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TULLY NEWS

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ELECTION NEWS

Elections are coming up November 5th for many Onondaga County positions including Tully Town Supervisor and Town Board. This year for the first time in New York, voters can vote early. Here is a list of early voting dates and places where you can vote early.

Early Voting in New York State will begin prior to the November 5th General Election. The early voting period will be from: Saturday, October 26, 2019 through Sunday, November 3, 2019.

Onondaga County Early Voting Polling Hours

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019: 9:00AM TO 2:00PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019: 9:00AM TO 2:00PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019: 9:00AM TO 5:00PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019: 12:00PM TO 8:00PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019: 12:00PM TO 8:00PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019: 7:00AM TO 3:00PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019: 7:00 AM TO 3:00PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019: 9:00AM TO 2:00PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019: 9:00AM TO 2:00PM

Where can I vote early?

Onondaga County Voters can vote at any of the 6 Early Voting sites for the 2019 General Election no matter where they reside: All sites are accessible to voters with physical disabilities.

CLAY TOWN HALL COURTROOM (rear entrance)

4401 Route 31, Clay NY 13041

DEWITT TOWN HALL COURTROOM

5400 Butternut Drive, E. Syracuse NY 13057

LAFAYETTE FIRE STATION #1 (rear entrance)

2444 Route 11 South, LaFayette NY 13084

ARMOND MAGNARELLI COMMUNITY CENTER AT

MCCHESENEY PARK

2300 Grant Blvd, Syracuse NY 13208

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER

401-425 South Ave, Syracuse NY 13204

VAN BUREN TOWN HALL

7575 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Village of Tully News

The Village of Tully is now registered as a Climate Smart Community in New York State, joining almost three hundred other municipalities. The Resolution passed by the Board adapted the Climate Smart Communities pledge in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate. The pledge is comprised of the following elements:

1. Build a climate-smart community.
2. Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate actions.
3. Decrease energy use.
4. Shift to clean, renewable energy.
5. Use climate-smart materials management.
6. Implement climate-smart land use.
7. Enhance community resilience to climate change.
8. Support a green innovation economy.
9. Inform and inspire the public.
10. Engage in an evolving process of climate action.

The Village has already begun moving toward some of these goals by installing LED street lights and benchmarking energy use in our largest facilities at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Village Board continues to be proactive in finding ways to save on energy and protect our environmental and economic resources.

PARKS AND REC

The Tully Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank the Girls of Summer Lacrosse Club for their donation of three park benches, these benches will be setup along the walking trail. The Girls of Summer has been very generous to the Town of Tully, donating to the Parks and Recreation department every year. Recent upgrades include, new buoys and signage for Green Lake, soccer goals for the youth soccer program and now the new benches for the walking trail.

Sign up now for Rec Basketball. Check out the registration page at www.activekids.com (search Tully). This program is for any Boy or Girls in 3rd - 6th grade, practice starts in November, games will be played in January and February. Practices will take place in Tully, games are being played in the Cortland area (High School, YMCA, County Gym). Please email (tullyparksrec@gmail.com) with questions.

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www.townoftully.org.

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villageoftully.org.

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Tully Action Group (TAG)

Cornerstone Park: We are all looking forward to the installation of the fountain which will be completed soon. However, with the cold temps upon us, it won't be operational until next Spring, when we'll plan to have a community celebration! Isn't it great to see all the pieces fit so beautifully together!

If you're out on Halloween night, please stop down to the park for complimentary hot cider. We'll hope for a ghoulish, snow free evening!

And calling all Green Thumbs! Would you be interested in forming a TULLY GARDEN CLUB to add color and beauty to our neighborhood. Contact TAG (larrianj@gmail.com) if you have a little time to donate and/or ideas to share! It is fun to transform and create, let's do it together!

So the holidays are around the corner...get out the gum drops! Tully Arts Council and TAG are partnering to promote a Gingerbread House exhibit and CONTEST in December at Tully Art Works. Pick up your entry forms at the Tully Post office, Tully Art Works or at the Tully Town Hall. And of course, the park will be decorated with Christmas lights to help get us in the spirit!

