
Speculator Information



VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS -

MAYOR – MUNRO COLLIE SMITH

Phone: 548-3564 (home)

TRUSTEES – LETTY RUDES,
DEL COOK,
CHERYL PAESTELLA,
WILLIAM TRACY

VILLAGE OFFICE

VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER
- BONNIE PAGE

DEPUTY CLERK –
ROXANNE COOK

OFFICE HOURS – MON. – FRI.
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Closed
holidays.

HIGHWAY DEPT.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS –
ROGER BLANCHARD, JR.

- 518-548-5141

WATER-WASTEWATER DEPT.

WASTEWATER CHIEF
OPERATOR - FLORENCE
BRAUNIUS

WATER/WASTEWATER SYSTEMS
FOREMAN/ROC – JAMES DESROCHERS

PHONE - 518-548-5441

FAX 518-548-5441, EMAIL –
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REFUSE SCHEDULE

Garbage collection in the Village of Speculator will be as follows:

◆ Residential garbage pickup -Summer schedule begins June 1 and ends October 30 with two pickups per week - Monday and Thursday (Monday only on winter schedule). Businesses – Monday and Thursday for summer schedule, after October 30, Monday and Friday.

◆ Holiday Scheduled pickups – Memorial Day will be 6/1/10; 4th of July will be 7/6/10; Labor Day – 9/7/10, Columbus Day – 10/12/10

◆ **ALL REFUSE, TRASH PICKUP, AND RECYCLING MUST BE AT THE CURB AT 7 A.M. THERE WILL BE NO RETURN TRIPS.**

ALL residential garbage shall be in covered containers no more than 30 gallons with handles.

TRASH SCHEDULE

Village of Speculator and Town of Lake Pleasant Clean-up Days are

as follows (ALL WEDNESDAYS):

- ◆ JUNE 9
- ◆ JULY 7
- ◆ AUGUST 4
- ◆ SEPTEMBER 8
- ◆ OCTOBER 6

Transfer Station Phone -

548-DUMP Open - Mon - Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

VILLAGE OF
SPECULATOR
P. O. BOX 396
ELM LAKE ROAD
SPECULATOR, NY 12164
518-548-7354

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Provider and Employer.*

*Complaints of discrimination should be sent to:
USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights,
Washington, DC 20250-9410*



RECYCLING

Recyclables will be picked up each Tuesday from June 1 through September 30. During the winter months, it will be the second and last Tuesday of the month. Please place recyclables in clear bags.

HIGHWAY DEPT.

Working under Dept. of Public Works Superintendent Roger Blanchard, Jr., the crew consists of Wayne Lucas, Jeremy Edwards and Farrell Call. The Village has hired three temporary laborers this summer. They've been making the village properties look nice for the summer so please do your part by keeping our streets clean! Refuse left overnight invites animals to scatter it about the community. Remember that Summer garbage collection starts June 1. Please place garbage in appropriate containers and do not leave bags on the roadside. Help keep Speculator clean!

WATER-SEWER BILLS

Meters are read in the month prior to the following billing dates so that there is approximately three months between readings. The bills are mailed on or about February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. The February 1 billing was only a base bill for many customers. This, of course, was due to the snow cover on the touchpads. If there are issues with snow cover or inaccessibility, a bill for the base amount is always sent. **Effective May 1, the rates increased 1% for both the base rate and usage fees.** This will affect your August 1 bill. The new rates are as follows:

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Water - \$12.29/month or \$36.87/quarter and \$4.55/1,000 gallons; Sewer - \$28.76/month or \$86.28/quarter and \$4.45/1,000 gallons. The Village has also been gradually changing many customers to radio read devices which will be read remotely and actual usage will be charged with every bill. By reading more meters quarterly, there is a better chance of loss detection; i.e. leaks or breaks in the property owner's lines past the meter. Please check for leaks, running toilets, etc., in your water system as it will certainly have an effect on your usage.

