

Town Talk



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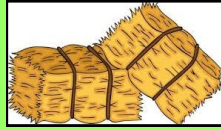
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Town of Binghamton
279 Park Avenue
Binghamton, NY 13903

July 2023



A MESSAGE FROM TOWN SUPERVISOR, ELIZABETH ROUNDS **E-mail: Supervisor@TownofBinghamton.com**

We held our **"Municipal Cleanup Days"** again this past May, offering our residents another opportunity to dispose of unwanted junk and old electronics. We collected 645 tires this spring which is the most we've taken in on one weekend. We're glad our residents are taking advantage of this great opportunity!

We're offering the service again in September, so check out the information below. Electronics will once again be taken, on Friday only. In addition, we'll be taking car batteries for the first time. Postcards will be mailed to residents in advance of the September dates so watch for one in your mailbox.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have. I can be reached at the Town Hall at (607) 772-0357, and press option 2. Thanks, and enjoy the summer!

Elizabeth Rounds

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

MUNICIPAL CLEANUP DAYS (DROP OFF ONLY)

Fri., September 22, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Electronics drop-off is Friday only from 9 a.m. to noon

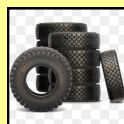
Sat., September 23, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ONE DROP-OFF LOCATION: TOB Town Hall at 279 Park Avenue

Electronics include: TVs, computers, laptops, printers, fax machines, cell phones, radios, stereos, VCRs, GPS units, gaming consoles, and more. (No speakers.)

TIRES (\$1 per tire - CASH); WHITE GOODS include washers, dryers, water heaters, stoves, microwaves (microwaves go in metal dumpster), furniture, wooden & metal cabinets, misc. household trash including mattresses, box springs, hot tubs, carpets, wire fencing, toys, etc.

NOTE: We're also taking car batteries this time.



NO PAINTS, NO FREON, NO REFRIGERATORS, NO DEHUMIDIFIERS, NO YARD WASTE, NO FOOD ITEMS.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED.

Highway Dept.**Water/Sewer Dept.****Mark Leighton****Highway Supt.****Phone: (607) 669-4323****SUMMER HOURS****through Labor Day:****Tuesdays thru Fridays****6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

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**CLOSED ON
MONDAYS
through
Labor Day.**

WE'RE ON SUMMER HOURS!**Tuesday through Friday - 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. thru Labor Day.**

Hello again, everyone! Spring arrived feeling a lot like summer, and now that summer is here, it's feeling like monsoon season! No matter what the weather brings, though, the roads will be worked on. We have an aggressive schedule this year including the paving of Beechnoll and Alpine roads, Coventry Lane, and Hazard Hill. We also plan to stone and oil Spaulding, Gardner, Noyes, and Coleman roads. In addition, we'll continue working on other roads which will include cleaning ditches, repairing pavements, mowing, and making some general improvements. Please keep a watchful eye for all of the hard workers out there and be sure to "Give 'Em A Brake."

With summer weather comes summer projects. If you intend to do any digging for any reason (fencing, landscaping, pools, swing sets, etc.) remember to call **UDigNY at 811** or visit their website at <https://udigny.org> before starting. You never know what might be underground.

Thanks from all of us at the TOB Highway Department, and enjoy your summer.

Mark Leighton, Highway Supt.

UPDATE ON BRUSH / BRANCH PICKUP: Our spring brush and branch collection is over. The next round will be in September. For those of you who still have some branches laying around, store them out of sight until the first week in September, then pull them out, and we'll stop by weekly to haul them away. :) The Town doesn't have a drop off spot, so you'll need to sit tight, spend time with your family and friends, and before you know it, September will be here. (Did I really say that?!) Also, we do have FREE woodchips and compost available from time to time. Watch our website for availability or give us a call (607) 669-4323.

WATER / SEWER BILLING SCHEDULE FOR 2023

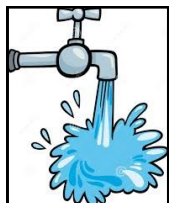
These are approximate mailing dates:

November 1st (1st billing of a cycle); due in early December

February 1st (2nd billing); due in early March

May 1st (3rd billing); due in early June

August 1st (4th billing); due in early September



IMPORTANT NOTE: If the August bill is not paid in full by October 15th, the unpaid amount is turned over to the Broome County Real Property Tax Office as unpaid and will be relieved onto next January's Town & County tax bill. If you have a question about your bill, please call Nadine at (607) 669-4323.

