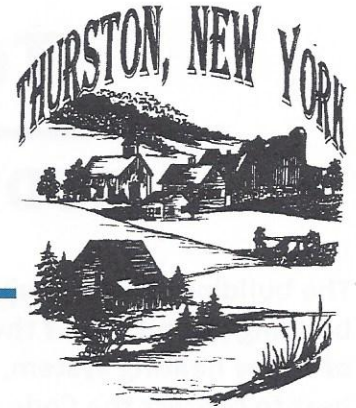


TOWN OF THURSTON NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024



FROM THE TOWN SUPERVISOR



In July 2021 Thurston received \$130,646 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). There were several uses for these funds, one of which was to make investments in infrastructure. To date, the town has dispersed all these funds. The Town decided to purchase new radios for our highway department, new computers for town officials, and install a kitchenette and playground at the town hall for town residents. These are great improvements for the Town, all at no cost to residents.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns or suggestions to make Thurston an even better community to live in, recreate, or work.

Questions Contact:

Michael J. Volino, Thurston Town Supervisor
607-227-5621 - Thurston.supervisor@gmail.com

TOWN JUSTICE CORNER

Thurston Town Court was busy in 2023 with both Vehicle/Traffic and Criminal arraignments. The court arraigned 37 defendants with 47 charges and tripled the amount of fines and surcharges collected over the previous year. This will directly benefit the town of Thurston and its residents.

In October, the court applied for an Office of Court Administration grant which allows expenditures, up to \$35,000, related to court upgrades, improvements, and court security. Grant awardees should be notified in March whether we will be awarded the requested grant funds.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Hon. Darlene R. Smith at drsmith@nycourts.gov or call the court at 607-527-6157, leave a message and I will call you back.

COMING SOON!

- Playground installation and grand opening!
- Rabies Clinic - April 20th
- Fall Rabies Clinic Sept. TBD
- Town Hall Kitchenette unveiling
- House Needs Assessment Survey

DOG CONTROL INFORMATION



**FREE RABIES
CLINIC APRIL
20TH!**

Hello folks, this is your dog control officer with a reminder about checking to make sure that you have your dog(s) license and rabies vaccination up to date. Whether you are aware of it or not you are subject to a ticket for every day that the dog(s) are unlicensed. You can contact the Thurston town clerk at (607) 527-4494 to make arrangements. If your dog is deceased you can fill out the back of your dog license and mail it to the town clerk so we can remove it from the license list. We will be holding our **spring rabies clinic on April 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Thurston highway department**. There will be signs for directions. We ask that you bring copies of your dog license and rabies cert. We will be continuing with our drive thru clinic as we feel this is a safer and more relaxed experience for your pet, we ask that you remain in your vehicle and remain respectful to our volunteers. We ask that if your dog(s) license is overdue that you pay the town clerk at that time as she will be present.

The Thurston town board is looking to conduct an enumeration this year. After the conclusion of the enumeration you will have 30 days to pay for any dog(s) that was found unlicensed during the enumeration otherwise there will be an additional \$5.00 charge added to the license. Any questions I can be contacted at (607) 776-5177, thank you.

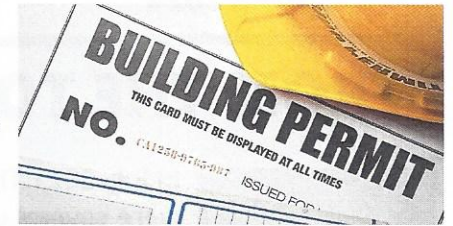
Randy L. Akins DCO. - Thurston, NY

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CODE ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION

The building season is upon us. Most small projects do not require a building permit, but if the project involves structural changes, installation of a new heating system, or even replacing a roof, a permit is required. It is best to contact the Code Officer to determine if your project will need a permit, before you start. Permits are not required for the following:

1. Construction or installation of one story detached structures associated with one or two family dwelling or multiple single-family dwelling (townhouse), which are used for tool and storage shed, playhouses, or similar uses, provided the gross floor area does not exceed 144 sq ft.
2. Installation of swings and other playground equipment associated with one or two family dwelling or multiple single family dwellings (townhouses).
3. Installation of swimming pools associated with a one or two family dwelling or multiple single family dwellings (townhouses) where such pools are designed for a water depth of less than 24 inches, and are installed entirely above ground.
4. Construction of retaining walls unless such walls support a surcharge or impound Class I, II or IIIA liquids or are more than 4ft in height
5. Construction of temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery
6. Installation of awnings supported by an exterior wall of a one or two family dwelling or multiple single family dwellings (townhouses)
7. Installation of partitions or movable cases less than 5'9" in height
8. Painting, wallpapering, tiling, carpeting, or other similar finish work
9. Installation of UL listed portable electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation, or cooling equipment or appliances
10. Replacement of any equipment provided it does not alter the equipment's listing, or render it inconsistent with the equipment's original specifications.



