



The Town of New Hartford

# Town Hall Highlights



From the Office of Jim Messa,  
Town Supervisor

## Collaboration, Efficiency, Cybersecurity & Strategic Planning

Submitted by Jim Messa, Town Supervisor

### Collaboration with Local Leadership

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.



### Improving Efficiencies in 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.

### Investing 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.

### Grants & Strategic Planning

The Town began discussions with MRB Group as part of its broader strategic planning efforts, with a focus on identifying long-term funding opportunities and strengthening future competitiveness for initiatives such as Downtown Revitalization funding.



## Highway News from Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman

Submitted by: Richard Sherman

The Highway Department has a busy schedule in the month of May. Our crews are out sweeping roadways, sweeping town sidewalks, and picking up green waste and brush. When putting out the brush and leftover leaves from last fall, please separate the piles. Don't mix them. If your pile is unusually large, please don't hesitate to call for a special pick-up. The road crew will be cleaning ditches on roads that may be paved this summer.

The Rayhill Trail is closed and under construction. As the nice weather approach, please refrain from walking this section of trail. The other sections of Rayhill Trail are open.

I want to thank all the homeowners for their patience as your highway employees work diligently to collect branches and brush from the town's 82 miles of streets. Recently you should have received in the mail, the 2026 Trash & Brush Collection Schedule, outlining curbside brush and garbage schedule and drop-off at the Highway Garage. This is also on the town's website at [townofnewhartfordny.gov](http://townofnewhartfordny.gov). You can also stop by the Town Hall and pick up a schedule, if you didn't receive one.

Tag service will be offered from April through September, for items that are unable to be brought to the Highway Garage and need to be picked up at your residence. The tag cost is again \$5.00 per item and can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall. Please pick up tags no later than the Friday before the first Monday of every month. This service will be suspended in the month of October for the annual curbside garbage pickup. On May 16th, there will be a garbage drop off at the Highway Garage from 7:00 a.m. until noon. We will also be offering the **Confidata Destruction Service** for shredding of private papers, on-site from 8:00 a.m. until noon for our residents. Each person is limited to ten boxes of papers.

The Highway Department and New Hartford Library will be displaying our heavy equipment again this year at New Hartford Rec Center on Saturday, June 13th from 9:00 a.m. until noon, for the annual "Touch the Truck" event. Touch the Truck is a huge success every year, which brings children and parents together to see what the Town uses for plowing and sweeping roads, loaders, and the equipment kids see go by their houses every day. Our new equipment will be on display as well. Our Deputy, Chris Moran, and I will be available to answer any questions. We will also be handing out yellow hard hats to the children.

This winter was an old-fashioned winter, with very heavy snow accumulations at times. The crews are repairing lawn damage from the wings of the plow trucks when the visibility was at times nearly zero.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me at [rsherman@townofnewhartford.gov](mailto:rsherman@townofnewhartford.gov), Town Highway Garage 315-733-7500 or my cell phone 315-534-2998.



Town Clerk, Michele Moran:

## Youth Employment Program

Submitted by: Michele Moran

The Town of New Hartford is offering year round opportunities for local teens ages 14-19 through its Youth Employment Program. The Town of New Hartford has partnered with the Oneida County Youth Bureau to offer this initiative to connect motivated youth with residents and businesses needing help with small or seasonal jobs such as babysitting, pet care, lawn work, painting, cleaning, shoveling, and basic maintenance.

Spring clean up and clean out is an ideal way to take advantage of this service. Hire a youth to clean up

your yard prior to your green waste pick up day, or utilize these able-bodied teenagers if you need a heavy item moved to the curb for tag pick up day. (See your 2026 Trash and Brush flyer for pick up schedule).

The program helps young people build work readiness and life skills while supporting the community. The business or resident (employer) works directly with the teen to set the rate of pay and compensates them directly. The Town does not accept any money from either party.

Teens, residents and businesses interested are asked to call in to register their needs or services. We will match those in need with those who want to help!

Contact Michele Moran, Youth Employment Director (315) 733 7500 ext. 2322 email: [mmoran@townofnewhartfordny.gov](mailto:mmoran@townofnewhartfordny.gov) or visit the Town Clerk's Office, 8635 Clinton Street Mon-Fri, 8 AM-4 PM.



## New Hartford Police Activity March 2026

992	Police Incidents/Service Calls
54	Arrests
253	Vehicle Stops
62	Motor Vehicle Collisions Investigated
231	Vehicle and Traffic Law Tickets Issued
503	Supplemental Neighborhood Patrols
5	Community Policing Details Completed

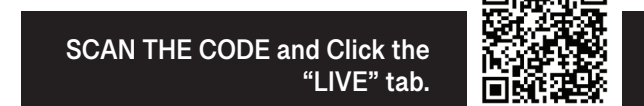
## May Board Meetings

Town Board Meeting	05/01	6:00pm
Planning Board Meeting	05/11	5:30pm
ZBA Meeting	05/18	5:30pm

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

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## Announcements



### Partial Trail 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 temporarily closed for repairs until further notice. Signs are posted at the entrances. **For your safety please do not use this section of the trail.**

### New Playground at Sherrillbrook Park Remains Under Construction

Please be advised that the new playground at Sherrillbrook Park is **not yet open to the public**. Work is still being completed, and the area is not available for use at this time. **For everyone's safety, please do not enter the playground area** and respect all posted signs and fencing.



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