



VILLAGE OF DELANSON

FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER

School Started September 8

Please slow down for our students!!!

The speed limit in front of the Junior/Senior High School is 20MPH.
The speed limit in front of the Elementary school is 35MPH!

Please slow down!

Want to save 10% on your National Grid bill and have clean energy in the process?

Most of us probably got a card in the mail from AMP, a solar company. It is free to switch to solar energy with AMP. It says "subscription" in the brochure, when you sign up, you are locking in your space in the solar farm. There is no upfront cost, no hidden fees and you can cancel at any time with a 90-day notice. The solar farm is expected to start producing electricity by the end of the year so sign-up sooner rather than later, don't be shut out from saving money. National Grid pays AMP directly, you will simply see a 10% savings on your National Grid bill while getting your electricity from the solar farm, this sounds like a no-brainer.

You are not switching from National Grid. All your bills will still come from National Grid. Think of it as subscribing to a share of the solar farm. Whatever the solar farm produces that month, you will get your share of, and your 10% savings will be shown directly on your National Grid bill. Your offsetting 90-100% of your electricity with solar. Other portions of your usage will still come from National Grid, depending on your usage that month and what the solar farm produces. Happy to chat about this, sometimes it's easier to explain on the phone.

For more information or to sign up (you will need your National Grid account number) go to <https://community-solar.energy/NYsignup>

You also have the chance of getting a \$50 gift card just for signing up!

If you have questions about it, call the Transaction Coordinator at 877-267-8727.

M: 720.387.0293

Skype: live:dmiller_1058

www.amp.energy

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Would you or someone you know like to be a sponsor for next year's beautification project? The Beautification Committee is looking for sponsors to continue upgrading our Village spaces. We are looking for donations/sponsorship for a new park bench in front of the fire house and a new flower pot. If you are interested please contact the Village Deputy Clerk, Sharlene at delansonvillagedclerk@gmail.com or (518) 895-2199.

Sincerely,
The Village Beautification Committee



Covid Update

The Village Board of Trustees has resumed in person public meetings. The Village is following CDC's guidance which calls for wearing facemasks indoors in Village buildings, regardless of vaccination status, as long as the County's infection rate is "substantial" or "high." This guidance applies to employees and visitors in common areas, and also all persons present at all public meetings.

Because our COVID-19 case numbers are increasing from the Delta variant, we want to communicate to you the following:

- Schenectady County is yet again in a State of Emergency;
- The County has issued a mask mandate for its public facilities, both for visitors and staff regardless of vaccination status;
- We have enough vaccine supply to provide a third shot of Pfizer or Moderna to moderate or severely immunocompromised individuals. Here is our current schedule of vaccination clinics:
<https://www.schenectadycounty.com/COVID19/vaccine>
- Quarantine protocols have changed with a segment of the population vaccinated. Updated protocols are below.

If someone is exposed and is FULLY VACCINATED (2 weeks past second dose of Pfizer or Moderna, 2 weeks past 1 dose of J&J) they do not need to quarantine as long as they are not reporting any symptoms. The recommendation is to test 3-5 days after exposure and wear a mask. If they do not get tested, they should wear a mask for 14 days after exposure.

If someone is exposed and is NOT fully vaccinated, they need to quarantine for 10 days past exposure. There is no longer an exemption for "essential workers" to not have to quarantine. Everyone who is exposed and not fully vaccinated must quarantine for 10 days past exposure.

We await further guidance from Governor Hochul and her administration and hope to have more information to communicate regarding booster shots soon.



Looking from Quaker St toward
Delanson on 395



School house 1884



Railroad crossing looking
north



Train station, currently the
Fire Department parking
lot



Congratulations to the
Village of Delanson
On 100 years of
Incorporation!
February 1921-2021



**October:**

- 4 – Village Board Meeting
- 11 – Columbus Day
- 31 – Water Rents Due/Halloween

**November:**

- 1 – Village Board Meeting
- 2 – Election Day
- 7 – Daylight Savings Ends – 2AM
- 11 – Veteran's Day
- 13 – Hydrant Flushing
- 25 – Thanksgiving Day
- 29 – Hanukkah

December:

- 24 – Christmas Eve
- 25 – Christmas Day
- 31 – New Year's Eve

Keep Cars and Garages Locked!

At our Village Board meeting, Lt. Michael Geraci of the Schenectady Sheriff's office noted that there have been a string of car and garage break-ins in the Duanesburg/Princetown area and reminded residents to keep their cars and garages locked and to not leave important items in their cars.

Leaf Pick-Up November 22nd ...

Leaves must be contained in bio-degradable paper bags.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE!! LEAF BAGS CONTAINING DOG FECES WILL BE REFUSED!!

