



# TOWN OF YATES NEWSLETTER

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## Greetings Yates Residents!

On occasion we find it helpful to send a newsletter to each home to provide important updates on what's happening in our town. We hope you find this info helpful. We also encourage you to check out our website for more detailed updates and upcoming meetings and events – [townofyates.org](http://townofyates.org)

### 200th Anniversary Celebration

In early 2021, a committee formed to explore how best to celebrate the Town of Yates' 200th anniversary. The goal of our group is to develop a plan to celebrate and honor the rich history of the Town of Yates, to instill community pride in our town, and to inspire future generations. Members of the committee are Jim Simon, Susan Hrovat, Dawn Metty, Brad Bentley, Kelly Cousins, Cindy Grabowski, Ginny Hughes, Russ Martino, Cal Stinson, Georgette Stockman, Joanne Suhr, Tom Wenhold, Katie Whipple and Valerie Wells.

In addition to many initiatives to include refurbishing the state historical markers throughout our town, adding welcome signage on the east and west ends of Route 18, and other initiatives, here are the three major activities we have planned for 2022:

**1.A Family Fair - July 3rd & 4th:** On July 3rd we will have historical artifacts in our Town Hall with docents, a guest speaker, food, and music, and on the 4th we will have a town float in the village parade.

**2.A Street Fair - August 19th:** In coordination with the village's Friday market, we hope to have a celebration of the local farmers and their harvests in the town parking lot behind the town hall, with food, music and tours of the town hall and the historical artifacts.

**3.A Grand Finale Lake Fair - September (date to be determined):** 200th Anniversary ceremony at the newly upgraded Town Park on the lake. Ribbon cutting / formal ceremony, keynote speakers, school band, food truck(s), birthday cake, live music, and other fun activities for young and old.

### HAVE IDEAS?!?

#### WANT TO HELP?

OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR YOUR IDEAS! WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE TOWN DO IN OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR? DO YOU HAVE HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BORROW TO PUT ON DISPLAY IN THE TOWN HALL? WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP US WITH ANY OF THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES? PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPUTY TOWN CLERK, DAWN METTY, OR THE TOWN SUPERVISOR, JIM SIMON. (585) 765-9716.

### Open House!

The Yates Town Board will host an Open House on Saturday, April 2, 10am - Noon. All are welcome to attend and enjoy conversation, coffee and donuts!

### Bio-Digester?

The Yates Town Board is exploring a cow manure bio-digester with the Town of Somerset. A feasibility study indicates it could be beneficial. More info will be available soon on our website. Better still, come join us at a town workshop or board meeting to hear the latest!

### Farewell and Welcome!

The Yates Town Board wishes farewell and Godspeed to our retiring Code Enforcement Officer, Dan Wolfe, and we extend a hardy welcome to our new CEO, Jason Raduns.



## Check it out!

This is a general depiction of the engineering design of our \$2.5M upgrade to the Town Park! The grant funding came from the NY State and the Lyndonville Area Foundation. Work is progressing very well, and we are hoping to open the park to residents in the early fall of 2022. Keep checking the town website for the latest info:

[townofyates.org](http://townofyates.org)

## Other News

### Town Clerk Update:

The Town Clerk collects Town & County taxes. Tax payments may be made in person, by mail, or online using a credit card (surcharge applies). Residents may also use the mail drop to make payments located in the South door of the Town Hall. Payments by mail should be by check or money order only, payable to "Town of Yates Tax Collector" and mailed to PO Box 484, Lyndonville, NY 14098. The Town & County property tax bills are mailed on December 31 and property owners have 30 days to pay without penalty. Bills paid after 30 days incur late payment penalties as outlined on the bill. After three months of collection at the Town offices, all unpaid tax bills are returned to and collected by the Orleans County Treasurer, 34 E. Park Street, Albion, NY 14411 and incur additional penalty charges.

### 5-Year Financial Plan Working Group:

The Yates Town Board instituted a Working Group chartered to collaborate with all town department heads, stakeholders and partners to identify specific goals and needs in each department and develop a five year financial plan to reach these milestones.

### Youth Summer Recreation Program:

The Town of Yates is grateful for the support and partnership with the Lyndonville School District and the generous financial support of the Lyndonville Area Foundation of the youth summer recreation program which provided activities and fun for over 100 youth this past summer. We are looking forward to our summer 2022 program!

### Assessor Update:

Please remember to file renewal applications for the following exemptions no later than March 1, 2022;

- Agricultural Exemption
- AGED Senior Exemption (over 65)
- Non-profit Exemption
- Disability Exemption

All renewal forms have been sent to those who currently have one of these exemptions. If you feel you may qualify for an exemption please contact this office.

If you will be 65 by December 31, 2022 please contact the office to apply for the Enhanced STAR exemption before March 1, 2022. This exemption will yield a greater savings than the Basic STAR exemption.

Just a reminder that the Assessor's office at the Town of Yates is staffed on Thursdays from 9-4:30. You can reach either Trisha or Julie Monday through Friday at the Town of Ridgeway office. As always, if you have questions or concerns regarding your assessment or have general questions regarding tax maps, exemptions, assessments, etc. please give us a call and we will be happy to help you. Town of Yates 765-9146 (Thursdays) Town of Ridgeway 798-0730 x104.

### Flag Day - June 14, 2022

Join the Lyndonville Post of the American Legion at the Lynhaven Cemetery on Housel Ave to properly dispose of old American flags with the respect they deserve - bring your old flags! (time to be announced)