	Oakdale Ave. S	Stratford Dr.
Annie's Way	Cone Cir.	Grandview Ave.	Mapledale Rd.	Oliver Ave.	Susan Dr.
Anthony Ln.	Dixon Rd.	Greatview Pl.	Marks Pl.	Osborn Ave.	Sycamore Dr. E
Applewood Blvd.	Doris Rd.	Hara Cr.	Marlboro Rd.	Pk. Blvd.	Sycamore Dr. W
Ariana Ln.	Edna Ter.	Haven Pl.	Marley Pl.	Pk.way Pl.	Tamarack Dr.
Balsam Cr.	Elmhurst Dr.	Haverhill Rd.	Matthew Dr.	Partyka Rd.	Watts Rd.
Barbara Ave.	Estates Dr.	Helen Ave.	Mayberry Pl.	Patricia Dr.	Winn Ave.
Birchdale Cr.	Evalon Rd.	Heloon Dr.	Medford Pl.	Paulavan Pl.	Woods Hwy.
Brett Brae	Fawncrest Blvd.	Hilltop Ter.	Merrimac St.	Phil Cir.	Woods Pk. Dr.
Briana Rd.	Ferro Ave.	Homestead Ct.	Merritt Pl.	Pinecrest Rd.	
Caryl Blvd.	Forest Ave.	Homestead Rd. E	Middlesettlement Rd	Pleasantview Ave.	*Applewood &
Catherine Ave.	Francis Rd.	Homestead Rd. W	Midland Pl.	Rosedale Ct.	Cherrywood
Chenango Rd.	Gabriella Ter.	Irving Rd.	Mulvihill Dr.	Route 12	Communities
Clinton Rd.	Geraldine Ave.	Jack's Way	Norma Dr.	Salem Rd.	

*Ward 4 also includes the New Hartford streets with Clinton postal codes. (Not listed here.)



Town Clerk's Office

E-Z Pass On the Go

Residents can purchase an E-ZPass tag for \$25 - no application or long wait required. Cash or check accepted. Visit the Clerk's Office.



Dog Registration Reminder

All dogs over 4 months old must be licensed in New York State. Registration forms and details are available through the Town Clerk's Office. To obtain an application contact the Town Clerk's Office: (315) 733-7500 Ext. 2324

Youth Employment Program (YEP)

We have partnered with the **Oneida County Youth Bureau** to connect motivated youth age 14 to 19 with residents and businesses needing help with small or seasonal jobs such as babysitting, pet care, lawn work, cleaning, and basic maintenance. Interested teens, residents, and businesses are asked to register their services or needs with the Town Clerk's Office, where a match will be made.

Hometown Heroes Banner Program.

The Town's Hometown Heroes Banner Program, coordinated through the Town Clerk's Office and the **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)**, offers residents a meaningful way to honor local veterans and active duty service members by sponsoring a personalized banner to be displayed throughout the town.

Residents interested in ordering a banner should visit the program's official website at **mohawkvalleyhometownheroes.com**.

The order deadline for Memorial Day was March 20th. Deadline for July 4 is May 28, 2026.

Building a Stronger Clerk's Office.

As part of ongoing improvements under the current administration, the Clerk's Office has begun cross-training staff so that each clerk is able to handle a wider range of services and responsibilities. This proactive approach is helping create a more efficient office and ensuring residents receive quicker, more dependable service.

New Hartford Police Department: 2025 Year in Review

In 2025, the New Hartford Police Department responded to more than 12,800 calls for service, made 704 arrests, conducted over 4,000 traffic stops, and maintained proactive patrols in neighborhoods and commercial areas throughout the Town.

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Over **4,000**
traffic stops

1,600 Hours
of Training

Protection and Prevention

Protecting residential areas remains a top priority. New Hartford Police Dept. will continue to conduct specified dedicated residential neighborhood patrols, while targeted enforcement in the retail corridor continues to address theft, fraud, disorderly conduct, and traffic concerns associated with a busy regional shopping destination. In 2025, the Department also expanded its crime prevention efforts through new technology, including pole cameras and license plate readers.

Commitment to Community

The Department continued its strong commitment to community policing through school partnerships, public safety outreach, and collaboration with residents, businesses, and other local agencies. Officers also completed more than 1,600 hours of training to support professional, accountable service.