In May, there was a significant leak found under the well control building. The Water Department worked quickly to get this repaired. There is no way to tell how long it may have been leaking but finding this problem and the subsequent repair may solve the water loss issue that the Village has been experiencing for many years. The Water Department has been diligent in attempting to solve this problem through many avenues including outside assistance but the problem continued. This repair could result in cost savings for the system.

If you need assistance from the Water or Sewer Department, they can be reached at 518-548-5441.

WASTEWATER CHIEF OPERATOR FLORENCE BRAUNIOUS CONTINUES AS PRESIDENT OF NY RURAL WATER ASSN.

Florence Braunius, Wastewater Chief Operator and Water Operator, was recently reappointed as President of the Board of Directors of the New York Rural Water

Association at the Annual Technical Conference held May 24-27, 2010. NY Rural Water Association has over 1400 water and wastewater systems as members. The association provides free technical service to its members and training to water and wastewater operators throughout the State. Be sure to congratulate Florence!



WATER-WASTEWATER NEWS

The Water Department was the recipient of grant monies from the NYS Local Government Grant Program. With this funding the Village will be able to install an additional 70 radio read units for the water meters, bringing our total number of radio read units to 270 of the 409 meters in the Village. This technology will allow us to accurately read 66% of meters at each billing period. The remainder of the meters will still continue to be read when the touch pads are accessible.

The Village has agreed to move forward with an application for funding the sewer line extension Route # 8 westward to the Town line, the connection of the homes north of the intersection on Route # 30, and the homes on Wheeler Lane. The Village is actively pursuing avenues which would increase our potential for grant monies and 0% financing. At this point, our project scores very low on the funding line for USDA and or NYS EFC financing. With a completed application on file, the Village will be ready to take advantage of the best funding opportunity when it becomes available.

The Wastewater Department was also the recipient of grant monies through the Green Innovative Grant Program. The Village was awarded funds for the purchase of a pole camera and a sewer line camera. The pole camera allows us to inspect the condition of our manholes without a person entering into a manhole. The push

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camera gives us the ability to see what the condition of our collections system pipes. All of this goes directly to a computer and the pictures can be saved for reference in the future. This will allow the staff to prioritize the repair work and budget accordingly.

As always, a few reminders:

FOG (fats oil and grease) are solid wastes. Dispose of these items appropriately, not down the drain.

AWQR (Annual Water Quality Report) Everyone receives a report, and if you have questions, please call the Water Department at 548 5441. Once again if you prefer to have it electronically, please contact the Water Department at specwwtp@frontiernet.net.

Sump Pumps are illegal connections so please disconnect them from sewer system.

If you have any questions regarding your water or wastewater service please call the departments at 548-5441. The department is staffed by Florence Braunius, Jim Desrochers and Rob Peck.

Have an enjoyable summer season!

BEACH OPENING

The Village will open the Beach on June 26th for the Summer Season. We have four lifeguards and one of them will teach swimming lessons. Lessons usually begin the Monday after the July 4th holiday and we expect to continue this tradition. Please see the lifeguards regarding lesson times.



PAVILION AND BALLFIELD USE

Organizations and individuals anticipating use of the ballfield or pavilion for any activity *must* schedule the date with the Village Clerk. You won't know if your activity conflicts with another group if it is not on the schedule. Please remember the pavilion and ballfield are public places and while you may reserve the use of the area, all residents are entitled to the free use of these municipal facilities. Reserving the area only indicates that no other organization or event has the area scheduled.



VILLAGE CLERK- TREASURER REMAINS ACTIVE IN NYS ASSOCIATION OF CITY AND VILLAGE CLERKS AND NYS SOCIETY OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS

Village Clerk-Treasurer Bonnie J. Page was re-elected as Treasurer on the NYS Association of City & Village Clerks for a fifth term. She is also the Chairperson of the Registered Municipal Clerk program for the NYSACVC. The RMC program certifies the education and experience of clerks statewide. The NYSACVC has a membership of over 600. Mrs. Page also continues to serve as the Chairperson of the Credentialed Municipal Finance Officer Program with the New York State Society of Municipal Finance Officers (NYSSMFO). The NYSSMFO has a membership of over 400 statewide.

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HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!!