

NEWSLETTER



THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

Hello Thurston Residents,

Some important updates / happenings:

1 – **2026 Budget** – Budget season is upon us with a Tentative Budget being presented to the Town Board and Clerk at our September 17 Regular Meeting. As with the past two budgets I have drafted, the tax increase will be below the 2% tax cap. My goal is always to secure as much grant funding as possible for the Town to ensure residents can have as many services as possible, with the smallest tax increase possible.

2 – **Local Law 5 of 2025: A Prohibition of the Construction of a Composting Facility for Sewage Sludge** – This local law was passed at our June Regular Meeting. Not only has it prohibited the spreading of sewage sludge in the Town of Thurston, but it's also prohibited any facility that will process such sludge being constructed in the Town. As I have told Governor Hochul and the DEC since day one, Thurston won't be a dumping ground for Long Island and NYC toxic sewage sludge.

3 – **CDBG Community Housing Rehabilitation** – The program has officially kicked off and we have 6 projects in the works. If you didn't get in on the first round of funding, it isn't too late. Interest Forms are available on our website or from the Town Clerk. The goal is to apply for more funding next year, in the hopes that we keep the housing rehabilitation program continuously available to residents.

4 - **Five Year Capital and Financial Plan** – The Board and I began working on these plans in the hopes that they will provide a roadmap, so the Town remains financially stable in front of every rising costs for equipment and road maintenance. Also, there will be a list of proposed road projects over the course of the next 5 years. Please scan the QR code in the newsletter to complete the Capital Planning Survey. Hard copies are available with the Town Clerk.

5 – **Community Day** – Our 2nd Annual event on August 1 was a success with around 100 people in attendance. We plan to continue this event annually, most likely the first Saturday in August, however, we would like to expand on it. If you have ideas or suggestions to make the event more successful, contact Councilperson Jen Hargrave at 607-377-0127 or by email at jhargrave0304@gmail.com.

As always, it's a pleasure serving as Town Supervisor and we welcome any comments or suggestions that will continue making Thurston a great place to live.

Michael J. Volino - Thurston Town Supervisor
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FREE
DRIVE THRU
Rabies Clinic
Thurston Highway
Department Building



4525 County Rte. 24, Cameron Mills, NY (Risingville)

Thursday, Sept. 25th
6:00PM – 8:00PM

Dog licenses available at the clinic

2025 Town Board Meeting Dates
Wednesday's
@ 7:00 PM

- September 17th
- October 15th
- November 12th
- December 17th

The Town Board is seeking your input on creating a capital improvement plan for the town.

SCAN HERE



SCAN HERE

<https://forms.gle/shcdqBUVUubHxHPDx8>

SCAN HERE TO TAKE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SURVEY

Find more information online at townofthurstonny.org

PURCHASE



Steuben County
Landfill tickets
at the Town Hall

Tickets cost \$20.00ea.


Hunting & Fishing Licenses



Landfill tickets and licenses
sold @ Town Hall
Wed. - 4PM - 7PM & Thurs
- 9AM to 12PM

Thurston Highway Department



The highway department staff continues to work hard to make improvements to the Thurston Town roadways. Planned projects for 2025 are either completed or in the works.

2026 - 40 Dollar Road project – Worst portions of the road will be started this year and will include taking up the road and repairing with stone and hard pack. Oil and stone will be completed in 2026 and will be laid from the Campbell town line to the bottom of South Hill (where it meets County Route 3.)



Rent the Town Hall

Book the meeting area including kitchenette for your next event.

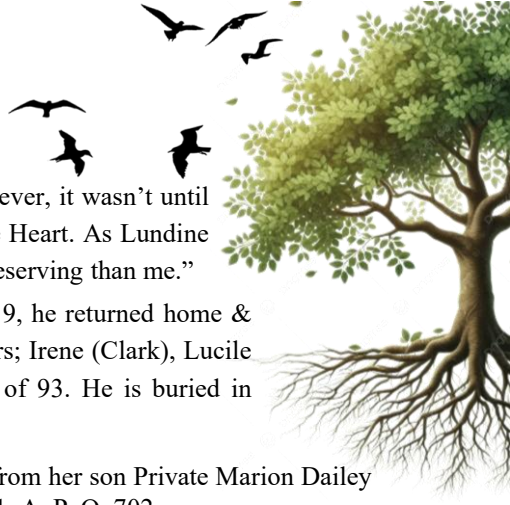
Resident fee: \$50

(non-resident fee \$100)

