

TULLY NEWS

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August—2026



2026
TULLY COMMUNITY DAY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
TULLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LAWN
PARADE AT 10:00 AM
Line up 9:15 - 9:30 AM at Tully United Community Church
MAGIC TRICKS & BALLOON ANIMALS
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Food available to purchase:
Hot Dogs • Hamburgers • Hot Sausage
ANTIQUE CAR SHOW • ST. LEO'S
CHICKEN BBQ • MASONIC LODGE
GUTTENDORF'S WINTRY ACRES • BAKED GOODS & JAMS
T.A.G. GARAGE SALE • FRI. & SAT. • 9:00 AM
At Tully United Community Church
Sponsored by Tully Area Historical Society
INFO: 315-696-4681



News From Tully Free Library

The end of August brings a close to our Summer Reading Program, "Unearth a Story." We hope you had fun with our events and reading challenges! Please join us on Friday, August 28 at 3:00 PM for our End of Summer Party, where you can have some ice cream and turn in your reading trackers (they're the entries for the final raffle prize)!

Adults who complete their whole reading log and turn it in by the end of the month will be entered into a special prize raffle: two tickets to a Friends of the Onondaga Public Library Author Series event! We thank FOCL for making this available to us.

Highlights for September programming include: "Creating an Earth-Friendly Landscape" on Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 PM, with Janet Allen, President,

Habitat Gardening of CNY "Wild Ones" Chapter. We are excited to bring Janet to the library for this program!

We are currently accepting donations for our fall Book Sale, which will start on September 11. We will accept gently-used fiction and non-fiction books for all ages. Donations will need to be made in person, and checked by a staff member. Please do not put donations into the book drop or into our outreach box in the front yard.

Come see us during the Community Day celebration on Saturday, Sept. 12! Say hello at our booth on the elementary school front lawn, or stop into the library and check out the book sale! We'll be open that day from 10 AM to 2 PM.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John McDougal on his retirement from the Highway Department after 19 years of dedicated service!

John's experience, commitment, and hard work will be greatly missed. Enjoy your well-earned retirement, "Sprout," and thank you for a job well done!

HELP WANTED:

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

Help keep Tully students safe! The Village of Tully is looking for a dependable, community-minded School Crossing Guard for Route 80 between Tully Jr./Sr. High School and Melinda Lane. School year only; Monday-Friday, 7:30-8:00 a.m. and 2:30-3:00 p.m.

School holidays and summers off. Pay: \$16.00/hour, paid monthly. Contact Village Clerk Maureen Bibik at (315) 696-5041, or apply in person at the Tully Municipal Building, 5833 Meetinghouse Rd.

NOTICE: The monthly meeting of the Board of the Village of Tully has changed. The board now meetings the first Wednesday of the month at **6:30pm**.

2ND ANNUAL



TULLY KUSTOM

CAR SHOW

HOSTED BY ST. LEO'S CHURCH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

★ \$15 DONATION
NO PRE-REGISTRATION

FOOD & DRINKS
AVAILABLE

50/50
RAFFLE

DOOR PRIZES
& AWARDS AT 2 PM

🎵 – DJ SPINNING CLASSIC HITS – 🎵

📍 10 ONONDAGA STREET, TULLY, NY 13159

Parks and Rec News

We want to thank our community for a wonderful summer at the lake! We are lucky to employee a wonderful crew of local life guards who teach swim lessons to Tully, LaFayette, Fabius and Pompey residents and also monitor our open swim hours. Thank you to Ella Tordel, our head lifeguard, for being a wonderful leader to our summer crew. We look forward to seeing our residents back at the beach next summer!

We are looking forward to our second year of the Kettle Lakes Run, Sunday Sept 13th. We have adjusted the courses this year and will have a 3 mile and a 10 mile course along with our kids fun run. All races will begin and end at Green Lake beach. Register at active.com-Town of Tully.

It's soccer season! If you haven't registered your children yet, please do asap. The season officially starts the weekend of Sept 12th.