BROOME COUNTY LANDFILL'S HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATES

The BC Landfill is once again accepting hazardous waste (including household and auto batteries, propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs, driveway sealers, paints, solvents, stains, cleaners, pesticides, and pool and photography chemicals) AND old electronics (such as computers, printers, stereos, TVs, copiers, fax machines, mobile phones, etc.). You can drop these at the landfill for FREE on the following days from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.:

*The Broome County Landfill
is located at
286 Knapp Rd.
(near the airport)
Phone: (607) 763-4450*

Sat., July 22 / Wed., Aug. 2 / Sat., Aug. 5 / Sat., Aug. 19

Wed., Sept. 6 / Sat., Sept. 9 / Sat., Sept. 23

Wed., Oct. 4 / Sat., Oct. 7 / Sat., Oct. 21



Office of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer - Nick Pappas**Phone: (607) 772-0357, press option 3****Email: code@townofbinghamton.com**

Summer is the busiest season for our department. Building projects are always in full swing, and it's also the time of year when people are wanting to clean up their unwanted junk, including old vehicles. Here's some information I thought you might find helpful.

- **BUILDING PERMITS** - Building Permits are required for most projects, including sheds, pools, decks, porches, additions, pole barns, garages, houses, political signs, cellular towers, TV towers, and now, house generators and solar related projects. Please call my office before starting any project so that I can fill you in on any rules and regulations. If you don't have time for a call, go to the Town's website at www.townofbinghamton.com and click on "Building Codes & Permits" to get most of your questions answered. Also, feel free to contact me via email if you have any questions. You're also more than welcome to submit your building permit application via email. My email is code@townofbinghamton.com
- **JUNK VEHICLES** - If you have a junk vehicle that you want to get rid of, the best and easiest way is to call *Gary's U-Pull It* at (607) 775-1900. They'll pick your vehicle up or you can drop it off at their location at 230 Colesville Road. If they pick it up, they'll deduct a towing fee from the price they'll give you. Car pricing is based upon the make, model, condition, and weight of the vehicle. A car can generally bring anywhere from \$200 to \$600. Call *Gary's U-Pull It* if you have questions.
- **MUNICIPAL CLEANUP DAYS** will be held again this year on September 22 & 23rd. Check out the front page to get all of the details. This is a great opportunity to get rid of your junk for free. I hope you all have an enjoyable summer.

Nick Pappas

A MESSAGE FROM RICK MURRAY, Dog Control Officer**Phone: 772-0357, press option 7****E-mail: DCO@townofbinghamton.com****DOG SHELTER LAW PROTECTS DOGS DURING THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER!**

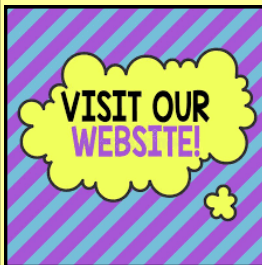
The Dog Shelter Law is a law that applies to all seasons, including summer. Section 353-B of the New York Agriculture and Markets Law requires dog owners to provide shelter for their dogs. The shelter must protect your dog from direct sunlight, rain, snow, wind, cold weather, hot weather, and other inclement conditions. The shelter must be waterproof, insulated, and allow the dog to move around freely. The dog must be able to stand up, turn around, and lie down.

Violators will receive a court citation and be required to pay a fine ranging from \$50 to \$250 and will need to show proof of shelter for the dog. If you suspect that someone is not providing their dog with adequate food and/or shelter, please call the Sheriff's Dept. at (607) 778-1911 and press 1 to speak with a Deputy or call the New York State Police at (607) 775-1241.

HOW TO HELP A PET LEFT IN A HOT CAR

- Take down the car's make, model, and license plate number.
- If there are businesses nearby, notify their managers or security guards and ask them to make an announcement to find the car's owner. Many people are unaware of the danger of leaving pets in hot cars and will quickly return to their vehicle once they are alerted to the situation.
- If the owner can't be found, call (607) 778-1911 and press 1 to speak with a Deputy or call the NYS Police at (607) 775-1241. Wait by the car for the authorities to arrive.