Please place leaf bags by the side of the road Sunday evening, November 21 to be picked up by the Duanesburg Highway Department on Monday, November 22nd.

***The Village Needs You!!***

The **Delanson Fire Department**, the **Village Zoning Board** and the **Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance Corp (DVAC)** all need volunteers!

Please call the Fire Department Chief, **Kevin Morrison** at 518-657-9273 to discuss becoming a member.

For the **Village Board positions**, please call the Village office at 518-895-2199.

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

Please welcome our neighbor **Dana Mesick** to the team of folks working together for our community! Thank you to all our land board members for volunteering your time!

***Final 2021 Hydrant Flushing***

November 13th is the final day that the water mains and hydrants will be flushed in 2021. Residents will be notified if there is a change in this schedule. The hydrant flushing's will occur between the hours of 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, weather permitting. Please mark the date on your calendar.

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.

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

We are sorry for any inconvenience it may cause and thank you for your patience.



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour, Saturday evening, November 7 (or Sunday at 2AM).



Unemployment Insurance/ Financial Hardship

During these challenging times the Village of Delanson would like to remind the community of the following contacts/help in the event of job loss or financial hardship:

NYS Department of Labor

(888) 469-7365 - Hours: M-F 8:30AM - 4:30PM - <https://dol.ny.gov/>

Unemployment Insurance Assistance - Weekly Claims

(888) 581-5812 - Hours: M-F 7:30AM - 12:00AM

Unemployment Insurance Assistance - Claim Help

(888) 209-8124 - Hours: M-F 8:00AM - 6:00PM

Schenectady County One Stop Center

(518) 344-2735 - Hours: M-F 9:00AM- 4:00PM - <https://www.schenectadycounty.com/sjta>

NYS Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Local Community Organization Information

Stacy - (518) 231-0856 OR Catholic Charities, Cobleskill (518) 234-3581 - Hours: M-F 8:30AM - 4:30PM

For more information, visit otda.ny.gov/ERAP or call 844-NY1RENT (844-691-7368)

Gazebo Renovation Update

The newly formed Beautification Committee has completed their first project! Together with a few volunteers, the Committee Members removed the center garden bed, planted new flowers and shrubs around the base of the Gazebo, including a new flowering tree where the center garden bed once stood. The Committee repaired, replaced and painted the gazebo structure and mulched the new garden beds. I would personally like to thank Sherry Ash, my husband Matt, and Bailey and Brooke Grenier for all of their hard work and dedication to this project. We spent many hours on what always seemed to be the hottest days of the year, planting and painting weekend warrior style 😊. They always worked hard and treated the Gazebo like it was their own. This project would not have been a success without their efforts.

The Committee would also like to thank Mayor Gayle Gifford for her support throughout the entirety of the renovation and for her generous donation of our new park bench. Hopefully, this will be the first of many projects to come. This was a wonderful summer I will always remember.

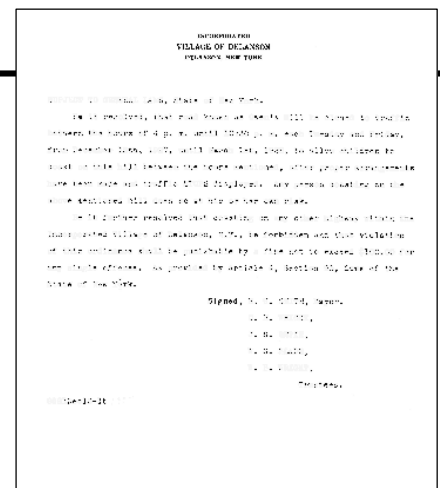
Thank you!

Sharlene Grenier

Village Beautification Committee Chair



*Be sure to visit our website,
delanson.net for historical
pictures and stories like the
below law closing Owen's
Hill!*





Railroad News:

Taken from: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) website ...

Blocked crossings occur when stopped trains impede the flow of motor vehicle or pedestrian traffic at railroad tracks for extended periods of time. Communities have long dealt with the issue of blocked crossings, and FRA is now seeking broad public input to better understand the scope of the problem and engage with affected parties to identify potential solutions.

“Railroads, states and local jurisdictions, are best positioned to address blocked highway-rail grade crossings and I’ve asked them to work together to minimize unwanted impacts,” FRA Administrator Ronald L. Batory said. “FRA expects that collecting this data will help us identify where chronic problems exist and better assess the underlying causes and overall impacts of blocked crossings – locally, regionally and nationwide.”

Blocked crossings pose potential safety risks, specifically in locations where trains routinely hinder roadway and pedestrian movement for extended periods. Frustrated drivers may attempt to clear the crossing before a train arrives. Likewise, pedestrians may be tempted to crawl between stopped railcars. Further, blocked crossings make people late for work, school and appointments, and contribute to roadway congestion.

