



# THE VILLAGE STATUS



Village of North  
Collins, NY

March 2017

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

### **Dear Residents:**

The Village has received a \$30,000 Community Development Grant to draw up a Comprehensive Plan for our Village. We have hired LaBella Associates to update an outdated Comprehensive Plan from 1969. The plan would include obtaining and administering Main Street funding to revitalize our business area. It will look at natural resource conservation, evaluate sustainable land use, and draft codes to support compact development patterns, mixed uses, and walkability. Basically the plan is looking at the future of our Village and the safe guards that can be implemented.

We are presently working on updating our Village Employee Handbook, which was last revised in 1999. Trustee Corinne Leone has spent a great deal of time in updating this handbook. Her work is greatly appreciated.

Speaking of trustees, Trustee Karen Denne has been working on purchasing two "Welcome to the Village of North Collins" signs to be placed on both ends of Main Street. We are hoping to work with the High School's Art and Industrial Art Departments in the design and building of these signs. We are one of the few municipalities without such signs.

Our water meter project is now completed. All 500+ meters are now installed. They are very accurate readers that can even detect a water leak in your house or on your property. No longer will anyone be reading water meters on your property. The meters will be read by remote control from the streets.

I want to thank Village Clerk Jan Hutchinson and Deputy Clerk Jo Bellezza for the work they had to do to convert over 500 water accounts to the new system. Also thanks go to our Public Works Department employees who were always on-hand to assist the company that was installing the meters. This new system will save time and money along with bringing in more accurate water revenue.

We have ordered two more park benches to add to the four we already have put up this past summer. Also ordered were six more Poinsettia Christmas decorations to hang on the telephone poles.

### Projects for 2017

Spruce Street from Railroad Avenue to High Street will be milled and paved. The following streets will be stoned and chipped: Railroad, High, Kimble, Walnut, Gurney, Eagle, Pine, and Franklin.

New doors and renovation of the front of the Fire Hall will be completed.

Well #5 will be resurged so as to maintain the well and keep it working at its highest capacity. This is one of two wells that currently supply us with our water.

The small stream that runs from School Street over to Gurney Avenue will be cleaned out, so as to prevent any flooding.

The Gazebo in the Dr. Joy Memorial Village Park will have the spindles replaced with new ones, a plaque will replace the wooden sign, and the structure will be repainted.

The Highway Barn will have the roof repaired or replaced, the building will be insulated, and the heating system will be replaced (it is currently the original heating system).

The bridges on Dewey Avenue and Elm Street will be scraped and painted.

We are presently working on the budget for the coming year. This will include all of the 2017 projects mentioned. Water rates will stay as they are. At the present time, we do not see a tax increase at the Village level.

Electronic Recycling Drop-off: Presently, we are trying to work out an arrangement whereby residents would have a day when they could drop off any of their electronics for recycling. Our hope is to have the drop-off here in the village.

The Village Zoning Board of Appeals is in need of filling three positions on this Board. Anyone who may be interested, please contact the Village Office at 337-3160. You would be doing a great service to the village.

And finally, "Welcome" goes out to the new president of the Schoolhouse #8 History Center and Museum, June Karbowski!

