



Town of Somerset

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From Your Town Clerk



Dear Residents,

There is a lot of news to give you so our newsletter is a little thicker than normal. A few important items to note: the Town free rabies vaccination clinic scheduled for this weekend **HAS BEEN CANCELED**; Our annual tire drop off information is on the back page of the newsletter; and another item to note is regarding a new law that has taken effect beginning this year requiring boating safety certificates for motor boat operators (Councilwoman Jansen is providing detailed information regarding this) and the US Coast Guard has reserved a location to hold a class in our area. The training will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church on April 25, 2020 from 9AM - 5PM. The cost is \$40 and families will receive a discount. Please contact the Town Clerk's office to sign up or for more information. The class size is limited to the first 50 registrants so don't delay!

As always, please call me with any questions you may have! 716-795-3575 ext. 2

Enjoy your Spring! *Tracy L. Carmer, RMC*

2020 Free Rabies Clinics

- Saturday, March 21st 2PM - 4PM - **CANCELED**
- Saturday, May 30th 9AM - 11:30AM - Dept. Public Works, Albion
- Saturday, June 6th 9AM - 11AM - Hyde Park, Niagara Falls
- Saturday, July 11th 9AM - 11AM - Town of Wilson Highway Garage
- Saturday, August 15th 9AM - 11:30AM - Town of Shelby Highway Bldg.
- Saturday, September 19th 2PM - 4PM - Town of Lockport Highway Dept.
- Saturday, October 17th 9AM - 11:30AM - Dept. Public Works, Albion
- Saturday, December 12th 2PM - 4PM - North Tonawanda Public Works Dept.

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A Word From Your Supervisor

Jeffrey Dewart 716-795-3575, ext. 3



As your new Supervisor I want to say hello and hope all are in good health. We have a lot of challenges this coming year and our board will continue to fight for the good of our town.

I would like to wish all a safe and happy summer. Jeff Dewart

IMPORTANT note about electronic recycling: Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers and Batteries are not part of the recycling program so please do not bring them to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- ◆ Saturday, March 21st 1:00PM - Charity Bowling Tournament and Basket Raffle at Allie Brandt Lanes to support a 16 year old from Barker, and a 5 year old from Newfane
- ◆ Saturday, April 4th 10:00AM - Easter Egg Hunt at the Somerset Town Park, sponsored by the Lighthouse Optimist Club (sign-in at 9:15AM)
- ◆ Monday, April 6th 12:45PM - Food truck at Faith United Methodist Church
- ◆ Monday, April 6th 7:00PM - Somerset Historical Society at the Somerset Town Hall
- ◆ Sunday, April 19th 1:00PM - 4:00PM - Spring Raffle and Spaghetti Dinner - Barker Fire Hall
- ◆ Monday, April 20th - Friday, April 24th 7AM - 3PM - Annual Tire Drop Off - Town of Somerset Highway Garage
- ◆ Saturday, April 25th 9AM - 12PM - Annual Tire Drop Off - Town of Somerset Highway Garage
- ◆ Saturday, April 25th 9:00AM - 5:00PM Boating Safety Course - St. John's Lutheran Church
- ◆ Sunday, April 26th 12PM - 2PM - Chicken Barbecue - Somerset Conservation Club
- ◆ Sunday, April 26th 2PM - Basket Raffle (following the Chicken BBQ) - Somerset Conservation Club
- ◆ Saturday, May 2nd 10AM - 1PM I Love My Park Day at Golden Hill State Park (meet at lighthouse)
- ◆ Monday, May 4th 12:45PM - Food truck at Faith United Methodist Church
- ◆ Monday, May 25th 10AM - Memorial Day Ceremony - Town of Somerset Park in front of the tank
- ◆ Monday, June 1st 12:45PM - Food truck at Faith United Methodist Church

All of these are subject to change as the coronavirus progresses

From the Desk of: Deputy Supervisor Robin Jansen

On August 6, 2019 Governor Cuomo signed Brianna's Law. A comprehensive boater education law requiring all power boaters (including those operating sailing vessels with auxiliary power) to complete a boater safety course.

