

## VILLAGE OF DELANSON

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## Road Closure Starting June 12

New York State's contractor is planning on starting work on Rt. 30 at the D&H overpass (N/S) in Duanesburg on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This project includes reconstruction of the existing roadway under the RR overpass, and will increase the height clearance under the bridge so that the height restriction can be removed. It includes new drainage, gutters, paving and guiderails.

This work requires a road closure on both sides of the RR bridge, with a signed detour to be put in place for traffic to follow. The detour will be signed over Rt. 20, Rt. 395 and Rt. 7. Please see the attached detour map on Page 5.

We anticipate the closure to last 4 weeks. If you have any questions, please call the Village Office at 518-895-2199.

Mayor Gifford has contacted the Schenectady County Sheriff to arrange for an electronic speed limit monitor sign be set up during this time.

## Village Board Meetings

Village Board meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7PM at the Firehouse, EXCEPT during October and November when they are scheduled for the first Monday due to the Columbus Day & Veteran's Day Holidays. All are encouraged to attend.

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 the recent water main break, etc. Contact the office at 895-2199

**If you want** notifications for events in Delanson, like the recent water main break, please contact the office at 895-2199 to get on the notification list.



Village Speed Limit is **30 MPH** and **20** MPH in designated school zones! School will be out shortly, watch for children in the roads!

### Summer Concert Series

Every Thursday night at 6:30pm starting June 1



and going through September 7 at the Gazebo

Please see schecul for the music schedule.





The Village of Delanson is looking for a resident to organize and maintain historical facts and documentation.

The Historian is a volunteer position appointed by the Mayor. A small budget would be created to accommodate supplies as well as a column in our newsletter.

As our residents age out, our history follows the same path. There are so many stories about Village elders that need to be heard. Our new crop of young families and children will create their own historical significance in our wonderful community and most will never know the strides made by the folks who came before them that helped create and maintain our independence and rich history. There's a sign on the front of our firehouse... have you seen it? Who was that guy? He just happened to be one of the most admired and respected members of this community back in the day... Dirt roads, horse & buggy mail delivery, turntables, towers and coal... We live in the here-and-now, life is fast-paced, but it took a long unfolding history to get everything to now. Our past speaks out to us every day...we need someone to give it a voice. Interested? Please call Mayor Gifford 895-2257 or 895-2199

Congratulations to all

Duanesburg Central 2017 Graduates

Get out there ...



## Flanning Board

Currently the planning board is working on amendments to our Village Zoning Law. Careful consideration is being given to future development and growth in the Village while protecting the welfare and character of our community.

Most of the structures in the Village were built over 100 years ago to house the employees of the railroad. Since that time, zoning laws were implemented to regulate the use, density, physical characteristics and the site development within our boundaries. Many of our homes/accessory buildings footprints are "non-conforming" and are "grandfathered" in to our zoning law because they were built prior to zoning requirements. As time goes on, there is the likelihood of future applications to repair, dismantle and rebuild these structures because of age and deterioration. Our Planning Board members have recognized deficiencies in our law that make it necessary to review the law in depth in order to put safeguards in place for the general welfare of our community.

Village Zoning Law has been amended from time to time to accommodate unique construction such as the Duanesburg Area Community Center and townhouses. Our members continue their efforts in the process of amending the Village Zoning Laws to address the replacement/upgrades of aging structures and new construction to ensure proper controls are met. There will also be a requirement that all new construction be reviewed by the Planning Board prior to issuing a building permit. During this process and until the revised law can be adopted, we ask that all residents present plans for all construction to the Planning Board prior to requesting a building permit. An application for this purpose has been created and residents may find this application online or by request to any Planning Board member or the Village Clerk.

**The Lea Club** was invited by the Village of Delanson to help with spring gardening before the Memorial Day Parade. On May 12, they joined Mayor Gayle Gifford in planting flowers around the village gazebo. This was the students' second year of what they and adviser Karen Kanarkiewicz hope to make an annual project. GREAT JOB! Thanks all for pitching in.



#### **HYDRANT TAMPERING – If you see it... please report it!**

If you see an open fire hydrant or someone tampering with it, please report it to the water department 895-8926 or Village Clerk 895-2199 immediately. The Village water department personnel are the only people authorized to open a fire hydrant. The potential for contamination of the water supply occurs when water mains lose pressure. Illegally opening a hydrant could cause not only the possibility of contamination but very low water levels resulting in low pressure and potential water restrictions.

