



## VILLAGE OF DELANSON

### SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

***In light of last Sunday's Executive Order***, which extends many of the Governor's directives until April 15<sup>th</sup>, the Village Board of Trustees has decided to continue conducting regular Village business meetings by videoconferencing via Zoom. As a Village, we are faced with situations that demand immediate action, such as the adoption of the budget, bid award for water plant repairs project and the approval of payments that local businesses are relying on during these trying economic times.

We will make every effort to provide an agenda in advance to interested residents. Comments from the public will be accommodated via email at [delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com](mailto:delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com). Requests to be heard at the public hearing or business meeting must be submitted by the 3pm the day of the meeting. Submissions will be read during the public comment period. A transcript of the meetings will be available within approx. two weeks of the meeting.

April 6, 2020 at 6:00pm – **Annual Village Organizational Meeting** – no comment period

April 15, 2020 at 6:30pm – **2020-2021 Preliminary Budget Hearing**. The preliminary budget can be viewed on our website at [www.delanson.net](http://www.delanson.net). Please call the Village Clerk/Treasurer at 518-895-2199 for a copy of the budget and agenda.

April 15, 2020 at 7:00pm – **Regular Village Board of Trustees business meeting**. Agenda will be posted on the website. Please contact the Village office for a copy via email or pickup.

### ***What are we doing?***

- ✓ The Village Board of Trustees has hired an independent cleaning service to deep clean the building.
- ✓ Fire Department members will clean and disinfect all tables, chairs and kitchen utensils.
- ✓ Pancake Breakfasts are cancelled until our next season starting Sunday, October 4, 2020.
- ✓ Village staff and citizens should use the buildings front entrance of the Fire House. All EMS personnel will use side doors of Fire House.
- ✓ Maintain physical distance to a minimum of six feet, rotate in-office staffing.
- ✓ Regular Board of Trustee meetings will be via teleconferencing for the foreseeable future.
- ✓ Village phone messages are monitored daily, both in office and remotely.
- ✓ Asking residents to practice physical distancing while out and about. The weather is getting nicer and although many of us have been accepting our new normal by staying home, we are longing for the sunshine and the kiss of Spring to somehow let us know everything will be alright. Please go hiking, bike riding, walking and visiting parks that still allow public access, but do so safely by yielding 6-10 feet to oncoming citizens.
- ✓ And for goodness sake, smile! The basics are not basic. The elements of air, water, earth and fire are unparalleled. Spend time appreciating nature and get outside as much as is safe and possible, watch sunrises and sunsets from your window. Fill your windows with rainbows and connect with your family.



## **April 3, 2020**

Governor Cuomo today announced the launch of [www.ny.gov/covid-19tracker](http://www.ny.gov/covid-19tracker) which provides visualizations of State and County testing and results. You can also access this data at [data.ny.gov](http://data.ny.gov), the State's data portal, which has downloadable formats that can be sorted, searched, analyzed and applied to new uses. The Governor also announced that, starting Monday, April 6th, every day from 8am to 6pm, the Capital Region will have a new drive-thru testing site at UAlbany's Colonial Quad parking lot. The site will prioritize tests for persons in a highest risk population. Interested persons must make an appointment by calling (888) 364-3065.

It has been one-week since the passing of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, an 880-page stimulus bill intended to provide financial assistance for workers, businesses, and residents. It's a massive bill including state fiscal relief, payments to individuals, expanded unemployment coverage, multiple business assistance programs, student loan changes, rental assistance, homeless programs, special housing needs, support for hospitals, revised rules for retirement accounts, new rules for deducting charitable contributions, and much more.

Here's a synopsis of a few components in the CARES Act that may be of assistance to residents and small businesses:

### **Recovery Rebates**

The stimulus package includes direct payment by check or direct deposit to eligible residents. Here is an online tool for determining your eligibility and calculating the benefit amount: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/business/coronavirus-stimulus-check-calculator/>. For most people, the payment amount is based upon your most recently filed Federal tax return. Some tax advisors are encouraging clients to file

2019 federal tax returns as soon as possible, particularly if your 2019 income might make you more eligible for a stimulus payment than your 2018 tax return.

### **Unemployment Insurance**

The stimulus package provides greater benefits, extends duration of benefits, and expands the eligibility for unemployment insurance to include the self-employed and part-time workers. In the end, people who are unemployed, underemployed, or unable to work due to COVID-19 are more likely to receive benefits. Unemployment insurance claims in New York are processed by the Department of Labor <https://labor.ny.gov/unemploymentassistance.shtm>. Here's a helpful FAQ on COVID-19 unemployment insurance claims.

