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# Town of Vernon Times

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Spring 2022

*Think Spring; Visit the [Town of Vernon.com](http://TownofVernon.com)  
website for upcoming date meetings and events.*



**4 x 4 Pick-up Basketball**  
**Sunday Mornings 9am to 10:30am**  
**CAC**



**\$2 each week**  
**Play begins January 2, 2022**  
**21 and older**



**SHERRILL CAC BATTING CAGE**



Call the CAC and reserve your 1-hour time slot (315-363-6525) or leave a message and we call you back

Softball and Baseball \$10 for a 1-hour time slot

Season Pass is available for \$100

Season Pass Non-resident for \$150

Use of Baseball/Softball pitching machine add \$5 extra

Due to covid restrictions masks always need to be worn and you must provide your own equipment

Please sign in at the counter upon entering the building

Any questions please email the Recreation Dept. [bvandreason@sherrillny.org](mailto:bvandreason@sherrillny.org)

**V.V.S. VS ONEIDA**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BOYS & GIRLS,  
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES!**

**THE ONEIDA & SHERRILL PARKS & RECREATION  
DEPARTMENTS PROUDLY PRESENT  
"OUR 2ND ANNUAL"**

**THE GREAT  
SNOWMAN BUILDING  
BATTLE!**

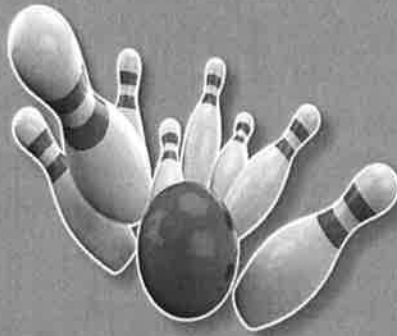


**FIRST SNOWFALL - MARCH 1ST, 2022**



## SILVER CITY STRIKEOUT SURVIVOR

CONCESSIONS



50/50

Start on Lane #1 and you must strike to advance  
PAY OUTS TO TOP 3 MOST CONSECUTIVE STRIKES

First Place Guaranteed \$150

Second Place \$100

Third Place \$50

(Each entry add \$2 for first prize)

ENTRY FEE \$5

Enter as many times as you want!

Sunday March 6th 2022

2pm to 5pm

CAC 139 East Hamilton Ave Sherrill NY 13461

Questions call 315-363-5636

## MEMO FROM THE TOWN CLERK

### TOWN AND COUNTY TAX BILL INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE:

For your convenience Town and County tax bills for the Town of Vernon can be found on our website. All the tax bill information is included and can be printed out. The website is "townofvernon.com" and if you look on the Home page at the column on the left you will see "Town and County Tax Bills". This is updated every day during tax season and shows the date the bill was paid. Any payments that are made at the County will not be shown here. Previous years are also available for income tax purposes. We are happy to provide this service to you and hope it will save you time.

*Any address changes need to be done with the Assessors at 315-829-2587.*

If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's office at 315-829-2422 ext. 2.

### ALL DOGS NEED TO BE LICENSED!

According to Article 7, Section 109 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, all dogs 4 months or older must be licensed in the municipality in which they are harbored. Dogs found to be unlicensed will be subject to a court ticket and fine. This includes expired licenses. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

The Town Clerk's Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dog Control Officer is Clayton Conover and his phone number is 315-371-5429.

***Rabies clinics are available through Oneida County, Madison County and at Tractor Supply Company Stores.***

*Jennifer Champney, Town Clerk*

### TOWN OFFICE PHONE DIRECTORY 315-829-2422

COURT .....	Ext. 1
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR .....	Ext. 2
CODES OFFICE .....	Ext. 3
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT .....	Ext. 4
ASSESSORS .....	Ext. 5
TOWN SUPERVISOR .....	Ext. 6

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Cross-country skis and snowshoes are now available at the CAC, donated by the Ed Wadas Foundation. More information can be obtained by calling the CAC 315-363-6525 and by following Sherrillrec.com.**





## ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Keith Schiebel ♦ 4830 Day Road ♦ Vernon, NY 13476

Phone: 315.335.0887 ♦ Email: [kschiebel@ocgov.net](mailto:kschiebel@ocgov.net)

### TOWN OF VERNON NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2022

#### KEITH SCHIEBEL -- ONEIDA COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 1

After quite a chilly winter, the warmth of spring and fresh grass can't come soon enough to central New York. For many of us, the changing seasons is one of the most enjoyable aspects of life in our upstate New York communities. Welcome spring!

