



TOWN OF

COLONIE CHRONICLE

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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR MAHAN



Dear Fellow Colonie Resident,

Spring has finally arrived, and not a minute too soon. It was a long, hard winter for everyone, but especially for the Town's DPW crews, who worked around the clock plowing our roads and repairing the water main breaks caused by this year's extreme cold. Great job, everyone!

Now that spring is here our Town crews are again hard at work, getting our parks and recreational facilities ready for a new season and collecting residential yard waste each week. They are also readying the new dog park next to the Town Golf Course, scheduled to open later this year.

I am happy to say we are proceeding with upgrades begun last year to ensure our drinking water and sanitary sewer systems remain in top working order. As detailed inside, both the Latham Water District and the Division of Pure Waters are making major infrastructure improvements, part of long-term strategic plans designed to be sure they are well equipped to meet the demands of the future.

This year, we will also begin a second five-year paving and drainage improvement program. When we began the first program in 2010, 46 percent of Town roads needed repair or were nearing the end of their useful life. So far, we've repaved 55 road miles on 182 Town roads and completed 98 major storm sewer repairs. That's a great start, but with 320 miles of Town roads, there's still more work to be done.

This year, Winners Circle and Aviation Road will be realigned to connect to the Marcus Boulevard roundabout and be renamed Maxwell Road. This is the second phase of an exciting project that will ultimately create a new route, parallel to Wolf Road, from Albany Shaker Road to Sand Creek Road, greatly alleviating traffic congestion.

Finally, I am very proud to note that our Town Court Clerk Julie Gansle and our Latham Water Superintendent John Frazer recently received top professional honors, as noted inside. And, Colonie's water was recently named Best Tasting Water in NYS from the NY Section of the American Waterworks Association. What great honors for our Town! Congratulations to all!

Enjoy the summer.

Sincerely,

Paula A. Mahan

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Colonie Town Supervisor

UPCOMING EVENTS

Farmers' Market at The Crossings

Saturdays, May 16 – September 12
9 am to 1 pm, The Crossings

Please Remember Me

Saturday, May 16 – Noon
Gold Star Families Motorcade
(Proceeds North Along Route 9
From Albany City Line to Route 155)

Town Pool Opens

Saturday, June 27, 2015
Noon – 7 pm, Daily

Learn-to-Swim Program

June 29 – July 10
(No class on July 4)
Colonie Town Pool

Guard Start & Water Safety Program

June 29 – July 10
(No class on July 4)
Colonie Town Pool

Summer Enrichment Program

June 29 – July 31
(Registration: June 13, 15, 16)
Arts, music, sports classes for K-12
Call 783-2760 for info

Drop-in Playground Program

June 29 – August 7
9 am to 2:30 pm, weekdays
School playgrounds (six locations)
Call 783-2760 for info

Tennis Instruction Programs

July 6 – August 6
Various Locations
Call 783-2760 for info

Concerts in the Barn

Wednesday Evenings, July 8 – August 5
7:00 pm, The Pruy House Barn

\$5.00 for adults; children 12 and under, free
For more information, call 783-1435

Harvest Fest

Sunday, September 13 – Noon to 5:00 p.m. (Free)
The Crossings
For all ages. For more info, 456-2135

The Colonie Chronicle

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Topping the List: Supervisor Paula Mahan and two Town projects won top awards from the American Public Works Association's Capital Branch on February 27. Pictured at the awards ceremony are, from left, Colonie Pure Waters Superintendent Chretien Voerg, Water Engineer Dan Seaver, Latham Water Superintendent John Frazer, Supervisor Paula Mahan, Public Works Operations Supervisor Bill Neeley, DPW Commissioner John Cunningham, and Chief Water Treatment Operator Dan Marshall.

PUBLIC WORKS HONORS FOR SUPERVISOR, TOWN

The Town of Colonie brought home three awards from the American Public Works Association's Capital Branch awards banquet at The Century House in February.

