

Village of New Berlin Newsletter-

July 2022

The Village office will be closed to the public starting July 20th as Kelly is scheduled to have her first total knee replacement surgery. She will be working from home starting on the 25th of July while she awaits being released to drive. No penalty charges will be charged in July during her absence. Please make arrangements to have water bills paid without penalty by August 30th. Sorry for the inconvenience during this painful and frustrating time for Kelly. More details will be posted as to the re-opening of the office as it becomes available.

The New Berlin Library presents the Perkins Performance Series at Hyde Park. This event, sponsored by Andrea Miller and Donald Perkins in honor of their parents Jean and Ruso Perkins, will take place on Wednesday nights at 6pm at Hyde Park. Concerts will run from 6 to 7pm. Please join the Village of New Berlin as we host the New Berlin Library for the Perkins Performance Series in Hyde Park.

The Village of New Berlin Summer youth program will be held from Monday, August 1st until Thursday, August 18th from 8:30 am to 12:30pm. The program will start and end the day at the New Berlin Library where breakfast and lunch will be served.

The Village Park will be closed for a week in the fall for park maintenance. Currently it is looking like this will be scheduled in September, more details will follow when it becomes available.

Safety:

To provide for the daily safety of our Village's residents and guests, we are working with the Town of New Berlin Police Department to help identify potential locations within the Village for placement (on a rotational basis) of the Town of New Berlin's two new electronic speed detection signs. While the installation of these signs along State Routes (to include Main Street /NYS Rt. 8) requires state approval, we anticipate that approval being granted in the coming weeks.

To ensure the Village is best prepared to respond to a potential natural or man-made emergency, we have initiated a coordinated review and update of our Emergency Operations Plan with the Town of New Berlin, Unadilla Valley Central School, and other partners.

Here are a few steps you can take to help keep yourself, your family, and your neighbors safe.

1) Help the Fire Department by clearing the view of and access to any fire hydrant in front of your home: In the growing season, do not place plants or landscaping structures within 6 feet of the hydrant and during the winter months, please clear

the snow and drifts a distance of 4-6 feet on all sides of the hydrants.

2) Subscribe to the Village of New Berlin's FREE Text Alert system. In the hours before, during, or after a weather or other emergency, get health and safety updates on your cell phone. This system provides the latest official information on power restoration, restricted areas, emergency response capabilities and procedures, emergency services, such as safe drinking water and shelter; and road closures/traffic re-routing within the Village. To subscribe, simply complete and submit your name and telephone information as requested on the Village's Official Website "thevillageofnewberlin.org"

3) Let us know of those who may benefit from a special health and welfare check. If you or someone you know may be particularly vulnerable to an emergency event such as an extended loss of electrical power, or other weather-related issue, please consider providing that information to the Village Office so we can include that person's phone number and address in the Emergency Health & Welfare Check database we are compiling. This information will enable our Emergency Operations team and first responders to better prioritize and target their efforts: It may just save a life. Providing this information is purely voluntary and the information will be shared only on a Need-to-Know basis.

Department of Public Works:

The Village couldn't be prouder of our DPW Crew. After some serious personnel shortages over the last few months, we now have a full team of four professionals. From weekly pick up of yard-waste, to emergency water main repairs, to pre-emptive clearing of ditches and drains, your DPW team of Jared Kline, Paul Button, Nathan Winton, and Ryan Loveland are dedicated to ensuring the Village's infrastructure stays safe and effective and our residents receive the best service.

Street Maintenance:

While we are legally limited in the repairs our DPW team can make to State Routes 8 and 80, we are in the final stages of gathering/assessing bids for major repair or resurfacing of those Village-maintained streets most needing refurbishment. This year, higher petroleum prices have restricted operational hours of our primary asphalt plant, but our team is aggressively working to procure the materials necessary for the needed repairs.