

THE TOWN OF COLUMBUS

Quarterly Newsletter



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Do you need a ride to health-related appointments? Or are there other places you need to go that are important for your well-being? **Connection to Care**, a transportation provider funded by the federal government, is now operating in Chenango County. Those who use the service are asked to help pay for the ride, but if they are unable to pay, the ride will be provided anyway.

For help, call 1-855-373-4040. You will then be able to explain your situation and receive assistance. Among services provided are pre-paid fuel cards, fares for public transportation, and private transportation. For more information on the internet, look up www.rhnseny.org.

Thank you, to the many people who filled out the Planning Board's survey that accompanied our last newsletter. Over the next few months, your answers and suggestions will help us renew our comprehensive plan – a blueprint for the Town's future planning.

In other Town of Columbus matters:

- The Planning Board is hosting a public information meeting at Norton Park for residents to offer additional input on the Town's Comprehensive Plan on May 18, at 7 p.m. The board members also will discuss responses made through its recent Community Survey. (Please see the December newsletter at www.columbusny.us for more information).
- A big push to improve our roads, including the possibility of employing private contractors to do more work, was discussed at our Feb. 9 meeting. In the last four years, the Board has doubled the outlay for road materials, and in the last two years, our New York State highway aid has increased by more than \$50,000. This summer, our Highway crew is budgeted to have a fourth worker in addition to Highway Superintendent Kevin Cross, as we look forward to good production.
- The Highway Department has a new pickup truck, a Ford F250 four-wheel-drive, purchased on state contract last year for less than \$28,000. This was outfitted with a plow and pressed into service in December.
- A new furnace and an emergency generator will be installed in the Highway Garage-Offices-Courtroom this year to improve efficiency and make this building more useful during emergencies. As the Town Board concentrates on infrastructure, the Buildings and Grounds Committee - Marsha Guzewich and Roger Adams - will take stock of buildings to make sure maintenance is performed on-schedule and upgrades are made with minimal impact on taxes.
- Jane Prohaska and Marsha Guzewich head up the Park Committee, working with Town Clerk Brenda Weidman to operate Norton Park and oversee Columbus Day. Thanks to Park volunteer Lori Grace, blacksmith Steve Kellogg and photographer Rick Crowell will be our artists this year at Columbus Day, funded in part by Golden Artists Colors. Norton Park will open in late May. To reserve the pavilions, follow this link: [http://www.columbusny.us/park-regulations--reservations.html](http://www.columbusny.us/park-regulations-reservations.html), then contact Town Clerk Brenda Weidman either by mail at 4340 State Hwy 80, Sherburne, NY 13460 or by telephone at 847-8891.

**Your Town Board: Roger Adams, Jane Prohaska, Marsha Guzewich,
Pamela Weidman and Tom Grace**

**Town Board meetings are held in the courtroom at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday;
Planning Board meetings, same place, at 7 p.m. third Thursday. If you have questions,
please contact a Board member or call the Town Clerk at 607-847-8891.**