



VILLAGE OF DELANSON

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Village News

Welcome to the new residents of Delanson! Be sure to check in with the Village Clerk to make sure your records are updated and visit the website at www.delanson.net for important information about Village goings on. You can also sign up for emergency email notifications, like water main breaks, etc.

The **Village Board** meets at the Firehouse at 7:00 pm the 2nd Monday of the month **except** for October and November when the meeting is on the **first** Monday's – due to Holidays.

The **Planning Board** meets at the Firehouse at 7:00 pm the 1st Monday of the month. Any changes you want to make to your property have to be reviewed by the Planning Board. See the website www.delanson.net or call the office for the appropriate paper work needed.

Complaints of Idling Trains

It is prohibited by [Local Law 2-1990](#) for trains to idle within the Village limits for more than 30 minutes. Complaints of trains idling for prolonged periods of time should be directed to the **Norfolk Southern Railway**. For a thorough investigation of the incident, the following facts must be presented at the time of the complaint.

- **Date** the train was idling in the Village.
- **Time** of day the train came into Village and left the Village if you know it. Otherwise, length of time you observed the train idling in Village
- **Nearest Crossing Location** –
 - Main Street # **250195D**, Cole Road # **250074F**

The phone number for idling trains is **1-800-453-2530**

FORMAL COMPLAINTS – Superintendents Office – **1-717-541-2100**

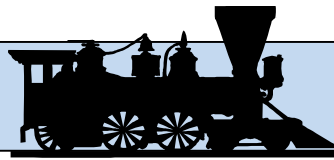
You can also call this emergency number for trains blocking the road, people climbing on the train, ATV activity on the access road... (and there's lots of that lately!) etc. Calling the State Police will trigger a call to **Norfolk Southern Emergency**; State Police may be able to respond faster in certain situations.

Keep a list of all the dates and times you have called to complain about the train. This information can then be gathered by Mayor Gifford and sent to Federal & State agencies that may assist us in prohibiting the trains from idling in the Village.

DFC Pancake Breakfast

Every first Sunday of the month the air fills with the smell of freshly made pancakes and sausage. Come on in and enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with neighbors and friends while breakfast is made and served by Delanson's Finest! We are looking forward to seeing our friends again for our Famous Pancake Breakfast. It's always great to make new friends and we welcome everyone! Please join us for the first breakfast of the season on Sunday October 2nd from 8am - 11am at the fire house. Please bring a non-perishable item for our local food pantry.





Important Village News *(continued)*

Conserve Water

Residents are encouraged to conserve outside water usage during long stretches of hot weather without rain. Decreased water usage greatly improves operations of the filtration system.



The filter beds are designed to filter a maximum amount of water per day. That maximum amount is determined by how much water we use; not how much water is in the reservoir. If we use too much, the level of water inside the clear wells needed to maintain proper filtration is reduced, therefore making it necessary to limit water usage.

Providing village residents continue conservation efforts we will eliminate the need to impose a full water restriction.

Thank you for your cooperation... stay cool!!!

DRONES, DRONES, DRONES...

what you should know!

The benefits of commercial and private Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) commonly called Drones, are substantial. What used to be considered toys are quickly becoming powerful commercial tools that can provide enormous benefits in terms of safety and efficiency. UAS integration will have a significant positive economic impact in the United States and society is only just beginning to realize their full potential.

However, the very characteristics that make UAS so promising for commercial and non-commercial uses, including their small size, maneuverability and capacity to carry various kinds of recording or sensory devices, can raise privacy concerns. In order to ensure that UAS and the exciting possibilities that come with them live up to their full potential, operators should use this technology in a responsible, ethical, and respectful way. This should include a commitment to transparency, privacy and accountability.

The Village Board as well as the FAA strongly discourage behavior that abuses the rules and regulations designed to protect national airspace and keep it safe for everyone who shares it. We have had many complaints (10+) about drones hovering over homes in the Village. We ask recreational UAS pilots to act responsibly and be considerate of neighbors and their property and to follow FAA rules and regulations governing airspace. **The FAA regulations do not give individuals the right to fly over other people's properties without their permission. That is a common misconception. A property owner may contact the police to file a complaint for trespass.**

You can find some basic information you should know as a citizen and a pilot on our website. Complaints about unauthorized UAS activity that threatens the safety of national airspace should be filed through the FAA HOTLINE 718-553-3100 or with the local law enforcement.

Be responsible, call before you fly and have fun!!

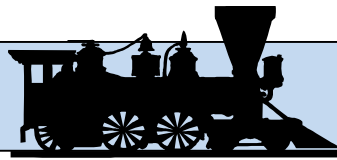
POKEMON GO! OR "NO"!