As we look back at the past couple years, it appears the worst of the COVID pandemic is in our rear-view mirror. Our Oneida County government played a tremendous role in public health assisting at every opportunity – be it staging vaccine pods, providing PPE, conducting contact tracing, hosting testing sites, and countless other health care initiatives. Providing these services and response were at the forefront of the County Board of Legislators and County priorities.

At the onset of the pandemic, the County cut expenses and reduced budgets in anticipation of difficult financial times ahead. Included in these cuts, Oneida County temporarily suspended payments to our local municipalities as stipulated as part of the Oneida Indian Nation (OIN) Partners in Prosperity agreement. Most recently, due to our aggressive approach to representing your interests, all monies for 2020, 2021, and 2022 have been fully restored to the Village of Vernon, Town of Vernon, City of Sherrill, and Town of Verona. Thank you to our local government officials for their assistance and perseverance to work with County officials and reinstate this funding.

Major community projects continue in many of our local municipalities including sewer projects in Villages of Vernon and Oneida Castle, Vernon Center's water project, and City of Sherrill's Main Street initiative. Due to extensive partnerships and grants at the state and federal levels, coupled with multiple agencies that oversee, regulate, and administer these projects, progress is often quite slow and takes several years. Please be assured that our local government officials are doing the best we can to advance and expedite all of these projects in the public's interest.

Our County Board of Legislators again recognizes the burden property taxes place on our residents and for the sixth consecutive year adopted a County budget that includes no increase in property taxes. However, wages for County employees have not kept pace with competitive positions causing for many staff shortages across all County departments. Addressing this dilemma will be a major focus in the coming months.

Several very positive economic development initiatives continue to evolve in Oneida County. Most recently, construction at the downtown Nexus Center has resumed, the Wynn Hospital of the Mohawk Valley Health System continues its development and plans for the hospital parking garage are on track, and the CREE / Wolfsped Marcy Nano Center is gearing up for production with more development in the works. Additionally, several exciting high-tech projects, such as SkyDome, continue to develop at Griffiss. All of these exciting projects strengthen our collective communities and support our region's economic development.

As your County representative, it is again been my pleasure to serve you and work with our team of elected village, town, and city government officials. Our dedicated and competent supervisors, mayors, and board officials have been a tremendous asset to our collective communities. Thank you for your "vote of confidence".

In closing, should you have an issue, question, or concern about our County services, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [Kschiebel@ocgov.net](mailto:Kschiebel@ocgov.net), call or text at 315-335-0887, or attend a local municipality meeting. Thank you for being an active part of our community.

Whether you're receiving the STAR credit or exemption, the benefit can change each year due to a variety of factors, including school tax rates, changes in property values in your community, and local assessment practices.

As a result, the STAR credit benefit may not always increase, and when it does increase, it may do so by 2% or less.

However, the STAR exemption benefit can never increase, even when the STAR credit benefit does increase. The STAR exemption benefit will never be higher than the STAR credit benefit.

### How much will I save?

To determine how much you could save by switching to the STAR credit:

1. Find the amount of your STAR savings on your most recent school tax bill.
2. Multiply the STAR savings by 1.02 to see how high your STAR credit benefit may be this year if you switch to the credit.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions concerning eligibility for an exemption.

## TOWN OF VERNON COURT

Honorable Robert G. Suttmeier.

Court Clerk: Sandra Schell

Office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. In person court is being held for Misdemeanor charges, (traffic and criminal) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of every month.