Town Supervisor Paula A. Mahan was named Elected Official of the Year for her support of critical infrastructure projects. Colonie also garnered two out of five Project of the Year Awards for projects of \$5 million or less.

Named Transportation Project of the Year was Colonie's recent Sand Creek Road renovation, which included a section of completely rebuilt roadway

with new curbs and water and sewer mains.

The Town's emergency repair of three water treatment filters at the Latham Water Treatment Plant was named Emergency Disaster/Repair Project of the Year. (The project was also recognized by the NYS Section of the American Water Works Association. See story below.)

Public Works Operations Supervisor Bill Neeley accepted the Transportation award. Latham Water Superintendent John Frazer accepted the Emergency Disaster/Repair award.

LATHAM WATER DISTRICT'S FRAZER WINS NATIONAL AWARD

In April, Latham Water Superintendent John Frazer was named the New York winner of the 2015 George W. Fuller Award from the American Water Works Association, widely considered the most prestigious award in the water industry.

Frazer received the award for the Association's New York Section, only the 75th New Yorker to receive it since 1937 and the first to receive it from the Latham Water District.

"This is a very great honor for the Town," said Supervisor Paula Mahan. "I congratulate John and thank him for his outstanding service to Colonie.

The Latham Water District also won the New York's Section Project of the Year award for a medium size project for the Mohawk View Water Treatment Plant Filter Underdrain Repair project, the second statewide professional recognition for the project. (See story above.)

Finally, Latham Water District won the New York Section's Best Tasting Water Contest, making it eligible to compete at the Association's international meeting in June.

LATHAM WATER DISTRICT INAUGURATES LONG-TERM INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

The Latham Water District has begun an ambitious long-term plan to strengthen its infrastructure, which now delivers 3.8 billion gallons of drinking water every year.

Producing those 3.8 billion gallons requires the Latham Water Treatment Plant, five pump stations, and 15 huge water storage tanks. It also requires 428 miles of water main delivering water to 23,500 service connections.

This year the Water District will begin a \$1.3 million project to replace pumps, motors, and electrical switching gear at the Mohawk View High Lift Pump Station, which has been in service since 1964 and pumps about 60 percent of the Town's water.

Last year, the Water District completed a \$900,000 rehabilitation of the sixty-year-old Miller Road Water Tank, which holds one million gallons of water, and will begin a \$950,000 rehabilitation of the elevated water tank on Osborne Road in May.

A complete overhaul of the River Road Pump Station, in service since 1978, is in the planning phase and \$1 million has been targeted to strengthen security throughout the entire water system.

In addition, the Water District replaced thousands of feet of aging cast-iron water mains last year, and upgrading outdated mains continues to be a priority.

COLONIE BY THE NUMBERS

LATHAM WATER DISTRICT

- 3.8 Billion Gallons of Water a Year
- 1 Water Treatment Plant
- 15 Water Storage Tanks
- 5 Pump Stations
- 428 Miles of Water Main
- 23,500 Service Connections

DIVISION OF PURE WATERS

- 3.5 Million Gallons of Waste Water Treated Daily
- 1 Pollution Control Plant
- 29 Pump Stations
- 400 Miles of Pipe
- 9,000 Manholes



Please Remember Me: The "Please Remember Me" motorcade will escort local Gold Star families through Colonie at Noon on Saturday, May 16. Show solidarity by viewing the procession as it travels along a four-mile parade route, running north along Route 9 from the Albany City Line to Route 155. The parade route is lined with 120 American flags memorializing the 1,201 Capital District residents killed in action from World War II to the present. Here, motorcycles lead the 2014 procession.

DIVISION OF PURE WATERS UPGRADES INFRASTRUCTURE, SYSTEMS

Every day, Colonie's Pure Waters Division treats 3.5 million gallons of sanitary wastewater at the Town's Mohawk View Pollution Control Plant. To do so, it also needs to maintain 400 miles of pipe, 9,000 manholes, and 29 pump stations.