IS THIS A BOATING LICENSE REQUIREMENT? Technically, no. However, New York State requires certain boat operators to have a boating safety certificate. There are licenses for operating a boat on a professional level such as sightseeing or charter fishing or even commercial work boats such as tug and ferries. There is no such thing as a "license" being required to operate a boat for recreational purposes in the State of New York. There IS a requirement for a Boating Safety Certificate/Certification and this is what Brianna's Law is all about. Keep in mind that many people commonly refer to a Boating Safety Certificate as a Boating License, especially since you can now have a boating safety certificate endorsement placed on your driver's license. The law (Brianna's Law) will require everyone who wants to operate a boat in NY State to attend a safe boating class. Classes are 8 hours and can be done in one session, or broken up over several dates. The NY State Class is 15 Chapters of material. This provides basic information for the novice boater, and a review for the seasoned boater.

Brianna's Law enhances the current requirements as follows:

Applies to all powerboat operators:

- ~Those born on or after 1/1/1993 need a safety certificate beginning January 2020.
- ~Those born on or after 1/1/1988 need a safety certificate beginning January 2022.
- ~Those born on or after 1/1/1983 need a safety certificate beginning January 2023.
- ~Those born on or after 1/1/1978 need a safety certificate beginning January 2024.
- ~All powerboat operators regardless of age will need a boating safety certificate beginning in January 2025.

If you've taken an 8hr boating safety course in the past, you're all set

How to get the anchor put on your NYS Drivers License:

- For those taking an upcoming course; If you are 18 or older, you will receive a form at class which is mailed in after class. A new NYS Driver's License is mailed to you with the anchor on it.
- For those that already have a safety certificate (and those under 18): YOU CANNOT get the anchor put on your license by mail. You'll need to bring your certificate to a NYS DMV and have it added to your license in person.

Just bear in mind that all states may not recognize the insignia on the drivers license and you should carry your certificate with you when fishing in international waters and out of state.

See the town website for an upcoming class that is being presented locally or contact Martin Laufer at mdl29@msn.com for information concerning other Niagara county classes.

THE EGG HUNT IS ON!

All kids from toddlers through Age 12 in the
Barker School District are invited!

Rain, shine or snow; wear your boots!!

We're hiding 1800 eggs!



Saturday, April 4th

Sign-in at 9:15 a.m. Hunt begins at 10 a.m.
Somerset Town Park, 8700 Haight Road in Barker

The Easter Bunny will be there for photo ops.

6 age categories:

1 & 2; 3 & 4; 5 & 6; 7 & 8; 9 & 10; 11 & 12

**Brought to you by the
Barker Lighthouse Optimist Club**

***We are looking for businesses & individuals to sponsor one of 18 prize baskets for \$20!
We'll display your name on the winning basket. Call Julie at 795-9262 to name one.

Towns along Lake Ontario have been asked to submit information on the impact of the high water in Lake Ontario. If you are a homeowner who has been affected, please go to our website www.somersetny.org and complete the questionnaire. We need as much information as possible to submit. Please have your completed questionnaire to the Town Supervisor by March 25th to allow time for him to prepare his submission by the end of the month.

BARKER LIONS: WE SERVE

Since 1947, Barker Lions have been helping our community. As Helen Keller's Knights of the Blind, we help provide glasses for those in our community who cannot afford them. That has expanded to hearing aids and to a Loan Closet with a myriad of hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers and other medical supplies.

On Sunday, May 10, we will hold our annual Mother's Day Chicken Barbecue. The dinner includes a half barbecued chicken, side dishes, roll and butter, and dessert. The dessert will be your choice of peach or strawberry shortcake. Presale tickets are \$10 and available from any Lions member. At the door tickets are \$11. Pick up at the Lions building begins at 11:30AM and runs until 1PM.

On June 20, we will install our 2020-2021 officers. On August 21 we will have Lions Night at the Ransomville Races. Throughout the summer, we will be supporting other local organizations with our chicken barbecues. If you are looking for a fundraiser, contact us for more information.

If you are a high school senior involved in community service, make sure you apply for the Lions Scholarship that will be given at graduation. Whatever your post-graduate plans are, we want to help those students who demonstrate our motto "We Serve." Most years, the club selects four winners from the applications submitted.

Barker Lions Club will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2022. We are starting to collect testimonials, pictures and other historic memorabilia. If you have something to contribute, please contact us.

Our monthly dinner meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month September - June at the Lions building. We invite speakers to make various presentations and organize our projects. If you would like to be involved or need assistance, contact the club at Roar@BarkerLions.org or call 778-7001.



