

VILLAGE OF DELANSON

SUMMER/FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER



Bear Sightings in Delanson!

A black bear was spotted in Delanson on Main Street in front of Mayor Gifford's house on 7/16/2022 at approximately 8:30 pm. A bear was also seen on Cole Road around 7am on that same day. **The bear did not seem to be distressed but merely wandering for food.** The leading cause of bear complaints in New York is bears getting into residential garbage and bird feeders.

Frequently, humans unknowingly create potential food sources for bears. This may attract them to close proximity to residential areas and subsequently result in human-bear conflicts. Most conflict scenarios in New York can be resolved or minimized by removing or adequately securing whatever served to attract the bear.

Conflicts are often associated with activities not intended to attract bears, such as:

- **feeding birds**
- **improperly storing garbage**
- **leaving messy grills and pet food outdoors**

For a lot more information about reducing human – bear conflicts please visit [Reducing Human-Bear Conflicts - NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation](#) on the EnCon website.



Final 2022 Hydrant Flushing Date

The last date for the water mains and hydrants flushing is below. Residents will be notified if there is a change in this schedule. The hydrant flushing will occur on Saturday, November 12, between the hours of 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, weather permitting. Please mark this on your calendar.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR! November 12, 2022**

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.



More Firehouse News:

The firehouse has a new lower roof and work will begin soon on the water damage on the inside.

The large tree in the parking lot was cut by **Clear Choice**. They graciously donated their service, and our volunteer crew are cutting it up in a series of training sessions. The wood is free for the taking. Thank you, **Clear Choice**! You Rock!

Save
These
Dates! 

September:

- 7 – First Day of School
- 12 – Village Board Meeting - 7pm

October:

- 2 – Pancake Breakfast – 8am
- 3 – Village Board Meeting - 7pm
- 10 – Columbus Day (no school)
- 31 – Water Rents Due

November:

- 6 – Pancake Breakfast – 8am
- 7 – Turn Clocks back 1 hour
- 6 – Village Board Meeting - 7pm
- 8 – Election Day
- 11 – Veteran's Day (no school)
- 24 – Thanksgiving Day (school closed 11/23-11/25)

December:

- 4 – Pancake Breakfast – 8am
- 25 – Christmas Day (school closed 12/23-Jan 2)
- 31 – New Year's Eve

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

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

There is great satisfaction in volunteering.

Why don't you give it a try?



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. Fishers, bears and fox have all been spotted in the area. 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@duaneburg.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 the Village Animal Control Officer, Darla Gullotta at 518-860-3179.



It's been a hot dry Summer Folks.

The Village is moving approximately 70,000 gallons of water a day through the plant. We appreciate your consideration in conserving water by not washing your car or watering lawns excessively...it's perennial...it'll come back strong when the rains come! See the information and ideas on page 5 & 6 regarding water conservation.

We have a new assistant Water Commish - Nick Pigliavento

Nick is a resident on the water system who decided to join the team after having multiple water issues and wondering what he could do to help. Welcome, Nick!

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)

Beautification Committee Update:

New Stone pathway approved by the Village Board!

- Would you or someone you know like to be a sponsor a beautification project? The Beautification Committee is looking for donations/ sponsors for a new park bench in front of the fire house and a new flowerpot. If you are interested, please contact the Village Deputy Clerk, Sharlene at delansonvillageDclerk@gmail.com or call her at 518-895-2199.
- Weeding is on-going; anyone who sees anyone in the garden is welcome to stop and pull weeds. Thank you for your help!
- The Beautification committee contacted Heldeberg Bluestone and will be picking up stone and installing tentatively in September, waiting to beat the summer heat. Note: The pathway will NOT extend to the road we will be installing in the front entryway of the Gazebo entrance in line with the mulch/edge of the flower garden beds so as to not disturb the mowing.



Junior Firefighters are Needed!

The Village of Delanson Fire Department is looking for Junior Firefighters. Come and learn about the right way to fight fires, free training for fire/EMS, and have a rewarding experience you will remember the rest of your life. You could make firefighting a career!

Taken from the National Junior Firefighter Program:

The National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) National Junior Firefighter Program supports fire and emergency service departments by fostering relationships and engaging youth in learning about, and ultimately becoming, members of the emergency services. The program serves as an umbrella for junior firefighter programs nationwide to promote youth participation within the fire and emergency services community.



For more information, visit [National Junior Firefighter Program - National Volunteer Fire Council \(nvfc.org\)](https://www.nvfc.org/)

The next Village election will be in 2025 for Mayor and one Trustee for a four-year term.