Contractors are required to provide their own water source when performing construction projects within the Village that require water usage such as paving projects. Residents should not allow contractors to hook into their service lines or hydrants. If you see a contractor hooked into the hydrant, please advise the Mayor immediately at 895-2257.

## The Village of Delanson Community Award is

presented to a graduate who demonstrates leadership and a commitment to civic responsibility. The 2017 DCS recipient is **Joseph Wolken.** 

## Leash Law in Effect

Please call Linda Brown - 860-3179 for animal control if you see a pet running loose, the owner will be grateful you did. Thank you for cleaning up after your pets; your neighbors appreciate your consideration. All dogs must be licensed through the Town of Duanesburg. Please call Town Clerk, Diane Ferrara at 895-8920 for details.

## Please welcome our new Village Planning Board Member, Roy

Welcome to Roy Loftfield as our newest member of the Village Planning Board. Roy joins the five-member board filling a vacancy left by James Donnelly. Jim served the Village well in his capacity as Secretary on the board. Our thanks and admiration goes out to Jim for his dedication and service in our community. As the Planning Board discusses future amendments to our zoning law, Roy's experience in the Army Corps of Engineers field will certainly bring a new perspective. Thank you all for your service and dedication to our community.

## A History of the Village of Delanson

#### By Wanda Patterson

The Village of Delanson is situated in the southern part of the Town of Duanesburg, in Schenectady County. It lies between the historic Cherry Valley Turnpike and another highway once known as the Danforth Turnpike. Under the name of Delanson, its history dates back only to the year 1893. The sister village, Quaker Street, situated approximately one-half mile to the south of Delanson and on the Danorth Turnpike, was the pioneer business center serving the surrounding territory before the era of the railroad transportation.

What is now known as Delanson was then referred to as Toad Hollow, due to the fact, that it lies to the head of the Normanskill drainage area.

The Albany and Susquehanna Railroad Company, being authorized and organized by the State Legislature to construct a railroad from Albany to Binghamton, built the railroad in sections. The first section extended from Albany to Central Bridge and its engineers, seeking a favorable grade, found the desired route passed through the upper part of the Normanskill Valley which provided an improved means of transportation for this vicinity. This first section was constructed during the years 1861 to 1863 inclusive and in the latter year, transportation was established between the above-named points. To best serve the needs of Quaker Street, a site was chosen for a station and other necessary facilities. A station and a freight house were erected on the east side of the highway crossing, between certain tracks existing at that time. This point was given the name Quaker Street Station.

Stay tuned, more to come in the next newsletter ...





**June 1** – <u>J Plus One</u> – Acoustic duo playing 70's to present classic rock, country and R&B. Check them out here <u>www.musicbyplusone.com</u> Like them on facebook

June 8 – Loosely Wound String Band – check them out www.looselywoundstringband.com

June 15 – Vicki Gayle – Country, soft rock

June 22 – FOG (Four Old Guys) – various genres 60's to present. Check them out on youtube and FB

June 29 - Deb Fish and the Crowd Pleasers

**July 6** - <u>J Plus One</u> – Acoustic duo playing 70's to present classic rock, country and R&B. Check them out here <a href="https://www.musicbyplusone.com">www.musicbyplusone.com</a>

July 13 - Warren Sieme - Contemporary Folk

July 20 – Mark Baptiste

July 27 - DJANGOLOS GYPSY JAZZ ENSEMBLE with John Whitbread

August 3 – Joe Gorman – 1960's Folk music & British Invasion Classics – FB Live Music: Joe Gorman

August 10 – Mark Baptiste

**August 17** – <u>Back to 3</u>

August 24 – Kelly Barber and Friends

August 31 – Deb Fish and Crowd Pleasers

Join Us at the Gazebo in Delanson. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy the Show!

Every Thursday June through August ~ Beginning at 6:30pm

WEATHER PERMITTING

## Delanson History continued...



WELL DONE — Delanson Fire Department members, from left, Charles Guyder, Leonard Van Buren, Charles Whitney, James Monini, Alfred Williams, Robert Shafer and Kenneth Eckler review plans for the fifth annual charcoal seak roast from 47 p.m. May 27 at the Delanon Village Hall. The ladies auxiliary will also sponsor a fair in the hall. The proceeds will be used for the purchase of more equipment for the department which serves a fire protection district as well as the incorporated village. Shafer is general chairman of the affair.

## Delanson's 100th Anniversary

In order to preserve and celebrate Delanson's Centennial of becoming incorporated as a Village we need help planning this special event(s). If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, please contact Mary McLaughlin at mary\_mcLaughlin@aol.com or call the office at 895-2199.