BARKER FIRE DEPT. Chief David Hotaling



Congratulations to our newly elected and installed 2020 officers:

Chief:	David Hotaling	President:	Stephen Horning
1st Assistant Chief:	Tony Sonberg	Vice President:	Carlton Greene
2nd Assistant Chief:	Jacob Allen	Secretary:	Paul Franke
3rd Assistant Chief:	Jeremy Allen	Treasurer:	Cheri Devereaux
Ambulance Captain:	Kristi Mueller	Assistant Treasurer:	Michelle Dewart
Lt. Ambulance Captain:	Marissa Horning		
Fire Police Captain:	Robert Dierolf		

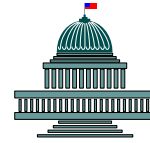
Our annual Spring Raffle will be held on Sunday, April 19th from 1PM - 4PM at the fire hall, 1660 Quaker Road. Tickets are \$20 and are available from any fireperson.

RecruitNY will take place this year on Sunday, April 26th from 9AM - 1PM at the Niagara County Public Training Facility on Niagara Street Extension in Lockport. Please bring your family and come meet your local fire personnel. Hands-on activities and live demonstrations are planned for the event. Perhaps you will find the FIRE IN YOU and want to join your local fire department. As always, new members are welcome. Stop by any Thursday evening at the fire hall for an application, talk with our members and see what we do for our community.

Please keep your driveways clear of any obstructions in the event of an emergency. Overgrown trees or the like could cause difficulties and hamper our efforts to help you in times of need.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Emma's Mission for donating 2 sets of pet oxygen masks to the fire department. This is a very valuable addition to our life-saving equipment.

UPDATE FROM LEGISLATOR JOHN SYRACUSE



PARKS

I would like to provide current updates to our parks.

Improvements to the **West Canal Marina** consisted of reconstruction of the shoreline breakwall, shoreline walkway, as well as the installation of water and electrical hook-ups for boaters. We also installed a new playground that has modern play equipment and, fittingly, incorporates a blue and yellow boat theme which is consistent with the beautiful Erie Canal.

We completed the "Pine Grove" Playground at **Krull Park**. This new play area has been named the "Pine Grove Playground" in order to remember the rich history of **Krull Park**. The new facility includes a pine tree theme with modern play equipment which replaced the existing playground that was originally installed in the 1990s.

The next playground update will be at **Oppenheim Park, Wheatfield**. This work should be completed by this summer. The playground will have a zoo theme that pays homage to the old Oppenheim Zoo, which many remember, opened in 1943. Back then, Burmese yaks, Mynah birds, Angora goats and Rhesus monkeys greeted patrons.

Bonds Lake Park is now known as "**The Clyde L. Burmaster Park**". The legislature unanimously supported this name change shortly after the passing of Legislator Clyde Burmaster last year, who was instrumental in advocating for Bonds Lake. The formal dedication will be in the spring of 2020. A major improvement here was the development and installation of a professional-level Disc Golf Course. This picturesque, 18-hole course uses a variety of terrain with tight fairways while also adding some great elevational challenges. The course has 36 turf pads, 18 Professional (blue) and 18 Amateur (White) tees. The front 9 plays down the escarpment and traverses back up the escarpment, with a new scenic pathway overlooking the Niagara Escarpment. This leads you to holes 8 and 9. The back nine starts across the road and makes its way through a mix of woods, open fields and the lake. Disc golfers have been giving us rave reviews. Most disc golfers say it is the best course in the area!

We recently completed the construction of a brand new bathroom facility at **Royalton Ravine**. I previously spoke about disc golf at The Clyde L. Burmaster Park. Well, **Royalton Ravine** will soon be breaking ground on their own 18-hole disc golf course!

The **Niagara County Golf Course** continues to evaluate and upgrade drainage work. The staff has been prepping the equipment and grounds for the 2020 season. CW's 19th Hole Bar and Grill will be returning to operate the concessions.

These upgrades are part of a series of improvements to all county parks. The projects successes are the result of the efforts of the Niagara County Department of Public Works under the direction of the Niagara County Legislature.

Financial assistance has been provided through the efforts of Senator Rob Ortt, who continues to lobby successfully for SAMS Grant funding for our county-wide park projects. Some projects were also funded by the Niagara River Greenway Commission.