Respectfully Yours,

Mayer Vincent George

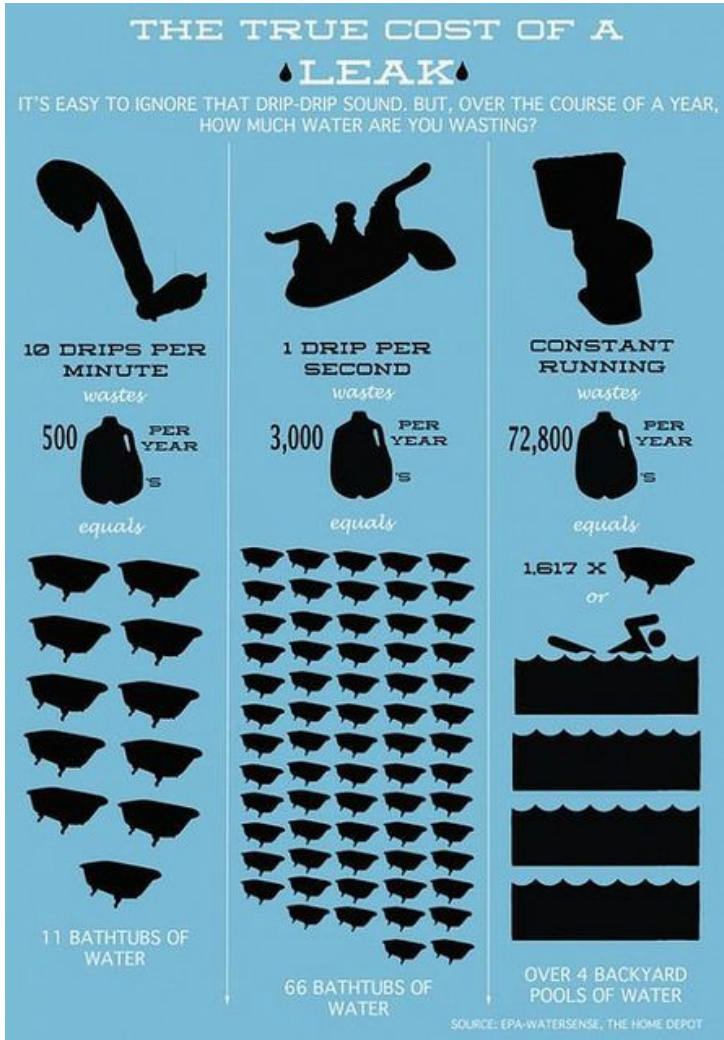
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**Village Parking**  
**November 1st thru April 1st**  
 Parking of vehicles is  
**PROHIBITED** on all streets  
 within the Village.



# Animal Control

**Ray Zabron**, Animal Control Officer for the Town of North Collins, investigates complaints and captures/impounds stray, vicious, or injured animals. He is also responsible for enforcing ordinances governing licensing, impounding, humane treatment, sanitation, and disposal of animals. If you are having any problems or have any questions related to animals in this nature, please contact Ray Zabron at 992-9344. If you cannot reach him, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 858-2903.



## Leaky pipes? Clogged toilet? Need a plumber?

The Village of North Collins wants you to protect yourself...please use a plumber with insurance.

When needed, the Village uses:  
 Jerry Hidy—346-2409  
 Daniel Stroud—532-2473  
 B&R Plumbing—257-6227

**Last day to pay water bills without penalty is March 31, 2017.**  
**Water bills not paid by April 7, 2017 by 4:30pm will be re-levied on your 2017-18 Village tax bill.**



Daylight Savings Time Begins  
 Sunday, March 12, 2017, 2:00am

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Garbage Pickup is FRIDAY mornings by Bestway Disposal (phone: 672-7237). Pickup is delayed one day if an official holiday falls within the week. (A calendar is available from the Village Office.)

They will pick up FIVE (5) bags of garbage or two (2) 30-gallon garbage cans of refuse from each residence each week. Must be in waterproof containers. Yard waste of any kind will not be picked up.

Bestway will pick up recycling on a weekly basis. They have provided recycling bins. If you did not receive one, please contact the Village Clerk.

Bestway will also pick up two (2) bulk items each week as well as two (2) white items such as household appliances each week. All bulk items must be under 80 pounds. Furnaces will not be picked up nor will items that contain Freon (refrigerators, humidifiers, air conditioners, etc.)

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## SPRING DATES TO REMEMBER:

All Village Offices/Departments will be closed (Please use drop box on left side of Village door if necessary.):

Good Friday, April 14, 2017  
 Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2017

### Village Board Meetings, Village Hall:

Friday, March 3, 2017, 4:30pm — Budget Meeting  
 Monday, March 20, 2017, 6:30pm  
 Monday, April 3, 2017, 4:30pm — Organizational Meeting  
 Monday, April 17, 2017, 6:30pm  
 Monday, May 15, 2017, 6:30pm

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Mayor Vincent George .....(Cell) 570-5992  
 Public Works- Mike Perry.....(Cell) 570-5991  
 Village Office- Clerk- Jan Hutchinson .....337-3160  
 Email: [VillageClerk@VillageofNorthCollins.org](mailto:VillageClerk@VillageofNorthCollins.org)  
 Code Enforcement- Phil Tremblay..... 548-2372  
 Animal Control—Ray Zabron.....992-9344  
 Erie County Sheriff (non-emergency).....858-2903  
 Emergency ..... 911  
 Erie County Sewer .....549-3161  
 Sewer After Hours.....823-8188  
 NYS DOT Hamburg.....648-0295  
 North Collins Fire (office) .....337-3294  
 North Collins EMS (office)..... 337-2195