You may have noticed a lot more people walking around outside appearing to take pictures of things you wouldn't ordinarily take pictures of with your phone. The new game Pokémon Go has become the latest craze and capturing these little guys is a virtual experience, literally! You're able to catch Pokémon by traveling to real places all over the world. But it's hard out there to try to find all the different Pokémon since they only appear under certain conditions.

We encourage players to avoid private property and please don't stand in the middle of roadways waiting to catch Aerodactyl! He is a fossil Pokémon and can be found in back yards, parks, and semi-open, outdoor spaces at night!

CAUTION: RAILROAD PROPERTY/TRACKS ARE POKEMON "NO" ZONE!

Please be mindful while driving around, as some players may not be. Perhaps the mindset of players is best described by this quote from a 10-year-old girl... **"You get to have this adventure catching Pokémon and like, you can't really keep track and all that's around you is blank because you're playing this one game."** From the mouths of babes... Be careful out there!



NYS DOT has implemented a School Speed Limit of **20 mph** on Rt. 395/ Main Street near the Jr./Sr. High School. The reduced speed is during school hours from 7 am–6 pm. In response to this the Village Board of Trustees has passed a local law to make the area from School Drive/ Alexander Rd. west to the Village line a School Speed Zone also reducing speed to **20 mph** during school hours.



Taken from a recent Daily Gazette Editorial

School is back in session. So stop driving like an idiot!

It's that time of year, time to quickly retrain your brain to anticipate unexpected hazards, to adjust your speed downward and your alert levels upward. No more zipping through school speed zones. No more drifting onto the shoulder while adjusting the radio, texting, shaving, putting on makeup or otherwise not paying attention while driving that 3,000-pound hunk of metal that could crush a fourth-grader with hardly a touch.

It's every motorist's obligation to do whatever they can to ensure that these children get to and from school safely, whether they're walking, riding their bikes or getting on and off buses, kids can't be counted on to pay attention. That's our job! Yes, it's against the law to pass a stopped school bus – from either direction. When you see kids standing along the road and a school bus approaching, it's your cue to get ready to stop, not speed up! So consider if being 10 minutes late for work is worth the life of a child. Maybe your little sister or brother... or son or daughter...

School is back in session. It's time to pay attention! Have a safe and fun school year!!

Upcoming 2017 Events:

March 14th, 2017

One (1) Trustee, One (1) Mayor - Four (4) Year Terms
Polling Place is Delanson Firehouse from 12:00pm – 9:00pm

You must be a Village Resident, living in the village for 30 days, US Citizen 18 years of age or older and registered voter of Schenectady County. Absentee Ballots and Independent Nominating Petitions will be available in the Village Clerks office during December.

Final 2016 Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will be performed on **Saturday November 12th** from 7:00 am – 4:30 pm. Please avoid doing laundry, and expect water discoloration for a period of 24 hours.

Please help save the Village

postage costs by signing up to receive this newsletter via email on line at www.delanson.net. If you want to view the newsletter on line, please alert the Village so that you can be taken off the email/mail list. Sign up to receive emergency email notifications such as water main breaks, road closings, etc.

Delanson Fire Department News

Our own Fire Department is always looking for members... please consider making a commitment to insure the safety and well-being of your community. You don't have to run buildings! There are members can support the Fire Department. Please stop by and volunteer...all our lives depend on it! We are here Saturday mornings or Thursday evenings.



Delanson Fire Department

will host their annual



and costume parade on Saturday, October 29 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Categories will be posted on the Facebook events page as well as the Village website in the near future.

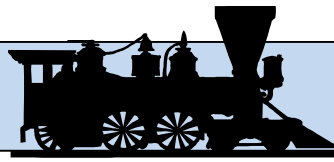
Prizes, treats and some ghoulish fun!
Don't miss it!!!!



2016 Fall Leaf Pickup -

Monday, November 21

The Town Highway crew has scheduled leaf pick up days this year to give residents plenty of time to clean up the leaves. Leaves must be contained in bio-degradable paper bags. Please rake only leaves and place bags by the road for pickup. Bags containing anything other than leaves will be refused. Please be considerate!



From Darla Gullotta, Dog Control Officer in the Village of Delanson and the Town of Duaneburg

Hello all, for those of you I haven't yet had the pleasure to meet, my name is Darla Gullotta. I'm the Dog Control Officer in the Village of Delanson and the Town of Duaneburg. I can be reached at: 518-860-3179

I'm the one you call if:

you are missing your dog

you've found a stray dog

you'd like to report a dangerous dog

questions relating to licensing, rabies vaccinations/clinics, etc.

you have concerns over a situation which violates the local animal control ordinance, such as:

1. excessive barking
2. running at large (off the property of its owner)
3. dogs in Town or Village parks
4. dog contact with other dog, wildlife or human
5. dog urinating or depositing fecal matter on the premises of another
6. Dogs causing a nuisance upon the premises of another

I can provide contact information or resources for:

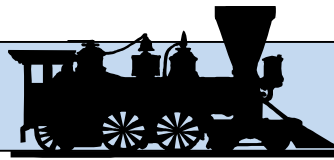
- Stray cats
- Injured or abandoned wildlife
- Protected wildlife
- Suspected animal abuse or animal neglect
- Harboring exotic animals
- Nuisance wildlife removal

My position is part time, so please understand if I'm unable to respond to your concerns immediately.