Last year, Pure Waters completed a \$3.3 million installation of new screenings and grit equipment at the Pollution Control Plant, replacing equipment in place since 1978. The essential first two steps in waste water treatment, the viability of the screenings and grit equipment is hugely important to the Town.

Now in design is a \$5.2 million comprehensive project to overhaul the Lisha Kill Pumping Station, increasing efficiency and reducing maintenance costs at one of the largest and oldest Pure Waters pump stations. The project is anticipated to begin this year and be completed in 2016. A \$1.2 million rehab of the Wolf Road Pumping Station is being planned.

Last year, Pure Waters also totally rehabilitated its Fonda Road Pumping Station and replaced antiquated emergency notification systems at all 29 remote pumping stations.

Pure Waters will soon begin a \$700,000 comprehensive rehab of the sewer system on Metro Park Road, Aviation Road, and Computer Park Drive East. Completion is expected by mid-summer.

GIFT SUPPORTS ONLINE MAGAZINE ACCESS

Colonie Town Library patrons with reading devices now have access to full editions of 62 magazines – thanks to a donation by Colonie resident Richard Endres and funds from the Upper Hudson Library System.

Among magazines available through the service are The New Yorker, The Nation, National Review, The Atlantic, Vanity Fair, New York, and Vogue. Plus, the downloaded magazines don't have to be returned, but can be kept on a device to read at any time.

"I am very grateful to Richard Endres for this generous donation. His gift has helped make it possible for everyone to have access to our most popular and influential magazines. What a wonderful opportunity for our library patrons."

To use the service, patrons need to download an app, available at www.nook.com/nookapp, then access the magazines at www.digitalcollection.uhls.org



Signs of Spring: Above, Children enjoy themselves at the Mr. & Mrs. Bunny event held at The Crossings March 28. Bottom, students line up for instruction in the Town's Toddler Tennis Program.

NEW TRANSPORTATION OPTION FOR SENIORS

Colonie seniors who need transportation but can't ride in vans have a new option – the Good Turns Senior Escort Wagon.

Good Turns is a volunteer-run transportation service that will pick up seniors at their door, escort them to appointments, and wait to bring them home.

Unique in the Capital District, the program is coordinated by Colonie Senior Service Centers. CSSC also operates the Senior Transportation Program, which is funded by the Town.

Seniors in need of the Escort Wagon or regular van services (including wheelchair accessible vans) should call Larry Conway at 459-6064. Seniors must be 60 years or older and a resident of the Town of Colonie.

Volunteers drivers are needed. Volunteers must have a clean driver's license and be willing to drive a CSSC vehicle. For more information, call Sue Napierski at 459-2857, ext. 308.

2015 GOLF PERMITS AVAILABLE AT GOLF COURSE

Beginning this year, all golf permits (including senior permits) will be issued at the Town of Colonie Golf Course, not at Memorial Town Hall.

To receive greens fee discounts, you must be a Town resident and obtain a golf permit at the Golf Course. To obtain a senior golf permit, you must be a Town resident 62 years or older and pay an annual \$50 registration fee, which allows for more substantial discounts on greens fees and golf cart rental.

For more information, call 374-4181 or e-mail Golf Course Manager Noel Gebauer at gebauern@colonie.org.

GOLF COURSE HOSTS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Again this season, the Town Golf Course will host several premier junior golf events. Come fall, it will host three local high school teams.

Golf Course Manager Noel Gebauer said he's thrilled to host juniors because it positions Colonie as the Capital Region's unofficial home of junior golf and gives Colonie's resident juniors a "home court advantage" in major events.

On June 26-27, the Course will host the NENY PGA Junior Championship, a qualifier for National PGA Junior Championships

Also scheduled, June 30: NYS Golf Association Boys Junior Championship Qualifier; July 10: Northeast NY PGA Junior Tour Event (boys & girls age 8-17); July 11: PGA Drive, Chip, and Putt Championship, (boys & girls 8-15).

For more information call 374-4181.



