



*Gay H. Lenhard*  
Town Supervisor

## *Notice of 2017 Town Budget Public Hearing*

**BUDGET:** After five years with no tax increase, and a reduction of taxes in 2013 and 2014, it was necessary to impose a slight increase in 2016, without exceeding the tax cap. Unfortunately, like many other towns, for 2017 the Town Board has agreed that we need to exceed the tax cap of .68%. In order for us to continue the services that are required for our town and village, there will be a slight increase for all residents of eight cents (\$.08) in town taxes to a rate of \$5.71 per thousand. Village taxes will show

the same amount (\$.08) of increase to \$4.16 per thousand. These numbers reflect a balancing of tax rates between the two entities as prescribed by the New York State Auditor.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The Public is invited to attend a public hearing regarding the 2017 Budget and Special Districts on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Ogden Community Center, 269 Ogden Center Road, Spencerport, NY 14559. You may view the budget on our website at [www.ogdenny.com](http://www.ogdenny.com). A copy of the budget is also available at the Ogden Town Clerk's Office.

Carol Coburn, Ogden Historian

## *Bicentennial/ Sesquicentennial Celebration Activities*

### **KICKOFF**

**November 4, 2016:**

- "A WALK THROUGH HISTORY" dinner theater at Whittier Party House. \$25 per person. For reservations call 797-7247

### **2017**

#### **January:**

- PROCLAMATION designating Bicentennial Year of Ogden
- SLEDDING

#### **February:**

- SWEET BITES NIGHT: Ogden Farmers Library

#### **March:**

- CELEBRATION OF THE HERITAGE OF OUR SETTLERS.

#### **April:**

- RECHARTER of the Village of Spencerport
- STUDENT MEDIA CONTEST

#### **May:**

- HOME TOURS THROUGHOUT OGDEN
- LANDMARK WALKING TOUR OF VILLAGE

#### **June:**

- FIREMENS PARADE - FLOAT

#### **July:**

- FIREWORKS

#### **August:**

- CANAL SPLASH

#### **September:**

- BAR B QUE & HOEDOWN

#### **October:**

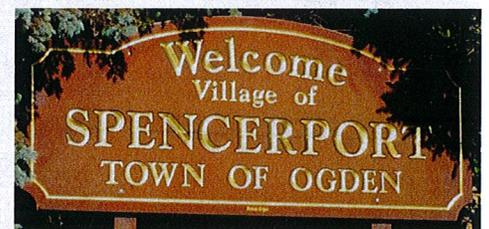
- SPIRITS OF SPENCERPORT GHOSTS WALK

#### **November:**

- FARMERS' MARKET & POT LUCK SUPPER

#### **December:**

- 19th CENTURY CHURCH SERVICES will be featured all year long



Andrea Hansen, Parks & Recreation Director

## ***Parks & Recreation***

In 2012, our Town received a grant through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation



for the development of a new park on the South side of the Erie Canal. After many years of permits, approvals, and development, the Ogden Heritage Park will be open to the public this fall. This new park has a boat dock, a floating dock, and picnic tables, grills, and benches for your enjoyment. The trail will lead you west towards the Village of Spencerport. We invite you to visit Ogden's newest park for a day of relaxation. Please respect our resources and our neighbors- remove litter and stay on the pathways. The park will be open sunrise to sunset.

Pineway Ponds Park didn't miss out on updates, though they were minor in comparison. The Splash Pad pump drain systems were upgraded...an im-

provement that would be unnoticed by most patrons visiting; however it has greatly improved our maintenance. In addition, the large parking lot behind the plaza was paved. Lines will be placed on this lot soon. This should help to improve parking for our Youth Organization games and practices.



Don't miss out on many fun events and activities over the next few months! We have programs for all ages and skills. The return of our Town Trick or Treat is on Saturday, October 29 from 2-4pm. Start at the Spencerport Trolley Depot for a map, and then meander your way through different shops and restaurants before ending at the Ogden Senior Center for a 3:30pm costume contest! The widely-popular Townwide Garage Sale makes its semi-annual return on Saturday, October 22 from 9am-2pm. Shop from over 40 vendors and get a head start on the

holidays! The 2017 Winter/Spring Activity Guide will be released in mid-December with more programming to get you through the cold days of Winter.

