

# Town of Sennett Newsletter

Spring 2025

## SPRING 2025 UPDATES

*Hello Neighbor/Friend* - We hope you are having a great start to Spring!

It continues to be busy around Sennett Town Hall these days and we have plenty of news to share.

First and foremost our esteemed Judge Richard Timian has retired after 18 years on the bench in Sennett. On February 21, 2025, we celebrated Judge Richard F. Timian Day to honor this fine gentleman. Judge Timian will be missed in the Justice Court system. The good news is however, that town resident, attorney, and married mother of two, Katherine "Kate" Sholar has been appointed to fill the rest of this year's term. She is also on the election ballot in the Fall. Please make Judge Sholar feel welcome in her new position and say hello when you are in Town Hall next (and stay on her good list!).

Speaking of the Justice Court, we now have two wonderful clerks working tirelessly to fill the shoes of retired Court Clerk Debbie French. Please welcome Melissa Perkins and Kelly Snow the next time you visit. Melissa is a married mother of four and Kelly is a married mother of two. Our busy court system is blessed to have these ladies in office supporting our Judges.

At the beginning of 2025 we welcomed in newly elected Highway Superintendent, Brandon La Sagna, who is also a Deputy Fire Chief in the Sennett Fire Department. The snowy season was immediately in high gear when Brandon took office and the Highway Department has had a very busy 2025 so far! Brandon is a proud husband and father of three children.

Another very helpful friendly face in Town Hall is new Deputy Town Clerk Jeana Leamy. Jeana is a Town resident who comes to us part-time after spending years supporting her loving husband Pat Leamy's architectural office. She is working hard on logistics of our busy Town Clerk's office and offers cheery assistance in a variety of areas.

Some physical changes to the Town's properties include new ADA compliant auto opening doors at Town Hall, a new memorial park area next to Town Hall awaiting flag installations, and a new Dog Park addition to the Sennett Town Park next to the Sennett Fire Department. The new Dog Park will be open to all residents and canine pals in May 2025!

The Town is also working with residents on Swamp Road, Carrie Court, Mandy Rue and Route 20 to determine the viability of a possible Water District 8 project. This project would potentially serve over 100 homes and businesses. Grant writing and begging for financial assistance is underway and we will keep everyone posted on outcomes.

I am also happy to report the Town's Q3 2024 Sales Tax collections were \$425,656.76. This is \$100,656.76 higher than the Q3 budget estimate. The Q4 Sales Tax collections totaled \$344,676.81, which is \$19,676.81 higher than the Q4 budget estimate. The Town's sales tax revenues in 2024 exceed budget estimates by \$245,849.46 and the good news is that Sennett continues to see a healthy surplus in its General Fund.

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Your Town Board has recently accomplished the following:

- Continued working on the Town's records digitization project;
- Continued working on an E-Code 360 codification project for Town laws;
- Continued project management work on the rehabilitation of Town Hall Memorial Park;
- Extended a Local Law regarding a Subdivision Moratorium for additional 12 months;
- Negotiated with various service providers for Town ambulance services and begin the process of studying a potential Town Ambulance District (public hearings coming soon);
- Negotiated with the City of Auburn and Cayuga County on wholesale water rates analysis;
- Replaced an aged AED at Town Hall;
- Continued planning for the expansion of the Sennett Town Park and oversaw contract management of a Dog Park addition and adding a public restroom;
- And of course handled many day-to-day issues in the Town as they arose.

Reminder! The Town of Sennett provides easily accessible updates on its Facebook page in order to modernize communication. Just follow Town of Sennett NY on Facebook. Also, the Town's website address is [www.sennettny.org](http://www.sennettny.org). We encourage you to sign up for the Town's electronic newsletter on our website to save printing costs.

Sennett's Town Board meets at 6:00 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you can't make it into Town Hall for the meeting but would like to attend remotely, you can do so by accessing our website ([www.sennettny.org](http://www.sennettny.org)) and clicking on the meeting link. We look forward to your interest and participation in Town business and at Town meetings.

We thank you for your support and hope to see you around Town.

Respectfully,

Tom Blair, *Supervisor*  
([supervisor@sennettny.org](mailto:supervisor@sennettny.org))

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Please support out Town Businesses when you can!

### **COSTA GRANDE**

**360 Grant Avenue Rd**

**Auburn, NY 13021**

*Huge Menu, Great Food, <https://costagrandeauburn.com>.  
Be sure to say Hola to owner Pedro Perez while dining on great Mexican/Guatemalan cuisine !!*



# Water District 8 Improvement Project

A Public hearing was conducted on April 10<sup>th</sup> for residents of this potential district to understand costs, challenges and potential benefits of a WD #8.