## 2017 Hydrant Flushing Schedule ~ Please mark your calendars!

The following is a schedule of the days the water mains and hydrants will be flushed. Residents will be notified if there is a change in this schedule. All hydrant flushing will occur on Saturday's between the hours of 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

August 12th, 2017 November 11th, 2017

March 2018 (TBD)

It is recommended that you have bottled water available for drinking and cooking. We also advise that you have several buckets of water available for flushing toilets and washing hands. We don't recommend doing laundry during this time since the water could be brown and stain your laundry.

In addition, in the winter time, residents with hydrants on their property are asked, if possible, to clear the hydrants of snow so they can be found by the fire department in case of a fire in the area.

## Flease help save the Village

postage costs by signing up to receive this newsletter via email or 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 (first class) mail list.

You can also sign up to receive emergency email notifications such as water main breaks, road closings, reminders of upcoming events, etc.

## Community Garden ...



Although it's too late for this summer, would you be interested in being part of a community garden in 2018? It takes time to plan so we need to start now to start early planting for next summer.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Mary McLaughlin at <a href="mary\_mclaughlin@aol.com">mary\_mclaughlin@aol.com</a> or call the office at 895-2199



## Village Officials & Phone Numbers

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

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Mayor Gayle Gifford 895-2257	mayor@delanson.net
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Trustee/ Deputy Mayor Joshua O'Connor 256-6465 joshuadoconnor@delanson.net

Trustee George "Bucky" Grenier 895-2199 <u>info@delanson.net</u>
Clerk Isabelle Mormando 895-6034 <u>clerk@delanson.net</u>

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

appointment.

Treasurer Nicole O' Connor 895-2199 <u>treasurer@delanson.net</u>

**Planning Board** 

Chairman Dan Lindh 895-9063 <u>zoning@delanson.net</u>
Secretary 895-2199 <u>zoning@delanson.net</u>

**Zoning Board of Appeals** 

Chairman Larry O'Connor 495-7504

**Fire Department** 

Fire Chief / Treasurer Kevin Morrison 895-2100 <u>firechief@delanson.net</u>

Assistant Chief Charles Buccino 895-2100

**Water Department** 

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

**Building Permits** 

Building Inspector Dale Warner 895-2040 x108 <u>buildinginspector@delanson.net</u>

**Animal Control** 

Animal Control Linda Brown 860-3179 <u>animalcontrol@delanson.net</u>

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 <u>Digsafely@delanson.net</u>

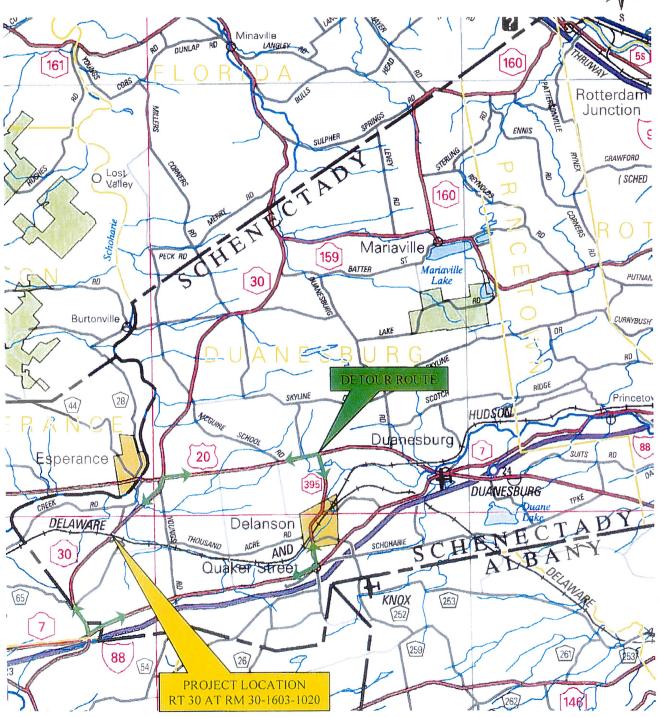
then contact the Village 895-2199

Time Warner Cable 866-321-2225 National Grid 800-642-4272

## PIN 1809.69 - Highway Work Order Contract (SFY 16-18)

Route 30 at RM 30-1603-1020 – Roadway Reconstruction at Railroad Overpass
Town of Duanesburg, Schenectady County





**Project Location and Proposed Detour Map** 



## What's Inside?

June Road Closing ....

The Leo Club ....

Hydrant Flushing ....

Concert in the Park Schedule (revised)....





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