We continue to battle the the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). EAB is responsible for the destruction of tens of millions of all 16 species of Ash Trees in more than 30 states. Native to Asia, it most likely arrived in the US hidden in wood-packing materials. The EAB has wreaked havoc on our county parks. The Niagara County Parks, under the guidance of Davey Tree Service, has implemented a Treekeeper program. This is an all-in-one Urban Forestry Management System which will help us manage and replant a large variety of tree species throughout the Niagara County Park system.

In the past 2 years, the Parks Department has removed well over 335 trees at Krull Park alone, most of these were infected by the EAB, dozens also had an irreversible fungal disease.

This year the Parks Department started EAB tree removals at Oppenheim Park. We have removed 80 infected trees in less than 2 months. We are also removing affected trees from Clyde L. Burmaster Park.

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UPDATE FROM LEGISLATOR JOHN SYRACUSE

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UPDATES FROM HIGHWAY

This winter seemed to be one of the better ones compared to years' past. However, ice and snow removal continued to be the majority of our winter work. As most may have observed, several cross culvert extensions were installed to the portion of West Somerset Road between Hess and Hosmer Roads during the month of December. Shoulder reconstruction was initiated at the Hess Road end of West Somerset Road in January. Unfortunately, we still have a tremendous amount of infrastructure work (cross culverts, shoulder repair, water lines, etc) remaining before we initiate a repaving schedule.

We were able to complete our first round of winter road patching to all county roads and are currently working on round two. The highway crew worked through the months of December, January, February and March trimming trees and removing other roadside debris. During this same timetable, drainage issues were addressed along with completing several culvert pipe jetting/cleaning work-orders.

Projects to be initiated this Spring include the milling and repaving of Ransomville Road from the Hamlet to Lake Road. Block Church Road is set to have pipe and shoulder work completed in preparation for milling and subsequent repaving. The same is scheduled for Riddle Road.

I wish all of you have a safe and happy Spring and Summer. God Bless you all, John Syracuse

State law requires all dogs aged 4 months and older to be licensed. If you have a dog staying with you for 30 days or more, a license in that municipality is required. The Town Board has authorized a dog enumeration to be conducted this year so look for a notice in your mail this Spring. Once the enumeration deadline has passed, the Dog Control Officer will be checking homes that have not responded to the enumeration, and spot checking others that may be rumored to have a dog(s). If your dog is found to be unlicensed after the deadline there will be a fee of \$10 per dog added to your dog license along with a possible fine. Avoid added fees and have your dog licensed. If you need a rabies vaccination in order to license your dog, please take advantage of our free Rabies Vaccination Clinic being held on March 21st.

Herbert W. Carr American Legion Post 425

Jon Hotaling, Commander



It is with great pleasure that with the continued support from the Town Board that we will be holding our annual Memorial Day service at the Veterans Memorial on Haight Road on May 25th at 10AM. Guest speaker will be Senator Rob Ortt.

Also, I would like to remind our residents that our Legion Post now offers emergency assistance to Town of Somerset residents. Applications may be picked up at the Town Hall, or by calling Jon Hotaling at 716-345-2799.

New members are wanted. As of July 2019 all veterans are now able to join the American Legion. For more information call 716-345-2799.

From the Barker Public Library



The 2020 Census aims to count every person living in the United States. This count impacts how resources for our families and communities are allocated over the next 10 years. Resources such as public schools, healthcare, food programs, roads & public transportation, affordable housing and our political representation.

Quick Facts:

1. Everyone living in your household should be counted, including children and roommates.
2. The 2020 Census will only ask basic information such as name, age and gender.
3. The Census Bureau does NOT ask for social security numbers or credit card numbers.
4. Information collected through the Census Bureau is federally protected and will NOT be shared with any forms of law enforcement.
5. It is your constitutional right to be counted in the 2020 Census.
6. If New York is undercounted, the strength of our voice in Washington D.C. will be weakened.

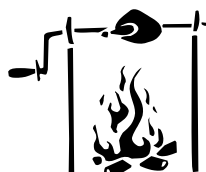
3 ways to complete the 2020 Census



The BARKER PUBLIC LIBRARY will have resources available to help you shape our communities future for the next 10 years. Make a difference by completing your 2020 Census questionnaire!

SOMERSET CONSERVATION CLUB

Our Annual Spring Chicken BBQ will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2020 from Noon until 2PM. The cost is \$10 per dinner, dine in or take-out. Also, we will have a \$5 raffle which will have the cash prizes drawn at the conclusion of the BBQ.



