



# Town of Somerset

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Holiday 2016

## From Your Town Clerk

Dear Residents,

I hope you are enjoying the nice weather we are lucky enough to be experiencing this late in the year. I want to take a minute to let you know that the Town offices have been busy working on ways to improve our efficiencies. Soon you will have the opportunity to renew dog licenses online (as long as the rabies information is up-to-date.) Also, with our next water/sewer billing you will notice a change as we are switching vendors to the same company that the Village is using. A little further in the newsletter will be a review of what to look for.

Our recycling company is sending out calendars to all of our residents so be sure to watch for that. I also want to mention an upcoming presentation at the Town Hall on December 6th at 6:00PM. The National Guard will be teaching us how to be prepared in an emergency. The event is free and open to the public so I hope you consider attending.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year.

*Tracy L. Carmer, RMC*  
Town Clerk

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## **A Word From Your Supervisor**

Daniel Engert 795-3575, ext. 3



## WATER/SEWER BILLING UPDATE

There are many exciting changes with the new program we will be using for our billing. You will be able to go online and view your account. There you can see what your usage history is in addition to viewing your bill. You will still have the option to have your payment automatically withdrawn from your checking account. If you have not signed up for it yet, please stop by the Town Hall and pick up a form. You will also still be able to pay your bill online. One of my favorite new options is instead of having your bill mailed to your residence, you may sign up to have your bills emailed. This will save the Town on postage and would be a great benefit to the snowbirds. If you prefer to have your quarterly bill emailed, please email me at [tracy.carmer@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.carmer@gmail.com). In the email, please confirm your accounts since some residents have multiple accounts. If you are a landlord who has the billing sent directly to the tenant, you may also sign up to have the bill emailed to you **in addition** to the tenant receiving the bill. If so, when you send me your email address please note that it is in addition to sending the bill to the tenant so I do not remove the tenant's billing.

Since the transition is still in process, I do not have the specifics that you will need to go online. Once I do, you will receive a letter with instructions. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the town hall.

### HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) - Keep the Home Fires Burning

The new HEAP season for this year will begin November 14, 2016 and closes March 15, 2017.

Applications for Emergency HEAP will be taken effective January 3, 2017.

The HEAP cooling Season will run May 1 to August 31, 2017.

#### Locations:

Lockport Office	Niagara Falls Office
20 East Ave	301 10th St
716-278-8400	716-278-8400
Mon-Fri 8:00pm to 3:45pm	Mon-Fri 8:00pm to 3:45pm

Applications have already been sent (beginning August 22, 2016) to qualified individuals who received HEAP last year and meet the early outreach criteria.

Seniors can obtain help with their applications through the Dale Association Senior/Family Center in Lockport, the Carousel Senior Center in North Tonawanda and the Duke Senior Center in Niagara Falls where volunteers will be available to assist with early outreach application completion, filing on-line and are authorized to accept applications on behalf of our Alternate Certifier—Office for Aging.

The Office For Aging, at 111 Main St, Lockport, also has a friendly staff to assist with early outreach applications. Please call 438-4016.

HEAP applicants can begin filing their applications on-line at: <https://mybenefits.ny.gov/> on November 14, by mail or in person at the Niagara County Department of Social Services offices at 301 10th St, Niagara Falls or 20 East Ave, Lockport.

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**NEWS FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPT.**  
**Mike Flint 795-3866**



**Greetings from The Highway Department**

As plow season is upon us. Please remember that parking vehicles on the side of the road between November and April is both unsafe and illegal. Also, plowing snow across the roads is against NYS Law.

If by chance there is damage done to your mailbox during snow removal by our plows, please leave a message @ 795-3866 with your name and address. I assure you that we will take action as soon as we are able to.

The Highway Department winter hours are Monday to Friday 7:00am to 3:30pm.

The Highway Department would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Joyous New Year this Holiday Season!



**Assessor's Office**

James Bird — Assessor 795-3575, ext. 6  
somersetassessor@roadrunner.com

**Niagara County Assessors Association  
SCHOLARSHIP PRESS RELEASE**

The Niagara County Assessors Association is sponsoring a scholarship to any Niagara County Resident who is a graduating senior from one of the Niagara County High Schools and plans to attend college within New York State in the fall of 2017.

The cash award is \$1000

And may only be used toward the recipient's bona fide costs of attending college.

Applications may be picked up at your local guidance office or your local Assessor's Office, or by writing to:

Scholarship Committee

Niagara County Assessors Association

c/o Jill Lederhouse, Assessor

Town of Lockport

6200 Robinson Rd

Lockport NY 14094

Completed applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2017.

Return completed applications to the above address.

The award will be announced in May.



## **HISTORIAN'S CORNER**

By: Pete Devereaux 795-3575, ext. 7



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## **AMERICAN LEGION POST 425**

The American Legion Museum is open on Wednesdays during  
Adult Education in The Barker School.

The museum is open from 6:00 to 8:00pm in Room 232.

The museum is full of Military Memorabilia and Artifacts  
from the year 1812 to the present.

Please stop by and say hello and have a look around.

If you have any questions, please call:

Jon L. Hotaling at 345-2799

Commander

Herbert W. Carr, NY Post 425

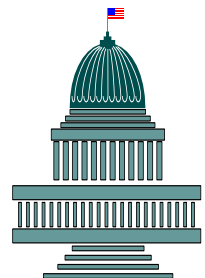
## Water/Sewer Department News

Mel Denny, Water/Sewer/Grounds Superintendent

795-9919



Built to Lead



New York and this nation were founded on the premise that we are all created equal. In the weeks that have followed the election, hate crimes have spiked across the country and this state has not been spared. The governor has set up a hotline for residents who have experienced bias-motivated threats, harassment or discrimination. Please call (888) 392-3644 Monday through Friday from 9AM - 5PM. If you need to report a crime or fear for your safety, call 911.

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**News From:  
Senator Robert G. Ortt  
62nd Senate Dist**



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P.O. Box 368  
Barker, NY 14012-0368

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Fax: 716-795-9041  
Website: [www.somersetny.org](http://www.somersetny.org)

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# RURAL ROUTE BARKER, NY 14012

### *Tax Collection Hours:*

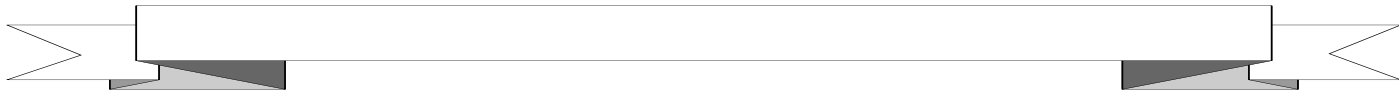
*January 3 to January 31 (Monday—Friday) 9:00am to 4:30pm . (Closed 1/16)*

*February 3, 10, 17, 24, and 28 (Fridays Only) 9:00am to 4:30pm.*

*March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 (Fridays Only) 9:00am to 4:30pm.*

*Payment methods are Check, Cash and Credit Card (fee applies)*

*Also, online @ [www.somersetny.org](http://www.somersetny.org).*



### **Recycling and Trash Holiday Schedule:**

**\*\* December 27, 2016 (Regular pick up) Rescheduled to December 28, 2016**

**\*\* January 3, 2017 (Regular pick up) Rescheduled to January 4, 2017.**

