
Speculator Information



VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS -

MAYOR – LETTY J. RUDES

Phone: 548-7077 (home)

TRUSTEES – DEL COOK,
CHERYL PAESTELLA,
WILLIAM TRACY,
KAREN MCCOMB

VILLAGE OFFICE

VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER
- BONNIE PAGE

DEPUTY CLERK –
ROXANNE COOK

OFFICE HOURS – MON. – FRI.
9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Closed
holidays.

HIGHWAY DEPT.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS –
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WATER-WASTEWATER DEPT.

WASTEWATER CHIEF OPERATOR -
FLORENCE BRAUNUIS

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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 September 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 5/31/11; 4th of July will be 7/5/11; Labor Day – 9/6/11, Columbus Day – 10/11/11

◆ **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 22
- ◆ AUGUST 17
- ◆ OCTOBER 19

Transfer Station Phone -

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

VILLAGE OF
SPECULATOR
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SPECULATOR, NY 12164
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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, Farrell Call and Paul Alfieri. The Village has hired two 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 you have a radio read meter, your reading included usage to date. If there are issues with snow cover or inaccessibility, a bill for the base amount is always sent. **Effective May 1, the rates increased 2% for both the base rate and bill.** The new rates are as follows:

Water - \$12.54/month or \$37.62/quarter and \$4.65/1,000 gallons; Sewer - \$29.34/month or \$88.02/quarter and \$4.54/1,000 gallons. Please check for leaks, running toilets, etc., in your

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water system as it will certainly have an effect on your usage.

A letter was sent to water and sewer customers informing them of a special assessment charged to pay for large unexpected costs for repairs to the water and wastewater systems last year. The water and sewer funds have been underfunded for a long time which resulted in no reserves for these repairs. This special assessment will be charged over four billing periods. If you need assistance from the Water or Sewer Department, they can be reached at 518-548-5441.



WATER-WASTEWATER NEWS

The Village treatment plant is once again looking at ways we can improve our services and find ways to sustain our operations and keep our costs under control.

Currently, the biggest threat to our operations budget is the problems that stem from infiltration and inflow or what the industry refers to as I & I. Inflow is water that is pumped from various sources into our municipal sanitary sewer system. For your information, our system is strictly sanitary sewer. We do not intentionally collect stormwater. Our treatment plant is designed to treat sanitary wastewater. Sump pumps that keep peoples basements dry during wet weather are a major contributor to our flows during wet weather. Normally during March and April, if the weather is dry, our treatment plant has 50,000 gallons per day treated through the system. During this years flooding in the latter weeks of April, we were averaging twice that volume. More grit, more flow, more volume, which means more costs. In electrical costs alone, the pumps were running twice as long as they normally would due to the increase in volume. This means that you, the ratepayers were paying to treat twice as much

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water and it is water that needed no treatment. Would you run your washing machine at home with no clothes in it? Of course not. So why would you connect a sump pump to the sewer line? Convenience? Maybe, but you do pay for this for as the costs to operate the treatment plant go up, so do the rates we charge to pay for it. Stormwater does not belong in the sanitary sewer system.

Infiltration is water that seeps into the system through cracked pipes, and the deterioration found at the manholes. The Village owns a camera that will be able to check the condition of the manholes and explore some of our sewer lines as well.

This summer, the employees will be actively going from door to door to check for illegally connected sump pumps and we will also be verifying the condition of your water meter. Meters were installed 16 years ago, and it is time to review their condition and develop a replacement plan.

The Village has prioritized the needs of our system and reviewed what resources we have available. Managing the needs and resources successfully will keep the Village Wastewater Plant in good condition and operating in compliance.

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.

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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 25th for the Summer Season. We have four lifeguards. As usual, we plan to have swim lessons for the children with more than one water safety instructor. Lessons usually begin the Monday after the July 4th holiday. 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 sixth term at the NYS

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Conference of Mayors Fall Training School last September. 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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VILLAGE OF SPECULATOR **ON FACEBOOK**

If you are on Facebook, visit our page by searching Village of Speculator! We are adding information frequently that you may find useful. We will be happy to add pictures from the community if you'd like to share them.



HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!!