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8:00am-4:00pm, M-F

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Tues, 10/11- 7pm
Mon. 11/14- 7pm
Mon. 12/5—7pm
Organizational Mtg.

[Holiday Closings](#)

Mon. 10/10
Columbus Day

Fri. 11/11
Veterans Day

Thu. 11/24, Fri. 11/25
Thanksgiving

Mon. 12/26
Christmas Observed

From the Desk of the Mayor—

We enter the fall after a very busy summer in the Village. Phase one of our water system improvement project has been completed. This included the replacement of water mains and fire hydrants on Center Street and the water main and fire hydrants to Ridge Road School. Phase two is scheduled to begin later this winter. The Village Street Department paved several streets this summer. This included Lilac Drive, Aster Drive, Daffodil Drive, Wisteria Way, Laurel Lane, Marshall Street and Normandy Place.

With the warm and dry summer, Sullivan Park on Thorne Street was very busy. We had fantastic weather for Family Day in July. The afternoon and evening included music, vendors, and fireworks. It was very well attended! The hot, dry weather this summer brought a lot of children and families to the Village pool. The Jazz Festival was also very well attended in August.

Horseheads Police Department Officer Dave Ruhmel retired this summer. Ur thanks for your dedication and service to the Village, Officer Ruhmel! We also welcomed a new addition to the Village Police Department, Officer Ben Howe. Officer How has completed his field service training and is now patrolling our Village.

Another step in the renovations to Sullivan Park has been completed, ground radar testing. This was required to determine if there are areas within the park that will need fill work performed. This fall we will be working on plans to continue the renovation project.

Our annual leaf pick-up will take place this fall in the Village. We ask that residents use paper leaf bags to help eliminate plastic waste. These bags are available at local home centers.

A study regarding the possible formation of a fire district in the Town of Horseheads has been completed by an outside consultant. The joint fire district, if created, will combine the Horseheads Fire Department and the Town and Country Fire Department. During the next few months, the Village Board will be working to determine if a joint fire district will be beneficial to the residents.

Finally, the Horseheads Fire Department will be celebrating their 150th anniversary in 2023. Details of the celebration will be released soon.

Kindest Regards,
Mayor Rob Maloney

Sharing the Road with School Buses:

- *Never* pass a school bus
- If the lights are flashing and/or the stop sign or stop arm is extended you must stop
- Be alert



Watch your speed in school zones!

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS

**Keep your eyes up,
and your phone down**



**Always walk on sidewalks
if available, facing traffic**



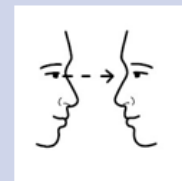
**Look left, right and left again
before crossing the street**



**Do not run or dart out
into the street, do not
cross between parked cars**



Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street



Neighborhood Watch Meeting

October 25, 2022 at 7:00pm

Village Hall, 202 S. Main Street, Horseheads, NY



Don't Forget....

Set your clocks back one hour on
Sunday November 6, 2022



Fall Leaf Pick-up!

We will start doing leaf pickup when the leaves start to fall!



The Village of Horseheads will conduct its curbside leaf pick-up program. Leaves are to be placed in clear plastic bags or brown paper recyclable leaf bags and placed along the curbside. Leaves that are not in clear or recyclable paper bags will **not** be picked up. This is for **leaves only**, if there are other items in the bags, they will not be picked up. Village residents only.

We are encouraging the use of the brown paper recyclable leaf bags.



Christmas Tree Pickup

Curbside disposal of *real* Christmas trees will start on **December 27, 2022**. Place your undecorated real tree at the curb. Village residents only.



NEWS FROM POLICE CHIEF MIKE SUHEY



The Horseheads Police Department has gone back to school! HPD and the Horseheads Central School District have expanded their School Resource Office (SRO) partnership, increasing SRO staffing from three to five officers.

The primary mission of the SROs is the safety and security of all Horseheads CSD students, faculty, staff, and buildings. SROs talk with students and are seen by them throughout the school day. A secondary goal is, through consistent interactions, the SROs and students will develop positive relationships and trust in each other.

