

# Ogden TOWN TOPICS

FALL 2015



*Gay H. Lenhard*  
Town Supervisor

## **Notice of 2016 Town Budget Public Hearing**

**BUDGET:** After five years with no tax increase, and a reduction of taxes in the last two

years, the Ogden Town Board is presenting the 2016 Budget with a slight increase of ten cents (\$.10) in town taxes to a rate of \$5.63 per thousand. Village taxes will show the same amount of increase to \$4.08 per thousand. These numbers reflect a balancing of tax rates between the two entities as prescribed by the New York State Auditor.

For 2016, we have managed to keep the tax levy under the tax cap. Because of this, our residents will have a continued opportunity to receive "tax freeze" rebate checks beyond 2015.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The Public is invited to attend a public hearing regarding the 2016 Budget and Special Districts on Wednesday, October 28 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 proposed budget is also available at the Ogden Town Clerk's Office.

### **THE OGDEN TOWN BOARD**

is accepting applications for the  
**Zoning Board**  
&  
**Planning Board**

If you are interested in serving your community in this way, please contact the Town Supervisor at 617-6128

Noelle M. Burley, Town Clerk

## **Passport Information**

Come to the Town Clerk's 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 \$8.00 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.



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

Chief Christopher Mears

## **Ogden Police Department**

### **Introducing our new DARE Officer:**

The Police Department is happy to announce the appointment of Officer Deborah Rath as our new DARE officer. She is a retired Monroe County Sheriff's Road Patrol Deputy with prior DARE instructor experience. Officer Rath retired from the United States Air Force Reserve as a Captain. During her active duty years, she served directly under Secretaries Weinberger and Carlucci at the Pentagon. She also completed a short tour in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. During her tenure with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, she was a General Topics Instructor and an Explorer Advisor. She spent some time on every shift at Zone C and a brief period in Zone A. She concluded her career in the Air-

port Security Unit. Officer Rath has lived in Ogden and has numerous friends and family in the area. She is looking forward to returning to the duty of instructing the DARE program for the students in our community. Officer Rath will begin teaching in our schools in October.



*Officer Deborah Rath*

### **Heroin and Narcan**

Heroin use continues to spread across the country, and it affects

us all. Overdoses due to heroin and related drugs increased over 40% in the Rochester area last year alone. To combat this issue, all employees of the Ogden Police Department recently received training in the administration of Narcan, a medication which cancels the effects of heroin and other opiate-based drugs. The training and medication was provided by UR Medicine's Strong Recovery staff. Not even one month later, Officer Ronnie Brett used Narcan to save the life of a citizen who had overdosed and was unresponsive. Chief Christopher Mears presented Officer Brett with a Letter of Recognition, stating, "Your quick action and proper assessment of the situation likely saved this person's life. Had he not been found... and aided by you, he may well have died. Thank you for your service to the people of the Town of Ogden."

Andrea Hansen, Parks & Recreation Director

## **Community Partnerships**

The Parks and Recreation Department is partnering up with a number of local organizations and businesses this season to offer special family-friendly events for the community. In cooperation with the Kiwanis Club of Spencerport, our 1st annual Pineway Ponds 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run was held on Saturday, September 26. Over 80 participants ran and walked from Pineway Ponds Park, through village and town streets and back to the Park in this inaugural event. The first 3 males and females to cross the

finish line were awarded prizes. This event was the culmination of over a year of planning. Thank you to all of those of donated/sponsored this event.

Through partnerships with the Spencerport Area Chamber of Commerce, the Spencerport Trolley Depot and Canal Museum, and the SAHARO Board of the Ogden Senior Center, we are excited to announce our first annual Town Trick or Treat on October 31 from 2-4pm and Shop Local Saturday on November 28 from 10am-12pm. These events will feature special sales and discounts at the businesses and restaurants located throughout our

town, while adding in a few stories, games, and activities for all family members along the way. Families and friends are encouraged to come out to support these events...cheer on a participant, shop in our stores, dine in our restaurants and visit with your neighbors. If your business or organization is interested in teaming up with our Department for a future event, please contact us at [recreation@ogdenny.com](mailto:recreation@ogdenny.com).



