



# THE VILLAGE STATUS



**Village of North  
Collins, NY**

**March 2018**

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

### Dear Residents:

*Congratulations:* to Gary Wentland and the Wentland's Funeral Home for reaching their 60th year anniversary—and Wentland's Monuments for reaching their 35th year anniversary; and also to the North Collins Central School District for graduating 98% of their students in 2017! North Collins tied Amherst and Williamsville East with the highest local scores.

*Welcome Aboard!* The Village has hired a part-time employee. Bill Hirsch, a village resident, will work in the Public Works Department for 19 hours per week. Bill's first day on the job was February 5th. The Public Works Department now consists of three full-time and one part-time worker. Welcome aboard, Bill!

*Christmas Celebration at Village Park and Gazebo:* The Town, with cooperation from the Village, made a huge success of the holiday event, which was a yearly event many years ago. Thanks to Lynn, our Town Clerk; Crystal, our Town Bookkeeper; North Collins Wesleyan Church; the Village of North Collins DPW; Erie County Sheriffs; the North Collins Emergency Squad; the Village Police; and the Lawton, Langford, and North Collins Fire Companies. Without their help, this event couldn't have been carried out. As part of this event, the Village held a Gingerbread House Building event at our Village Hall with the assistance of Buffalo's Explore and More Museum. We had nearly a full house with more than 20 children building houses and their parents and families taking pictures and helping out. Thanks to Village Trustee Corinne Leone, who came up with the idea and then set up the whole program.

Hamburg Camp Auto Sales at 10807 Main Street has offered the Village Police free oil changes when our two police cars need them. We thank them for their generous offer in helping out the Village.

*Reading Water Meters:* With our automated system, one worker can read 550 meters in 32 minutes! Before installing this system, it took two men at least four days to read meters and write the reading in four meter books and those readings had to be manually entered into the computer for the billing. This system is proving to be much more accurate and is saving time and money for the Village.

I once again have been appointed to the Erie County Sewer Board District 2 by Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz. I have also been chosen as Treasurer for the Southtowns Community Enhancement Coalition. These are a couple of ways to improve and promote our village.

I would like to extend my thanks and best wishes to two of our neighboring Town Supervisors who did not choose to run this year: Lenny Pero of the Town of Brant and Dave Tessmer of the Town of Collins. They were always ready to give our Village a helping hand whenever we needed it and they were always there to answer my questions and concerns. They will be missed.

*4th of July Celebration:* The Town and Village of North Collins are working with members of our community to bring back the Independence Day Celebration. This was an annual event that was held at Fricano Town Park many years ago. Brandi LoBianco and her Community Action committee came up with the idea and now a sub-committee has been formed to coordinate this specific event. The event will happen June 30th, 2018 and will include fireworks, music, refreshments, children's games, and much more!

*Going Bald for Bucks:* This will be North Collins Central School's 16th year hosting this event. It's a fundraiser where 100% of charitable donations are earmarked for Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Students, staff, faculty, and community members volunteer to shave their head or cut their hair in return for donations. North Collins Central is challenging us to support our students by helping raise money for this worthy cause. This event was started by former Village Trustee, Tony George, in recognition of his sister Cathy who died of cancer at a very young age. (Donations can be dropped off during school on or before March 21st.)

*Eagle Energy Day:* Eagle Energy Day is an initiative of our school district where students complete service projects in the community, working together to make North Collins a better place to live, work, and play. **Friday, May 11** students will be organized to plant, clean, paint and refurbish our community. Do you have a project that might benefit from the help of some of our hard-working volunteers? You supply the materials, and the school supplies the manpower! Complete the Eagle Energy Project form available in the High School Office and submit it to Mrs. Lisa Brosnick at the high school. (The Village office also has copies of this form.)

*End of year report:* This has been a good, solid year for the Village. Major work was completed in our Fire Hall: New doors were installed in the front, bathroom and shower were installed in the engine room, the upstairs meeting room had a new floor and paneling installed. The DPW building had a new heating system installed, put on a new roof, insulated the building, installed an emergency generator. Well #5 was resurged and is producing bountifully. The Village meeting room has new chairs and tables. Work has begun on the gazebo in Dr. Joy Memorial Park. The Village Park had new landscaping completed in the front beds. The Village purchased a much-needed excavator. The DPW slurry sealed, stoned, and chipped a number of streets (Kimble, Walnut, Gurney, Eagle, Pine, and Franklin). Two more park benches were purchased and will be installed this spring. Homes have been selling at a record pace. In the Village office, we began accepting credit and debit cards for tax and water payments; built an electronic data base of all Village births and deaths (since 1913); typed and posted online all Zoning Board of Appeals minutes (since 1963); completed the updated Comprehensive Plan for the Village; and are continuing to research and make available regional resources to assist village residents.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Vincent George

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# MAKING NORTH COLLINS PROUD



t of 2016, the Eden-North  
Pantry opened the doors of their new  
began providing food to communities  
North Collins.

February Village Board

meeting, Food Pantry board member Don Schasel  
attended to give the statistics from their first year in  
their new building. The numbers are astounding! They  
have received and distributed 101,395 pounds of food  
to 130 registered families that consist of 565 seniors,  
1,878 adults, 1,055 children, and 73 babies. They gave  
out 35,975 meals!

With over 60 volunteers, our Food Pantry has  
received donations of land, services, money, and time.  
You can be Proud to have been part of their success!  
More information is available by calling 374-5683.

## SPRING DATES TO REMEMBER:

All Village Offices/Departments will  
be closed  
on the following days:  
(Drop box beside Village door)  
**Friday, Mar. 30: Good Friday**  
**Monday, May 28: Memorial Day**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
Village Election Day at Village Hall:  
**Tuesday, March 20, 2018**  
Last water payment accepted before  
Re-Levy to Village Taxes:  
**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**  
Village Taxes mailed:  
**Friday, June 1, 2018**  
due without penalty by **July 2, 2018**

**Village Board Meetings,  
Village Hall (open to public):**  
Monday, Mar. 19, 2018, 6:30pm  
Monday, Apr. 16, 2018, 6:30pm  
Monday, May 21, 2018, 6:30pm

The Village Clerk's office is putting together a business directory for North Collins.  
If you have or know of a business and would like it to be included (for free!) in the  
directory, please contact Jan or Jo at 337-3160.

**Village Parking  
prohibited on all streets within  
the village  
between 2:01am and 6:00am  
November 1st thru April 1st**

## Animal Control

Ray Zabron, Animal Control Officer for the Village and 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 it is an emergency and you cannot reach Ray, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 858-2903.

Don't forget to...

## SPRING FORWARD!

In the USA, at 2 a.m. on 11 March 2018, clocks will be forwarded one hour, marking the beginning of Daylight Saving Time



**SIGN UP** for  
**CODE RED**  
EMERGENCY Alerts!

**Online at**  
[www.VillageofNorthCollins.org](http://www.VillageofNorthCollins.org)



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS	
Mayor Vincent George .....	(Cell) 570-5992
Public Works- Mike Perry.....	(Cell) 570-5991
Village Office- Clerk- Jan Hutchinson .....	337-3160
Email: <a href="mailto:VillageClerk@VillageofNorthCollins.org">VillageClerk@VillageofNorthCollins.org</a>	Cell) 420-2000
Code Enforcement- Phil Tremblay.....	548-2372
Animal Control—Ray Zabron.....	992-9344
Erie County Sheriff (non-emergency).....	858-2903
Emergency .....	<b>911</b>
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).....	557-2195