



# THE VILLAGE STATUS



Village of North Collins,  
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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

**Dear Residents:**

Congratulations goes out to Michael Gullo and Piz-A-Italia for 40 years of business in the Village of North Collins.

In October of last year, members of the North Collins Fire Company visited the Elementary School to raise awareness of Fire Protection. On Friday, November 9th, the winners of the North Collins Fire Protection Month coloring contest at the Elementary School were rewarded with a ride to school in the Village of North Collins Fire Truck #1. Congratulations to the winners!

On Friday, December 7th, 24 children and their parent(s) had the opportunity to build and decorate their own Graham Cracker Houses at the Village Hall. Congratulations goes out to Trustee Corinne Leone and Village Clerk Jan Hutchinson who organized and set up the workshop which was enjoyed by all who attended. And Thank You to Piz-A-Italia for donating sheet pizzas!

Tractor Supply, the nations largest rural lifestyle retailer, is coming to the Village in 2019. It will be located on Route 62 opposite Save-A-Lot and will be a 19,090 sq.ft. single story building with roughly the same area of outdoor display space. Construction is scheduled to start in the Spring of 2019 and be completed by early Fall. Tractor Supply has over 1,700 stores in 49 states. This is a tremendous addition to our village and town as well as surrounding communities.

The year 2018 saw the Village purchase a F550 truck for the DPW, a new roller for the DPW, a Taser gun for the Police Department, and a spruce tree for the Village Park. We had the entire length of School Street and parts of Spruce Street milled and paved.

An emergency generator was installed for backup at the Municipal Building/Fire Hall. It worked perfectly during the electrical outage on January 17th.

Our "Welcome to the Village of North Collins" signs are now in place on both ends of Main Street. We have received a lot of positive comments on finally getting beautiful signs for our village.

All the windows in the Fire Hall both upstairs and down have been replaced along with one in the Village Meeting Room. The bathroom in the Fire Hall was completely renovated to include a shower and then painted. The Police office received a new coat of paint as well.

The Village has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the NYS Regional Economic Development Council. This funding will be used to create design concepts for mixed use properties in the downtown area. We are looking to revitalize the downtown area to attract more businesses.

The Village applied for a Community Development Grant of \$100,000 to replace a water line on Front Street and eliminate what is presently a dead-end water line. This would take care of what has been a major water problem for years. On January 9th, we were told we did not receive the Grant this year.

The Village is looking into grants for: 1) The replacing of more of our old water lines, 2) a new fire truck to replace one that is starting to cost us in repairs, and 3) a new police car to replace one of our vehicles.

Just the other day, the DPW Supervisor, Mike Perry, told me that he and his staff had been getting several compliments on the streets and I was very happy to hear that. Our DPW staff work very hard and deserve commendation. Please feel free to stop them and tell them they are doing a wonderful job—hearing that makes the many, many hours away from their families (necessary at this time of year) bearable.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Vincent George

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## When to get a Building Permit?

Building permits are typically required for all new construction projects as well as alterations that include structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work. Here are a few examples of when you may or may not need a building permit:

### May Need a Building Permit:

- \* Punching in a new window or door in an existing wall
- \* Removing a load-bearing wall
- \* Installing new electrical wiring, mechanical duct, plumbing lines
- \* Building/adding on to a deck
- \* Fences
- \* Changing the roofline of the house
- \* Structural concrete work
- \* Installing/repairing a roof
- \* Replacing the exterior siding

### May Not Need a Building Permit

- \* Installing new flooring
- \* Replacing same-sized doors or windows
- \* Replacing countertops
- \* Minor electrical work, such as replacing outlets or light fixtures
- \* Minor plumbing work, such as replacing plumbing fixtures/toilets
- \* Minor mechanical work, such as updating the thermostat/replacing grilles

The best way to know for sure whether you need a building permit is to **contact Phil Tremblay at 548-2372** and he will tell you if you need a building permit.

**Remember:** if you decide to do the work without the necessary permit, the **fine is double** the scheduled fee.

## SPRING DATES TO REMEMBER:

*Water Bills are due without penalty by Mon., April 1, 2019*

*All unpaid water bills re-levied to Village Tax bills after 4/10/19.*

*Village Tax bills will be mailed June 1, 2019 and will be due without penalty by July 1st.*

Village Offices/Departments will be **closed** on the following days:

(Please use the overnight drop-box on the left of the Village Clerk's door)

**April 19: Good Friday**  
**May 27: Memorial Day**

**Village Board Meetings, Village Hall (open to public):**

Monday, March 18; 6:30pm  
Monday, April 15; 6:30pm  
Monday, March 20; 6:30pm



**Brush pickup is the first Monday of each month ONLY and will begin after the snow stops (the salt equipment must be removed from the trucks).**

**Spring leaves must be bagged —please think of the environment and use biodegradable bags.**



**To help our DPW keep our streets clear of snow, Village Parking is prohibited on all streets within the village between 2:01am and 6:00am**

**November 1st thru April 1st**

### 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