Our website is our main form of communication, and it's updated frequently. Always check our website for upcoming events. In addition, it has a feature that allows you to be added to our mass email list. We send out mass emails when there's a very important topic that we want residents to know about (i.e., water breaks, road closures, branch pickups, leaf pickups, Municipal Cleanup Days, etc. Go to www.townofbinghamton.com, and at the bottom right on any page, click where it says "Subscribe to our email list to stay informed."

Town of Binghamton Volunteer Fire Company
The Chief's Corner - Darin Lewis - Phone: (607) 761-1218
E-mail: chief@tobfire.org



THE FIREMEN'S ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, August 19, 2023, from NOON until gone.
 Drive thru pickup will be at the Hawleyton United Methodist Church located at 901 Hawleyton Road
 \$15 - Full Dinner includes 1/2 chicken with baked beans, salt potatoes, & roll.
 \$10 - Half Dinner is 1/2 chicken ONLY. No sides.

Your continued support of this event provides new equipment and supplies to our members who are available 24/7 to serve the community. As always, we thank you for your support!

Order online at <https://tobfire58.square.site/> (A processing fee may apply.)

Deadline for pre-orders is Mon., July 24, 2023 (no exceptions).

Please note: Pre-ordered dinners will only be held until 4:30 p.m. on the day of the event.



SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

Binghamton Township Historical Society's
"Remembering When" Annual Luncheon
Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The museum is located at 923 Hawleyton Road.

The museum will open at 11 a.m. and the covered dish luncheon will begin at noon. Please bring a dish to pass to serve 30 people and \$2 per person to help defray expenses. We'll be conducting tours of the building beginning at 11 a.m. Please RSVP by calling Phyllis Hawley at (607) 669-4186.



CONSIDER THE TOWN'S COMMUNITY CENTER FOR YOUR NEXT GATHERING. IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO BOOK YOUR FALL EVENT.

Our Community Center, located at 1905 Coleman Road, continues to be a very popular rental hotspot! We've been booked consistently for wedding receptions and graduation parties recently, and the calls continue to come in! If you're considering booking the Community Center for an event this fall, it's a good idea to book your event now. With fall weddings on the horizon as well as family gatherings for Thanksgiving and Christmas, we expect the calendar to fill up quickly. Reservations are on a "first come / first serve" basis, so you're taking a chance by waiting. To reserve your date, please call Zac at (607) 772-0357, ext. 014.

COST: \$300 per day rental plus \$200 refundable security deposit.

A Message from Christopher Streno Director of Youth Activities

E-mail: tobyouthsports@gmail.com

Phone: (607) 772-0357, ext. 048

Another successful Baseball and Softball season concluded in June. We also wrapped up our first ever Youth Lacrosse program. About a dozen youngsters in the K-2 grade range played their inaugural season in the Binghamton Youth Lacrosse league. We look forward to watching this program grow in the coming years.

Without much pause, we are moving swiftly into the Football & Cheer Season. Our first practices will be held on July 31st with games beginning August 27th.

We are always looking for volunteers to help run our programs as well as participate with the Booster Club which is a tremendous help to our teams and players in every sport. Please contact your player's coach or feel free to contact me via email, Facebook message, or phone if you are interested. Please join our Facebook page "Town of Binghamton Youth Sports" for more up-to-date information regarding TOB Youth Activities. Thanks, and enjoy your summer!



Chris Streno, Youth Director

A Summer Update From Broome County Legislator Kelly Wildoner

Kelly Wildoner is a County Legislator representing District 3 which includes the Towns of Binghamton and Conklin along with a part of Vestal.

Summer is here! We have a lot going on in Broome County Government as we prepare for budget season coming up this fall. In this edition of *Town Talk*, I thought it would be a good time to recognize and discuss some of the great people in our community.

At the end of May, I was able to present a citation from the Broome County Legislature to Don and Liz Einstein. I touched on their retirement during the last edition of *Town Talk*. Their dedication to our area is unmatched, and I couldn't be more honored to recognize them and thank them for their many years of service to our community. We will always appreciate the way they kept us informed and told many great stories about the outstanding organizations, residents, and events we have in our community. Thank you, Don and Liz!

The "First to Say Thank You" event was held at Windsor High School at the end of June. It is always nice to see young men and women in the area choose to serve our country in the military. The "First to Say Thank You" event is a great way to thank these men and women as they take a major step into their future. The Legislature was able to recognize them with certificates during the event. On behalf of Broome County, thank you for stepping up to defend our freedom and way of life! Thank you to the Conklin Kiwanis Club for their commitment to holding this event every year. It is a great way to honor our high school seniors heading into the military.