I strongly recommend if you're experiencing an emergency, that you call 911. The Troopers will be able to respond much more quickly than I can, but I will work with them and you to address the issue until it's resolution.

FAQ's about Dog Control Officers and other pertinent information...

1. There is a lot of outdated information about [dog catchers](#), now called Dog Control Officers. In the past being a dog catcher was not especially esteemed, you may have heard someone's character so poor that "He couldn't get elected dog catcher."
There's an enormous difference between a dog catcher 20+ years ago and the Dog Control Officer of today. Today, a Dog Control Officer benefits from training in many different areas including dog behavioral analysis, civil liability, criminal procedures, control and education of zoonotic diseases.
2. Yes, Dog Control Officers really DO love dogs. In speaking for myself, I am committed to the humane treatment of all animals.
3. No, dog licensing isn't a money-maker for the state. The intent of licensing your dog is to ensure dog owners are keeping their dogs current with rabies vaccination for the protection of your dog/family as well as your community members and their pets. Fees from licensing are applied in an effort to *offset* the costs



associated with local Dog Control and the time required to process licenses by your clerk. A portion of every fee also supports animal population control in NYS

4. Debunking myths about [spaying & neutering](#) your pets.

ADVICE

TIPS

- Keep the local authorities contact info handy (Dog Control, [Nuisance Wildlife Removal](#), [NYS DEC](#), etc.)
- Keep the 24-hour emergency veterinarian contact information handy
- Keep a spare slip lead and water bowl handy
- Use your best judgment and *always* trust your instincts
- Sharing photos and info re: a found dog on social media is often helpful

If I see a dog running loose in my neighborhood, should I just leave the dog alone and let it find its way back home on its own or should I take it in?

For your own safety, it is **not** advisable for good Samaritans to approach any unknown dog.

A dog running at large (loose dog running in the neighborhood) is not only a violation of most local ordinances, but a dog poses a real danger to themselves and the public at large, so it's indeed important to notify law enforcement (DCO or 911) of what you've seen.

When calling, please indicate:

- time you saw the dog
- location of the dog and direction he was headed
- breed of dog
- color
- whether or not the dog wearing a collar
- indicate any strange behavior, illness or injury that you may have noticed
- offer a callback telephone# if additional information is needed

Each municipality (city, town village, etc.) has a Dog Control Officer (DCO) assigned to assist residents with these types of concerns. Oftentimes, the wayward dog will find its way home and by the time the officer arrives, the dog will be nowhere in sight. The officer will then determine whether or not to keep searching, based on the circumstances.

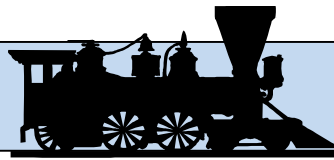
I'll be honest though, as a DCO in a rural area, I (quietly) appreciate residents who are able to secure a dog until my arrival. I understand that they've accepted a great risk in collecting and holding a dog until I am able to arrive on scene. Many DCOs across the state are part time, like me, and not available to immediately respond.

Anytime a situation arises where you need help ASAP, call 911 for assistance.

There is a dog that lives on my street that is tied out all the time. I never see anyone pay attention to it, walk it or feed/water it. It barks all the time and looks very sad. It does have a dog house but I don't see any blankets or straw. I also can't see any bowls for food or water but they might be there hidden. I don't want any problems with my neighbors retaliating on me for reporting them. What should I do?

Unfortunately, not everyone treats their dogs the way we would. NYS requires dogs have water and appropriate shelter for their breed and the climate. They are not required to leave food out all the time. As a matter of fact, leaving food out often attracts wildlife, which brings/invites a whole host of other issues.

Look on the Village website to read the local ordinance relating to dogs/noise. It's recommended to have a conversation with the neighbors to enlighten them of the issue you feel needs to be addressed. Sometimes



people don't know and you going over and knocking is much more neighborly than the police or animal control doing addressing it. If you think the parties aren't friendly people, then certainly reach out to law enforcement (Dog Control or 911). I also recommend you keep a log of the barking start and stop time so that if you do choose to sign a formal complaint you can demonstrate a history of the barking.