More to come on this as assistance with funding is a critical part of making this water district a feasible reality.

## Water & Sewer Dept.

We have been installing the new meters throughout our 6 water districts. We have completed approximately 75% of them. We will be completing the remainder hopefully by the Summer. If you have not yet had your meter head replaced, please contact the water department so we can get that scheduled. We will begin our annual spring hydrant flushing in April. We are going to begin fire hydrant maintenance in Water Districts 1 & 3 this summer as well.

We have also completed our lead service line inventory for the entire town as required by the State of New York Department of Health and it has been accepted by the State.

We installed a new 10 horsepower water pump in our Franklin Street Pumpstation for better efficiency.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please call.

Hope all is well!

Thank you,

Kris A. LaPointe  
*Water & Sewer Superintendent*



## Parks & Recreation Committee

The Sennett Parks and Recreation Committee successfully installed Phase 3 of the playground equipment last June. It's nice to see families enjoying the park. Fencing for the new dog park has been installed by Conner Fencing from Sennett. We are looking to have benches installed in the dog park in short order.. We are looking for any individuals or groups who would be willing to help with this project. Signs will be available to purchase to hang on the fencing for businesses to advertise with their logo. The dog park will be opening soon.

A memorial area is being considered for those wishing to honor their beloved pets that have passed away.

Plans are currently being finalized for a bathroom. The plans will go out for bid upon completion.

We are always looking for new members for our committee. Anyone looking to help us can contact Ed Rizzo 315-224-8135. Donations for this ongoing project can be made payable to "Friends of Sennett Park."

## Town Clerk

Welcome all new residents to the Town!

The 2025 Fishing Regulations Guides have arrived. Those 70 and older receive a reduced rate on hunting/fishing licenses. You may recall, the DEC changed to plain white paper for hunting/fishing licenses. That means you can print your license from your home computer. Please visit [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov) for the latest hunting and fishing information and regulations.

NYS requires ALL dogs over the age of 4 months to be licensed. New licenses must be obtained in person, whereas annual renewals may be submitted by mail. To obtain a new license, the owner must provide to the Town Clerk's office veterinary documentation of a current rabies vaccination and, if spayed or neutered, the certificate issued by the surgeon who performed the procedure.

Cost for spayed or neutered dog is \$8.50/year; unspayed or unneutered dog is \$18.50/year, with a valid rabies shot. Be proactive. Dog enumerations are expensive and fines are charged to unlicensed dog owners. **There are unlicensed dogs, I ask you to please license yours.**

If you have problems with dogs in your area, please reach out to our dog control officer, Suzie Tracy, Canine Cove, (315) 224-3110 or [covedogs@outlook.com](mailto:covedogs@outlook.com).

Flags in need of retirement can be dropped off at the Town Hall.

Thanks and have a great day!

Kate Salisbury, *Town Clerk*





The Highway department has purchased a new dump truck so you will see a new truck out and about hauling various materials.

## Highway Department

**SPRING DUMSTER DAYS:** May 3<sup>rd</sup> & May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**FALL DUMPSTER DAYS:** September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Brush clean-up began Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and will continue on the first Monday of each month through October.

Please remember it will take us a few days to get through the Town so we may not get to you the first Monday but we will be around by the end of that week. Please remember **WE WILL NOT PICK UP PLASTIC BAGS.**

**\*\*Please do not put any grass or brush in the roadway.\*\***

We will be doing mulch again this year. Please contact the highway department to be added to the list of deliveries. It is also available for you to pick up.

The Highway Department will be doing road repairs this summer. Milling and paving will be done on Foxcroft Circle, South Hunter Avenue to Walnut Street Ext., and Parkwood Lane. Oil and stone will be done on Cherry Street Road from Center Street to Miller Road, Parcell Road and Swamp Road.

Have a great spring and summer!

Thank you,

Brandon La Sagna  
*Sennett Highway Superintendent*

## Planning Board

Since our last newsletter, the Town of Sennett Planning Board has been busy. In the early Fall, the Board approved a new pole barn on the property of All Ways Pumping on Turnpike Rd. This allows them more space to keep up their operation.

The Board also reviewed a change of use permit for Gallinger Heating and Plumbing at 409 Grant Avenue Rd. The business will be using the building as the base of their operation for cleaning and servicing, new construction and residential services.

The Board has been working hard to review plans for a Pizza Hut relocation to 365 Grant Avenue Rd. If approved, the restaurant will be the first in the area with a drive-thru. As you can imagine, the construction of a new restaurant takes some time and we appreciate the public's patience with this project.