**As a reminder to all,
our fields and
adjacent park lots are
smoke free, young
lungs at play!**



SAVE THE DATE

Tully's Knight of Pumpkins

Jack-o'-Lantern Trail

📍 **Tully Recreation Trail**
Meeting House Road

📅 **Friday, October 30, 2026**

🕒 **6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**



TULLY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Tully Community Calendar is provided as a service to our community to help residents and neighbors stay up-to-date on what is happening in Tully and the surrounding communities. Access the Calendar on TullyRec.org using the link at the top of the page.

For information on how to add the Calendar to your phone or to display your event on the Calendar, see the Calendar FAQ.

Local businesses - To better serve our community and support local businesses, the Calendar invites Tully area businesses to post events they are hosting that are open to the public and community-oriented. For more information visit TullyRec.org/Calendar-FAQ or email TullyNYevents@gmail.com.

The Tully News

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Town of Tully

Meetings 7:30 p.m.
Second Wed of Month

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The Tully News is a monthly publication of the Tully Town Board. The Town Board meets on the Second Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall. Deadline for publication is the night of the Board meeting. Materials may be submitted to: The Tully News , 19 Railroad Street, Tully, 13159 or they may be e-mailed to: ben.bibik@outlook.com

Village of Tully

Meetings 6:30p.m.
First Wed of Month

Mayor

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mayor@villageoftully.us

BASEBALL BOX SCORE Volunteers Needed

As the summer sun tilts lower in the sky, I would like to thank all the kids who came out to play on the diamond this summer, from the Varsity club to the Modified ranks to the summer squad, and the community that supported and maintained the field. Our Tully baseball facility is recognized as a first class facility. It allows us to work with PBR (Prep Baseball Report) to host games that serve as the primary fundraiser for the field. Teams from Quebec, Vermont, Long Island and the Bronx, including the 3rd ranked 15u player in the country, found their way to Tully this summer. It takes knowledge and work to maintain a field at this level and as my kids and their teammates have gone on to college and beyond, it is important we find the next generation of kids and families that will take the same pride in sustaining and preserving our grassy oasis. How we move forward may look different than what it has in the past but it's important we identify some folks that would like to be part of the process. If you would consider volunteering in any capacity, whether it means rake in hand, supervising an event or something in between, please attend a short Q and A at the field Saturday, September 12 10:00. And feel free to bring the kids! I'll put out some tees or let them in the cage.

- Don Mohat (zekemohat@gmail.com)

KETTLE
LAKES

10 MILER
&
3 MILER

TULLY NY
2026

Sunday September 13th, 9am

Green Lake Beach

Register @
Active.com- Town of Tully

Run the Lakes. Make Waves.

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 20

TULLY ALUMNI
GATHERING

THE LOFT AT VESPER HILLS

NOON - 4:00 PM

ALL CLASSES, RETIRED FACULTY & STAFF ARE WELCOME

Reconnect with familiar faces,
renew old friendships,
and enjoy an afternoon together.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
SERVED

\$5 DONATION
REQUESTED

NO RESERVATIONS
NEEDED - JUST STOP IN!

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

ST. LEO'S ST. JOSEPH'S + ST. PATRICK'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

ALL ARE INVITED!

St. Leo's Annual
Open House Picnic

Sunday, September 13th
3:30-5:30 PM

St. Leo's Hall
Behind the church at 10 Onondaga St.

FREE FOOD FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Balloon Animals • Face Painting • Magic Show

Fun for kids of all ages!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS		LINKS	
Assessor	315-696-4693 x13	Town Of Tully	Townoftully.us
Code Enforcement	315-696-4693 x19	Village of Tully	villageoftully.us
Dog Control	315-454-0928	Onondaga Co.	www.ongov.net
Highway Department	315-696-8861	Historical Society	
Justice Court	315-696-5884		tullyhistoricalsociety.org
Parks & Rec.	315-696-4693 x21	Dependable Disposal	
			www.dependable-disposal.com
Town Clerk	315-696-4693 x10		
Town Supervisor	315-696-4693 x12		
Tax Collector	315-696-4693 x11		
Town Historian	315-696-4681		
Trash & Garbage	315 472-7455		
Village of Tully	315-696-5041		

Questions Deserve Answers. Facts Deserve Sources.