In keeping with tradition, TAG will also be preparing and selling their delectable Christmas cookie trays - great for hosting a holiday party! Orders will be taken at 'Christmas at the Station' or by calling Sally: 315-696-5562

Lastly, crunching through the leaves and seeing autumn transform the landscape, makes this such a beautiful time of year to walk the Tracy Lake or South Meadows trails (especially now that the ground bees have moved on)...Hope to see you out there!

Partners in Motion

The biggest challenges we have as a community are:

1. We are working on a one stop place where all community notifications can be linked to all who want to be connected. So many school, church, music, community events are missed when we aren't in the loop.
2. Of course, Funding. We hope to partner with the Library to bring children's summer programs; We'd love to have a Symphoria evening partnered with the TUCC; The Syracuse Bag Pipe Band would love to come back next Summer. All at costs out of our reach. Endowment/underwriting/grants are all being explored. As we near the end of 2019 and you have any thoughts on how these and other initiatives can be accomplished, please get in touch.
3. Life is a little crazy...we know. But once you get out and try some new things, life can be pretty cool. Whether it's music, a trail walk, spending an hour giving back - it makes you feel good! So thank you for participating and for being there in the audience - it makes it all worth while! --Terri Murray 315-430-4513 mtnhigh.ny@gmail.com

Country Peddler Consignment Shop

Tully is fortunate to have this great shopping place in the village for used clothing, housewares, toys, and gadgets of all types. The Country Peddler is manned by 30 volunteers who give of their time to merchandise the various products, run the cash register, and keep the display floor tidy. The volunteer hours range from 2-1/2 hours to 3 hours a shift, five days a week. As several of the volunteers go south for the winter months, we are looking for new recruits (male or female). Should you care to help provide some volunteer hours to benefit this worthy endeavor, please contact the Tully Area Historical Society at 315-696-4681.

Tully Gingerbread Village

Back by popular request, a Gingerbread Village Exhibit and Contest will be on display at Tully Art Works on November 30 – December 7. Tully Arts Council and Tully Action Group are offering all who love to design and build Gingerbread Houses a chance to compete in this fun event. All levels of experience are welcome. Participants may pick up the entry forms at the Tully PO, Tully Town Hall, and Tully Art Works, and these entry forms are due back at Tully Art Works by Monday Nov. 18. Decorated Houses may be brought to Tully Art Works on Saturday, Nov. 30, 9am – 1pm. More info at tullyartscouncil.org.

A Gingerbread Work-Shop for ages 10 and above will be held on Saturday Nov. 9 from 10am-Noon at Tully Art Works. The charge for this work-shop is \$15, which includes all supplies to make one house. The space is limited to fifteen participants so do not delay. The experienced instructors will give you recipes and guide you through the building process, plus many photos of Gingerbread Houses will be on display. Please sign up at Tully Art works by Nov. 7 if you plan to attend the Work-Shop. Questions? email: kimgutt@gmail.com.

Financial Aid Workshop

Now is the best time to apply for financial aid.

The Tully Free Library is hosting a FAFSA filing night for Tully families on November 20. Families can gather their documents; bring them to the Tully free library at 5p.m. and complete their financial aid forms with the assistance of financial aid professionals from the area.

These volunteer professionals will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about your families' situation and help you complete the financial aid forms for the 2020-2021 school year. Regardless of what colleges students choose, the financial aid forms are the same.

If you would like to participate, please register for a slot on the library's website. You may contact the library if you have any registration questions.

Tully Free Library News

Enjoy Thanksgiving morning with your family, friends and neighbors at the ninth annual Tully Free Library Turkey Trot 5k for all ages and abilities, 11/28 at 9 AM. Registration opens on October 15. If you register before race day, it is \$10 for kids 11 and younger, \$20 for 12 and older, and new this year is the family group rate! \$50 per family (immediate family members only), which includes 3 free t-shirts. If you register by November 14 you will get a free t-shirt. If you register on race day, it is \$10 for ages 11 and younger and \$30 for ages 12 and older. There is no family rate on race day. Business sponsorship is also available. We hope you trot with us this year!