Looking Ahead...

In the year ahead, the Department will continue focusing on crime trends, traffic safety, retail enforcement, recruitment, and community engagement.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The Town of New Hartford is home to approximately 25,000 residents and a thriving commercial and retail corridor that attracts visitors from across the county each day. While this economic activity strengthens our community, it also increases calls for service and public safety demands as daily population increases significantly.

This report provides an overview of crime trends, enforcement efforts, and our continued commitment to keeping both our neighborhoods and business districts safe.

We are grateful for the continued support and partnership of our residents, businesses and community leaders.

Chief of Police
Ronald M. Fontaine

Assessor's Office

The Assessor's Office helps make sure property taxes are distributed fairly across the community. When values are established, the assessor uses standard professional methods to help ensure assessments are accurate, consistent, and equitable.

The office also reviews applications for property tax exemptions, which can reduce the taxable value of a property for those who qualify. This includes exemptions for veterans, seniors, persons with disabilities, and others under New York State law.

Property Tax Exemptions

Several property tax exemptions may be available to qualifying homeowners, including Basic, Enhanced STAR, Senior, Disability, and Veteran exemptions. Eligibility depends on factors such as age, residency, income, disability status, or military service.

Important: All exemption applications must be filed with the Assessor's Office by Taxable Status Date: March 1.

STAR

The STAR exemption is no longer available to new applicants. New homeowners must apply for the STAR credit through New York State. Homeowners who already receive the STAR exemption may continue to do so, and the New York State Tax Department will notify eligible homeowners if they qualify for Enhanced STAR.

For full eligibility details, income limits, and application information, visit www.tax.ny.gov/star or call 518-457-2036.

Helpful Links



Lookup Town & County Tax Bills
www.taxlookup.net



Online Assessment Search
www.townofnewhartford.sdgny.com/disclaimer.aspx



Exemption Forms
www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/exemption/index.htm



Grievance Forms
www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/contest/contestasmt.htm

KEY DATES

Exemption Deadline: March 1
Tentative Roll: May 1

Grievance Day:
Always 4th Tuesday of May

Final Roll: July 1

Contact Us

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News from the Codes Department

Planning a building project, home improvement, or interior renovation? **You may need a permit.**

Many projects require a building permit, from additions, decks, pools, sheds, and fences to certain interior renovations involving plumbing, electrical, structural changes, room reconfigurations, or basement work. Each area of the Town has different zoning requirements, which include setbacks and square footage. These must be complied with before a building permit may be issued. It is the homeowner's responsibility to confirm whether a permit is required, so contact the Codes Department before starting any project.

SMOKE ALARMS ARE REQUIRED

The Property Maintenance Code of New York State requires smoke alarms in existing residential homes in the following locations:

- In every room used for sleeping purposes,
 - Outside each sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms, and
 - In each story within a dwelling unit, including basement.
- Combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are allowed.

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS MAY BE REQUIRED

The Property Maintenance Code of New York State requires carbon monoxide alarms in existing residential homes that have a carbon monoxide source (fuel-fired appliances) and homes that have an attached enclosed garage.

Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in the following locations:

- Where a direct carbon monoxide source is located in a bedroom or sleeping room or a bathroom attached to either, carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in the bedroom or sleeping room.
- Where a carbon monoxide alarm is not located in bedrooms or sleeping rooms, carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in close proximity to the bedroom or sleeping room.
- In each story within a dwelling unit, including basement.

Combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are allowed.



Remember to contact the Codes Office before any new project to ensure proper use of Zoning Laws and Building Codes.

Questions?

CONTACT US

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Parks & Recreation

The Town of New Hartford Parks & Recreation Department is looking forward to another busy and exciting season in our parks. As the weather warms up, our fields, courts, trails, and playgrounds come alive with activity from residents of all ages.

During spring, summer, and fall, our athletic fields serve as home to many of the programs that keep our youth active. Sherrillbrook and other Town facilities host New Hartford softball and Little League baseball, while our soccer fields welcome New Hartford AYSO players each season. Our football fields also serve as practice facilities for NH Pop Warner, helping support the many local organizations that make youth sports such an important part of our community.