Budget Information

The Village Board has adopted the 2022-2023 Budget. Water Rents have been increased to address cost increases relating to chemicals and supplies for water main repairs.

Property tax rate of \$12.40 per \$1000 of assessed value remains unchanged. Please visit Delanson.net or call the office for more information.

The Fire Department Pancake Breakfasts are back!!

Starting **October 2**, at 8am come to the Fire Department Hall for the best breakfasts ever! Our esteemed department makes the food and very graciously serves it right to your seat! You can have all you want to eat!

Keep in touch via Facebook

[Delanson Volunteer Fire Department - Home](#) | [Facebook](#)

Open Burning

To report an illegal open fire or a nuisance fire, you can call the DEC hotline at 1-844-332-3267 or the local fire department. The fire department has the authority to extinguish, or order extinguished any open fire being conducted in violation of any provision of the local law. Call the office with any questions.

School starts September 7

Please drive 20mph in the school zone on 395/Main Street and 35mph on Route 7 in front of the elementary school and watch for our children – they are our most precious resource!



Leaf Pick-Up November 21st

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 20 to be picked up by the Duaneburg Highway Department on Monday, November 21st.



Welcome to 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.



Calling all Volunteers – Delanson Needs You!

There are many levels of participation available – Will you donate your time to help your Community by being a firefighter? Please come by the fire house on Saturday mornings and we'll ask any questions you may have

For more information on how you can help contact Adam Fink at delansonfiredept@gmail.com. We'd love to meet/see you!



Is there a fire in you?

5 Methods of Water Conservation

“Big goals are achieved with incremental daily actions.”— Aaron Broyles. As the quote states, our everyday actions matter more than a single enormous goal. In other words, minimal steps everyday can give us massive output in the future. Likewise, if we will be aware of just a few steps, we can conserve a considerable amount of water for the near future. So, from hundreds of water-saving methods, the primary five methods of water conservation are:

- ✓ **Close the tap while not in use.** Every day we waste most of the groundwater just by running the tap without any reason. But do you know, we can save up to 160 gallons of water only by turning off the tap during brushing, washing dishes, washing hair, cleaning vegetables and much more.
- ✓ **Don't flush tissues, cigarettes or the like wastes in the toilet.** Another great way to conserve water is to not use a toilet as a trash basket. Flushing tissues, cigarettes, and the like wastes into the toilet as it is a trash basket, is not a good thing as it wastes water trying to flush them down. Besides, often those extra items are the primary reasons for the blockage of pipes and leakage of water.
- ✓ **Install water-efficient fixtures.** By installing water-efficient fixtures you can preserve water using such things as low-flow showerheads, low-flow toilets, low-flow faucet aerators, etc.
- ✓ **Check water connections for leaks.** Mostly, the water we daily use comes from the groundwater reservoir through pipelines, and their leakage can cause significant water loss. Therefore, it is recommended to check the holes or damages in the water connections.
- ✓ **Take shorter showers.** If you take an average eight-minute bath daily, it uses about 35 to 50 gallons of water, whereas taking a shower can reduce this amount to 20 gallons with a low-flow showerhead.

More Water Saving Methods

There are lots more water saving methods. Here are more ways to conserve water, which we should all practice to save our most valuable resource.

- During handwashing the dishes, turn the water off in between soaping and rinsing the dishes/pots/pans.
- Doing laundry, use only the required amount of water according to the load size – or use the “perfect fill” on the machine or consider a high-efficiency washing machine.
- Look at purchasing a dual-flush commode having two flush options: a half-flush for liquid waste and a complete flush for the other.
- Check and fix leaky faucets, which are easy & cheap to fix; that will help save about 140 gallons of water every week.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash where they recycle water.
- Dispense the remaining ice cubes from your drink, rather than throwing them out.
- Instead of tossing away the wastewater from the fish tank, pour it on your non-edible plants as that water is rich in nutrients.
- Set a kitchen timer when using the hose as a reminder to turn it off. A running hose can release up to 10 gallons for each minute.
- DON'T water in the sunshine; the sun just dries the water off the grass/plants before it soaks into the ground, which is a HUGE waste of water.
- Plant species, local to your area.
- At home or while in different lodging, reuse your towels.
- When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather your hands, so save water.
- Assign one glass for your drinking water each day or top off a water bottle. This will eliminate the number of glasses to wash.