We also reviewed a handful of residential subdivisions.

Sincerely,

Bob Edmunds  
*Planning Board Chairman*

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## Zoning Board of Appeals

As a reminder, your ZBA works impartially as a zoning and land use appellate board. It hears appeals from decisions of the Codes/ Zoning Office and reviews area and use variance requests. The ZBA may also evaluate special permit applications. It functions as a safety "valve" to relieve the pressure of inflexible zoning provisions and has the power, on appeal, to interpret zoning codes or local laws and to grant variances. In essence, the ZBA is called upon to issue final decisions on many of the Town's most difficult zoning law interpretations. The board strives to adhere to Town precedent. The Town is currently seeking two ZBA alternates to serve on an as needed basis! If you are interested in serving on this important board, please provide an email to [townclerk@sennettny.org](mailto:townclerk@sennettny.org).

Thank you.

Dennis Sherry  
ZBA Chairman

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## Veteran Affairs Committee

The Sennett Veteran Affairs Committee is comprised of proud resident-patriots. The Committee mission statement is:

*To promote public awareness and enhance the well-being of past and present Town of Sennett service members and their families. To create and foster an awareness of our American heritage by honoring and perpetuating the memory of those patriots who have distinguished themselves by their service and sacrifice while members of the armed forces of the United States, and to promote a greater sense of patriotism and Americanism within the Town of Sennett.*

This committee is extremely proud to welcome U.S. Army and Iraq War Veteran Adam Jenks as Town Veteran Service Officer. Adam will be assisting veterans with claims, questions, and all military related matters during his office hours on Thursdays 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm at the Veteran Service Office in Town Hall.

VETERANS - Please contact Veteran Service Officer Jenks at [veteran@sennettny.org](mailto:veteran@sennettny.org) to see if you are receiving the property tax exemptions available to veterans.



Mural on meeting room wall hand painted by Air Force veteran Tony Clubine.

# Sennett Seniors

Welcome to the Sennett Seniors in 2025. Here are some things about our organization you might like to know:

**When:** We meet the 3rd Wednesday, except January, February, and March.

**Where:** Various restaurants in the area.

**Time:** 11:30 business meeting, lunch (served or buffet) at 12:00 PM and then a program.

**Cost:** \$20 for lunch each month. If you are 90 and over or a veteran, it is \$10.00 each month.

**Dues:** No annual dues are charged to Sennett residents and \$20.00 yearly dues for non-Sennett residents.

**Activities:** Day trips - cost based on activity, bus, and food.

Speakers on various topics, musicians, or entertainers.

*New to you table:* members may bring any small item they no longer need (new or gently used) for others to take. If the item(s) you brought are not "adopted" by another member, PLEASE take your item home. Book and puzzle exchanges take place.

Senior News and Views newsletter is available from the Office for the Aging-Free by calling 315-253-1226.

We would love to have you join us! For more information please contact:

**Kathy Gray** @ 315-253-7731 or **MaryEllen Perry** @ 315-252-0427.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**April 16, 2025** - The April meeting and luncheon was held at The Lodge in Skaneateles.

**May 9-10, 2025** - The Sennett Seniors Indoor Garage Sale at Sennett Fire House on Franklin Street Road. May 9 - 4pm - 6pm; May 10 - 9am - 1pm.

**May 21, 2025** - The May meeting and luncheon will be at The Lodge in Skaneateles at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP by May 12th. Cost is \$20.00 and is due to Kathy or MaryEllen by May 12th.

Upcoming trips are being planned.

## IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE TOWN:

- Building Maintenance (part-time)
- Highway Department - Equipment Operator
- Water Department

Please e-mail letter of interest and resume to [townclerk@sennettny.org](mailto:townclerk@sennettny.org) with position applying for in the subject line.

**Congratulations At Long Last Restaurant** in receiving the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award for a newly emerged small business:

*In Business Less Than 5 Years:* [At Long Last](#)

*Demonstrates entrepreneurship evidenced by diversification, creativity & imagination.*



### Town Supervisor Tom Blair

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### Town Board Members

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### Highway Superintendent

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### Water & Wastewater Superintendent

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## Public Safety Update

### Reverse 911

The Cayuga County Sheriff's Department and E-911 Emergency Communication Department encourage residents to sign up for Community Mass Notification Messages. This sends out alert notifications of emergency situations such as boil water advisories, inmate breaches, missing persons, or any situation that would require a mass notification in a short period of time. Verizon provides landline numbers to the service but cell phones need to be registered.

