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# TULLY NEWS

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The annual Memorial Day ceremony will take place May 26th @ 9:15 a.m. in front of the Tully Elementary School. The ceremony is to honor our Veterans and persons currently serving in the military. Veterans and their families are encouraged to participate in the parade that follows the ceremony. Transportation will gladly be provided if needed. Names of those we are aware of who are currently serving in the military will be read.

All organizations and businesses that care to join in with a marching group, float or motorized vehicle in the parade should be at the Elementary School bus garage by 9:15. Also welcome to participate are horseback riders, red/white/blue decorated bicycles, and antique cars/trucks.

## Military Display

Stop by to view our annual Military Display in the sanctuary of the Tully Area Historical Society Building beginning May 17th. There will be over 200 pictures of Tully servicemen and women in uniform along with information pertaining to their branch of service, rank, where served and special honors. In addition, there will be copies of letters written during the Civil War by an ancestor of Rusty Spaulding, a variety of military uniforms, plaques, and newspaper articles.



Should you have a family member you would like included in the display, stop by the Historical Society to pick up the information form, supply a picture (preferably in uniform), which will be scanned and returned immediately to you. We have a published book of Veterans buried in the Tully Cemetery available for purchase. There is a wealth of information on our website: [tullyhistoricalsociety.org](http://tullyhistoricalsociety.org). We are very proud and appreciative of the many men and women who have served our Country.

We will be open on Monday, May 26th from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

## Goodbye Trudy

I sadly announce that Gertrude "Trudy" Krewson our former Town Clerk passed away on May 3. Trudy served as the Tully Town Clerk from 1986 through 2004. Her direct and outgoing personality was appreciated by all. On several occasions she helped out with locating records needed in recent



years, she had an incredible recollection of details that transpired during her tenure.

Trudy was a member of Tully Community Church, Tully Historical Society and Tully Cemetery Association. She was predeceased by her husband Robert. Trudy is survived by her daughter Sherry Moore; her son, Steven (Christina) Krewson; grandchildren, Joshua & Emma; sister Joan Banner and several nieces and nephews.

Trudy, The Town of Tully Thanks You for your 18 Years of service. You will be missed!

## Parks and Rec

We are looking for volunteers who might want to run an art camp or cooking camp this summer. We would love to add to our sports camp offerings with some creative camps too! Would you be interested in volunteering some time? Do you know someone who would? Please send them our way, email [tullyparksrec@gmail.com](mailto:tullyparksrec@gmail.com)

# The Tully News

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## TAG News

The kiosk in Cornerstone Park is available for posting town and village notices. The key can be obtained from Nancy Chawgo by calling the Historical Society at 315-696-4681.

The TAG plant sale in the Park will be held Saturday, May 31, 9am until noon and all plant donations are welcome. They can be dropped off on the 31st from 8-9am at the plant stand. Join us to buy new varieties!

MUSIC in the PARK dates and musicians: Sundays @ 6pm, July 6 Dave Zawadski & 7pm Bob Cooper/Brian Donnelly; July 13 Biggs and Young, Plus TWO; July 20 Jess Novak; July 27 Ben Wayne Rain location is Tully United Community Church

## Attention Village Residents

Spring is here! Everything has begun to bloom and our village looks great. We need your help to keep it that way. Used furniture and other debris should no be left by the curb for extended periods. Trash containers should be removed from the curb after trash pickup and left out all week. Lets keep our village beautiful.

## Openings on the Village ZBA

There are currently two open positions on the Village Zoning Board of Appeals. If you are interested, please contact the Village Clerk, Maureen Bibik by email ([clerk@villageoftully.us](mailto:clerk@villageoftully.us)) or by phone at (315) 696-5041.

## Attention:

The final water report for 2024 for the Village of Tully can be found at <https://villageoftully.us>. Please look under DPW reports and documents.