Court Clerk Kudos: Colonie Town Court Clerk Julie Gansle was recently named the 2014 Court Clerk of the Year by the New York State Association of Magistrates Court Clerks. She was also elected the association's president, after serving on its Executive Board since 2007. At a Town Board meeting Gansle, holding award, was recognized by Supervisor Paula Mahan, center right, Town Justices Peter Crummey and Andrew Sommers, second from left and right respectively, and Town Board members William Carl, David Rowley, David Green, Paul Rosano, Linda Murphy, and Brian Haak.

SUPERVISOR MAHAN DELIVERS 2015 STATE OF THE TOWN

Earlier this year, Supervisor Paula A. Mahan delivered her annual State of the Town address at a Colonie Town Board Meeting and an Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce event. Key points are summarized below.

- We were thrilled that Colonie was named "Best Community" in the Times Union's 2014 annual readers' poll.
- We have a stable government, one of the region's lowest tax rates, and a full range of services.
- Having stabilized finances, we are able to focus more aggressively on the Town's infrastructure.
- We increased the Town's fund balance for the third year, adding more than \$1 million.
- We now have a \$2.6 million fund balance.
- Our goal is to reach the \$4 million fund balance recommended by the NYS Comptroller.
- Our \$85.5 million 2015 budget is LESS than our \$91.8 million of expenditures in 2008.
- Colonie again met the Tax Levy Cap, which limited our tax levy growth to just 1.56 percent.
- Our residents should be able to benefit from the NYS Tax Rebate Program expected this fall.
- We've been working with County Executive Dan McCoy and other municipal leaders to explore the potential for shared services.
- Last year, we completed a five-year, \$10 million paving and drainage improvement program and will begin another five-year plan this year.
- We completely rebuilt Sand Creek Road from Norbrick Drive east to Everett Road.
- We've begun ambitious initiatives to strengthen both the drinking water and sanitary sewer systems.
- The sidewalk from Siena College to Newton Plaza has been completed.
- In 2014, we estimate 536 jobs were created, retained, or relocated to Colonie. In addition, more than 900 construction jobs were created on just the more visible projects.
- In 2014, 198 new homes came onto the tax roll, almost doubling the number coming onto the rolls in the recent past.
- We expect to open our second dog park this spring.
- A new connector to the Bike-Hike Path from the Shelter Cove community was constructed by the developer as a public service.
- The dining room at our Golf Course Clubhouse was completely renovated by Martel's Restaurant.
- We expect grant funding to help underwrite improvements at the Town Park.

The State of the Town is posted at www.colonie.org

COLONIE PHONE DIRECTORY

Main Line	783-2700
Animal Control.....	783-2711
Assessor	783-2701
Attorney	783-2704
Building	783-2706
Civil Service	783-2721
Community Development... ..	783-2718
Comptroller	783-2708
Emergency Management & Planning	782-2609
EMS.....	782-2645
Environmental Svcs.	783-2827
Fire Services.....	783-2712
General Services	783-2726
Highway	783-2795
Historian	782-2601
Human Resources	783-2720
Justice.....	783-2714
Landfill	783-2827
Latham Water Dist.....	783-2750
Library.....	458-9274
Management Information Services	783-2895
Planning & Economic Development	783-2741
Police (Non Emergency)	783-2811
Pruyn House.....	783-1435
Public Works Engineering	783-6292
Pure Waters (Sewer)	783-2766
Recreation	783-2760
Senior Resources.....	459-5051
Supervisor	783-2728
Tax Department	783-2730
Town Clerk	783-2734
Youth Bureau	456-2135



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE 2015

PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER BY CALLING TOLL-FREE 1-800-742-5542
MONDAY – FRIDAY 9 - 4 PM

Reservations are accepted no sooner than 30 days prior to the scheduled drop off day.
Residents of the Town of Colonie will be accepted by appointment only.
Proof of Residency will be required at the time of disposal.