Sherrillbrook Park

Sherrillbrook Park continues to be one of the Town’s most popular destinations, offering picnic pavilions, open green space, walking trails, and recreational amenities for the whole family.



PICKLEBALL COMPLEX

The park is also home to our pickleball complex, which features six courts open for play from dawn to dusk.

NEW PLAYGROUND

Families will also find exciting improvements throughout our park system. We’ve recently added one of the largest playgrounds in the area at Sherrillbrook Park. **Watch for announcements on its opening!**

MOUNTAIN BIKE POLICY

Mountain bike riders are restricted to the Trail A section of the park’s hiking and ski trail system and any paved roadways within the park. Violators are subject to a fine and removal from the park.



Rayhill Walking Trail

PARTIAL CLOSURE



The Rayhill Walking Trail extends from the New Hartford Town Garage to Best Buy, and from Stewart’s on Middle Settlement Road to the intersection of Route 840 and Clark Mills Road. **Please note: the section between Main Street in New York Mills and New Hartford Street is closed until further notice for repairs. Signs are posted at the entrances. For your safety, please do not use this section of the trail.**

THE TOWN IS COMMITTED to maintaining and enhancing our parks so they continue to be welcoming, active and enjoyable spaces for the community.

We encourage residents to take advantage of everything our parks have to offer this season.

Washington Mills Athletic Park

Additional upgrades are also underway at Washington Mills Athletic Park, where we are hoping to have the newly renovated softball field and playground ready before Memorial Day.

BATTING CAGES

Looking ahead, Summer 2026 will also bring new batting cages to Washington Mills and a basketball court at Sherrillbrook Park as we continue investing in amenities that serve residents of all ages and interests.

Pavilion Rentals

The Town has picnic facilities at Sherrillbrook Park and Donovan Park in Chadwicks. Several pavilions are available to rent and include tables and grills. Restrooms are also available.



Large pavilions:
• \$80 for residents
• \$200 for non-residents
Small pavilions:
• \$40 for residents
• \$100 for non-residents

Security deposits are required. Reservations cannot be made by phone or in person. You must upload a copy of a driver’s license as proof of residency.



Pavilion Reservations:

Scan the code or visit:
www.parksrec.evogov.basgov.com/newhartford

TOWN PARKS

Sherrillbrook Town Park

4191 NY State Route 12,
New Hartford

Donovan Town Park

9400 Elm Street,
Washington Mills

Washington Mills Athletic Park

695 Oneida Street,
Washington Mills

PARK HOURS

Open 7 days a week,
May 1–September 30
8 AM –8:30 PM

NO Smoking, Vaping, or Alcoholic Beverages allowed at the parks.

Public Skating

The New Hartford Recreation Center offers public skating during the fall and winter months.

OCTOBER 23, 2026 - MARCH 19, 2027

Fridays 6:30pm–8pm
Saturdays 6pm–7:30pm
Sundays 3pm–4:30pm

Event calendars will be posted on Facebook and our website.

Splash Pad

at Donovan Park Opens July 6

Families looking for a fun way to cool off this summer can visit the Splash Pad at Donovan Park in Chadwicks, which is scheduled to open on July 6, 2026. The Splash Pad offers a great close-to-home option for summer fun and is recommended for children ages 3 to 12.

For safety, children age 7 and under, or those under 40 inches tall, must be accompanied by an adult. Adults are not permitted in the Splash Pad area unless accompanying a child, and teenagers may not loiter within the Splash Pad area. The Splash Pad will remain open except during heavy rain, thunderstorms, threatening weather, maintenance, or if the equipment or facility is damaged.

GROUP PASSES

Families or groups renting a pavilion for a gathering may purchase a Splash Pad Group Pass for a discounted rate of \$40 for up to 10 children or guests. Group passes can be purchased at the Splash Pad.

TOKEN ONLY SYSTEM

Please note that the Splash Pad now operates on a tokens-only system. A machine is available onsite that accepts \$1, \$5, and \$20 bills and dispenses tokens. A \$20 bill receives \$25 in tokens. Debit and credit cards are not accepted, and attendants will not carry cash or be able to make change.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted. Children who require them must wear swim diapers.