There are **no in court appearances** for traffic tickets currently. All tickets must be handled through the mail. You will be notified of your new handle by date via mail, along with instructions on how to handle. The email address is [datraffic@ocgov.net](mailto:datraffic@ocgov.net).

It is your responsibility to notify the court with any address changes. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the court at 315-829-4481.

Staf Safe!

Sandy Schell

## TREE MEMORIAL

Come out and see all the new trees planted in memory of loved ones at the Walking Trail behind the Town of Vernon Office Building!!

In recent years it has become a trend to memorialize loved ones through planting of trees. The Town is excited to announce a Tree Memorial Park Program where anyone interested in memorializing a family, friend or loved one may purchase a tree to be planted at the Town of Vernon Memorial Park. This is a fabulous way to give a living tribute for decades to come.

The forms will be available at the Town Office Building to select what type and size of tree you would like planted. All trees will be planted during the proper season to optimize survival and growth. Each tree that is planted will include a ground plaque commemorating the person/persons for that tree.

## TOWN OF VERNON ASSESSOR NEWS

**March 1** is the deadline for filing certain property tax exemption applications with the Assessor's office. Below is a list of the most common property exemptions:

Basic STAR – Renews automatically- available for primary residence to all homeowners with income less than \$500,000.

Enhanced STAR – Renews automatically – available to homeowners 65 or older with income less than \$92,000.

Please note that to receive these exemptions you must apply for the initial year, contact the assessor's office for information or visit <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm>.

Veteran Exemption – Renews Automatically (if you receive the disabled Veteran's exemption and your percentage of disability changes you must bring your paperwork to the assessor's office so your exemption can be updated).

Senior Citizen's STAR Exemption – Based on an Executive Order by the Governor of New York State issued December 26, 2021, **Seniors who received the Senior Tax Exemption for 2021 do not need to renew that exemption for 2022.** This is the same situation as we had for the 2021 assessment year.

To apply for a **new** Senior Exemption, you can visit the Assessor's office located in the Vernon Town Hall (315-829-2587). The Vernon Assessor's hours are Monday thru Thursday 9am-2pm.

Many people who are currently receiving the STAR Exemption (both Basic and Enhanced), might want to think about changing to the STAR Credit. Let me explain the difference: The exemption benefit is deducted from your school tax bill prior to you receiving the bill in the mail, the credit is a check that is sent to you from the state (received prior to the school tax bill being due) for the amount of your STAR savings.

What is the benefit of changing to the credit? See the info below from the State web site:

### **Why switch to the STAR credit from the STAR exemption**

If you currently receive your STAR benefit as a reduction on your school tax bill (the STAR exemption), you may receive a greater benefit if you switch to the STAR credit to receive a check instead.

The value of the STAR credit savings may increase by as much as 2% each year, but the value of the STAR exemption savings cannot increase. The STAR exemption savings can never be higher than the amount of the final STAR credit.

### **The STAR credit benefit can continue to grow**

By switching to the STAR credit, your benefit could grow by as much as 2% each year, and it can never be lower than the STAR exemption benefit.

For example, if your STAR exemption benefit was \$800 on your 2020-2021 school tax bill, that's the most you can receive in any future years, **unless** you switch to the STAR credit.

If you switch to the STAR credit, your benefit can grow by as much as 2% each year.

- *In the first year*, that could mean up to \$816—an extra \$16 in savings.
- *Five years later*, the STAR credit benefit could reach as high as \$900 due to the power of compounding,

### **STAR benefits can change each year**

# Codes Office News & Updates



If possible, please call ahead and schedule a time to meet with one of our code enforcement officers. They are not always in the office during business hours due to fire inspections, building inspections, other appointments, etc.