DROP-OFF DAYS

WED. APRIL 22

4:00pm - 7:00pm

SAT. JUNE 13

3:00pm - 6:00pm

WED. SEPTEMBER 16

4:00pm - 7:00pm

WHERE

TOWN OF COLONIE LANDFILL
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PRACTICE POLLUTION PREVENTION



Stormwater runoff is rain that falls on roofs, lawns, or paved areas, and is carried away by a system of stormwater pipes or culverts and ditches. As it flows over the land surface, it can be contaminated by debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. This untreated water is then discharged directly into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water.

What you can do to help:

- Recycle used motor oil
- Participate in Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- Use hazardous substances in the smallest amounts possible

Please recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil and other fluids—Don't pour them onto the ground or into storm drains!

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

REMEMBER THE "BEST METHOD" FOR DISPOSAL OF UNRESTRICTED PESTICIDES IS PROPER USE. IF NOT BANNED, RESTRICTED, OR OUTDATED, USE ACCORDING TO DIRECTIONS OR GIVE TO A FRIEND TO USE.

Acids	Dry Gas	Muriatic Acid	Rat Poison
Adhesives	Dyes	Nail Polish	Rust Solvents
Aerosols	Epoxies	Nail Polish Remover	Solvents
Boric Acid	Flea Collars & Powders	No-Pest Strips	Spot Remover
Brake Fluid	Hair Removers	Oven Cleaners	Toilet Bowl Cleaners
Cements	Herbicides	Paints: Latex & Oil Based	Tub & Tile Cleaners
Charcoal Lighters	Inks	Paint Remover	Turpentine
Chlorine	Insecticides	Paint Thinner	Varnish
Cleaning Fluid	Insect Repellants	Permanent Solutions	Weed Killers
Corn & Wart Remover	Lacquers	Pesticides	Wood Pesticides (Some)
Degreasers	Lubricants	Photo Chemicals	Wood Polishes
Disinfectants	Moth Balls or Flakes	Pool Chemicals	Wood Stains

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

ASBESTOS
ANTI-FREEZE*
BIOLOGICAL OR MEDICAL WASTES
DIOXIN SUSPECT PESTICIDES
(2,4,5T, CERTAIN FORMULATIONS OF WEED-BE-GONE AND SILVEX)
ELECTRONICS (TV AND COMPUTER)*
EXPLOSIVES AND FLARES
PCB'S
PENTACHLOROPHENOL
PRESSURIZED TANKS AND GAS CYLINDERS
(PROPANE TANKS)*
RADIOACTIVE WASTE (SMOKE DETECTORS)
WASTE OIL*

* These materials can be brought to the Town of Colonie Landfill during regular business hours for recycling.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY MATERIAL WHICH IS NOT DEEMED ACCEPTABLE TO THE MANAGING CHEMIST ON SITE.
For more information call: 783-6292 | Division of Environmental Services Or visit www.colonie.org

2015 YARD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Please Note

Regularly scheduled weekly pick-ups run from April 13 to November 6 in 2015. After November 6, the Town will continue to collect yard waste, but not on the regular weekly schedule. Unscheduled curbside collection will continue through December 11, weather permitting.

ACCEPTABLE YARD WASTE

- LAWN CLIPPINGS
- LEAVES
- PLANT DEBRIS
- HAY
- BRANCHES & BRUSH UP TO 3 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND 4 FEET IN LENGTH, TIED WITH STRING IN MANAGEABLE BUNDLES (NO WIRE)

UNACCEPTABLE YARD WASTE

- BAGS OR CONTAINERS OVER 40 LBS. IN WEIGHT OR 32 GALLONS IN VOLUME
- YARD WASTE IN PLASTIC BAGS (INCLUDING ORANGE PUMPKIN BAGS)
- WREATHS (BECAUSE OF WIRE)
- BRANCHES OR BRUSH NOT BUNDLED WITH TWINE OR IN BIODEGRADABLE BAGS
- BRANCHES STUFFED IN CONTAINERS
- YARD WASTE CONTAINING ROCKS, SOD, OR DIRT
- YARD WASTE FROZEN IN REUSABLE CONTAINERS
- TREATED WOOD
- CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION DEBRIS
- NON-ORGANIC MATERIAL, INCLUDING METAL OF ANY TYPE

Program Guidelines

For ease of handling, we prefer yard waste to be packed in biodegradable bags. They can be purchased at local supermarkets, hardware stores, and home centers.