Patrick Smith, Building Inspector

## ***Building Department***

### **Monroe County Home Improvement Program (HIP):**

Each year through the use of federal funds, Monroe County is able to help income-eligible homeowners repair and revitalize their homes.

The Building Department has brochures which contain program eligibility requirements, as well as the application and a checklist of acceptable documentation for determination of program eligibility. The information you will be privy to provides what eligible repairs are acceptable. Routine maintenance, remodeling and cosmetic improvements are generally not eligible. Depending upon household income and the cost of needed repairs, you may qualify for a grant up to \$20,000.

If you have a need and believe you might be eligible, please take advantage of this service and stop into the Building Department during normal work hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Noelle M. Burley, Town Clerk

## ***Town Clerks Office***

Come to the Town Clerks office for your hunting/fishing license, dog license, marriage license and or Passports.

Passports or Passports cards are required to cross the borders into Canada and Mexico.

We issue passports, Passport cards and can take passport photos.

Passport Fees:  
Adults \$135.00

Children (under 16) \$105.00

Photos \$10.00 per person

Passport cards are valid for land and sea crossings between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean only (if you are going on a cruise, please check with your agent)

Passport Card Fees:

Adult \$55.00

Children (under 16) \$ 40.00

The application process is now taking 4 to 6 weeks. Refer to the Town Clerk website at

[www.ogdenny.com](http://www.ogdenny.com) for additional information regarding:

\*proof of citizenship or identity

\*payment details

\*original birth certificates

Your birth certificate must be certified and it must include parents' names. Notices of birth are not acceptable.

Collecting taxes is another service we offer. Tax information can be found at [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov). New features include ability to view/pay taxes online. Click the link on the home page and follow the prompts to locate your

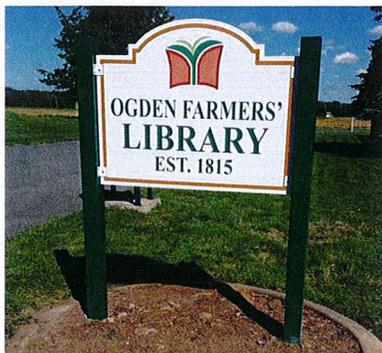
payment history. You may also pick it up in person at the Tax Receiver office. If you require a mailed copy of the receipt, please be aware that it will take 5 to 10 business days to fill the request.



*Left to Right: Sarah Gramling, Noelle Burley, Valorie Thomas*

John Cohen, Director

## Ogden Farmers' Library



Looking for more than just books? Look no further. Ogden Farmers' Library offers an array of movies, music, classes & events, technology assistance, story times, genealogy resources, quiet study rooms, and more!

Need technology help? Ogden Farmers' Library hosts a series of technology assistance classes, one-on-one technology counseling, a new laptop lab, and a monthly program called "Appy Hour," where we explore mobile-apps and enjoy handcrafted Mocktails. If you need help with your e-reader, tablet, cell-phone, laptop, etc. feel free to call us and



schedule an appointment with one of our tech-savvy librarians!

If you have children, be sure to bring them for their first library card! Our children's room is big and they will love our huge "Very Hungry Caterpillar" hanging above the picture books! We have Preschool Story Time (Tues & Fri @ 10:15am) as well as Baby & Toddler Story Time (Thurs @ 10:15am). Not available in the mornings? Catch us for Pajama Story Time or Lego Club, both offered on select Thursday evenings.

Have a bored teen? Check out our monthly Teen Programs, including a monthly Teen Craft, a writing group, an advisor's group, and more. OFL features many opportunities for Teen Volunteers to complete their service hours for school and extracurricular clubs. Please call the library for more information.

