



The Town of New Hartford

Town Hall Highlights

From the Office of Jim Messa, Town Supervisor



Supervisor's Updates

Submitted by Jim Messa, Town Supervisor

Great news to report: Our 2024 Audit Financial Report (AFR) is expected to be completed by May, and our 2025 AFR should be completed by August. This means the Town's financial records will be current for the first time in three years.

Getting our financials up to date has been my number one objective since day one. This is important because having current financial information will help us prepare a more accurate 2027 budget later this year. As we plan for the future, it is essential to know our actual numbers.

This progress has been made possible with the assistance of Deputy Supervisor and 4th Ward Councilman David Tehan, Assistant Personnel Director Christina Lacy, and the teams from Bonadio and Drescher & Malecki, who have all put in countless hours. This has truly been a team effort. In January, I set aggressive goals for this group, and I'm pleased to say we are on track to achieve them. The residents of New Hartford deserve to know that their town officials are being responsible with their tax dollars.

Looking ahead. In March I asked our Planning Board Chairperson to address the Town Board regarding projects currently under review so residents can better understand how our town is evolving. Projects being considered include a proposed Chick-fil-A in the At Home Plaza, another freestanding building that may include a fast-food restaurant and mobile phone store, and approximately 120 market-rate one- and two-bedroom apartments in three buildings next to Lowe's.

I also recently met with representatives from the New York State Department of Transportation to discuss potential projects planned for 2027 and 2028. These include repaving sections of Seneca Turnpike and reviewing the Route 8 off-ramp onto Kellogg Rd. We also discussed sidewalk grant opportunities to improve pedestrian connectivity. Areas identified for possible future sidewalk improvements include Route 12B from Kilabrew to Preswick Glen, Oxford Rd. from New Hartford Public Library to Kellogg Rd., and Kellogg Rd. extending toward Oneida St.



Highway News

from Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman

Submitted by Richard Sherman, Highway Superintendent

The 2026 Season Dumpster Drop-Off Collection Schedule is complete and will be mailed to all constituents' home addresses. If you do not receive one, stop by Town Hall to pick up a copy. Our trash and brush programs are expected to begin April 6 and end on September 26.

For home pickup items, residents must purchase tags from the Town Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., by the last Friday of the month. The Highway crew will then collect tagged items at your home. The cost is the same as last year, \$5.00 per item. Both dumpster drop-off and tag pickup will take place April through September. Regular drop-off is still every Monday, 7 – 11 a.m.

We will hold a Saturday trash drop-off along with PAPER SHREDDING on May 16, from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Curbside Trash Pickup. This year's curbside pickup will again take place in October. The Highway Department is asking every residence to please use containers (garbage cans), for brush, branches, and green waste so the material can be dumped into the compactor. Larger tree limbs may be up to 6 inches in diameter and 6-8 feet in length. Please place limbs in a neat pile at the edge of the roadway so the grapple can pick up and load the piles. If a larger tree comes down, call the Highway Department to schedule an appointment and we will come with the chipper. Please do not put rocks, metal, or any other objects in brush or green waste piles, as they will not be picked up.

Stormwater. The Town recently established a Stormwater Committee with six new members. They will be looking at problem areas throughout the Town and seeking grant opportunities to help with the expense of these initiatives.

Existing stormwater projects are moving forward. As weather permits, the Highway Department will continue the work started last year on the two detention ponds behind Roman Road and Hughes Lane. We are also looking at possibly adding two more detention ponds in the Mallory Road area down to Oneida Street, where project funding has already been secured.

Winter shifts will end April 3, and the crew will begin day shift on April 6 with new hours this year. Crews will work four 10-hour days: Monday–Thursday, 6 a.m. – 4 p.m. Spring cleanup will begin April 6 with street sweeping, sidewalk cleaning, brush pickup, and green waste collection. Due to the heavy use of material for sanding, the crew will also be sweeping lawns in the Town right-of-way.

This Spring, the highway crews will also be working at Sherrillbrook Park: completing the dog park, installing new concrete sidewalks for the gates, finishing the turf, and installing the new bridge over the creek.

Please call me at 315-534-2998 or email me at rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov with any questions or issues.

Parks Department



Reserve a pavilion for your party or event!
Available at Sherrillbrook and Donovan Parks.

PAVILION RENTALS

SCAN THE CODE TO RESERVE ONLINE
or visit: www.townofnewhartfordny.gov/parks-and-recreation



**Available
Mid-April!**
{OR AS WEATHER ALLOWS}

Sherrillbrook Park

- PICKLE BALL COURTS
- SOFTBALL FIELDS
- SOCCER FIELDS



Town Clerk,
Michele Moran:

Hometown Heroes Banner Program

The Town's Hometown Heroes Banner Program is once again underway, offering residents a meaningful way to honor local veterans and active duty service members. The

program, coordinated through the Town Clerk's Office and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), provides families with the opportunity to sponsor a personalized banner that will be displayed throughout town during the patriotic season(s).

Residents interested in ordering a banner should visit the program's official website at: www.mohawkvalleyhometownheroes.com, where they may submit an online application or print a form to mail in along with a photograph and payment. Original photos will be returned by DAR once the banner is completed.

Once printed, banners are delivered directly to the Town for installation ahead of Memorial Day and July 4th. Town officials note that banners are hung at random locations; however, families with special placement requests may contact the Town Clerk's Office or the Highway Department for consideration.

Order Deadline:

- The Memorial Day deadline was March 20th, 2026
- The July 4th deadline is May 28, 2026

Town staff continue to compile and update an annual banner location document for publication for residents wishing to locate their loved one's banner. Look for this on our website shortly after banner installation is complete.



New Hartford Police Activity February 2026

986	Police Incidents/Service Calls
54	Arrests
269	Vehicle Stops
74	Motor Vehicle Collisions Investigated
318	Vehicle and Traffic Law Tickets Issued
481	Supplemental Neighborhood Patrols
4	Community Policing Details Completed



Potholes? Flooding?
Fallen Trees?...
See a Problem?

Report a Concern!



Scan the code to report a concern, or click the link on the homepage.

Upcoming Events:

APRIL BOARD MEETINGS

Town Board Meeting	04/01 6:00pm
Planning Board Meeting	04/13 5:30pm
ZBA Meeting	04/20 5:30pm

Visit the website for schedules, agendas and minutes. Meetings are subject to change.



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