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19): Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources**

Here's a link to an overview by the Small Business Administration (SBA) explaining how small businesses are encouraged to keep their employees, customers, and themselves healthy: <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>.

### **Paycheck Protection Program**

This SBA loan program helps businesses retain employees during the crisis: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>.

### **Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance**

This SBA loan program provides up to \$10,000 of economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing temporary difficulties due to COVID-19: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/economic-injury-disaster-loan-emergency-advance>

### **SBA Express Bridge Loans**

This SBA loan program provides a small business with a current SBA relationship with quick access to up to \$25,000 in loans: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/sba-express-bridge-loans>

### **SBA Debt Relief**

This SBA program provides "financial reprieve" to small businesses during the crisis: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/sba-debt-relief#section-header-0>

Again, there are many more components to the stimulus program that may be important to you, your family or your business.

As of April 1, the Schenectady County Department of Health (DOH) reported that there are 93 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the County, with 16 persons hospitalized. There are now 350 persons under mandatory quarantine and sadly, 5 people who tested positive for COVID-19 have died. The County DOH did not provide details on confirmed cases or quarantines in a particular municipality.

Side Note: If you are curious or desperate for distraction, the Census Bureau invites you to track response rates to the Census by state, county, or municipality at: <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>. I'll save you time by letting you know that the responses rates as of April 3<sup>rd</sup> are: Town (43.6%); Schenectady County (42.4%), New York State (36.1%) and United States (43.1%).

For more information, please regularly visit the above-mentioned websites.



## Childcare for First Responders during COVID-19

Capital District YMCA to provide school-aged childcare for Emergency Personnel. Effective Monday, March 23rd, beginning at 7 AM, the Capital District YMCA will provide childcare for emergency personnel who do not have the option to work from home, as defined by The New York State Education Department.



Emergency health care professionals include licensed healthcare professionals such as physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, LPNs, nurse assistants or laboratory personnel and direct support professionals. Additionally, we are covering care for first responders, including paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers, and firefighters. Please visit our website, [www.delanson.net](http://www.delanson.net) for locations and more information.

## The Monthly Fire Department Pancake Breakfasts ...

Are **cancelled** until the first Sunday in October, due to the COVID-19 virus. Thank you for your understanding. Please remember them when making donations ... they are losing two months of income from the pancake breakfasts being cancelled. The fire fighters are there on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings to accept your kind donations.

## Local Business Hours Updates:

Please support our local businesses to keep them open. As of the date of this newsletter (April 4) – according to their websites:

**Gibby's** Rte. 7, Quaker Street, is closed until further notice – you can check their Facebook page for updates. “no chance of retirement anytime soon” their post says, Phew!

**Jonathan's Restaurant**, Route 20, Duanesburg 518-895-8234 – is open for take-out only. Hours: Thurs-Saturday 12:00pm-10:00pm only.

**Duanesburg Diner**, Route 20, Duanesburg 518-895-8843 Hours: Monday-Saturday 6:00am-8:00pm/Sunday 7:00am-8:00pm.

**Dunkin' Donuts**, Route 7, Duanesburg 518-865-5331 – open 5:00am – 8:00pm.

**Rosa Villa**, Route 20, Duanesburg 518-895-5200 – is open for take-out or delivery.

**Stewarts**, Duanesburg 518-895-8845 – hours 4:00am - midnight.

**Stewarts**, Duanesburg 518-875-6808 – hours 4:00am – 11:30pm.

**Hannaford**, Route 20, Esperance 518-875-9410 – open to **seniors only** at 6:00am Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, one hour before they open for regular hours at 7:00am. The same for Guilderland Hannaford.

**Walmart**, Cobleskill – 518-234-1090 is open for **seniors only** at 6:00am on Tuesday's – their new regular hours are 7:00am-8:30pm.

**Market 32/Price Chopper**, Route 7, Cobleskill 518 234-7845 – open 7:00am – 10:00pm.

**Dunkin' Donuts**, Route 7, Princetown (Pilot Truck Stop) 518-865-5331 – open 5:00am – 8:00pm.

**Market 32/Price Chopper**, 141 Sanford Farms Plaza, Amsterdam 518 843-0056 – open 7:00am – 10:00pm.

**Maple on the Lake**, 141 Warner's Lake Rd., E. Berne 518-872-9433 – heard food is great, hours may vary, please call them.





