



THE VILLAGE OF EAST NASSAU

Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2015

Village Road Surface Upgrades Planned

After years of investing in building the bases of our unpaved roads, we have the opportunity to upgrade the surface of these roads using a "double chipseal". Pavement remains an option beyond our modest budget, but a double chipseal is an affordable hard road surface with much lower maintenance than the current gravel roads. Chipsealed roads do not require regular dust control or re-grading and should maintain consistent travel surfaces throughout the year. This technology effectively provides a cap over our gravel roads and is possible only because of the current excellent condition of our gravel roads. Our first double chipseal effort was on Gardner Hill Road in 2014. Building on the success there, we expect to apply the same surface to Town Garage Road in 2016. The goal is to add another of our gravel roads to the list every two years, if budgets allow. Funding for this effort comes from our allocation from the state Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS). Pooling two years' worth of CHIPS allocations at a time allows us to complete the surface upgrades using these funds almost exclusively with no impact on the rest of our budget or tax levy. While chip sealed roads are not maintenance-free, we hope the savings realized from eliminating the constant maintenance required on gravel roads will offset the expense of the less frequent chip seal maintenance cycle.

Please visit the official Village of East Nassau website:
villageofeastnassau.org

Living With Our Wild Neighbors



Knowing how to live with neighbors is an important part of living in a village. The Village of East Nassau is one of the most rural villages in New York State. We have worked hard to protect our natural environment and the open

spaces so important to our village. As a result, most of the time, we have more wild (non-human) neighbors than human ones. So, here is a quick reminder about living among our non-human neighbors: Do Not Feed Wild Animals! The DEC has many resources to help residents understand the dangers and the laws surrounding feeding wildlife but everyone should know that regulations prohibit the intentional and unintentional feeding of several species of wildlife including deer, moose, and bear. For info: www.dec.ny.gov/animals/74763.html

Senior Advocacy Committee Formed



Earlier this year, the Village of East Nassau Senior Advocacy Committee (SAC) was formed. This group seeks to identify unmet needs of our senior residents and look for solutions to satisfy those needs. Those solutions may include facilitating access to available programs, defining and creating new services, and advocating for resources within the village and beyond to meet the identified needs. The committee's

information phone number is 518.712.9836 and the committee email address is sac@villageofeastnassau.org. Please call or email with questions, comments, suggestions, or requests for assistance – or if you want to join the group!

A Note About Using Village Roads

Many have complained about excessive speeds on roads in our village, especially the state roads (66 and 20). Unfortunately, while we continue to advocate for lowering speed limits on those roads through the village, we have no direct control over them. We do have control over speed limits on village roads, however. All village roads have a speed limit of 30 mph. Additionally, commercial traffic (trucks larger than

6,000 pounds) is prohibited from using village roads as through routes (local delivery is, of course, permitted). This rule was put into place by a 2003 local law to protect the safety of residents and property and to prevent deterioration of our roadways. If you notice abusive use of our local roads, please report it to the NYState police for enforcement action!



Second Annual Cookie Contest Approaching!

The second annual Village of East Nassau Cookie Contest is scheduled for November 8th at the Hoags Corners Fire House! Proceeds from the event will be used to support the efforts of the Senior Advocacy Committee. The winning cookie will be named the official Village of East Nassau Cookie for 2016! In addition to the contest itself, a celebration of cookies and community will be held the afternoon of the contest. The celebration will include a Chinese Auction, music, lots of fun, and of course lots of cookies! Entrance to the celebration costs \$5 (and includes 5 tickets for the Chinese Auction). Kids get in free. This year, the theme is Heirloom Cookies. So get out your old family recipes (and kids, ask grandma to help)!

To enter the contest, fill out an entry form and submit it with \$10, your cookie recipe, and two dozen of your cookies on the day of the contest.

For more information, go to: villageofeastnassau.org/cookie.

Important Phone Numbers

- Village Hall.....794 0289
Leave Message – Checked Daily
- Village Mayor.....712 9635
- Village DPW.....478 6075
- Code Enforcement and Building Permits.....794 0095
- Village Clerk.....285 0713
- Nassau Transfer Station...766 2844
- Nassau Town Clerk.....766 2343
- Nassau Assessor.....766 3559
- East Nassau Post Office..794 9741
- Brainard Post Office.....794 7282
- Nassau Library.....766 2715
- New York State Police.....732 4777
Non-Emergency

Upcoming Village Elections



Unfortunately, there are many different election cycles in New York State, making it confusing for us to actively follow

them all. There are the national, state, county, and town elections that happen in November, village elections that happen in March, School District elections that happen in May, Fire District elections that happen in December, etc. Well, you get the idea – it's difficult to stay up on all the elections and understand what are the issues and who are the candidates. While the November elections seem to get most of the media coverage, local elections are where every vote has the greatest significance. By many metrics, the smallest municipal entities are the

most efficient and impactful. So, hopefully, everyone will engage appropriately when our village elections roll around again. Here are the parameters of the upcoming village elections (to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016). Two Board of Trustees positions (currently held by William Davis and Lydia Davis) and the mayor's position (currently held by Mitchell Levinn) are all up for election in 2016. Nominating petitions, required to get on the ballot, are due to the village clerk by February 9, 2016 (they cannot be signed before December 29, 2015). The village web site (villageofeastnassau.org/elections) has this and more information. Contact Diane Maguire, our village clerk (clerk@villageofeastnassau.org) with election questions or issues.

Volunteer Opportunities

One of the ways a small rural village such as ours is able to maintain services to support the essential needs of the community is by having everyone chip in to help whenever possible. There are many opportunities to volunteer both within village government and with other organizations in the area. Here are just a few: Fire Departments (the Tsatsawassa Protective Fire Company and the Hoags Corners Volunteer Fire Company) provide response to all manner of emergencies. They offer training and gear for members interested in firematic and/or EMS response (www.hoagscornersfire.org). Hoags Corners Ambulance provides

emergency medical services including transport to area hospitals when needed (see hcamb.org); and the Senior Advocacy Committee (an official committee of the village) seeks to identify unmet needs of our senior residents and look for solutions to satisfy those needs. Visit: villageofeastnassau.org/sac

There are many other ways to contribute to the well-being of the community from working outside on lawn and landscaping efforts in our park to assisting with clerical tasks in the village office. Contact the mayor (mayor@villageofeastnassau.org) for more information.

East Nassau Village Board Meetings

Village board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The exception is in the month of April when the village board meeting is held on the first Monday of the month.