Our office hours are  
Monday thru Friday  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
(315) 829-2434

## All of the following require building permits through our office:

- New homes including double wides
- Garages, Sheds and Carports
- New septic systems or changes to existing septic systems
- Remodeling interior or exterior, additions
- Decks, porches (including enclosed)
- Above ground, in ground pools and hot tubs/Jacuzzis
- Fences, ramps
- Chimneys, wood stoves, or outdoor wood/gas burning devices

A building permit application is available to print on our website. If you go to our homepage [www.townofvernon.com](http://www.townofvernon.com), it will be on the left side. Click on 'Forms and Downloads' and look for 'Building and Zoning Permit Application'

## Address Identification

### Minutes Matter!!

It is difficult for Emergency Responders to locate you when address numbers are not properly posted on homes or businesses. This can increase the response time and possibly effect the outcome of a situation.

*Below is a list to help with the placing of address numbers:*

- Address Identification should be legible and placed as to be visible from the road.
- Numbers should contrast from their background.
- Numbers should be Arabic numbers or Alphabetic letters
- Each character should not be less than 4 in. height by ½ inch width.
- If house/building cannot be seen from road a pole, monument or other means should be used to place address closer to the road.

\*\*\* Reflective numbers can be purchased from some local Fire Departments and most stores \*\*\*

## MAKE YOUR HOME FIRE SAFE

- Smoke detectors save lives. Install a smoke detector outside each sleeping area and on each additional level of your home.
  - Use the test button to check each smoke detector once a month.
- Have a working fire extinguisher in the kitchen. Get training from the fire department in how to use it. Also include in the kit written instructions on how to turn off utilities at your house.
  - Conduct periodic fire drills, so everyone remembers what to do when there is a fire.

## PLAN YOUR ESCAPE ROUTES

- Determine at least two ways to escape from every room of your home. If you must use an escape ladder, be sure everyone knows how to use it.
  - Select a location outside your home where everyone would meet after escaping.
  - Practice your escape plan at least twice a year. Once you are out, stay out!

## ESCAPE SAFELY

- If you see smoke in your first escape route, use your second way out.
- If you must exit through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to escape.
- If you are escaping through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If it is hot, use your second way out.
- If smoke, heat, or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with the door closed. Signal for help using a bright-colored cloth at the window.
  - If you have access to a phone, call the fire department and tell them where you are.



Another major consideration is the center of the road. The center must be cleared of snow, which necessitates the front left part of the plow crossing the center line and into oncoming traffic. When you encounter an oncoming snowplow you should slow down and move over as far as is practical to give the snowplow room to clear the center of the roadway.

Please note per New York State VTL Article 1219 prohibits plowing, shoveling or blowing snow into or across the roadway. This action causes a dangerous winter hazard resulting in accidents and severe vehicle damage.

The final topic involving snowplowing is mailboxes and other roadside objects; such as parked vehicles. These can add to the difficulty of a snowplow operator's job. Snowplow drivers do their best to avoid these obstacles, regrettably damage to a mailbox can occur simply due to the weight of the snow or as the result of an oncoming vehicle not giving the snowplow enough room, requiring the plow operator to move closer to the side of road.

In closing of this topic, I urge all motorists to remember there is a high level of demand during the winter season as our dedicated employees continue to try and keep our roads as safe as possible. We need you to do your part and be careful and alert but mostly SLOW DOWN!

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## ANNUAL EVENTS

### **BRUSH PICK UP**

- First full week of May is brush and weeds pick up. Once you have placed all of your material roadside call the highway garage (315)829-2742 and give your address. This will make scheduling of pickup more efficient for all. The Village of Vernon, City of Sherrill and Village of Oneida Castle have their own designated brush removal systems.
- We do have a site available at the highway garage at 4322 Churton Road for town residents to bring small limbs, leaves and grass clippings during warm weather.
- The Town does NOT accept Commercial green waste. These contractors are paid by the homeowner to remove their brush; therefore, they have to dispose at facilities that except it not at the Town. The Town's green waste site is limited in size and it can't handle the excessive amount that commercial green waste brings.

### **WHITE GOODS DAY**

- At this time the Town has decided to suspend this service due to lack of interest.