The HPD School Resource Officer team is made up of dedicated, veteran police officers who have been through specialized training and are well equipped to be successful in their duties. While each officer is assigned a specific school within the district, the officers work together and are available to provide assistance to one another if needed.

The HPD SRO Team is:

- Officer Howard Leipham – Horseheads High School
- Officer Daniel West – Horseheads Intermediate & Middle Schools
- Officer Scott McGrain – Center Street Elementary
- Officer Steve Cronin – Ridge Road Elementary/Big Flats Elementary
- Officer Michael Wheeler – Gardner Road Elementary/Big Flats Elementary

HPD's full-time patrol officers have also been busy. Officer Benjamin Howe has successfully completed three months of field training.

Sgt. Sean Murray recently completed Procedural Justice Instructor Training offered by the Division of Criminal Justice Services and sponsored by Elmira Police Department.

Sergeants Sean Murray, Patrick Audinwood and Cory Rose shared their police procedure knowledge and instructed courses in radar and taser operations, defensive tactics, and firearms at the Southern Tier Police Academy (STLEA), and also courses sponsored by the Elmira Police Department.

Retirement update – Officer David Ruhmel is now an SRO for Elmira Heights PD at Thomas Edison High School and continues to work with HPD officers and SROs.

The Village has a new part-time officer. Officer Zack Stewart has returned to his roots with the Village PD where he spent three years early in his career. He retired as a Captain from Elmira Police Department and was working as the Session Director for the Police Academy.

Near the end of summer, HPD was invited to attend First Responder Day at Thomas Edison High School. HPD joined Elmira Heights PD and Fire Department. Students in GST BOCES Extended School Year program enjoyed meeting the officers and fire fighters. They learned about the equipment and vehicles and talked with the first responders about their jobs.



Officer Keefe and Officer Howe with GST BOCES student, Clayton

If you see suspicious activity or persons or need to report a possible crime, please contact the Horseheads Police Department at 739-5668. Emergencies, call 911.

VOTE ON THE CHEMUNG COUNTY REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL

November 8, 2022



Here is the question that will be on the back of the ballot:

“Shall the Charter of Chemung County be amended by reapportionment of all Legislative Districts as a result of the 2020 federal decennial census, as required by the Chemung County Charter?”

_____Yes _____No

Below are common questions and answers regarding redistricting. For more information you can go to the County Website at this address: <https://www.chemungcountyny.gov/974/Redistricting>

Q: What is redistricting?

A: Redistricting is the process of re-drawing lines of County Legislative districts, to ensure that each elected Legislator represents about the same number of residents.

Q: Why do we have to redistrict?

A: Every ten (10) years there is a census, and the number of people represented by the Legislators needs to be adjusted to remain in balance with shifts in the County’s population.

Q: Can a redistricting plan change the number of legislative districts?

A: NO! The law requires a proposal to go to the voters that balances population among the existing districts. This is mandatory. There is a separate process that would allow the Legislature to change the Charter and adjust the number of legislative districts. This would require a separate vote.

Q: How many constituents will be in each district?

A: Population shifts since 2010 require redistricting...right now the biggest district has 6,101 people, and the smallest has 4,900 people. With 2022 redistricting, Chemung County’s 15 Legislators would represent about 5,502 people each. This number is right in line with surrounding Counties: Steuben County (17 members) 5,505 each Schuyler County (8 members) 2,237 each Tioga County (9 members) 5,384 each Tompkins County (14 members) 7,753 each Allegany County (15 members) 3,097 each Yates County (14 members) 1,770 each.

Q: How were the new maps created?

A: The Legislature hired an independent redistricting consultant who drew maps according to the law, with NO POLITICAL affiliations considered. The consultant heard input from the public; the Republican and Democratic election commissioners; and communities of interest including NAACP and EOP. The entire process was aimed at keeping communities together. And it was transparent . . . all meetings were open, broadcast, and even recorded!

Q: What impact will redistricting have on me?

A: By adopting the redistricting plan, each person in Chemung County will have an equal voice in the Legislature. Each Legislator will represent 1/15th of the County’s population. Fewer constituents per Legislator afford you better access to your Legislator!