Continued on page 6

More Water Saving Methods (continued)

- Gather the water you use while washing your home-grown garden foods. Use it to water house plants.
- Put plastic bottles or a float booster in your toilet tank – less water is put in the tank so less water is used when flushing.
- Introduce composting toilets.
- When starting your shower, save the water in a bucket that is running while you are waiting for your water to heat. Use that water to water your plants.
- Keep the water coming off the roof in drums and use that water for watering your plants.
- Limit use of kitchen sink garbage disposal units.
- Utilize your water meter to check for hidden water leaks.
- While manures advance plant development, they additionally increment water utilization. Apply the base measure of compost required.
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants.
- Abstain from flushing the toilet too often – if it's yellow let it mellow, if it's brown, flush it down.
- Protect your pipelines by insulating. This will keep them from freezing in the winter while additionally helping heat water up quicker.
- Keep water in a container in the refrigerator instead of running the tap when you need to drink it.
- Try not to plant in zones that are difficult to water.
- On the off chance that you have a little yard, attempt to water it by hand instead of utilizing sprinklers.

Along these lines, you have more authority over the measure of water.

Share the above with your kids or listen to your kids when they share it with you!

Thank you to all who participated and were present to support our Concert in the Park series. It was a fabulous line up this year and the finale was a culmination of several entertainers and was well attended. These folks don't get paid for their efforts, they do it for the love of music and for anyone who wants to listen. During the finale, a train stopped and idled



very close to the park. When Mayor Gifford walked up to the train and asked the conductor to shut down just until the end of the concert, George (the conductor) not only shut the engine down but joined the concert as well. Only in Delanson!



A Message from the Village Water Department ...

Village residents may be experiencing discolored water and/or musty taste or odor. **Your water is safe to drink**, albeit unpalatable.

With the extreme temperatures we have experienced this past summer and higher water temperatures in the reservoir, these conditions in the past have proven to make this problem more pronounced, coupled with the drought conditions may prolong the situation. "Turn over" is a term in water industry meaning the warmer water on the surface of the reservoir sinks and colder water from below rises. The aquatic plant growth on the water's edge starts to die off for the season causing this condition.

Please keep in mind we are aware of the issues that may arise and will continue to do whatever we can to reduce the effects of this condition and continue to check and sample the water to make sure it is bacteriology safe.

Thank you in advance,

Village Water Department

More than Pancakes and Saving Lives!

Fire Department members Aidan Enders, Adam Fink and Peter Brodie attended an international conference in April for ImageTrend. ImageTrend is a software that streamlines the administrative processes of a Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department is currently using a free version of this software, but the Elite version contains functionality for incident reports, allows each member to have an individual profile, complete inventory of supplies, **EMS** bag checks and truck checks, etc. Incident reports are automatically updated to the National Database so the Fire House compliance would be automated (incident reports only, manual input would still be required to maintain compliance elsewhere). At initial startup all data needs to be manually entered. All gear would be individually assigned to each member in the system which allows paper trail to keep track of who is responsible for specific gear and ensure that it is returned to the firehouse after membership is terminated.

Total cost would be approximately \$2,800 annually funded by the Village because it falls under operational expenses. The Village Board voted unanimously to approve and thanked Aidan for his informative presentation and diligent research.

Become a member today and be all you can be!

What is our Village Doing?

The Village Board is reviewing quotes for resurfacing Newton, Charles and Elm Streets and is also considering quotes for School and Stewart. We hope to begin work this Fall.

Pedestrian Connectivity on 395

Schenectady County is currently considering the purchase of the vacant YMCA building and potentially turning it over to the Duanesburg Central School District.

The Village is looking at pursuing grant opportunities for pedestrian connectivity and traffic calming on Main Street. Given the recent news that there is a possibility that DCS would operate the former YMCA, it became apparent to the Board that DCS would be the preferred grant applicant for a project like this as it is necessary for the safety of the students.

Trustee O'Connor noted that Main Street, in particular, the space between the Y and the school, is excessively wide with unnecessary turn lanes and no real pedestrian accommodations. As a former runner, he is well aware of how treacherous that turn is and how cars go way too fast in that area.

An appropriate modification, between the school and the Y would be to reduce the roadway width as a traffic calming measure, and then run a concrete sidewalk with curb along that stretch. Opportunities also exist for roadside tree plantings as additional traffic calming/aesthetic benefits.

Until recently the State offered the "Safe Routes to School" Grant. It has been discontinued and rolled into the TAP grant program (read the Safe Routes language to see how this work qualifies the district). The TAP grant is for work exactly like this and the district would be an ideal grant recipient. The grant award covers up to 80% of the project cost. There may be other grants available to help with the 20% that the project sponsor is responsible for. The Safe Routes to School (discontinued) grant information is here: <https://www.dot.ny.gov/safe-routes-to-school> Safe Routes was rolled into TAP. Grant info is here:

<https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/opdm/local-programs-bureau/tap-cmaq>

If you want a hard copy of the above, please call the office at 518-895-2199.