Water/Sewer Department News

Jon Dewart, Water/Sewer/Grounds Superintendent
716-795-9919



Backflow Preventers – Double Check Valve Backflow Preventers are **required** on all new homes, and homes that are being sold. If you have any questions, please call the Water Department.

Before you dig – Remember to call 811 before you do any digging. It is the law that you must call at least **2 full business days in advance** so that the underground utilities have a chance to mark out their lines.

Cemeteries – With the spring weather around the corner, a reminder of cemetery rules: Beginning May 15th, There may be one crock, vase of flowers, shepherd's hook, or wreath per grave. These should be placed immediately next to the headstone. These items shall be removed by November 1st of each year. Wreaths may be placed on the graves after November 1st and shall be removed by April 1st. Eternal Flames may be left year round. Two Eternal Flames are allowed and must be located immediately next to each side of the headstone.

Park Pavilions – Also with the spring weather near if you would like to use the pavilions in the Somerset Park this season, please make a reservation by calling the Town Hall at 716-795-3575 extension 2 for the Town Clerk's office.

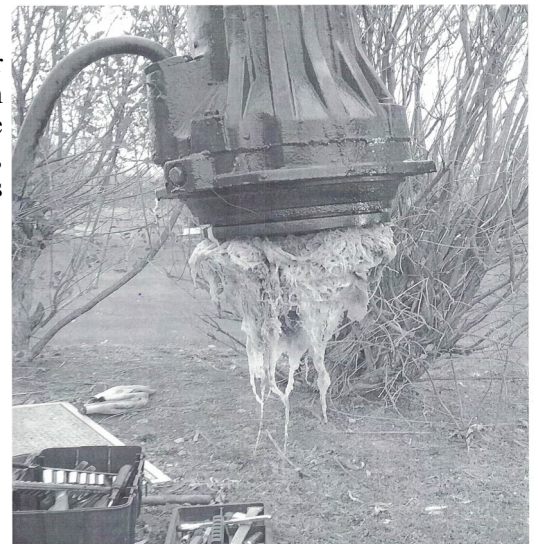
Annual Water Quality Report – You may review the AWQR on the Town's website upon its completion. Go to www.somersetny.org to view it and you may view it in person at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall, or at the Barker Public Library.

Sewer Inspections – The Sewer Department will be conducting inspections throughout the sewer system for illegal connections within households. We will be looking for items such as sump pumps, downspouts, and etc. connected to the sewer. These connections must be removed.

Annual Tire Drop Off will take place the week of **April 20-24 from 7:00am-3:00pm and Saturday April 25 from 9:00am-12:00pm**. The drop off location remains the Highway Garage.

With many homes selling within our town, it is good to remind our neighbors that only proper materials are to be flushed and washed down the drains into the sewer. To save on the cost of repairs and to ensure the proper function of your sewer utility, items such as diapers, WIPES, toys (plastic materials), and excessive grease are examples of materials that should not be disposed of in the sewer system.

Here is a picture of a sewer pump clogged with wipes:



Electronic Recycling – As a reminder Electronic Recycling is ongoing and takes place at the Sewer Plant, at the corner of Quaker Road and Lower Lake Road, on garbage days from 7am-3pm. Batteries, dismantled electronics, and televisions with broken or dismantled glass will not be accepted. If you dismantle electronics to keep the scrap metal, the rest of the electronics should be thrown away as the electronic recycling company will not take them. Also, batteries are not recyclable but you can take lithium batteries to Home Depot. Thank you.



A WIDENING DIVIDE

A column from Senator Rob Ortt (R,C,IP,Ref-North Tonawanda)

After over a year in charge of the State Legislature, it is fair to judge our state's new leadership on the body of work they have prioritized, the issues they have created, and the challenges that we continue to face. It is also fair to point out the growing divide between the needs of Upstate and Western New York and the priorities of the Downstate Democrats who lead all chambers of state government.

Democrats in the State Legislature passed legislation that favors the priorities of New York City at the expense of Upstate and Western New York, which is why I voted against them.

They passed criminal justice reform, which did away with bail for individuals who commit crimes such as aggravated animal cruelty, manslaughter in the second degree, criminal sale of a controlled substance, and possession of child pornography. Now, these offenders are simply released back into our communities with an appearance ticket.