Q: What happens if not enough residents vote in favor of the plan?

A: If the plan passes at November 8, 2022, election, no further redistricting will be performed until after the 2030 census. If it doesn’t pass, the Legislature will have to go through the whole process again and present a plan to the voters each year until it passes.

Horseheads Fire Fundraising

Fundraising is ongoing for the Fire Bell Restoration Project and the Department's Sesquicentennial celebration.

To purchase raffle tickets: Stop by the station or contact any of the firefighters

To make donations: E-mail Chief Artie Sullivan at asullivan@horseheads.org

The historical fire bell has been shipped to Ohio and will take approximately 6 months to restore.

Horseheads Fire Department Sesquicentennial

Help us celebrate 150 years of serving Horseheads!

Save the Date: July 8, 2023

Celebrate with a parade, entertainment and family activities at Thorne Street Park.

Stay tuned for more information!

Trick-or-Treat in the Village

October 31, 2022

5:30pm - 8:00pm



Fire Prevention

Time to update your Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Escape Planning

Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.



SAFETY TIPS

- »» MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- »» KNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- »» HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- »» PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- »» PRACTICE using different ways out.
- »» TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- »» CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- »» If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- »» If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
- »» CALL the fire department from outside your home.

FACTS

- ! A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- ! According to an NFPA survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- ! While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **47%** of those have practiced it.
- ! **One-third** of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only **8%** said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169



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Parks and Recreation

HOLIDAY IN THE SQUARE

Friday, December 16, 2022

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Hanover Square

Vendors, Horse and Carriage Rides, Santa Clause

Super Saturday - 2022/2023 School Year

Horseheads Parks and Recreation's Super Saturday Program will have 3 sessions:

- Session 1: December 3, 10 & 17
- Session 2: January 21, 28, February 4, 11
- Session 4: March 11, 18, 25

Register on www.horseheadsrec.com

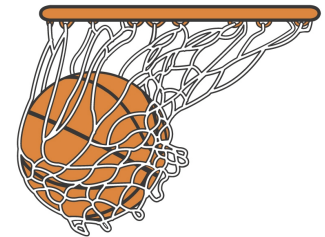
Horseheads Youth Basketball

December 12, 2022 - February 17, 2023

Boys Grades 3-4, 5-6, and 7-9

Girls Grades 3-4, 5-6, and 7-9

Specific Dates and Times to Follow!



To request use of one of the Parks and Recreation facilities, you can request it online!

Create an account and follow the steps.
It's easy as 1, 2, 3!

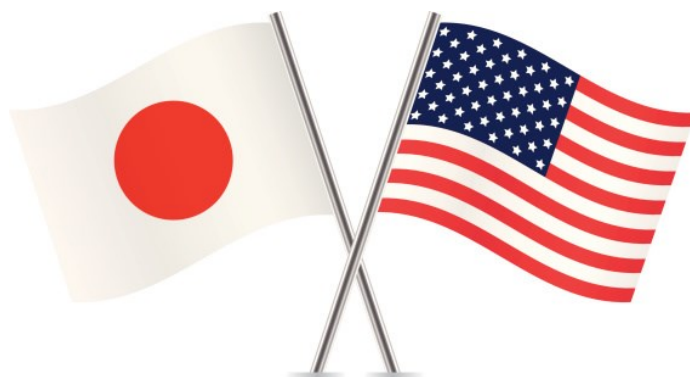


To pay Parks & Recreation program fees, request use of a facility or to keep up to date on what's going on, go online: www.horseheadsrec.com.

Sister Cities International

What is Sister Cities International? Per the Sister Cities website, “We provide our members with a number of programs to support them in promoting citizen diplomacy, and our members work tirelessly to promote peace and understanding through exchanges that focus on arts and culture, youth and education, business and trade, and community development.”

The Horseheads Sister Cities Association (HSCA) is pleased to announce that **they are searching for adult volunteers to be part of a team** to renew the exchange visits between Horseheads and sister city Nakagawa, Japan. They would like to plan an exchange that will start in March 2023



when a delegation of students and adults from Nakagawa spend a week in Horseheads exploring and experiencing family life, schools, and area attractions. Usually, the trip to Horseheads is the first time the Japanese students have been abroad, so it is a very influential experience for them.