SPLASH PAD HOURS & COST

Open: July 7–August 24, 7 days a week

Hours: Monday–Friday 9 AM–6 PM
Saturday & Sunday 10 AM–4 PM

Cost: \$5.00/day ages 3–12 (pay for child, adult supervision is free)

Season Pass Fees

Individual \$80 • Family \$100

Only children are charged; parents or accompanying adults are free.

2026 Summer Playground Program



The Town of New Hartford’s Summer Playground Program gives children a fun and active way to enjoy the summer through a variety of supervised activities. The program is led by a Playground Director and supported by Camp Counselors.

Please review the dates, eligibility requirements, fees, locations, and registration procedures carefully when making your summer plans.

The 6-week Summer Program will run from July 6 through August 14, 2026.

The program is open to Town of New Hartford residents who have completed grades K through 6 in spring 2026 and attend elementary school in the district. Registration is based on the child’s completed grade level and the elementary school they attend. Local elementary schools will be contacted to verify enrollment and grade completion.

Please note that this program is not intended to be a day care or day camp program, and daily attendance is not required. However, for the safety of all participants, a parent or designated guardian must sign children in and out each day. Failure to follow this policy may result in dismissal from the program.

The fee for the full 6-week program is \$500 per child.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and must be completed online only beginning June 2, 2026 at:

<https://parksrec.egov.basgov.com/newhartford>

Registration must be completed before a child may attend the program. Payment is due at the time of registration and must be made online by credit or debit card. Please note that a nominal processing fee applies to all online payments. No in-person registrations will be accepted.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips will be announced at a later date. Participation in field trips will require an additional fee beyond the program registration fee.

REFUND POLICY

Refunds will be issued only if the Town of New Hartford cancels a program. No refunds will be given once the program has started.

Scan to Register:



Summer Reg



Stay up to date on the most current information.

Town Hall continues to focus on improving the way residents experience local government. That means better communication, better coordination, and better follow-through. Across departments, the emphasis is on service, responsiveness, and making sure town operations are aligned with the needs of the community.

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Resident-Driven Stormwater Committee

Resident Members:

- Gary Bullis - Ward 1
- Stewart Kramer - Ward 1
- David Maier - Ward 1
- Justin Sorrentino - Ward 1
- Travis Thibodeaux - Ward 3

Highway Department Services

Trash Drop-Off Days:

Every Monday, April through September
7am - 11am (Tuesday for Monday holidays)

Saturday Dumpster Day:

Highway Garage, New Hartford Street
May 16, 8am - Noon

PAPER SHREDDING AVAILABLE

Tag Service

First Monday of every month, (Tuesday for Monday holidays)
April through September.
Tag service is available for items that cannot be brought to the Highway Garage. Tags are \$5 per item and can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, 8635 Clinton Street, New Hartford.

**Ward-Specific
Trash Schedule
is Available Online.**

Visit our website for
complete highway
department
services.

The Stormwater Committee was resurrected by Supervisor Messa as a **resident-driven advisory committee** made up of five Town residents and the Highway Superintendent. Its mission is to help reduce flooding risks in the Town of New Hartford, support responsible stormwater management, coordinate infrastructure projects, pursue grant funding opportunities, and promote public education, community awareness, and resident involvement.

Report a Concern.

An Easy Way to Reach Town Hall.

Residents are often the first to notice when something needs attention, whether it is a pothole, drainage issue, damaged sign, park concern, property maintenance issue, or another problem in the community. If you see something that needs attention, please take a moment to report it. Your input helps us serve the community better.

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Meeting Schedules

TOWN BOARD, Wednesdays:

April 1	July 1	Oct. 7, 21
May 6	Aug. 5	Nov. 4, 18
June 3	Sept. 2, 23	Dec. 9

Watch LIVE: [youtube.com/QaTovNewHartfordNY/streams](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QaTovNewHartfordNY/streams)

ZONING BOARD of APPEALS, Mondays:

April 20	July 20	Oct. 19
May 18	Aug. 17	Nov. 16
June 15	Sept. 21	Dec. 21

PLANNING BOARD, Mondays

April 13	July 13	Oct. 12
May 11	Aug. 10	Nov. 9
June 8	Sept. 14	Dec. 14

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- Important dates and reminders
- Town Board agendas and minutes
- Stormwater Committee updates
- Maintenance notices
- Public notices
- Department updates and events
- Important deadlines, and more