As hard-working families struggle, New York granted drivers licenses ("Green Light" Law) and taxpayer-funded college tuition ("Dream Act") to illegal aliens and made it easier for criminals to avoid federal law enforcement (expansion of sanctuary cities).

In addition, the Farmworker Unionization Act allows part-time seasonal workers the ability to unionize and requires mandatory overtime pay for extended hours of work. This will decimate our small family farms (which are already closing at alarming rates) while making fresh, locally-produced goods more scarce and more expensive.

Democrats also passed additional gun control measures, which further infringe on law-abiding New Yorkers' right to defend themselves. They passed the Reproductive Health Act to allow abortion up to the moment of birth and taxpayer-funded political campaigns to use your tax dollars to fund the campaigns of those running for office.

These are only a few of the laws enacted by the State Legislature over the last year that highlights the chasm between the values of downstate and our own.

The current hot button issue of bail reform provides a stark example as to why everyone's voice matters, not just those downstate. Before passing this legislation, Democrats only spoke with criminal rights' advocates. They refused to hold any statewide public hearings and ignored the voices and concerns of prosecutors, law enforcement, and victims. In the months since these reforms have taken effect, there has been widespread condemnation of these laws from citizens and law enforcement from across our entire state – regardless of party.

That is not how governing should work. When you only listen to one narrow viewpoint, you will end up with laws – and a government – where large segments of the population are ignored. On top of these numerous poorly crafted policies, larger issues remain unaddressed. Our state still faces a budget deficit of over \$4 billion. New York is consistently ranked as one of the least friendly states to do business, one of the worst for economic freedom, and leads the United States in outmigration. These are the issues that matter to our entire state and citizens of all political parties, not just New York City Democrats.



U.S. Department of Homeland Security
United States CoastGuard Auxiliary



Public Education Course Flyer: About Boating Safely

TOPICS INCLUDE:

Introduction to Boating - Types of power boats; sailboats; outboards; paddle boats; houseboats; different uses of boats; various power boating engines; jet drives; family boating basics.

Boating Law - Boat registration; boating regulation; hull identification number; required boat safety equipment; operating safely and reporting accidents; protecting the marine environment; Federal boat law; state boating laws; personal watercraft requirements.

Boat Safety Equipment - Personal flotation devices ("life jackets"); fire extinguishers; sound-producing devices; visual-distress signals; dock lines and rope; first aid kit; anchors and anchor lines; other boating safety equipment. *About Boating Safely*

Safe Boating - Bow riding; alcohol and drug abuse; entering, loading, and trimming a boat; fueling portable and permanent tanks; steering with a tiller and a wheel; docking, undocking and mooring; knots; filling a float plari; checking equipment, fuel, weather and tides; using charts; choosing and using an anchor; safe PWC handling; general water safety.

Navigation - The U.S. Aids to Navigation system; types of buoys and beacons; navigation rules (sometimes referred to as right-of-way rules); avoiding collisions; sound signals; PWC "tunnel vision."

Boating Problems - Hypothermia; boating accidents and rescues; man overboard recovery; capsizing; running aground; river hazards; strainers; emergency radio calls; engine problems; equipment failures; carbon monoxide (CO); other boating and PWC problems.

Trailer, Storing and Protecting Your Boat - Types of trailers; trailer brakes, lights, hitches, tires, and bearings; loading, balancing, and towing a trailer; towing (and backing) a trailer; boat launching and retrieving; boat storage and theft protection; launching, retrieving and storing a PWC.

Hunting and Fishing, Water-skiing and River Boating - Carrying hunting gear and weapons in a boat; fishing from a boat; water-skiing safety guidelines and hand signals; water-skiing with a PWC; navigating rivers, and other boating tips.

Presented by Flotilla 092-03-01 Youngstown, NY

Sat, April 25, 2020

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church 10213 Roosevelt Hwy Lyndonville, NY

If paying by check make it payable to:

U.S.C.G. Auxiliary Flotilla 3-1

To sign up for the course contact the Somerset Town Hall 716-795-3575 ext.2

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RURAL ROUTE

Watch your mailbox for a Dog Census questionnaire!

The Town of Somerset's **2020 Tire Drop Off** will take place
Monday, April 20th - Friday, April 24th from 7AM - 3PM, and
Saturday, April 25th from 9AM - Noon.



****IMPORTANT UPDATE****

Effective immediately absolutely **NO RIMS** will be accepted as recyclers will not take them.