

Dear Residents of Wampsville,

After an old fashioned tough winter it's time for spring and your annual Spring newsletter. The newsletter hopes to keep you informed of the business we are conducting, upcoming events, activities and general policy reminders. You can also find this information and letter on our website, [wampsvillecny.org](http://wampsvillecny.org). Our electronic sign is updated regularly with information as well.

**BRUSH PICKUP:** The village hall has leaf bags leftover from last fall, please stop in and get them for FREE! The Town of Lenox will go through the village and pick them up as time allows. If you have bigger branches and brush that needs to be picked up you can leave a message with the highway department at 315-697-2900 to let them know. Yard waste must be in biodegradable paper bags and should not exceed 30 pounds. Brush piles must be neatly stacked with cut ends together. The pile must be not exceed 8 feet long, 6 feet high, 6 feet wide, and limbs no more than 6 inches in diameter. A huge thanks to T.J. Tornatore and his crew for the great job with brush pickup, plowing in our community. Congratulations TJ on your upcoming retirement!

**GARBAGE PICKUP:** Reminder to place the open side of the garbage can towards the street (handle side towards your house) so that the new trucks can pick up the cans. Please place any shredded paper in a paper bag in your recycling bin. As a courtesy, we try to keep some extra recycling bins at the office for pickup in the event one breaks.

**HOT DIGGY DOG:** One of the biggest complaints that I receive is dogs doing their business on other resident's lawns. PLEASE pick up the deposits after your dogs! Not only is it a village ordinance but it's just a common courtesy. Just bring a baggy and clean it up. Another reminder is there is a leash law in the village, please keep your dogs restrained and on the leash.

**TENTATIVE BUDGET:** March 11th the Village Board passed our tentative budget. We were able to keep our tax rate the same, so no increase or decrease in your village property taxes. At our April Meeting we will adopt this budget. The village board has had some great fiscal planning and Wampsville is in great fiscal shape. With the uncertainty of the state's financial shape and a late budget, we were very conservative and decided to leave taxes at the level they are. Thanks again to the hard work of our great board and our like-minded thinking to keep taxes as low as we can.

**AND THE WINNERS ARE:** The Board of Trustee Elections were held on March 18th and you, the residents, decided to keep Dawn Collins and Doug Bailey around for another four years. I am the lucky one that gets to work with them still. Congratulations to you both, the rest of the board members and myself are ready to keep our sleeves rolled up as we work hard to keep the village running smoothly.

**WAMPSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT:** The Wampsville Fire Department responded to 134 calls last year. If you happen to see any member out and about in the community please thank them for their service.

Do you have the fire in you? Our great fire department is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the best damn department, please stop in on any Wednesday night that they are practicing, or anytime you see cars in the parking lot and pick up an application.

**REMINDER PER NEW YORK STATE: A BURN BAN IS IN EFFECT UNTIL MAY 14.**

Fire department elections were held on April 1st. Winners were Chief: Symon Sumner, 1st Assistant: Chris Colvin, 2nd Assistant: Brad Carrier. Congratulations to all, and as always, I'm looking forward to working with you you all. I am grateful for all you do and the relationships and friendships I have made since becoming mayor. A special thank you to Monte Colucci for all that you have done as Chief for Wampsville and the surrounding communities.

**CODES:** The Village of Wampsville contracts with the Town of Lenox codes department. The codes officer is Jason Nisiewicz and the Fire Marshall is Tim Cowen. Jason and Tim are responsible for enforcing codes, approving building permits and making sure properties are properly maintained. The responsibility of the Codes Office of the Town of Lenox and Village of Wampsville is to promote safety and prevent fire by ensuring compliance with the NYS Uniform Building and Fire codes and for the Town and Village to develop in keeping with the vision of the Town and Village Boards through Zoning Codes. The Codes office is dedicated to the strict enforcement of sanitary and property maintenance standards for the good of all of the Town and Villages residents.

**RITA'S RETREAT COFFEE HOUR:** Coffee hour will continue on every Tuesday from 10am to noon until June 24th. As we enjoy our busy summers, we will not meet in July or August. Join us again when we restart, Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you've never joined us, please stop in, take a break and meet some of your neighbors, the mayor and often some board members. You never know who is going to be there!

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** The Wampsville Event Committee will hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Wampsville playground. The scramble for eggs starts at 1:00 pm. Children or grandchildren of residents are welcome to participate. The Easter Bunny will hop on over to meet the children and photos are encouraged.

**VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE:** The village will hold the 3rd annual Village Wide Garage sales on Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> through Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> . Wampsville will do all the advertising for you. This year we are asking you to email [wampsvilleny@verizon.net](mailto:wampsvilleny@verizon.net) with your name, address and the days you will have a sale so we can compile a list of addresses to make them easier to find. For more information visit our website or our Facebook page.

**THE SHOW:** Do you have a vehicle of any sort, shape or size that is "Your Baby", your Pride and Joy? Bring it to our 2nd Annual "The Show" to be held on May 17, 2025 on the fireman's field. Brand new or 100 years old, if its restored, un-restored, tricked out, souped up, raised, lowered, super-powered, under-powered, as long as your ride is AWESOME in your eyes, bring it. Open to trucks, cars, tractors, combines, ATVs, snowmobiles, airplanes, motorcycles, steamboats, etc., all you have to do is get it to the Wampville Firemens Field that Saturday morning. No judging classes, First, Second and Third place cash prizes for Best of Show by "Show" spectators. Food will be provided by local Food Trucks, so there should be something there to satisfy any craving. Flea market and Craft vendors will be on the field.

**SUMMER WAVE:** Last summer the event committee held our inaugural Summer Wave. Friends and neighbors enjoyed great food and music and we are excited to announce we are planning for another great event on Sunday, July 27th. Save the date and look for more details soon!

**Annual Car Show:** On September 7th the Wampsville Fire Department welcomes their annual car show. You can look forward to plenty of cars, food and vendors. This is always a huge hit that is largely attended, so be sure to come join us!

**Board Meetings:** The Village board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Village residents are encouraged to attend. Your concerns and ideas are very important to us. There is always room for new committee members and volunteers at village events. You can find more information on our website, Facebook and our electronic sign.

Have a safe, healthy, and fun summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald Seymour". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'G' and 'S'.

Mayor Jerry Seymour

### **DATES AND ACTIVITIES**

April 19th: Easter Egg Hunt

May 16-18th: Village Wide Garage Sale

May 17th: “The Show”

July 27th: Wampsville Summer Wave

September 8th: Car Show

October Trunk and Treat - Date TBD

December Tree Lighting - Date TBD

Be sure to watch the sign and follow us on Facebook (Village of Wampsville NY) for possible pop-up activities in the village.