Yard waste may also be placed in reusable containers no larger than 32 gallons in volume and weighing no more than 40 pounds. It is no longer necessary to identify reusable containers with stickers purchased from the Town.

Residents may also bring compostable yard waste at no charge to the Landfill compost facility at 1319 Loudon Road, Cohoes, during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 7 am to 3 pm; Saturdays 7 am-2 pm).

Residents may pick up free compost beginning May 4. (Note: Compost is not recommended for vegetable gardens, but can be used as mulch, a soil conditioner, to establish a lawn, or as an ornamental plant potting soil.)

Holiday Collection

When a legal holiday falls on a collection day, pick up for ALL fire districts may occur on another day during the week.

WEEKLY COLLECTION IS SCHEDULED BY FIRE DISTRICT

**PICK UP
RUNS
APRIL 13
TO
NOV. 6**

MONDAY

MIDWAY & STANFORD HEIGHTS

TUESDAY

SHAKER ROAD/LOUDONVILLE

WEDNESDAY

LATHAM AND SCHUYLER HEIGHTS

THURSDAY

BOGHT, VERDOY & MAPLEWOOD

FRIDAY

FULLER ROAD & WEST ALBANY



Town of Colonie at 783-LEAF (5323)
Village of Colonie at 869-7562
Village of Menands at 434-2922.



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Spring Cleaning: More than 90 young people from Colonie volunteered for clean-up duties as part of Global Youth Service Day on April 18. Pictured, from left, members of Boy Scout Troop 277 (with an extra volunteer!) at the Pruyn House; members of Colonie Police Department's Explorer Post taking a break from raking at Sheehy Manor; and members of Shaker High School's Student Government Club showing some serious muscle, also at the Pruyn House. Colonie's participation in the annual event is organized by the Town's Division of Youth Services.

TOWN PROVIDES SUMMER FUN, VARIETY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Town has lots for young people to do over the summer. They can swim at the pool, golf at the town course, or bike on the bike-hike path. They can also take part in several programs designed to help them have fun, keep fit, and learn new things.

The free drop-in Playground Program provides school-aged children with supervised sports, recreational activities, and field trips. On this year's agenda are roller skating, bowling, and picnics, as well as scavenger hunts, talent shows, movies, and spelling bees. This program will be held at six locations from June 29 to August 7. No registration is required.

The Town also sponsors the Summer Enrichment Program, held each summer at Shaker High School. It provides a variety of reasonably priced music, arts, and sports programs from June 29 to July 31. Students grade 3 and up can receive instruction in popular competitive sports and those that might simply be fun, such as "Ultimate Frisbee Games." Students can also take individual music lessons, and kids K-eighth grade can take an array of arts classes.

The Colonie Town Pool will be open from Noon to 7 p.m. daily beginning Saturday, June 27. There is a six-level

Learn-to-Swim program for children age 6 or older, and a Guard Start and Water Safety Program for students 11 years or older. Both are scheduled from June 29 to July 10.

Since 2011, the Town has also offered low-cost tennis instruction with support from the United States Tennis Association. Evening lessons are scheduled at several locations from July 6 to August 6.

Young people can also compete in golf and tennis events, with a junior USTA tennis tournament (date TBA) and several PGA junior golf events. (See page 3).

In addition, the Town Library provides a rich array of activities for children and teens, including its popular summer reading program, which last summer drew more than 1,000 participants – all for the love of reading!

Registration information for Parks and Recreation programs is posted at www.colonie.org or call 783-2760. For golf events, call 374-4181; for library events, visit <http://colonielibrary.org> or call 458-9274.