



The Town of  
New Hartford

# Town Hall Highlights

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From the Office of Jim Messa, Town Supervisor



## Moving Forward with Accountability, Safety, and Smart Planning

*Submitted by Jim Messa, Town Supervisor*

**Town Audit.** The NYS Comptroller's Office has selected the Town of New Hartford for an audit, and auditors are already onsite conducting a preliminary review. We are cooperating fully and view this as a constructive step to confirm our records, identify any gaps, and strengthen transparency, while putting processes in place to keep financial reporting current and reliable going forward.

**Safety & Security** remains a priority. At Town Hall, we're adding more security cameras. At the Recreation Center, we're obtaining quotes for an upgraded security system and improved camera coverage. We're also exploring options for the Animal Shelter, including the possible addition of a new camera system.

**Report a Concern.** The Town has made it easier to alert us when things need attention by implementing "Report a Concern," an online form to report potholes, street lights out, drainage issues, downed limbs on Town property, and other hazards. It helps route issues to the right department, track progress, and improve response time. The link is conveniently located on the homepage of the Town website.

**First 30 Days: Financial Stability & Planning.** In the first 30 days of the new administration, we held productive meetings focused on financial stability and long-range planning with Deputy Supervisor & 4th Ward Councilman David Tehan and Sr. Office Specialist Christina Lacy in attendance. We met with Bonadio (in person and via Teams), including fiscal advisors, to discuss debt services, our April BAN renewal, and a multi-year path to being removed from credit watch and restoring our S&P Global rating.

**Audit & Insurance Review.** We also met with Drescher & Malecki to plan completion of the 2024 audit by April 2026 and the 2025 audit by August 2026. High Street Insurance Partners will meet with us quarterly to review coverage and compare other carriers for better pricing.

**Funding & Resources.** We continue pursuing outside funding and resources. We met with Oneida County about potential project funding, and with Governor Kathy Hochul's regional representative to discuss grant opportunities and support that may be available if a natural disaster impacts our community.

**Step by step, we're building a Town government that plans ahead, protects what matters, and works openly on behalf of residents. Thank you for staying engaged—we're excited about what's ahead.**



## Highway News from Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman

**Repairing winter damages.** Occasionally, the heavy wet snow we're plowing on your road may affect your mailbox. We apologize for the inconvenience, and as a courtesy, we're happy to stop by to repair or reset it. Please let us know in April, when plowing is done. Please don't wait until June, July, or August to report it. As we do every year, we'll also be out to re-seed or repair lawns near the road that were damaged by plowing. Street sweeping will begin as soon as the weather breaks this spring.

**Green Waste and Brush Schedule.** We're working diligently to get the 2026 green waste and brush schedule in the mail by mid-March (and it will also be on the Town website). Brush and green waste pick-up begins Monday, April 6th. We'll also add a Saturday drop-off on May 9th, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, and offer paper shredding (proof of Town of New Hartford residency required).

**Trash drop-off at the Highway Garage** begins Monday, April 6th, 7:00 AM-11:00 AM, and will be Mondays ONLY through September (holiday weeks move to Tuesday). Staff will be available to help you unload. The entire Highway Crew will also be out in your neighborhoods for our annual curbside pick-up.

**Main Sewer Line Repair.** Again this year, under Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente, Jr., and Karl Schrantz (Oneida County Department of Water Quality and Water Pollution Control), National Water Main will continue to tv and repair (if needed) main sewer lines throughout the Town. This is a large project—expect to see construction vehicles around town throughout spring and summer, and into the fall.

**Employment Opportunities.** The New Hartford Highway Department is still looking for good candidates with a CDL Class A or B to join our team. These are permanent positions with good benefits and salary perks. Please visit the Oneida County website and look for "Highway MEO - Town of New Hartford" to apply. Seasonal summer help has been filled; applications were received in January and selected individuals have been contacted.

**As always, if you need assistance from your Highway Department, I'm available on my cell at (315) 534-2998 or by email at [rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov](mailto:rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov)**



## Town Clerk, Michele Moran: Tax Receipts Now Available Online or Via Email

*Submitted by Michele Moran,  
Town Clerk*

### Modernizing Document Delivery.

As local municipalities continue to modernize the way we deliver essential documents, tax receipts are now part of that shift. As a cost-saving and efficiency-focused measure, tax receipts for New Hartford residents are now available online and can also be delivered by email.

**Moving away from printed receipts** reduces expenses significantly, and the savings are subsequently passed on to the taxpayer. Traditional mailing requires paper, ink, envelopes, postage, and staff time—resources that add up quickly.

**Digital access benefits taxpayers and the environment.** Online and emailed receipts are faster, more convenient, and easier to store. Individuals can easily download or print their receipt at any time using [www.taxlookup.net](http://www.taxlookup.net). For convenience, the top portion of your tax bill has all the information needed for income tax purposes - which may eliminate the need for a secondary receipt.

This initiative supports environmental goals by reducing paper consumption as well as waste. With thousands of receipts issued each year, the positive environmental impact of going digital can be substantial.

**Printed copies remain available** for those who need them upon request, however digital delivery will eventually serve as the default. We understand that technology is not convenient for everyone. Should you require a printed copy of your receipt immediately, please visit our office Monday - Friday 8 am - 4 pm and we can provide one.

**For 2026 receipts,** if you "checked the box" with your payment stub, we will work on fulfilling those requests as time and staffing allow.

**As always, don't hesitate to call the Town Clerk's Office at: 315-733-7500. We are here to assist.**



## New Hartford Police Activity January 2026

- 1,039 Police Incidents / Calls for Service
- 44 Arrests
- 332 Vehicle Stops
- 81 Motor Vehicle Collisions Investigated
- 266 Vehicle and Traffic Law Tickets Issued
- 488 Supplemental Neighborhood patrols
- 4 Community Policing Details Completed

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Town Board Meeting	03/04	6:00pm
Planning Board Meeting	03/09	5:30pm
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting	03/16	6:00pm
Town Board Meeting	04/01	6:00pm
Planning Board Meeting	04/13	5:30pm

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



### Launching Resident-Driven Stormwater Committee



Scan the code for more information or to submit a letter of interest. Or visit: [www.TownofNewHartfordNY.gov/news/post/22181](http://www.TownofNewHartfordNY.gov/news/post/22181)



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

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