John Cohen, Director

## Ogden Farmers' Library



In addition to books, music, and movies, Ogden Farmers' Library offers all kinds of events! For example, Storytime every Tuesday and Friday at 10:15am, Toddler Storytime Thursdays at 10:15am, and Baby Lapsit Storytime Fridays at 10:15am. We also have a summer reading program, 2 book clubs, local history and genealogy discussions, and more.

You can find out more and sign up for events at the library or on our calendar webpage - <http://ogdenlibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventCalendar.aspx>

We'd also like to thank the people of Ogden for their support in our Bicentennial Year 2015! We had a great year, and look forward to 200 more.



Robert A. Criddle, IAO Assessor

## Exemption Renewal Time

**Mailing of Exemption Renewal Applications:** Renewal applications for Enhanced STAR, Low-Income Senior Citizen, and other exemptions will be mailed by early October 2015. Please be sure to contact the Assessor's Office at (585) 617-6107 if you do not receive your renewal application.

**Exemption Application Deadline:** First-time applications for Basic STAR and other real property tax exemptions, as well as renewal applications, must be received by this office by

March 1, 2016. Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than this date. Please note that early filing is always appreciated as it helps to facilitate processing.

The Assessor's Office page at [www.ogdenny.com](http://www.ogdenny.com) contains links to exemption application forms, various publications, and other useful information. As always, please do not hesitate to call or visit the office if you have any questions about exemptions or any other assessment-related issues. We are here to serve

Patrick Smith, Building Inspector

### Building Department



Have you noticed the small round sign on the door as you enter a store or other commercial business? It is 6 inches in diameter and has a white reflective background with bright red symbols and if you did notice it you probably wondered what it meant.

It's called a Truss Identification Sign and its purpose is to alert the fire department in case of a fire as to how the building is constructed, so they will know immediately if the building is constructed of combustible materials such as wood or of noncombustible mate-

rials such as steel or masonry. It also identifies if there are any trusses in the floor or roof which have been known to collapse sooner than other framing methods. The symbol at the top (twelve o'clock position) of the sign denotes the type of construction. There are five types defined by Roman numerals I, II, III, IV, and V with "I" being noncombustible and "V" the most combustible. The lower half of the sign depicts where trusses are located in the structure, with an "F" listed if there are trusses in the floor and an "R" if there are trusses in the roof, and if it has both it would have "FR" listed. Effective January 1st 2015 it became law that all new residential structures and any additions or alterations require this same sign to be affixed to the electric meter box located on the exterior of the structure.

**GAY H. LENHARD**  
*Supervisor*

**TOM COLE**  
*Deputy Supervisor*

**DAVE FEENEY**  
*Councilman*

**MAL PERRY**  
*Councilman*

**TOM USCHOLD**  
*Councilman*

**Phone:** (585) 617-6100

**Fax:** (585) 352-4590

**Website:** [www.ogdenny.com](http://www.ogdenny.com)

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

Carol Coburn, Ogden Historian

## *A Call For Photos*

### **Arcadia History Book:**

You can be a part of the 2017 Ogden Bicentennial/Spencerport Sesquicentennial Celebration!

Donate or loan your original photographs (black and white or color) to be considered for use in the new book being compiled by your historian and a group of interested citizens. The publisher, Arcadia, prefers originals, but will sometimes consider digitally scanned photos or digital photos.

Please bring your photo(s) to the reception desk at Ogden Town Offices between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday before October 31, 2015. If you submit a digital photo, email it to [receptionist@ogdenny.com](mailto:receptionist@ogdenny.com). You will be given a receipt for the photo(s), or an email receipt if digital, that

will designate whether or not you want to have them returned to you. It will also be a release by you to allow the photo to be used for the book and to be retained by the Ogden Historian for the town archives.

For further information, you may call Carol Coburn, Ogden Town Historian at 585-617-6127, 585-594-8947 or 585-733-4943.

Dave Widge, Highway Supt.

## *Highway Department*



-All rural town roadways have been widened from 18' to 28' and rebuilt with hard shoulders. These improvements help keep

the roadways a safer place to travel as vehicles have more room and the road base is more stable.

-We are working on subdivision streets that need maintenance, updating, and general repair.

-We continue to secure conservation permits giving the town permission to clear out drainage ditches. Being able to keep drainage areas flowing alleviates flooding.

-We currently have 75 retention/detention ponds that we have to inspect and maintain every 4 years.