The new FRA Blocked Crossing webpage, www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings, requests specific information from users reporting blocked crossings—including date, time, location and duration. The agency expects it will take an average of 3 minutes for users to complete the report. FRA notes that this should only be done in a manner that is consistent with the safe operation of a vehicle. “Our ability to address this issue is only as effective as the data we collect,” Batory continued. “Therefore, we are hoping to engage citizens and all levels of government to help spread the word about this important tool.”



FRA will use the information collected to gain a more complete picture of where, when, and for how long such obstructions occur at the nation’s approximately 130,000 public grade crossings, and what impacts result from this. FRA will share the information with stakeholders, using it to help facilitate local solutions to blocked crossing issues.

The Village of Delanson will host an informational meeting with Norfolk Southern Government relations director, Michael Fesen on Thursday, October 14th. The meeting will be held at DVAC on Cole Road from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Mr. Fesen will provide an overview of rail operations along with updates on recent local track upgrades and rail traffic. There will be a question-and-answer period. The following links provide information on about current rail track upgrades in our surrounding communities that may or may not impact the Village.

<https://altamontenterprise.com/03172021/will-9000-foot-double-stacked-train-regularly-run-through-altamont>
<https://altamontenterprise.com/08062021/federal-regulator-says-it-will-review-rail-deal-address-voorheesvilles-concerns-proposal>



2021 Holiday Schedule Trash Pick-Up

Pollard sold their waste disposal service to Advantage. You may have noticed Advantage has been picking up the trash and changing your recycling bins. They have a fleet of new trucks that will necessitate the use of cans that alleviate the need for crews to manually lift customers cans. This method will have a large impact on medical and workers compensation claims for that company. If you have questions or concerns about this change, please contact the Village at 518-895-2199 or call Advantage directly at 518-355-6615. We ask your patience while we work through this transition.

Trash will still be picked up on Wednesday's starting at 7:00AM with the following exceptions.

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



Week of Thanksgiving Day, November 25th –
there will be no change on our pick-up day.

Week of Christmas Day, December 25th –
there will be no change on our pick-up day.



If you have any questions, please call Advantage at 518-355-6615.

The Village would like to compile a

Memory Book

of stories from the villagers of the Village of Delanson for the 100th 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 and let us know what stories you have.

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.

Train Idling Too Long?

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 or 2200**

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 is lots of that lately!) etc. Calling the State Police will trigger a call to Norfolk Southern Emergency as well, and 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.



Roosters – Not the Good Neighbor

The Village office has received complaints of roosters crowing at all hours of the day and night. Apparently, they don't just crow at dawn!

While the Village animal law doesn't address rooster crowing specifically, it is our hope that all our residents consider the close proximity of our homes and do your best to keep animals quiet out of common courtesy. Consider the folks who work late and sleep in, enjoy sleeping late on weekends, have tired guests, a new baby, or a stubborn toddler, or sensitive neighbors.

Please talk to your neighbors and try to work out the situation. You may be surprised to find out they didn't realize you don't enjoy a rooster crow as much as they do!

I enjoy listening to the church bells ringing, alas, many don't agree. I used to love the train whistle in the distance, but not so much now.

Please be considerate and be kind first.



When our citizens step up to volunteer their skills, time and talents, the impact on the community is immense!

Kudos to the small groups of residents who volunteered to fill up their weekends to repair and paint the gazebo and redo the landscape around it. The Village would like to extend a BIG "thank you" to the dedicated group of volunteers for their continued efforts to beautify the Village.

Please take a moment to check out their handiwork as you drive by the gazebo. It really does take a Village!

It is prohibited at all times to burn garbage, trash, leaves, yard waste, or yard debris in Delanson. Burn barrels or free-standing fires are prohibited in the Village.



Don't forget to check the upcoming important dates on page 3.

Leash Law in Effect –

All dogs in the Village of Delanson ***must*** be licensed and confined to the owner's property unless properly restrained by collar and leash. To prevent property damage and possible harm to other pets and residents, dogs running at large are prohibited by Village Law. This measure may also keep your pets from being hit by a train or vehicle or worse carried away by a wild animal. A Fisher was spotted on Alexander Road the other day. PLEASE KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE. To license your dog, call Town Clerk, Jen Howe at 518-895-8920 x 102 or email her at jhowe@duanesburg.net. Please remember to clean up when your dog "goes" on the sidewalk or someone's property. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please call animal control officer, Darla Gullotta at 518-860-3179.