## Volunteers Needed!

Delanson's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is February 2021! The intention is to have a celebration during the summer of 2020. We need volunteers to help plan and carry out this celebratory event. Please call the office at 518-895-2199 or email [delansonmayor@gmail.com](mailto:delansonmayor@gmail.com) if you are willing help to make this event a huge success.



The Village would like to compile a

## Memory Book

of stories from the villagers of the Village of Delanson for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. If you grew up here, or if you have something to share, we'd love to interview you. Please call the office 518-895-2199 or email [delansonhistorian@gmail.com](mailto:delansonhistorian@gmail.com) and let us know what stories you have.



**Statewide Burning Ban!**

**No OPEN burning**

**March 15 – May 14**

**Burning of leaves and brush is**

**PROHIBITED in**

**NYS at any time.**

**The Village Law extends the burn ban to May 31.**

## Pollard Trash Pick-Up 2020 Holiday Schedule

Garbage is normally picked up every Wednesday starting at 7:00 AM in the Village of Delanson.

However, the week of the following holidays, garbage collection will be delayed by one day and picked up on Thursdays instead of Wednesdays.



**Week of Memorial Day, May 25<sup>th</sup> –**

garbage will be picked up on **Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Week of Labor Day, September 7<sup>th</sup> –**

garbage will be picked up on **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

## 2020 Hydrant Flushing Schedule

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's will occur on Saturday's between the hours of 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please mark these days on your calendar.

- **February 15th, 2020**
- **May 2, 2020**
- **August 8, 2020**
- **November 14, 2020**



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



**April:**

- 8 – Passover
- 10 – Good Friday
- 12 – Easter Sunday
- 15 – Village Board Meeting – 7:00pm via ZOOM
- 22 – Earth Day
- 24 – Beginning of Ramadan
- 30 – Water Rents Due

**May:**

- 1 – May Day
- 2 – Hydrant Flushing
- 3 – Pancake Breakfast CANCELLED
- 5 – Cinco de Mayo
- 10 – Mother's Day
- 11 – Village Board Meeting – 7:00pm via ZOOM
- 18 – Leaf Pick-Up
- 25 – Memorial Day

**June:**

- 8 – Village Board Meeting – 7:00pm via ZOOM
- 14 – Flag Day
- 21 – Father's Day
- 26 – Last Day of School
- 30 – Village Taxes Due

**July:**

- 4 – Independence Day
- 15 – 2020 IRS Tax Day
- 31 – Water Rents Due

**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](http://www.delanson.net) for important information about Village goings-on. You can also sign up for emergency email notifications, like water main breaks, etc.

***Summer Concert Series***

Every Thursday night's at 6:30pm  
**June 4 through August 27**  
**at the Gazebo**

Please visit our website - [www.Delanson.net](http://www.Delanson.net), the Post Office or our facebook page for the music schedule.

***Shout out to Village resident,***

George Martin and his creative insight as "the Lawn Artist". The Village Board of Trustees accepted his proposal for landscaping all village property this season. His pride and commitment are evident in the work he's accomplished thus far! I can't wait to watch the beauty unfold.

It's not just mowing...  
 it's art!

Thanks, George!

***Spring Leaf and Brush Pick Up Date***  
***May 18!***

Leaves must be contained in bio-degradable paper bags. **PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE!! LEAF BAGS CONTAINING DOG FECES WILL BE REFUSED!!** Tree branches should be in pieces no larger than 8 inches in diameter. The longer length you leave the branches the safer it is to feed them into the chipper. Please place brush and leaf bags by the side of the road to be picked up by the Duaneburg Highway Department on **May 18<sup>th</sup>**.





## ***Delanson's Memorial Day Parade ...***

Due to COVID-19, our Memorial Day parade planning is suspended until further notice. If anything changes, our website [www.delanson.net](http://www.delanson.net), will have that information. Please remember that



**Memorial Day** is for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The Holiday, which is observed every year on the last Monday of May, originated as **Decoration Day** after the American Civil War in 1868, when the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans founded it in Decatur, IL. It was established as a time for the Nation to decorate the graves of the Union war dead with flowers. By the 20<sup>th</sup> century competing Union and Confederate Holiday traditions, celebrated on different days, merged. Memorial Day was extended to honor all

Americans who died while in the military service. Please remember the sacrifices our Veterans made for us every day, but especially on Memorial Day.

## ***We Need You!! There is a lot going on in the Village...***

The **Delanson Fire Department**, the **Village Planning Board** and the **Village Zoning Board** and the **Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance Corp (DVAC)** all need volunteers! Please come to the Delanson Fire Department on either Thursday evening or Saturday morning to chat with the fire fighters about volunteering.