Other events in October and November include:

- New teen programs like Bad Art Night, Teen book club, drop-in tech time, chat & craft, Harry Potter party, mini golf, and more
- Terrific Tuesdays for kids in Elementary school from 2:45 - 4 PM
- Tykes Time story time on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 AM
- Books, Balls & Blocks for young children on Wed 11/6 at 10:30 - 11:30 AM. Free books, activities and developmental screenings
- Mammography Mobile Van on Thurs 11/14 from 3-7 PM (registration required)
- Tea Time on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 12 - 2 PM
- FAFSA Filing Night on Wed 11/20 from 5:30 - 7 PM

Visit the Tully Free Library website tullyfreelibrary.org, where you can register for events through our calendar. We are located at 12 State Street in Tully. Our phone number is 315-696-8606. We are open Mon-Fri 10 AM - 7 PM and Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM.

Train Station

In 2008 the Train Station renovation began and over the past six years it has been available to be rented for events. Prior to that while renovation continued, usage was by donation. It is rewarding to have the community make use of this restored building. There are two major updates the Train Station is in need of: The Roof needs replacing; and the floor in the front section of the Station needs to be removed, along with the subfloor and floor joists, and then concrete poured. These are both very costly updates. Although financial assistance through grants is being pursued, public donations of any amount are also needed.

The Tully Area Historical Society administers the use of this building. Your consideration in making a donation to the "Fix the Station" fund is much appreciated. Donations made payable to T.A.H.S. can be sent to Tully Area Historical Society, PO Box 22, Tully, NY 13159 or made on our website at tullyhistoricalsociety.org.

Keep in mind this historic building makes an excellent venue for a variety of events: Birthday parties, bridal or baby showers, family gatherings, class reunions, organization events, or business conferences. "Songs for a Winter's Night" and "Christmas at The Station" are two large annual events held there. Help preserve this historic building for all to use.

The Tully Joint Fire District was recently awarded a FEMA AFG grant for \$18,912.38. We also received a matching fund grant from the D.E.C. for \$1,500.00. These monies will be used to purchase Fire Hose, Nozzles, and Wild Land Fire Gear. Additional funding was made by Onondaga County Legislator Chairman David Knapp. He was able to award the District approximately \$10,000.00 which will be used to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera. We are grateful to all agencies involved that made this possible to lessen the Tax burden for the Tully Community... We Thank You! Fire Chief Frank Speziale.

Message from Supervisor John Masters

In my last September editorial, I indicated that many citizens have voiced concern about Tully's taxes, as well as, NYS taxes in general. This is something we all are concerned about. As a young couple bringing up a family, or as an older couple looking toward retirement, many fear that despite our desire, we may not be able to afford to stay in this wonderful community we love.

I have included pie charts related to our 2019 taxes. This offers no new information from what is on your tax bill, but, this format may offer a much more concise way to visualize where our taxes go. Every citizen has the right (and the obligation) to be aware of where their money goes and have a say in monitoring wasteful spending. I hope this format offers perspective and helps you understand the accountability for your overall tax situation. (Please note trash is not included.)

We just moved our 2020 budget work to "preliminary" status. I would like to thank our Board members, and all those involved, for doing their best to hold the line on spending. There will be a Public Hearing on the budget Nov 7th, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