Contact Code Enforcement

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11. Repairs, provided that such repairs do not involve (i) the removal or cutting away of a load bearing wall, partition, or portion thereof, or of any structural beam or load bearing component; (ii) the removal or change of any required means of egress, or the rearrangement of parts of a structure in a manner which effects egress; (iii) the enlargement, alteration, replacement, or relocation of any building system; or (iv) the removal from service of all or part of a fire protection system for any period of time.

HOMETOWN HEROS BANNERS

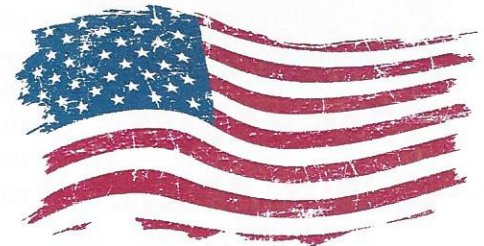
Thurston is Honoring its Service Members and First Responders!

Thurston is launching a Hometown Heroes Banner Program as a living tribute for our community to honor past and present members of the Armed Forces, First Responders, and their family members.

If you know of a loved one that you would like to honor, please contact us.



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THURSTON HIGHWAY

The Thurston Highway Department has been staying very busy throughout the winter season, maintaining the safety of the roads while making much needed upgrades to the shop. In the upcoming seasons the Highway Department will be starting their road project on Hanrahan Road along with ditch cleaning and basic road maintenance. Everyone at the Highway Department would just like to remind residents to be cautious when you see the construction signs posted while traveling.

Please welcome our new Highway Superintendent Saige McGarvey

The youngest and first female to take on the leadership role of Highway Superintendent for the Town of Thurston. Saige is a life long resident of Thurston and a recent graduate of Campbell-Savona High School where she received her two-year certificate program in Heavy Equipment from the BOCES Coopers Education campus in Painted Post. Saige also worked previously for the Steuben County Department of Public Works as a laborer operating front-end loader. The board has been very pleased with Saige's willingness to learn and the hard work that she has done so far in 2024. We are excited to have her here to lead the team.



Contact Thurston Highway Department @ 607-776-6507 - thurston.highway@gmail.com

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Hello Thurston Residents! In November 2023, the Town of Thurston was awarded a Community Development Block Grant to fund a Housing Needs Assessment. The assessment will evaluate the current state of housing in the Town and gather information to be used for a future grant application to develop a housing rehabilitation program for Town residents. As part of this planning effort, Thurston formed a Housing Needs Assessment Steering Committee that held its first meeting in February 2024.

The committee is made up of Town Board Members, one Town Assessor, and Town Residents. The committee will meet monthly through November 2024, which is the deadline for completion of the Housing Needs Assessment.

This Spring, the Housing Needs Assessment Steering Committee will be conducting two activities to inform the development of the Housing Needs Assessment: a community survey and a windshield survey. The community survey will be mailed to all residents in the Town as well as be available digitally on the Town website. The survey asks for resident input on community needs, gathers information about the state of housing in the Town, and will be utilized to develop a list of residents who are potentially interested in assistance from a Town housing rehabilitation program should the Town receive funding for such a program in the future. The windshield survey is a visual assessment of all homes in the Town and involves Housing Needs Assessment Steering Committee members driving around Thurston and looking at homes. If you see a car parked on the street in front of your house, it may be members of the committee conducting the windshield survey! Survey results will be presented to the public in Summer 2024.

WATCH FOR THE HOUSING NEEDS ADVISORS WILL BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD DURING THE MONTH OF MAY!

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TOWN ASSESSORS UPDATE

Thurston Town Assessors annually evaluate existing and new inventory including photographs as needed (all building and property improvements) prior to taxable status day on March 1st . Town Assessors performed this process during the month of February this year.

Reminders;

If your assessment has changed for this year, you will receive a notice in the mail during the first week of May.

Assessment grievance day is always the fourth Tuesday of May which in 2024, falls on the 28th .

Please call or email the assessor's office if you wish to schedule a formal review of your assessment prior to grievance. Contact information is on the town website. If you will turn 65 years of age at any time during this calendar year, you may be eligible for the NYS Enhanced STAR program. Applications or questions regarding eligibility can be submitted to the Assessor's office.

As always, please contact the Assessor's office for any inquiries of assessment information.

Thursday evenings starting second week of September thru April , 7pm until 8:30pm at Thurston Town Hall phone 607-527-4494, or email thurston.assessor@gmail.com

Or call an assessor to make an appointment.

Gordon Foster 607-383-4377 - Diana Dixon 607-527-8313 - Gerald J. Gebhard 607-259-7622

TOWN HISTORIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

Roselyn Renner 607-527-8299

Deputy Historian

Noel Sylvester 607-776-8018



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TOWN CLERK

The town clerk provides the following services:

Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Death Certificates

Town Hall Rental Application

Marriage Licenses

Genealogy Reports

Clerk Hours:

Every Wednesday, except the third Wednesday of every month, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Every Thursday from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm



*Scan to visit the
Town of Thurston
Website for up to
date information!*

TOWN BOARD

Michael Volino, Town Supervisor - Holly Chase, Deputy Supervisor
Dan Gee, Housing Committee - Jennifer Hargrave, Housing Committee
Noel Sylvester, Deputy Historian