For the Boards, please call the Village office at 518-895-2199.

Please contact 518-895-2200 DVAC at about volunteering.



Did you know the **Centennial Anniversary of Delanson** becoming incorporated as a Village is in 2021? We need help planning this special event and we are forming a planning committee. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mary McLaughlin at [delansonhistorian@gmail.com](mailto:delansonhistorian@gmail.com) or call the office at 518-895-2199.

***There is great satisfaction in volunteering. Why don't you give it a try?***

## ***The Village Planning and Zoning Boards***

**are seeking Volunteers!**

The Delanson Planning Board is comprised of 5 members. Members volunteer their time, in an effort, to preserve the historic significance, character and quality of our community. The Planning Board has the authority to approve subdivision of property, other development approvals and zoning cases within the Village.

Eligible members must be US Citizen; a Village resident; and at least 18 years of age. The Planning Board meets the first Monday of the month at 7pm at the Village Hall/Delanson Fire House.

## ***Please don't forget ...***

fill out the census form. It's important for many reasons, some of which are how many representatives we have in the State and Federal governing houses, help with schools, elder population, etc.

So, your count is very important. You should get a form in the mail, please fill it out and return it or you can fill it out on-line, once you get the form in the mail (you need that for the personal ID number on the form).



## Village Officials Phone Numbers & Email Addresses

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

**In order to practice social distancing, until further notice, all Village meetings will be held via ZOOM.**

| <b>Title:</b>                  | <b>Contact:</b>  | <b>Phone:</b>               | <b>email:</b>                  |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mayor                          | <b>Gayle Gifford</b>   | 518-895-2199 / 518-895-2257 | delansonmayor@gmail.com        |
| Trustee/Deputy Mayor           | <b>Joshua O'Connor</b>   | 518-256-6465                | joshuadoconnor@gmail.com       |
| Trustee                        | <b>George "Bucky" Grenier</b>                                  | 518-895-2199                | delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com |
| Treasurer/Village Clerk        | <b>Nicole O' Connor</b>  | 518-895-2199                | delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com |
| <b>Other</b>                   |  |                             |                                |
| Historian                      | <b>Mary McLaughlin</b>   | 518-895-2199                | delansonhistorian@gmail.com    |
| Web Guy                        | <b>Bruce A. Barton</b>   | 518-895-2199                | delansonvillage@gmail.com      |
| <b>Planning Board</b>          |  |                             |                                |
| Chairman                       | <b>Daniel Lindh</b>  | 518-895-2199                | delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com |
| <b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b> |  |                             |                                |
| Chairman                       | <b>Larry O'Connor</b>  | 518-495-7504                | delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com |
| <b>Fire Department</b>         |  |                             |                                |
| Fire Chief / Treasurer         | <b>Kevin Morrison</b>  | 518-657-9273                | delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com |
| Asst. Chief                    | <b>Charles Buccino</b>   |                             |                                |
| <b>Water Department</b>        |  |                             |                                |
| Water Commissioner             | <b>Jeff Iveson</b>   | 518-895-8926                | delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com |
| Assist. Water Comm.            | <b>Steve Micheli</b>   | 518-895-8859                | delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com |
| <b>Building Permits</b>        |  |                             |                                |
| Planning Board                 | <b>Daniel Lindh, Chair</b>                                     | 518-895-9063                | delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com |
| <b>Animal Control</b>          |  |                             |                                |
| Dog Control                    | <b>Darla Gulotta</b>   | 518-860-3179                | delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com |
| <b>Other</b>                   |  |                             |                                |
| Delanson Post Office           |  | 518-895-8810                |                                |
| Garbage Pickup                 | <b>Pollard Disposal</b>  | 518-861-6452                |                                |
| Spectrum Cable                 |  | 866-321-2225                |                                |
| National Grid                  |  | 800-642-4272                |                                |
| Duanesburg Town Clerk          | <b>Jennifer Howe</b>   | 518-895-8920 x 102          | jhowe@duanesburg.net           |
| Going to dig in The Village?   | Call <b>Digsafely</b> at 811 &<br>Then call <b>The Village</b> | 811<br>518-895-2199         | delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com |

## ***What's Inside? ...***

- ***Coronavirus Update***
- ***2020 Garbage pick-up dates***
- ***2020 Hydrant flushing dates***
- ***Fire Department Pancake Breakfasts*** – cancelled until October
- ***Please slow down!***



Spring is coming!



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