They hope for a reciprocal exchange trip to Nakagawa in early July 2023, wherein Horseheads students and adults travel to Nakagawa exploring small community Japanese culture in a similar way.

They are unable to renew this exchange without leaders. Parents and/or educators interested in being part of a team to bring this experience back to our students please contact Kelly Murray
kmurray@horseheadsdistrict.com

They hope to hold an informational meeting in the near future for students in grades 8-11 who reside in the Horseheads school district tax area and are interested in exploring Japanese culture through this experiential young ambassador opportunity.

Odd/Even Parking

The Village is implementing a trial period for odd/even parking within the Village.

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Hours/Days</u>	<u>Location</u>
All Village Streets	Even Numbered Side of Street	2:00am-6:00am / on each <i>even</i> day of the month	Village Wide
All Village Streets	Odd Numbered Side of Street	2:00am-6:00am / on each <i>odd</i> day of the month	Village Wide

WIIA Phase II Construction Areas

The second phase of the Water Improvement Project will begin this spring with the following project areas:

- Water Main Replacement for First Street, Second Street, Third Street, Fourth Street, Liberty Street, Perry Street and South Pine Street
- Loop of water main dead end at Bethany to Biltmore Drive, ELCOR to Arnot Health MOB, Chemung Street to Clair Boulevard and Lorraine Boulevard
- 11 gate valves to be replaced and 211 lateral lead lines to be replaced
- Main line replacement on Orchard Street

Thank you for your patience as the construction continues!

PAYMENT OF TAXES, WATER BILLS, AND COURT FINES

To pay Village Property Taxes (*thru 10/31/2022*), Village Water Bills, and Court Fees online:

<https://www.horseheads.org/village/page/online-payments>

(PLEASE NOTE: IF PAYING YOUR WATER BILL AFTER THE 15TH, PLEASE WAIT 5 DAYS BEFORE ATTEMPTING ONLINE PAYMENTS, OR IT MAY NOT PROCESS CORRECTLY. QUESTIONS CALL 739-5691 #7.)



To pay Parks & Recreation program fees go online to create an account at www.horseheadsrec.com

Village Directory

Village Board

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Trustee	Mike Skroszchnik	trusteemike@horseheads.org	607-738-5704
Trustee	Mark Cronin	mcronin@horseheads.org	607-739-2258

Village Manager's Office

Village Manager	Nathan Nagle	nnagle@horseheads.org	607-739-5666
Executive Assistant	Jessica Molter	jmolter@horseheads.org	607-739-5666

Clerk's Office (Water Bills, Taxes, Cemetery)

Clerk-Treasurer	Donna Dawson	ddawson@horseheads.org	607-739-5691, #7
Deputy Clerk	Kelby Hollenbeck	khollenbeck@horseheads.org	607-739-5691, #7
Part Time Clerk	Avery Decker	adecker@horseheads.org	607-739-5691, #7

Police Department EMERGENCY: DIAL 911

Police Chief	Mike Suhey	msuhey@horseheads.org	607-739-5669
Police Clerk	Scott Zelko	szelko@horseheads.org	607-739-5669, Ext. 301
Police Fax			607-739-5934

Fire Department EMERGENCY: DIAL 911

Fire Chief	Arthur F. Sullivan	asullivan@horseheads.org	607-739-3814
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Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Clerk	Scott Zelko	szelko@horseheads.org	607-739-5669, Ext. 301
Code Officers	Jamie Burgess Bob Young	jburgess@horseheads.org ryoung@horseheads.org	

Village Court Office

Court Clerk	Kelly Talcott	ktalcott@horseheads.org	607-739-0158
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Court Fax			607-796-0263

Parks & Rec

	Nathan Nagle	nnagle@horseheads.org	607-739-5666
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MAYOR: ROBERT MALONEY

TRUSTEES: PATRICIA GROSS
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MEETINGS: SECOND MONDAY AT
7:00PM

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