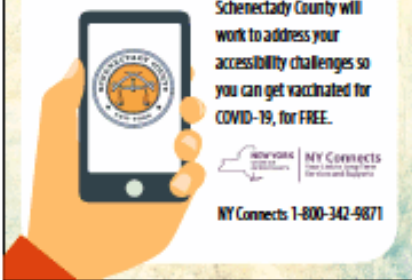
SCHENECTADY COUNTY DELIVERS

GET VACCINATED AT HOME

Are you unable to get vaccinated for COVID-19 due to a lack of childcare, being home bound or other accessibility issues?

Call (518) 836-2400.
We can help.

Call Monday-Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm,
or leave a message with your contact
information and we'll get back to you.



Don't forget the Sally Wilber Memorial Trail is open ...

Members and non-members of the YMCA are welcome to utilize the trail. There is no need to sign in. Open daily from dawn to dusk. If you have any questions, please contact the YMCA at 518-895-9500.



Access to the trail head is at the northeast corner of the building, where there is a sign for the Sally Wilber Trail. From there, follow the turkey tracks to a kiosk that has maps that guide you through just under a one-mile loop, featuring eleven educational stations. This trail does cross over the Normanskill creek so be aware of recent rain fall and possible high water.

The YMCA will monitor the creek and may close the trail if necessary. There is also an entrance to the trail off the sewer treatment plant (WWTF sign) road on Cole Rd.

This is a self-guided trail so please be careful and considerate. If you carry it in, please carry it out with you. The trail is pet friendly; dogs should be on a leash and please come prepared to clean up after them.

The Fire Department

hopes to start the Pancake Breakfasts up again in October, depending on CDC Guidelines and any other variant of COVID that might pop-up. Watch the FD outside billboard or go to their Facebook page for more info.



The Notification of Presence of Wild Animals

Pursuant to General Municipal Law §209-cc, everyone who owns, possesses or harbors certain wild animals must report the location of the animal to his or her municipal clerk. The clerk must then forward the Report to all police agencies and emergency responders having jurisdiction, for their awareness in case of a call to that location. The documents contained in this section - please go to [DHSES - OFPC Notification of Presence of Wild Animals \(ny.gov\)](https://www.dhSES-nys.gov/OFPC/Notification-of-Presence-of-Wild-Animals) for further explain of these requirements in further detail and to get the form needed to report your pet.

Required Annual Reporting of the Presence of Wild Animals

Statutory Authority: General Municipal Law §209-cc

All persons required to report the owning, possessing or harboring of a wild animal under General Municipal Law §209-cc shall file such report with the relevant city, town or village clerk on or before April 1 of each year.

The state fire administrator, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Conservation, has developed the following list please go to [DHSES - OFPC Notification of Presence of Wild Animals \(ny.gov\)](https://www.dhSES-nys.gov/OFPC/Notification-of-Presence-of-Wild-Animals) of the common names of wild animals to be reported.



Village Officials Phone Numbers & Email Addresses

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

Title:	Contact:	Phone:	email:
Mayor	Gayle Gifford	518-895-2199 / 518-895-2257	delansonmayor@gmail.com
Trustee/Deputy Mayor	Joshua O'Connor	518-256-6465	joshuadoconnor@outlook.com
Trustee	George "Bucky" Grenier	518-895-2199	delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com
Treasurer/Village Clerk	Nicole O' Connor	518-895-2199	delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com
Deputy Clerk	Sharlene Grenier	518-895-2199	delansonvillagedclerk@gmail.com
Other			
Historian	Mary McLaughlin Bruce	518-895-2199	delansonhistorian@gmail.com
Web Guy	A. Barton	518-895-2199	delansonvillage@gmail.com
Planning Board			
Chairman	Daniel Lindh	518-895-2199	delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com
Zoning Board of Appeals			
Chairman	Larry O'Connor	518-495-7504	delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com
Fire Department			
Fire Chief / Treasurer	Kevin Morrison Aaron	518-657-9273	delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com
Asst. Chief	Kellerman		
Water Department			
Water Commissioner	Jeff Iveson	518-895-8926	delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com
Assist. Water Comm.	Steve Micheli	518-895-8859	delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com
Building Permits			
Planning Board	Daniel Lindh, Chair	518-895-9063	delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com
Animal Control			
Dog Control	Darla Gulotta	518-860-3179	
Other			
Delanson Post Office		518-895-8810	
Garbage Pickup	Advantage Disposal	518-355-6615	
Spectrum Cable		866-321-2225	
National Grid		800-642-4272	
Duanesburg Town Clerk	Jennifer Howe	518-895-8920 x 102	jhowe@duanesburg.net
Going to dig in The Village?	Call Digsafely at 811 & Then call The Village	811 518-895-2199	Digsafely@delanson.net

What's Inside? ...

- Railroad Update
- Covid Update
- Gazebo renovation
- ***Please slow down!***



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