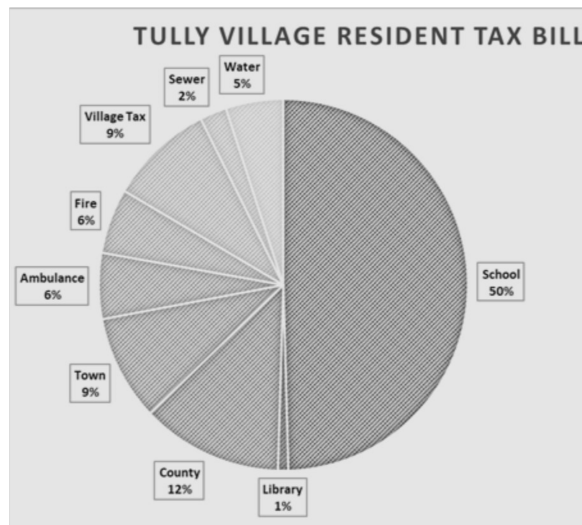
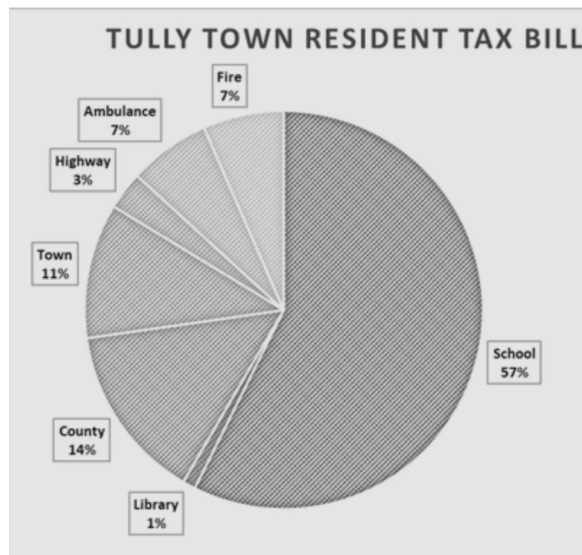
Other Board activities this month:

- The Board has been working with Cranesville Block. They are the current owners and operators of the Tully Gravel Mine site. In 2005, they bought Clark Concrete, thereby accepting the former owners legal liabilities. Our goal is to ensure that they are meeting the terms for reclamation.
- The Town will be appointing a Fire commissioner. We are soliciting interested parties to apply.
- Brian Ramsey, our lead Ambulance person, (Fire Captain) is retiring. Effective Nov.4th, the Board has appointed Chad Wakula to assume this position. In the mean time, Chad

will be job shadowing Brian, to ensure a smooth transition. I want to thank Brian for his service. I have on more than one occasion needed the Ambulance at my home and it was always reassuring to see Brian and his team. Thank You !

Several minor maintenance improvements have been made to the Tully Town Hall Building. They will include new doors installed on the rear of the building and Access ramps to the pavilion.

The Town is working with Town Historian, Nancy Chawgo, to research alternate forms of funding for the "on going" renovation of the Tully Train Station.



From the Desk of the Mayor

The Village of Tully is submitting a proposal with the hopes of being selected for the Onondaga County Village Main Street Revitalization and Beautification Grant Program. There are 5 grants available, and up to \$300,000 for each grant will be given to each Onondaga County Village.

This is a comprehensive program that provides funding for local revitalization efforts to grow the village retail business district. This grant is to help businesses improve aesthetics, business creation and retention, and beautification projects. The goal is to create a more healthy and economically vibrant community.

Improvement examples include:

- Improving business facades
- Acquiring properties that have become eyesores
- Demolition of eyesore properties
- Streetscape improvements

The Village of Tully would like your help in developing a proposal that will positively impact our Route 80 business district. If you are interested in helping develop the proposal, have ideas, questions, or have a project you would like to talk about, please email Mayor Melissa Flint-Morgan at VillageofTullyMayor@gmail.com or come to the next Village Board meeting on November 6th at 7pm at the Tully Municipal Building.

Vote for Tully Town Supervisor

Tully voters will cast their ballots for Town Supervisor and one open Board seat this year. Prior to the election, there are two opportunities to meet Melissa Flint-Morgan and John Masters, the candidates for Tully Town Supervisor. Both candidates will state their positions on a variety of Town issues and will be available for questions from the public.

Thurs, Oct. 17, 7 pm Tully Town Hall
Thurs. Oct. 24, 7 pm Tully Town Hall