To sign up text "Cayuga Alerts" to 828-201-3877  
or use the following link  
[secure.hyper-reach.com/comsignup.jsp?id=12642](https://secure.hyper-reach.com/comsignup.jsp?id=12642)

**The Cayuga County Sheriff's Office** is pleased to partner with Offender Watch, a nationwide sex offender registry network that enables seamless collaboration on investigations and tracking of offenders living in our area. Those living in, and visiting, our community can download the free Offender Watch App to search for sex offenders residing in their neighborhood, including the Town of Sennett, and subscribe to receive e-mail alerts from the Sheriff's Office. The app also provides safety tips, links to additional information, and a contact page to communicate with members of the Sheriff's Office. To download the free app, go to the Sheriff's website at <https://www.cayugacounty.us/155/Sheriffs-Office> - and click on the "Sex Offenders" tab. You can also download the app from Google Play or the Apple app store.



Through a Partnership with Cayuga County Office for the Aging and Cayuga County Sheriff's Department, Project Lifesaver is a rapid-response rescue program for individuals who are at risk of wandering and becoming lost. Each participant is fitted with a personalized Project Lifesaver wristband. This unique wristband is a one-ounce battery-operated transmitter that emits an automatic tracking signal.

When needed, this signal can be tracked by specially trained personnel in the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department on the ground or in the air. Search time has typically been reduced from hours and days down to minutes.

Project Lifesaver can provide comfort and peace of mind to caregivers without compromising the safety or dignity of their loved one.



Contact Cayuga County Office for the Aging at (315) 253-1226  
for more information and eligibility requirements.

## Address Signs

If we can't find you, we can't help you:

Features:

- Highly visible day or night
- Reflective material on both sides
- Fade resistant, so it lasts for years
- Pre-drilled holes

Order forms available at either station  
or the Town Offices or contact us

- by phone: Dave Morris 315 729-62
- by email: [chiefs@sennettfire.com](mailto:chiefs@sennettfire.com)

Mounting – Horizontal or Vertical

Color preference – Red, Blue or Green



## Sennett Fire Department

### Alarms

The Sennett Fire Department has experienced its busiest year in the department's 83 year history responding to 635 calls for service through December 2024 compared to 496 in 2023. So far in 2025, the Department has responded to 115 alarms.

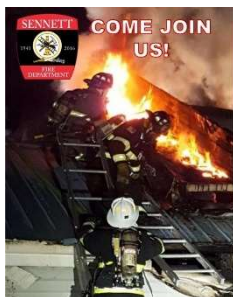
### Recruitment

Your fire department is always looking for those interested in becoming volunteer firefighters. Membership in the Sennett Fire Department is open to fire district residents and those in contiguous areas within a reasonable response distance. All necessary training and equipment are provided at no cost. Other benefits include scholarships – through various local, county and state programs, tuition reimbursement through a limited federal grant, New York State tax credit, an annual free medical evaluation, a Retirement/Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) – a service pension contribution upon serving a minimum tenure. Be a member of a team with an excellent sense of community service and camaraderie. Enjoy the satisfaction that comes with the excitement of helping in diverse situations. Opportunities vary as do time commitments. Stop by one of the fire stations or e-mail a department representative to find out more.

Station 1: 3155 Turnpike Road

Station 2: 3526 Franklin Street Road

[chiefs@sennettfire.com](mailto:chiefs@sennettfire.com).



Sean Holmes  
Sennett Fire Chief

## Town Historian

The History Room is open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 am until Noon for Sennett Town residents.

Historian Jim Vivenzio will be there on Tuesdays and Historian Scott Longtin will be there on Wednesdays. The historians can assist residents on their genealogy searches or just browse through our holdings on the history of the Town of Sennett. Additionally, we have a computer and a printer available for town residents. Historians will assist residents with the use and programs on this computer during office hours.

The History Room took on a project to clean and repaint the nine historical markers located around the town. The project involved cleaning, removing surface rust, and finally repainting the markers in the State colors of Blue and Yellow.

Also, the Historians are looking for photos of the town that you and your family may have in your possession to add to our holdings and to post around our town hall. These may include historic photos of your residence, your family or events. If you have some photos that you would like to include in our history, please contact us or stop in while the history office is open. All photos would be professionally copied and then originals would be returned to you.

Jim Vivenzio, Scott Longtin  
Town Historians

*Records on File: Please note, certain records are for family members only.*

*Death: 1881- Present  
(most complete collection) 1881-Present*

*Birth: 1881-Present*

*Marriage: 1881-Present*

*For genealogy purposes, records are open to all if they are 75 or more years old.*