Thank you,  
Timothy Murphy  
Town of Vernon Highway Superintendent

### ONEIDA CASTLE NEWS

The Oneida Castle Village Board has been working diligently on the sewer project throughout the winter. The first round of bids all came in over our budget, so they have been rebid and will be opened the first week in March. The Board is still looking into supplemental funding to offset the cost of delays due to COVID and the rising price of materials.

The entire sewer system plans were redrawn to further reduce the cost of the project. The lines will be laid higher than originally planned which will remove the need for one pumping station and some forced mains which were very expensive.

The Village has also applied for another Clean Water Grant due to being denied the first application. The Village will need another grant or more funding to continue.

In other news, residents may notice that the trees in our park have all been tagged. All 125 trees

are now marked through a grant by the Soil and Conservation Dept. These tags will give the location of each tree on a GPS system and can be identified according to condition for future trimming, removal, etc.

In final news, the Village Board has purchased a new sidewalk plow/snow blower in order to better keep our sidewalks clean. This new Kubota will be a 4 wheel drive to replace the older 2 wheel drive tractor which was unable to do an adequate job.

The Green Thumb Garden Club of Oneida Castle is always looking for new members and would welcome any organizations or individuals who would be willing to weed the Veterans Memorial park and other garden areas. Arrangements can be made for those needing volunteer credit for school as well. If interested, please contact Sharon Myers at 315 363-8624. The Garden Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6:00pm in the village hall. All are welcome.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dear Town of Vernon Residents,

My name is Timothy Murphy and I am the Highway Superintendent. I would like to start by expressing my sincere gratitude to everyone who re-elected me. I am proud to announce two new Highway employees; William Decker Jr. and Peter Makarchuk. They are proving to be an asset to our crew. I would like to thank all of the residents for your cooperation and patience during this winter season! Below you will find a friendly reminder of information to take note of and a list of Annual Events and other Highway News.

### **SNOWPLOW DRIVERS ASK FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION**

During the snowplowing season, highway crews ask for the cooperation and understanding from motorists. By the nature of the task, snowplowing operations take place during poor visibility and drivers tend to follow plows too closely. The process of clearing the roads of snow often require plows to backup, usually at intersections, where they must turn the corner, dump the load of snow and back up before continuing. All too often vehicles fill the space where the plow must back into. Please remember to give the snowplow plenty of space, especially at intersections.

SHERRILL-KENWOOD FREE LIBRARY  
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### How Can You Help Your Library?

If you are interested in making a monetary donation, this can be done in several ways. We are a designated 501c3 tax-exempt non-profit educational institution. Donations are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Many people choose to make **donations In Honor Of or In Memory Of** family, friends, or others whom they wish to acknowledge in a special way. Donations have been made to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, or the birth of a child or grandchild. These donations may be made with cash, check or credit card using our online PayPal account.

Making donations through Bequests: A gift of a charitable bequest in your will or in a living trust are welcomed.

**General unrestricted donations** are appreciated and expended in the area of greatest needs when determined by the Library Manager and Board of Trustees.

We also have an Amazon Smile account. When shopping on Amazon, a percentage of your purchases are returned to the library.



### **2021 Donations Were Received From:**

1st & 2nd grades of McAllister Elementary School	Community Foundation of Oneida & Herkimer Counties
Keys Music Program	Sherrill Kenwood Community Chest
Access Federal Credit Union	Craft and Chat
PR Plus	Sherrill Merchants
American Legion Sherrill Post 230	Gypsy Girl Wood Fired Pizza
Progress Club	Sign & Art Ect
Central Library Resource Council	Kay Real Estate
Renaissance Club	The Cremeria
Community Car Wash	Kenwood Benevolent Society
Sherrill Garden Club	

*Thank  
You*

***Wonderful patrons too numerous to list***



## SHERRILL-KENWOOD FREE LIBRARY

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### Memorials 2021

We are honored to have received donations to keep the memory of the following present in our community:

Jack Bailey  
 Rosamond Bennati  
 Flora Clark  
 Jean Cook  
 Sharon Davis  
 George Easton  
 Norman Eaton  
 James Radley Mattioli  
 Margaret Stevens  
 Richard Warner  
 Carol Wilson

### Our Community Art Wall



We are pleased to welcome local artists to share their talent with the community. Displays change monthly. We currently have several months available for 2022. Please contact us if you are interested.

### WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Toddler Tuesdays – September to the end of May

The Craft and Chat group meet the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday mornings of the month.



Wednesday afternoon Mah-jongg

Art classes

Additional events will be added and updated on our website, Facebook page and the City of Sherrill Newsletter.

### BOOK CLUB



Our lively book discussions began in 2005.

We meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at 4:00 PM in the months of February, April, June, October & December. All are welcome to attend and the library supplies copies of the books.

### FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION POINT

The pantry, located at Holy Family Church in Vernon, serves the entire VVS district. There is a collection box inside the library entryway and we only accept non-perishable goods.



**Feeding the  
Community**

### 7th Annual "Spring" for Books



Wednesday June 1st

Help us add 100 books to our collection

Joining us - The Cremeria  
 Gypsy Girl Wood Fired Pizza



## SHERRILL-KENWOOD FREE LIBRARY

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### Services

Copying \$.25 a page,  
Faxing \$1.00 a page  
Computer access including available printing, \$.25 a page  
Wi – fi access  
Space is available for studying, tutoring and meeting.



### Friends of the Library



The Friends of the Library assist the library with fundraising efforts and sponsoring various programs, which include summer reading programs, performers, and our BookPage Magazine. Their annual used book sale is held in September at the CAC building in Sherrill.

The "Holiday Cookie Walk" is held the first Saturday in December.

### 2022 Explore Outdoors Pass



This pass grants admission to the following Onondaga County Parks:

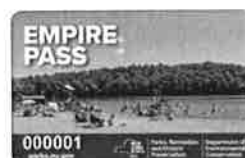
Beaver Lake Nature Center, Oneida Shores Park

Pratt's Falls Park, Highland Forest & Rosamond Gifford Zoo

This pass has been made possible by The Friends of the Library

### New York State Park Pass

The pass, provided by The Friends of the Library, is available to borrow with your library card. The pass grants day use admission to the New York State Parks.



## 2022 Summer Reading Theme: Oceans of Possibilities

We are excited to be presenting two different performances in July sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

### Cap'n Dave's Magic Treasure Hunt Presentation

**July 11th - 6:00 PM at the CAC 139 East Hamilton Ave**

### Dinosaur Dig – Ancient Undersea Reptile Show

**July 26th – 2:00 PM at the CAC 139 East Hamilton Ave**



Come explore life in the ancient seas 70 million years ago. The program will include a game show, touch of magic, and show & tell with rare fossils. A "fossil dig" is included in the program.

Please continue to check our website and Facebook page for more information regarding the Summer Reading Program this year.

# SHERRILL-KENWOOD FREE LIBRARY



**"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation."**  
Walter Cronkite ~ American broadcast journalist 1916 - 2009.

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[www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org](http://www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org)



While the pandemic continues to affect our finances, hours and programs, it does not deter us from our obligation to serve the Town of Vernon to the best of our ability. Our staff and Library Board of Trustees remain committed to be a welcoming community center for all.

We are extremely grateful for the funding we receive from the Town of Vernon, City of Sherrill, Oneida County, various organizations and our many wonderful patrons.

Thank you to the Town of Vernon for printing this newsletter lending us the opportunity to share our news.

Mary Kay Junglen - Library Manager.

## HOURS

Monday .....	11-4
Tuesday.....	11-4
Wednesday.....	11-7
Thursday .....	11-7
Friday .....	11-4
Saturday .....	11-2
Sunday .....	Closed

(Saturdays closed Memorial Day to Labor Day including all federal holidays)

## Board of Trustees

Daryk Macrina – Board President

Lauren MacDonald –  
Vice President

Sara Getman – Secretary

Tracy Killian – Treasurer

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 5:00pm.