## News from Tully Free Library

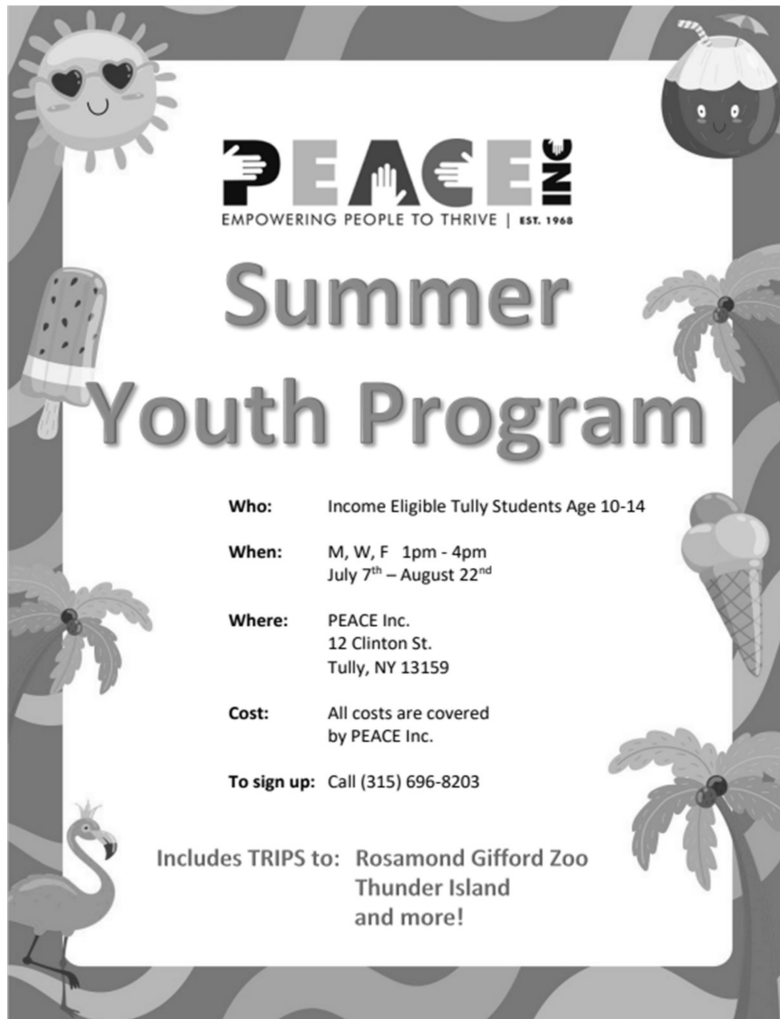
We are pleased to announce that our Revitalization Project is just about finished, and we are getting ready to move back into our building at 12 State Street! The public is invited to an Open House on Saturday, June 14th from 10 AM to 1 PM, where we'll have our grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony, and tours of the building will be available. We will then open for regular operations starting on Monday, June 16th.

Our last day of normal operations at our Tully United Community Church location will be on Saturday, June 7th. During the week of June 9th-12th, hold pickups, browsing and tech services will not be available. Programs and events scheduled for that week will still take place at this location. Please see our website calendar at [tullyfreelibrary.org](http://tullyfreelibrary.org) for more information.

Save the date for the first event in our Armchair Travel series as we welcome Kim and Mark Guttendorf on Tuesday, June 10 at 7 PM. They will share their recent adventures traveling in China and Hong Kong.

We will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day, and will be joining the community for ceremonies and the parade, as well as holding our Pie and More sale at our outside table on the grounds.

Tully Free Library opened its doors in May, 1935. As we celebrate our 90th anniversary year, we want to thank everyone for your support of the library during this renovation process. We look forward to seeing everyone at our library building in just a few weeks, and we have lots in store for you during the next few months as part of our "Color Our World" Summer Reading Program!



## Kings Corner Market

Dear Tully Community,

For the last 13 years, King's Corner Market has brought joy, laughter, and connection to our consumers and producers/artists. From friendly faces to festive activities, this event has become a cherished tradition that strengthens our sense of community and pride.

But here's the truth: we need help to keep it going.

We are currently looking for a volunteer to step in as the lead coordinator for the event. This role primarily involves managing email communication, helping to organize the planning team, and ensuring things move forward smoothly. You'll have support from past volunteers and a few willing hands—what we need is someone to organize the process. The bulk of the work is pre-market correspondence via our Gmail account. This volunteer should expect to be on a screen 20-30 hours while preparing for the market nights and be available on Tuesday nights in August during the event.

If no one (or a dynamic duo) steps up, unfortunately, this year's event cannot move forward. We're sharing this not to pressure anyone, but to be honest about what's needed. As of right now, there are no food trucks, no musical talent and the application process has not opened. We put a message on Facebook a month ago and it did not result in any interest. This is another effort to ask for help.

