



The Town of
New Hartford

Town Hall Highlights



Public Hearings Set for June 3: Residents Invited to Weigh In

An Important Message from Supervisor Messa Regarding Local Laws. Term Limits, Local Truck Traffic

Submitted by Jim Messa, Town Supervisor

At the May 6 Town Board meeting, several items were discussed that reflect both the work currently underway in New Hartford and the decisions still ahead.

Term Limits. The Board continued discussion on a proposed local law that would establish term limits for the Town Supervisor and Town Council positions. In the original proposal, I called for a limit of two consecutive terms for Supervisor and Town Council. During discussion, a suggestion was made to allow three consecutive terms for the Supervisor, with additional discussion about applying a three-term limit to all Town Board seats covered by the proposed law.

After discussion, the Board voted to move forward an amended version of the proposed local law to public hearing. That public hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Local Truck Traffic. A second public hearing has also been scheduled for June 3 regarding proposed “No Truck Traffic” signage for Andover Avenue. This issue was also discussed at the May 6 meeting and was moved forward for public input.

Public hearings are an important part of local government. They give residents the opportunity to hear what is being considered, ask questions, share concerns, and offer opinions before final decisions are made. Town Board members are elected to represent the community, and public hearings help make sure those decisions are informed by the people who live here.

PUBLIC HEARINGS GIVE RESIDENTS A VOICE.

“Town Board members are elected to represent the people, and public hearings help ensure their vote reflects public sentiment.” - Jim Messa

Your Voice Belongs in the Room.

Whether you support a proposal, oppose it, or are still forming your opinion, your presence matters. Local government works best when residents are informed and involved. Public hearings are one of the clearest ways for the community to **take part in decisions before they are made.**

The Town Board meeting and public hearings for Term Limits and Local Truck Traffic will be held: Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Fireworks are back! The Board also discussed plans to bring fireworks back to New Hartford as part of the America 250 celebration. The event is planned for Sunday, July 5, at Sherrillbrook Park, with food trucks, music, and fireworks at dusk. No vendor fee for this event, vendors are asked to apply online through the Town Clerk’s Office. Additional details, including parking and shuttles, will be shared as planning continues.

The new playground is open. Progress also continues in New Hartford’s parks. The new playground at Sherrillbrook Park is now open, giving families another reason to enjoy one of the Town’s most-used public spaces.

Crews have also been working on additional park improvements, including upgrades at Sherrillbrook Park, Washington Mills Athletic Park, and Donovan Park in Chadwicks.that shape New Hartford.



Highway News

From Highway Superintendent
Richard Sherman

Submitted by: Richard Sherman

June will be a busy month for your Highway crew with several projects underway. Our work continues with the ongoing Roman Road storm water project detention pond which is almost completed. The ongoing work in Chadwicks of sidewalks, curbing, catch basins, landscaping and decorative lighting will be going out for bid in the near future.

There are many upgrades happening at Sherrill Brook Park. The crew will continue work on the dog park, installing the new bridge over the creek by the gazebo. The new softball field is just about finished, just waiting for roofing to be installed on the dug outs and some landscaping. The Veteran Memorial banners have been installed on the poles like last year. The banners will be flying proudly through Veterans Day.

We are in full swing with our Curbside Brush Collection. We understand that, because of all the rain, people are mowing their lawns more frequently. It is very important that you containerize your loose green waste items (grass, hedge clippings, flowers and small piles of branches). Please follow the guidelines outlined in the brochure that was mailed to each resident. If you didn’t receive a brochure, you can call our office to receive a copy, or you can find it on our website. Please don’t place green waste and brush over the catch basins. This will stop the water flow in a rain event.

We have started mowing the town and county road shoulders and rights-of-ways. Please use caution when you see the mowing ahead signs out.

Your Highway Department with the New Hartford Library will be hosting the very popular “Touch the Truck” event on June 13th at The New Hartford Rec Center. This location gives more room for event parking and attendee safety and adequate space for the Highway trucks and equipment, and for the New Hartford Fire Dept. and Police Dept. demonstrations.

There will be several pieces of highway equipment for kids to see and sit behind the wheel. Hard hats will be handed out to the kids by Highway Superintendent, Richard Sherman and Foreman, Chris Moran. Hope to see you there – come rain or shine!

Call the Highway office with questions or concerns: (315) 733-7500, or contact me personally at: (315) 534-2998 or rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov.



Town Clerk,
Michele Moran:
**Summer is here.
June is a Busy Month
in New Hartford**

Submitted by: Michele Moran

Garage Sales - June is prime garage sale season. Town Code section 72-2 requires all residents holding a sale to complete a no-fee license with the Town Clerks office. The form is available on our website under [Town Clerk > Forms]. Filing helps keep neighborhoods organized and safe. Please follow local signage and parking rules, and remove all signs after your sale.

Dog Licensing - Warm weather means more pets outside, so it’s a great time to check that your dog’s license is current. Renewals can be done by mail or in person. Online renewal is coming soon as we update our software. New this year; NYS now allows residents to make an optional shelter donation when renewing a license. This is voluntary and does not replace the licensing fee.

As always, please contact the Town Clerk’s office at 315-733-7500 with any questions. **Happy Summer.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

NH Public Library Presents:
TOUCH the TRUCKS
NH Rec Center | Sat. June 13 | 10am-noon
Come see a variety of trucks and machines
for children to safely explore!

FIREWORKS
SUNDAY • JULY 5th
at Sherrillbrook Park

FOOD TRUCKS •
MUSIC • SHOW AT DUSK
COME FOR THE DAY, STAY
FOR THE SHOW!

Sherrillbrook
— Playground —
NOW OPEN!





NHPD News & Notes

Officers Complete Specialized Crisis Intervention Training

The New Hartford Police Department commends four of its officers who have completed a specialized crisis intervention training program aimed at improving responses to mental health emergencies.



Led by the Utica Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team, and coordinated by The Oneida County Department of Mental Health the program recently graduated multiple police officers from agencies across the region. More than 100 officers in Oneida County have now completed the training, supporting a coordinated approach to mental health response. The training equips officers with skills to recognize behavioral cues, de-escalate situations, and work alongside mental health professionals. These techniques help New Hartford Police Officers on a daily basis while responding to emergencies across the Town.

"The New Hartford Police Department remains committed to strengthening public safety through continued training and collaboration. Crisis intervention training is critical because it equips our officers with the skills to de-escalate situations, protect lives, and connect individuals in need with the right support, while also making these encounters safer by giving officers the tools to recognize warning signs and respond appropriately."

-Chief of Police Ronald Fontaine.

New Hartford Police Activity April 2026

906	Police Incidents / Calls for Police Service
53	Arrests
61	Motor Vehicle Collisions Investigated
296	Vehicle & Traffic Stops
253	Vehicle and Traffic Law Tickets Issued
4	Mental Hygiene Law Calls
8	Domestic Incidents
448	Supplemental Neighborhood patrols
3	Community Policing Details Completed
10	Animal Control Incidents
6	Animal Shelter Intakes

Board Meetings

Town Board Meeting	06/03	6:00pm
Planning Board Meeting	06/08	5:30pm
ZBA Meeting (Rescheduled)	06/22	5:30pm

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

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"LIVE" tab.



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