Discussions continue within the Village, DCS and County.

2022 Holiday Schedule Trash Pick-Up

Don't forget, trash is picked up on Wednesday starting at 6:30am. You must use their containers as the trucks pick-up the barrels without humans.

In 2022, we will **NOT** be affected by any Holiday trash pick-ups. Our trash will be picked up on Wednesday as it always has. You can call Advantage directly at 518-355-6615 or the Village office at 518-895-2199 if you have any questions. You can visit Advantage's website at advantagedisposalny.com



Here is some information from Advantage's website ...

Container Do's

- Keep containers on a hard, level surface clear of snow and landscaping and no more than 6" from the curb.
- Please allow containers a 3-foot perimeter of clearance from obstructions such as park cars, trees, mailboxes and utility poles. There must also be a 15-foot overhead clearance from any low hanging tree branches or power line.
- If you have more than one cart at the curb, please set them side by side with at least 3-foot clearance in between, do not block the sidewalk.

How do I get rid of paint cans?

Wet Paint is not allowed in the trash. Paint needs to be dried out. There are two ways you can accomplish this:

- Take cover off the paint can and add kitty litter. Let sit until dry and hard. Make sure to keep cans out of the reach of children.
- They sell a hardener at Home Depot or Lowe's. When added to wet paint, it will dry and harden the paint in less than 30 minutes. Brand names are Krud Kutter at Lowe's and Homex Paint Hardner at Home Depot or Wal-Mart

What do I do with larger items?

We pick up large, bulky item on a set day each week. Call our office to find out the charge and schedule your pickup. All prices are subject to change upon seeing the actual items. Sometimes people tend to understate what they have. Price increase will need to be okayed by the homeowner.

Do you pick-up yard waste?

We pick up yard waste in designated areas. Please call our office to determine if your location qualifies. We will provide this service for no fee from April 15 thru Thanksgiving Day. Guidelines for yard waste are as follows:

- **NO YARD WASTE MAY BE IN CANS OR BARRELS!** All leaves and grass must be in paper biodegradable bags; no plastic bags allowed.
- No rocks, road gravel, blacktop, or concrete is allowed!
- Bags cannot weigh more than 40 lbs. (one man must be able to lift and put in truck).
- All branches must be no longer than 4 feet long and tied and bundled together (one man must be able to lift and put in truck).

When is it best to place my trash/recycling out?

The BEST is always the night before. If you are not able to do this, then do it for the first couple weeks until you become familiar with our schedule of pickup. Our truck drivers are instructed to run their routes the same way each and every week. This allows us, generally, to be able to be close to the same time every week.

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@gmail.com
Trustee	George "Bucky" Grenier	518-895-2199	delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com
Village Clerk/Treasurer	Nicole O' Connor	518-895-2199	delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com
Village Deputy Clerk	Sharlene Grenier	518-895-2199	delansonvillageDclerk@gmail.com
Other			
Historian	Mary McLaughlin	518-895-2199	delansonhistorian@gmail.com
Web Guy	Bruce A. Barton	518-895-2199	webmaster@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	518-657-9273	delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com
Asst. Chief	Charles Buccino		
Water Department			
Water Commissioner	Jeff Iveson	518-895-8926	delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com
Assist. Water Comm.	Nick Pigliavento	518-895-2199	delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com
Building Permits			
Planning Board	Daniel Lindh, Chair	518-895-2199	delansonvillageclerk@gmail.com
Animal Control			
Dog Control	Darla Gulotta	518-860-3179	
Other			
Delanson Post Office		518-895-8810	
Garbage Pickup	Twin Bridges	518-355-6615	twinbridgeswasteandrecycling.com
Spectrum Cable		866-321-2225	
National Grid		800-642-4272	
Duanesburg Town Clerk	Jennifer Howe Going	518-895-8920 x 102	jhowe@duanesburg.net
to dig in The Village? Call	Digsafely at 811 &	811	
	Then call The Village	518-895-2199	Digsafely@gmail.com

What's Inside? ...

- Bear sightings in Delanson
- 2022 Calendar
- 2022 Garbage pick-up dates
- We need volunteers including Junior Firefighters!
- ***Please slow down!***



Village of Delanson
PO Box 235
Delanson, NY 12053
www.delanson.net
518-895-2199