County Legislator Kelly Wildoner recognized the Einsteins' on their retirement with a framed citation in May.



We also recently recognized those who have honorably served our country. During our May session, we held our 13th annual Veterans of Distinction Ceremony. We understand the importance of showing our support and appreciation for our Veterans, and that's why we continue to hold this event. I had the opportunity to thank Veteran Dale B. Harrison, who served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Mr. Harrison served with the Army's historical 14th Regiment "Golden Dragons" of the 25th Infantry Division and the 79th Regiment of the 45th Infantry Division. He earned the Korean Service Medal with Service Star, Combat Infantry Badge, UN Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Services Medal, and is Member of the Korea War Veterans of the Southern Tier and American Legion Post 80.

I also want to thank students from Susquehanna Valley High School who submitted Veteran-themed artwork that we had on display during our ceremony. Thank you to students Johnathan Cortese and Anthony Gee for your submissions. Congratulations to all Susquehanna Valley High School Seniors on graduation. I know you will make our community proud. Good luck!

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Scroll down toward the bottom right on any page.

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To file a complaint of discrimination, write:



USDA — Director
Office of Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue—SW
Washington, DC 20250-9410

TOWN HALL MAIN PHONE (607) 772-0357

Telecommunication Device for the Deaf:

1-800-662-1220 or 711

TOWN HALL PHONE EXTENSIONS **PLEASE NOTE! EXTENSION NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED!**

Assessor, Joseph Cook	Ext. 015
Assessor's Clerk, Mary Atkinson	Ext. 013
Bookkeeper, Sandra Reifler	Ext. 021
Building Inspector, Nick Pappas	Ext. 012
Code Enforcement Officer, Nick Pappas	Ext. 012
Community Center Coordinator	Ext. 014
Court Clerk, John Petito	Ext. 019
Dog Control Officer, Rick Murray	Ext. 022
Emergencies at Night: Dogs/Water	778-1911
Highway Supt., Mark Leighton	669-4323
Information Desk, Becky Smith	Ext. 010
Planning Board Chair, Chris Streno	Ext. 048
Supervisor, Elizabeth Rounds	Ext. 011
Tax Collection - Call Broome County	778-2169
Town Clerk, Tracy Tokos	Ext. 026
Town Clerk's Deputy, Paula Edwards	Ext. 023
Town Justice, Hon. Lawrence Brinker	Ext. 019
Water/Sewer Maint., Lee Cooper	669-4323
Water/Sewer Billing, Nadine Pappas	669-4323
Youth Activities, Christopher Streno	Ext. 048

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON

Tues., July 18	Town of Binghamton Town Board Meeting @ Town Hall - 6 p.m.
Sat., July 22	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Mon., July 24	Deadline for TOB Vol. Fire Co. Chicken BBQ Online Tickets (see Page 4)
Tues., July 25	Planning Board Meeting / Zoning Board Meeting @ Town Hall - 6:30 p.m.
Tues., August 1	Town of Binghamton Work Session @ Town Hall - 4 p.m.
Weds., August 2	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Sat., August 5	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Tues., August 8	FREE Rabies Clinic @ BC Humane Society, 167 Conklin Rd. - 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Tues., August 15	Town of Binghamton Town Board Meeting @ Town Hall - 6 p.m.
Sat., August 19	Firemen's Annual Chicken BBQ @ Hawleyton UMC - Noon until gone (see Page 4)
Sat., August 19	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Tues., August 29	FREE Rabies Clinic @ BC Humane Society, 167 Conklin Rd. - 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 4	All Town offices are closed for the Labor Day holiday.
Tues., Sept. 5	Town of Binghamton Work Session @ Town Hall - 4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 6	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 9	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 16	"Remembering When" @ Museum. Tours at 11 a.m. / Lunch at noon (see Page 4)
Tues., Sept. 19	Town of Binghamton Town Board Meeting @ Town Hall - 6 p.m.



Now that summer is here, we know many of you are out enjoying nature on your mountain bikes, dirt bikes, and four-wheelers. Please make sure you have the permission of a property owner to be on their property, and please be respectful of those landowners whose properties border the trails you enjoy. We would all appreciate a stress-free summer. Thank you.