

MAYOR JUDY LYNCH'S CORNER

In an effort to keep our taxpayers informed the outlined list below will provide an update on recent events and several ongoing projects. We are working hard to make the best use of your tax dollars. **Please continue reading on the back side of this report for an update from our Police Department.**

Village of Wellsville Taxes – While tax rates are high actual paid taxes on the median home are almost \$3,000 under the top ranked municipality in Western New York and over \$1,600 under the 20th such ranked location. Please keep in mind that the General Fund portion of our budget includes police and fire protection, street and vehicle maintenance, snow removal and code enforcement to name a few departments. Lowering taxes significantly would result in lower service quality or fewer services. We believe our Police Department is vital to the safe environment of our community, protects our infrastructure and residents from crime. We enjoy one of the lowest electric services in the country and without it residents would be paying a much higher rate for electric. We are under a tax cap which effectively limits tax increases and our participation enables property owners to receive the associated rebate this fall as calculated by NYS.

Power Outage – The recent power outage was a result of a failure with National Grid. Our Electric Dept employees responded immediately in preparation for an alternate source of power. Working in a storm such as we had can be dangerous. A BIG thank you to our Assistant DPW Director and the Electric Dept for their excellent work!

Loss of Water – The source of the water leak has been found after many days and nights working to find it. A BIG thank you for those employees and our DPW Assistant Director. Our Water Treatment Plant worked continuously to keep the reservoir filled. A BIG thank you to Dana Harris and Dan Gardner (also working to find the source of the leak) for maintaining our water supply.

Burrous Building – Stabilization of the rear portion collapse, roof work and removal of fencing in the front is complete. This has been a long and involved process and we have submitted applications for grant money to further improve the building in preparation of finding a developer to fully restore the building. We enjoy tremendous support from NYS Empire Development and Senator Cathy Young toward that goal. We appreciate the support and patience of our residents and visitors as well. Grant funds are already a part of the Governor's State budget to be used for development such as this project and we hope they will be invested locally in Wellsville.

Riverwalk Extension – We are partners with the Walkable Community Committee and currently planning for an extension of the sidewalk near the Genesee River to continue under the Bolivar Road Bridge for a safer crossing than at the Bolivar Road location. Applications for grant funding are being prepared to help with the cost of this project and anticipate this project will begin next spring.

Municipal Boiler Project, Roof Repairs and Elevator – Using funds reserved over the years, the Town and Village are in the process of plans for an updated boiler, roof repairs and an elevator in the rear of the building to become ADA compliant.

Sincerely,
Mayor Judy Lynch