If you have organizational skills, enjoy bringing people together, or just want to make sure this special tradition continues, please consider stepping up. Even if you're curious but unsure, we'd love to talk with you and share more about what's involved.

Together, we've built something truly special. Let's keep the spirit of King's Corner Market alive and have a 14th season!

Email- [kcmtully@gmail.com](mailto:kcmtully@gmail.com)

## From the Mayor

The village has a large scale project coming up at the waste water treatment plant. The plant was built in 1971 and is in dire need of major repairs and upgrades before it becomes an emergency situation. The village is working to obtain grants to cover a majority of the estimated \$8.1 million cost, however, part of the process to do so requires a bond to cover the estimated cost. We understand the numbers are high, but the project is necessary to keep the village infrastructure running smoothly. The crew at the plant is willing to provide tours if you would like to better understand the scope of the project and the board is available to help answer any questions. Please call the DPW to arrange a tour if interested.

# Maple Harvest Wind Project impacts to Infrastructure and Environment

Dear Neighbors,

As Palmer's proposed Maple Harvest Industrial Wind Project progresses, it is critical that we fully understand the very real impact this construction will have on our roads, environment, and daily lives.

While marketed as "green energy," the steps required to install 680-foot turbines would create serious, long-lasting disruptions for our community - even before a single turbine starts spinning.

## **What to Expect if the Project Moves Forward:**

### **Road Damage and Traffic Disruptions:**

- Many local roads are narrow, aging, and not designed for elevated levels of industrial traffic. An estimated 10,000 heavy-duty vehicles will make these trips within a one-year period.
- It will be necessary to widen existing country roads or construct new access roads.
- The constant heavy traffic and oversized loads could severely damage our roads, leaving towns responsible for expensive repairs. Many companies repair roads, but there is no guarantee of ongoing maintenance once projects are finished.

### **Blasting and Heavy Equipment:**

- Blasting will be necessary to prepare turbine foundations, causing loud explosions, vibrations, and dust across the surrounding areas.
- Construction will involve massive equipment, including cranes, concrete trucks, oversized turbine component carriers, and regular escort vehicles.
- Some turbine parts - especially blades and tower sections - may be too large for ground transport, requiring helicopter airlifts to construction sites.

- Areas for staging and laydown of equipment, heavy machinery, and possibly helicopters will be needed.

### **Unknown Substation and Transmission Line Locations:**

- A substation will be established to facilitate the collection and transmission of electricity from the turbines to the power grid.
- Overhead transmission lines will span across our towns. Huge metal lattice structures to carry the new power lines across our hillsides and valleys will add to the industrialization of our landscape.
- Palmer has not yet disclosed where the new substation and transmission lines will be located, leaving nearby residents uncertain about the additional impact it will have.
- Regarding the use of eminent domain for transmission facilities, as authorized by the 2024 NYS RAPID Act.

### **Habitat Destruction and Water Quality Concerns:**

- To prepare space for turbines, access roads, and transmission lines, extensive land clearing and tree removal will be necessary.
- This will destroy critical habitat for many animal species, including endangered bats, migratory birds, pollinators, and our common wildlife.
- Increased soil compaction and extent of impervious surfaces will lead to increased surface water run-off and considerable damage to streams that feed Onondaga Creek and the Kettle Lakes.
- Potential damage to wells and drinking water quality is a grave concern.

### **Construction Timeline and Long-Term Disruptions:**

- Based on Palmer's initial documentation, the construction may extend over several months to years, contingent upon factors such as weather conditions, permit approvals, and equipment availability.
- Even after construction ends, ongoing maintenance, including heavy truck traffic for oil changes, repairs, and blade replacements, will continue for decades.
- This will result in ongoing noise, traffic, and infrastructure damage even after the turbines are constructed.
- The irony is stark: while promoted as "green energy," this project could permanently damage the very ecosystems it claims to protect.

### **What You Can Do:**

- Stay Informed: Review public documents, attend local meetings, and share this information with your neighbors.
- Speak Up: Remind decision-makers that our roads, our environment, and our quality of life are at stake.
- If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please reach out to Southern Hills Wind Watch. Let's ensure our community is heard.

The Southern Hills Wind Watch Team

Please visit us at  
[Southernhillswindwatch.com](https://southernhillswindwatch.com).

"Once the trees are cut, the roads are broken, and the silence is lost — it cannot be easily reclaimed."