Mary Lou Sayles

Katie Falkenmeyer

Tracy Chieco

Rachel Sayles

We are a member of the Mid York Library System serving 43 libraries in Oneida, Madison and Herkimer Counties. One library card serves all 43 libraries.



**mid york**  
LIBRARY SYSTEM

# TOWN OF VERNON DIRECTORY

## SUPERVISOR, BUDGET OFFICER

RANDY WATSON.....(315) 829-2985 EXT. 6

## TOWN COUNCILPERSONS

### DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR, EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

GENE BENNATI.....(315) 363-0060

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

STEVE ADAMKOWSKI.....(315) 790-8008

### OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MYRON J. THURSTON.....(315) 527-6888

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

JOHN PETERS

## OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS

### Town Justices

ROBERT SUTTMEIER.....(315) 829-4481 EXT. 1

### Court Clerk

SANDRA SCHELL.....(315) 829-4481 EXT. 1

### Town Bookkeeper

WENDY COSTON.....(315) 829-2985 EXT. 6

### Town Clerk and Tax Collector

JENNIFER CHAMPNEY.....(315) 829-2422 EXT. 2

### Deputy Town Clerk

JULIE MCELROY.....(315) 829-2422 EXT. 2

### Dog Control Officer

CLAYTON CONOVER.....(315) 245-0787

### Building Inspector

REAY WALKER.....(315) 829-2434 EXT. 3

### Codes Officer and Fire Inspector

JODY THIEME.....(315) 829-2434 EXT. 3

### Codes Office Clerk

HEATHER MAIR.....(315) 829-2434 EXT. 3

### Assessors Chairman

DUANE MUNGER.....(315) 829-2587 EXT. 5

### Assessors

FRANK LAGUZZA.....(315) 829-2587 EXT. 5

TIMOTHY WAGNER.....(315) 829-2587 EXT. 5

### Assessors Clerk

JENNIFER TYCZINSKI....(315) 829-2587 EXT. 5

### Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals

BRIAN DAM.....(315) 829-2434

### Superintendent of Highways

TIMOTHY MURPHY.....(315) 829-2742 EXT. 4

### County Legislators

2ND DISTRICT.....KEITH SCHIEBEL

# Town of Vernon Times

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Spring 2022

## FROM THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

Randy Watson, Supervisor

### Hello Town of Vernon Residents,

I would like to start by thanking all of the residents who voted to re-elect me as Town Supervisor. I take pride in serving my community and am happy to say, with good partnership of the Town Board, the Town has successfully passed budgets without any tax increase during my entire time as Supervisor.

I would like to commend the Highway Superintendent Tim Murphy and the entire Town of Vernon Highway Department on doing an amazing job of keeping our roads safe and in excellent condition.

I would like to give an update on the Vernon Center Water Project. The Town Board and myself in coordination with Delta Engineers, Architects and Surveyors we have been working diligently applying for every grant possible to secure funding. We have secured partial funding in the amount of \$2,700,000.00 from USDA Rural Development; \$50,000.00 from DASNY and \$364,614.29 from ARPA. We are waiting on the results of a WIIA grant application in the amount of \$3,000,000.00. Also, our local politicians have submitted Fiscal Year 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending requests for this project. The House of Representatives have passed the request and we are waiting for the Senate to place on their docket for a vote. I understand the frustration in how slow the progress appears but am extremely optimistic! Thank you, residents, for your support and patience.

Last but not least, I am very proud to be a part of the Town of Vernon, not just as a Town Supervisor but as a resident. Our town is not just a town, but an amazing community. This year has proven to be a challenging year like no other, but seeing OUR Community staying strong and helping one another is why I'm proud to call Vernon my home.

Hope you and your families stay safe, happy and healthy! We will persevere!



Randy Watson  
Supervisor, Town of Vernon