Feel free to visit us online [www.ogdenlibrary.com](http://www.ogdenlibrary.com), Facebook, Twitter or Instagram @ogdenlibrary, call us (585)617-6181 or stop in and say hi!

Sue Mears

## Ogden Senior Center

"AT OSC, WE'RE ALL ABOUT ACTIVE!" is a great slogan for all the busy-ness at the Ogden Senior Center.

Our program is filled with speakers on health and wellness (including Medicare Supplemental Insurance), presentations by local authors, and appearances by local state, county, and town officials. Craft classes twice a month, exercise programs twice a week with a certified exercise instructor from Episcopal Senior Life, a flu shot clinic, AARP Safe Driving classes twice a year, and even First Aid/CPR/AED training – every day is filled with opportunities to expand your horizons, your life, and your circle of friends. And of course we feature trips: Genesee Country Museum, Letchworth leaf-peeping, Susan B Anthony House, a Mystery Trip, Sonnenberg Gardens, and many more. There's even a Fun for Lunch bunch that eats at a different local restaurant every month (we've visited more than 40 so far), and we've just started Fish Fry Fridays.

That's just a sampling of the 985 events-not counting lunches-we hosted last year!

OSC is located at 200 South Union Street, and we meet for lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (\$3 voluntary contribution) at 12:00 noon. Activities are scheduled from 9:00-3:00 so check our calendar in the Suburban News or pick up a copy at the Center.

We'd love to have you join us!

Dave Widger, Highway Supt.

## Highway Department

The Highway Department took advantage of the extremely warm and dry summer weather to diligently work on drainage issues throughout the Town. Creeks, with permits, were cleared, and storm water ponds and ditches were cleaned in an effort to prevent future water backup problems. With the 2015/2016 milder winter, the Highway Department was able to remove many Town trees that were damaged by the emerald ash borer. The Town's brush

truck, which provides a year-round brush, stump, and leaf pickup service to Town residents, also saw a tremendous increase in tree and stump pickups this past year. In addition to this, the Highway Department completed its Town-wide road-widening project. All Town-owned main roads are now widened to approximately 28 feet.



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All meetings of the Town Board, appointed boards, and committees conduct their business according to a regular schedule.

**TOWN BOARD:**  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:00pm  
*Workshops as needed, on alternate Wednesdays at 5:00pm*

**PLANNING BOARD:**  
2nd Thursday at 7:00pm

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**  
1st Thursday at 7:00pm

**CONSERVATION BOARD:**  
1st Tuesday at 7:00pm

Chief Christopher Mears

## **Ogden Police Department**

The Ogden Police Department began testing body-worn cameras this summer. Five officers are evaluating several models and we plan to have them in service before the end of the year. Chief Mears states the cameras have been used on several instances to record evidence at crime scenes. "I'm confident the cameras will show the good police work that our officers are doing every day." The camera shown in the photo is the style commonly worn by police departments in our area and is only slightly larger than a deck of cards. It can record for an entire shift and the



data is downloaded into a secure computer in the Police Department.

We are happy to announce the hiring of Officer Jared Dent, effective September 19th. Officer Dent comes to us from the LeRoy Police Department, where he was an officer for the last four years. Jared possesses a Bachelor's degree from Alfred University and brings with him a wide variety of experience and training. Officer Dent fills the vacancy left by the promotion of Joseph Miller to the rank of Sergeant last year.



Robert A. Criddle, IAO, Assessor

## **STAR Program Change**

Important Change to the STAR Program: If you move to a new residence, new Basic and Enhanced STAR applicants must now register with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance to receive a credit in the form of a check directly from New York State instead of receiving a school property tax exemption. Register anytime at [www.tax.ny.gov/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star) or by phone at (518) 457-2036.

Mailing of Exemption Renewal Applications: Renewal applications for Enhanced STAR, Low-Income Senior Citizen, and other exemptions will be mailed by mid-October 2016. The application deadline is March 1, 2017.

The Assessor's Office page at [www.ogdenny.com](http://www.ogdenny.com) contains links to exemption application forms, various useful publications, and STAR information. Phone: (585) 617-6107.