Please contact the Town Clerk for available dates and rental agreement



Roots & Wings *By Rosalyn Reed Renner*



WWI Purple Heart Recipient Marion Dailey

Marion Dailey wrote this letter to his mother, and it was published in a local newspaper in 1918. However, it wasn't until 1984 (a year before Marion's death) that Congressman Stanley Lundine presented him with the Purple Heart. As Lundine pinned the Purple Heart on Marion's jacket, Mr. Dailey began to cry and said, "there are others more deserving than me."

Marion served in France and was wounded in Argonne Forest. After his Honorable Discharge in 1919, he returned home & was employed as an engraver at Corning Glass Works. He married Mabel (Strait) & had four daughters; Irene (Clark), Lucile (Partridge), Ella May (Henshaw) & Barbara (Merrill). Marion died in December 1985 at the age of 93. He is buried in Campbell Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Frank Dailey of Campbell, NY D. 3 has received the following letter from her son Private Marion Dailey of Co. F 312th Infantry, 78th Division A. E. F. He is now in Base Hospital 41, A. P. O. 702.

Dear Mother and all,

Will write to you again after this long time, We are having a spell of nice weather just now and it seems good believe me. Well Mother, the Bloody Blooming Huns got me at last. I was hit last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock October 27. I was sitting down with several other men resting when along came a German shell and busted us all up. There were two of three killed and five or six of us hurt. I have a hole through my left hip and another through my right leg, a little above my ankle. The doctor says that he does not think my leg will be stiff. He said probably would get out of it with four nice scars. They don't pain me very bad any more so they are coming fine. Well, here it is Sunday morning again and I will try to finish this letter. It was one week ago today that I was hurt and I am sorry I did not write before but I did not feel able. I am in a hospital just out side the big city of Paris, it is a nice place they are good to the boys that are hurt. I am looking forward already to the time when I can sit up, then get up and move around again but I suppose that will be several weeks.

Well dear mother, what do you think of war now. Turkey quit and the rest are licked so maybe we will be coming home soon.

Your son, Marion.

Special thanks to Jeannie Bettinger for sharing her grandfather's photos and letters.

*Letter published in unknown newspaper. Retyped for clarity. Some wording missing.



WANTED

PHOTOS WANTED!

Do you have a picture that represents Thurston that you would like to share? We are currently updating our website and would like to use your pictures. Photos must be taken in Thurston and must be representative of Thurston and can be black and white or color. Pictures can be e-mailed to thurston.clerk@gmail.com or dropped off at the Town Clerk's Office. We reserve the right to accept or reject photos depending on their appropriateness.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS!

The Town Hall is accepting donations of non-perishable foods for cases of emergencies in our town. Help stock the pantry by bringing a donation to one of the Town Board meetings or drop off during the Town Clerk's regular hours.

Would you like to help beautify the Town Hall Building?

We are looking for donations of topsoil and perennials to place in the empty space in front of the Town Hall around the sign.

Please call the Town Clerk if you have any donations.

HOMETOWN HEROES

Honoring our local Service Members & First Responders

Do you have a loved one that you would like to honor? Banners are available by contacting Michael Volino, program coordinator. 607-227-5621 ~ Thurston.supervisor@gmail.com
Total purchase cost is \$174.90. Residents can choose to have the sign displayed in the Town or keep it for their personal use.



Thanks to everyone who joined us for the 2nd Annual Thurston Town Picnic

Planning for the August 2026 picnic is already underway. If you have ideas or would like to volunteer/donate, please email jhargrave0304@gmail.com

THURSTON TOWN BOARD

Michael Volino, Town Supervisor
Holly Chase, Deputy Supervisor
Dan Gee, Council Member
Jennifer Hargrave, Council Member
Noel Sylvester, Deputy Historian

Contact Code Enforcement

Nick Lewis- Nolton - 607-968-5175
thurston.codeenforcement@gmail.com

Town of Thurston - 607-527-4494
7578 County Rte. 333, Campbell, NY 14821
<https://townofthurstonny.org>

Dog Control Officer Contact: Randy Akins - 607-368-0320

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