

VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE

NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S CORNER

The Village Board wishes to express their sincere condolences to the family of Henry Douglas. Henry was a village trustee and then Mayor for many years and gave to our community in many capacities. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Please welcome Buell Fuels to our village. They are a full service gas station/convenience store and will even pump your gas.

With the virus making a comeback please be vigilant in wearing a mask when out and about.

You will see changes in the Cedar Street Park. The "Christmas tree" was replaced due to disease. The new tree has been planted in honor of Dave Pearsall, who meant so much to the village and surrounding community. There will be a ceremony with family and friends soon in his honor.

It's winter folks. Please make sure your basements are winterized, keeping your water meter safe from freeze ups.

Also please keep your sidewalks free of snow. The village DPW plows as a courtesy, but ultimately it is your responsibility to maintain. A little common courtesy can make the winter months a little more bearable.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

~ Tom Lane

Village offices are open to the public by appointment only

The public is encouraged to conduct business by phone or electronically.



Water/Sewer Bills are payable
on or before 11/13/20

Weekly Farmers Market in Morrisville



CONYEA (Center of NY Economic Alliance) has organized a weekly farmer's market at the Ag Center at Cornell Cooperative Extension on Eaton Street. The market is held from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m each Wednesday. You'll find fresh & local produce, chicken, beef, eggs, honey, jam, fudge, pies, cookies and more! Please be sure to tell your friends and neighbors and support this much needed market!

Residents Encouraged to Report Violations of the Village Noise Ordinance

The Noise Ordinance was adopted to prevent unreasonably disturbing and unnecessary noise within the village. Such disturbances may include loud parties, barking dogs or loud music. **Residents are strongly encouraged to report noise disturbances by calling 911 or the non-emergency line at 366-2311.** In addition to contacting law enforcement, please also notify the Village Office of your concerns so additional action, if necessary, may be taken by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Notice a street light that's out?

If you notice a street light that's not working properly (out, flickering, or cycling on and off) please report this to the Village Office.

The DPW is no longer picking up leaves or yard waste.

Pickup will begin again in the spring.

COVID-19 Moratorium on Utility and Municipal Shutoffs

Notice to Residential Customers of the Village of Morrisville Municipal Water System

New York State Public Service Law* provides temporary protections for essential utility and municipal services during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you experienced a change of financial circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, utilities and municipalities may not shut off your service for nonpayment, must reconnect your service within 48 hours, and must offer you a deferred payment agreement to pay any balance due.

There are immediate steps you can take to protect your utility service:

◆ **Contact your service provider:**

Your first step is always to contact your utility or municipality. Some utilities and municipalities may require you to self-certify that you've experienced a change in financial circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic to protect your account from shutoff.

◆ **Ask for a deferred payment agreement:**

A deferred payment agreement allows you to pay your balance due in affordable, installment payments. Until March 31, 2021, utilities and municipalities are required to offer deferred payment agreements with no money down, late fees or penalties. You may be required to submit a financial statement documentation to your service provider. *You are still responsible for your utility or municipality bill during and after the moratorium period.*

◆ **Pay what you can:**

While your account may be protected from shutoff, you will still be responsible for the charges for service. *Paying what you can now will help you avoid a larger bill later.*

◆ **Don't wait until it's too late.**

These temporary protections are only available until March 31, 2021. The sooner you contact your utility, the sooner your account will be protected from shutoff.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is eligible for these protections?

A: Residential customers.

Q: What about small business and commercial customers?

A: The new law does not cover small businesses and commercial customers.

Q: What utility and municipal services are covered?

A: Electricity, natural gas, steam, landline telephone, and water. This moratorium does not apply to Village of Morrisville sewer charges (i.e. operation & maintenance (O&M) or sewer).

*Public Service Law §§32, 89-b, 89-l and 91 (Chapter 108 and 126 of the Laws of 2020).