I've found a baby bird - what do I do? [If you care, leave them there!](#)

RABIES

Rabies is a serious illness, which can result in human death. The Schenectady County Environmental Health Unit investigates 350 to 400 rabies exposures annually, both from domestic and wild animals, to protect County residents from rabies.

Bat rabies accounts for almost all cases of human rabies in this country. Although only 1% of the bats submitted for rabies testing are positive, any exposure to bats should be reported to the Schenectady County Environmental Health Unit. The bat should be saved for testing.

Additionally, exposures from any wild animal, bites or scratches, should be reported to the Schenectady County Environmental Health Unit at [\(518\) 386-2818](tel:5183862818) and the animal saved for testing as well.

Periodic rabies vaccination clinics for domestic animals are held in the County. Dates, times and locations for these clinics can be obtained by calling [\(518\) 386-2818](tel:5183862818).

You can also go to the Schenectady County website to check for scheduled vaccination clinics.

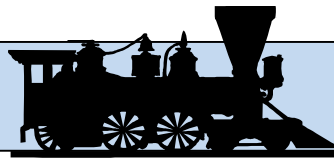
<https://www.schenectadycounty.com/FullStory.aspx?m=359&amid=1024>

Click here to view or download a ***Rabies Fact Sheet***

REMINDERS TO ALL DOG OWNERS

- Every dog **four months of age or older** is required by NYS Agriculture & Markets Law to be licensed in the town/village/city where it's harbored with **very few** exceptions. Applying for a license is very simple and inexpensive, but necessary. The (Duanesburg) Town Clerk's office will be happy to assist you
- If you've recently moved here or have recently acquired a dog, NYS allows up to 30 days for you to make application for a license
- Yes, there **IS** a leash law in the Village, meaning: any time your dog is off your property, it **MUST** be leashed **and** under your control
- Yes, the license tag **AND** the rabies tag are required to be on your dog's collar at all times when outdoors
- Yes, under the law, if you have a dog (or dogs) that aren't licensed, your dog(s) may immediately be seized and held until you license them, regardless if the dog is in its own home or out in the street
- Dog bites are never ok. Bites on humans or bites on other dogs, neither is acceptable and **all** must be reported to local DCO/Health Department

Poet Robert Frost was onto something when he penned *Mending Wall*, stating "Good fences make good neighbors." This philosophy holds as true as much as ever today, both literally and, as originally intended, figuratively. Even Benjamin Franklin is known to have said, "Love thy neighbor, yet don't pull down your hedge." Given how many different cultures have versions of this proverb, it represents a very common sentiment among neighbors everywhere. The long and short of it is: We humans would do best to respect each other's property and privacy.



Village Officials & Phone Numbers

VILLAGE BOARD MEETS SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH 7PM - PLEASE JOIN US!

Government

Mayor	Gayle Gifford	895-2257	mayor@delanson.net
Trustee/ Deputy Mayor	Joshua O'Connor	256-6465	joshuadoconnor@delanson.net
Trustee	George "Bucky" Grenier	895-2199	info@delanson.net
Clerk	Isabelle Mormando	895-6034	clerk@delanson.net
Treasurer	Nicole O' Connor	895-2199	treasurer@delanson.net

The Village Clerk is available to accept payments at her home or in the office. Call for a convenient appointment.

Planning Board

Chairman	Dan Lindh	895-9063	zoning@delanson.net
Secretary	Jim Donnelly	895-2199	zoning@delanson.net

Zoning Board of Appeals

Chairman	Larry O'Connor	495-7504	zba@delanson.net
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Fire Department

Fire Chief / Treasurer	Kevin Morrison	895-2100	firechief@delanson.net
Assistant Chief	Duane Rapp	895-2100	

Water Department

Water Commissioner	Jeff Iveson	895-8926	water@delanson.net
Assist. Water Comm.	Steve Micheli	895-8859	water@delanson.net

Building Permits

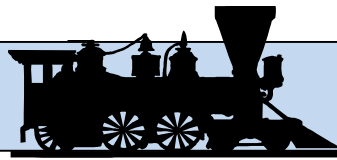
Building Inspector	Dale Warner	895-2040 x108	buildinginspector@delanson.net
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Animal Control

Animal Control	Darla Gullotta	860-3179	animalcontrol@delanson.net
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Other

Garbage Pickup	Pollard Disposal	861-6452	
Delanson Post Office		895-8810	
Duanesburg Town Clerk	Diane Ferrara	895-8920 ext 100	dferrara@duanesburg.net
Web Master	Bruce A. Barton		webmaster@delanson.net
Going to dig in the Village? Call Dig Safely at		811	Digsafely@delanson.net
	then contact the Village	895-2199	
Time Warner Cable		866-321-2225	
National Grid		800-642-4272	



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