Recently, it was suggested that Southern Hills Wind Watch presents opinions as facts. We welcome that conversation.

In fact, we invite it.

If you visit our website, you'll find a place to ask questions. Use it. Challenge us. Ask where a statistic came from. Ask for a report. Ask for the scientific paper. Ask us why we reached a particular conclusion. We are happy to provide the source material behind every factual claim we make.

We believe more conversation, not less, is exactly what this community needs.

None of us should fear respectful debate. We should encourage it.

Our goal has never been to tell people what to think. Our goal is to make sure people have access to the same government reports, engineering documents, scientific studies, and environmental data that we have spent countless hours reviewing. We encourage everyone, including those who disagree with us, to read the original documents and draw their own conclusions.

Our greatest concern has never been whether renewable energy belongs in New York.

Our greatest concern is whether this particular project belongs on this particular landscape.

The proposed Maple Harvest Wind project would place industrial wind turbines approaching 680 feet in height on the ridges surrounding the headwaters of the Tully Valley watershed. These are not ordinary hills. They sit above one of the most geologically unique and extensively studied groundwater systems in New York State.

For more than 35 years, the U.S. Geological

Survey has monitored the Tully Valley mudboils and the complex groundwater system beneath them. Scientists continue to study this landscape because many of its hydrologic processes remain difficult to predict. Even recent scientific publications acknowledge that these systems are still not fully understood despite decades of research. That matters.

Every stream begins somewhere. Every creek has a source. The proposed project is located within the headwaters that ultimately feed the Tully Valley and Onondaga Creek watershed. Before placing some of the largest industrial structures ever proposed for our community on these ridges, we believe it is reasonable to ask whether every potential geologic and hydrologic impact has been thoroughly understood.

According to information published by the New York State Department of Public Service, modern utility-scale wind turbines require massive reinforced concrete foundations and supporting infrastructure. These are permanent industrial installations measured not only in height, but in millions of pounds of concrete, steel, and equipment.

There are other concerns as well; wildlife, environmental impacts, community character, emergency response, property values, and local control. Those deserve discussion too. But geology remains, in our view, the most important public safety question because it is the one issue that cannot simply be changed once construction begins.

We also recognize an important reality.

Communities like Tully, Otisco, and LaFayette no longer have the authority they once did to decide whether projects of this scale move

forward. Much of that decision-making now rests with New York State. A very small percentage of landowners may receive financial compensation for hosting turbines or related infrastructure. The overwhelming majority of residents will live with the long-term consequences of these industrial structures without sharing in those financial benefits.

That is not an opinion.

It is simply how the current process works.

This is not about creating enemies.

This is about creating dialogue.

Socrates believed that truth is discovered through questioning. We agree. Ask us difficult questions. Challenge our sources. Read the studies yourself. If we have made an error, we will correct it. If you disagree, let's talk about why.

We are neighbors before we are opponents.

We all care about this place.

Whether you support this project, oppose it, or are still undecided, we invite you to join the conversation. Visit our website. Ask your questions. Request our sources. Read the evidence for yourself.

The more we talk, the stronger our community becomes. The more we understand, the better decisions we will make.

Because this valley is worth understanding before it is changed forever.

Submitted By Annie Barbedo on behalf of SHWW

Editor's note: The previous articles, for or against the windmills have been submitted by private groups and individuals and do not necessarily reflect the position of the town board or its members.



Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Reminder

Regardless of future changes to daylight saving time, the arrival of colder weather is an important reminder to check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

The Tully Fire Department encourages residents to test each alarm and use a vacuum to remove accumulated dust and pet hair. Never ignore a carbon monoxide alarm—carbon monoxide can pose a serious danger to you and your family's health and safety.