COVID-19 Moratorium on Utility and Municipal Shutoffs - Continued

Q: Which water systems are covered?

A: These protections are available to residential customers of private water companies and municipal (water districts, city, town, village) water systems.

Q: What about cable, internet, and cell phone service?

A: These services are not covered by the law. However, your provider may be offering other, similar protections. Contact your provider to inquire.

Q: How do I certify to my utility or municipality that I've been financially impacted by COVID?

A: Contact your utility or municipality and explain that you've experienced a change in financial circumstances since March 7, 2020 due to COVID-19. Your utility or municipality must accept your self-certification and **cannot** require you document a job loss, pay cut, unemployment filing or other change in your finances as part of the self-certification.

Q: What can I do if my service was shut off for nonpayment?

A: Contact your utility or municipality and ask for your service to be turned on. By law, utilities and municipalities **must** reconnect you within 48 hours until the moratorium expires on March 31, 2021. You can also ask for a deferred payment agreement to help you keep current on your bills.

Q: I need help paying my heating bill this winter.

A: Eligible customers should apply to the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) for help paying their winter heating bills. HEAP opens in November and covers utility and municipal electric and heating services as well as heating oil, propane, and wood. Contact your local Department of Social Services (315-366-2211) or otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/ for more info.

Q: What can I do if my utility does not protect my account?

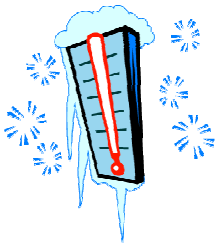
A: Your first step is always to contact your utility and try to work it out with them. If you still need help after speaking with your utility, contact the Department of Public Service Helpline at 1-800-342-3377 (Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm) or www.dps.ny.gov/complaints.

The December meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville will be held on December 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Members of the public body will be participating via videoconferencing technology, with no in-person location. The public may listen to or view this meeting via web-based video technology by going to zoom.us/join and entering Meeting ID 496-003-2450.

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Please be sure all basement windows and doors are closed tightly to prevent your water meter from freezing. Property owners are responsible for the cost to replace frozen meters.

Please remember that there is no overnight parking on any village street (including Route 20) or in any village parking lot. Vehicles parked overnight or hindering snow removal efforts are subject to both ticketing and towing at the owner's expense.



Village Offices will be closed
Thursday, November 26 and
Friday, November 27
in observance of Thanksgiving

2020 MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

As the Christmas holidays approach I find the need for family support the largest in my 35 years as coordinator. As I acknowledge that fact I also know that many of you who have supported this program in the past may not be able to this year. Please give what you can and reach out to me if you are in need of Christmas gifts for your children. Giving back to those who have given in the past is what I believe everyone needs to do.

Remaining very conscious of the current pandemic the 35th Annual Christmas Project will be held on December 11 and 12, 2020 setting appointments to ensure distancing and only allowing one family member to attend. We will observe all social distancing and safety protocols recommended by the State for this event. Your help is needed to make the wishes of many young children come true. Last year, with your help, we served over 180 children and 73 seniors at Crouse Community Center. This year we expect that number to increase due to the unemployment in this area. We are also concerned with the fact that many seniors will not be able to have family visit on Christmas.

Please take this opportunity to send a monetary contribution. In order to receive a tax exempt form, all monetary donations must be made payable to St. Joan of Arc Church, PO Box 1087, Morrisville, NY 13408. Donations of new clothing, toys, games, mittens, hats, children's books, jewelry and stocking stuffers would also be welcomed. Items can be dropped off at the Parker home, 11 W. Maple Ave, Morrisville any Saturday or Sunday morning or call 684-3860 for more information.

Thank you for sharing in the true meaning of this Christmas season. Your caring generosity is greatly appreciated, as it will help make a brighter Christmas for many of the children of the Morrisville area.

Sincerely yours,

Judy W Parker, Coordinator
Morrisville Community Christmas Project 2020

Father Jason Hage
Pastor, St. Joan of Arc Church