

# THE NEW HORSEHEADS JOURNAL

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## Horseheads Village Hall

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## Office Hours

8:00am - 4:00pm  
Monday - Friday

## Village Board Meeting Schedule 2022

June 13th - 7pm  
July 11th - 7pm  
August 8th - 7pm  
September 12th - 7pm  
October 11th - 7pm

## Holiday Closings

Monday 5/30  
Memorial Day

Monday 7/4  
July 4th Holiday

Monday 9/5  
Labor Day

Monday 10/10  
Columbus Day

## *From the Desk of the Mayor*

In March we welcomed back the St. Patrick's Day parade after an absence of two years. Although it was delayed by a week due to snow, it was so good to see people lining the streets of the Village watching the parade! Our thanks to the parade committee for all their work in putting this day together! As we head into summer, we look forward to the return of the Memorial Day Parade.

Also in March, Mike Suhey was sworn in as our new police chief. Chief Suhey retired as a lieutenant from the Elmira Police Department and has worked as a part-time officer for our police department for the last couple of years. We look forward to working with Chief Suhey for years to come. My thanks to retiring Chief Tom Sticker for his many years of dedicated service to the Village and wish him well on his retirement.

In April, construction began on the new road which will connect Route 13 and the Old Ithaca Road. The road will extend into the Horseheads Industrial Center to provide a safe route for heavy trucks in and out of the Village. This year a roundabout will be built for the connector road intersection with the Old Ithaca Road. In addition, many improvements in drainage and utilities will be completed on Old Ithaca Road

This year we also begin major improvements on the Village water system. This includes replacement of very old water mains (some dating back to the 1920s), enlargement of selected water mains, and installation of many new fire hydrants. Much of these badly needed updates are being paid for by a state grant.

We are currently putting together a plan for updating of Sullivan Park on Thorne Street. This will be a multi-year project which will include new basketball and tennis courts, building several pickleball courts, new lighting, and a new insert liner for the swimming pool.

Finally, the Village of Horseheads along with the Town of Horseheads have contracted for a study for the creation of a fire district. Should the study support the formation of a district, both the Village and the Town will consider turning over operations of the fire departments serving the Village and Town to a new independent commission. With a nationwide shortage of volunteers hitting us locally, combined with the ever-increasing costs for fire apparatus and equipment, a fire district that would combine the volunteers and resources of multiple fire departments will ensure continued quality fire protection and emergency medical services for decades ahead. We expect the study to be completed this summer.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Rob

# Stormwater Updates

## WHAT IS STORMWATER?

Stormwater is the rainfall or snowmelt that flows over our yards, streets, parking lots, and buildings and either enters the storm drain system or runs directly into a lake or stream.

## WHAT IS A STORM DRAIN?

Storm drains are the openings you see along curbs and in streets and parking lots. They carry away rainwater and snowmelt and transport it through the system to nearby lakes and streams. Water and other debris that enter storm drains do not go to a treatment facility.

## HOW DOES STORMWATER GET POLLUTED?

As stormwater flows over our lawns and driveways, it picks up fertilizers, oil, chemicals, grass clippings, litter, pet waste, and anything else in its path. The storm drain system then transports these pollutants, now in the water, to local lakes and streams. Anything that goes into a storm drain eventually ends up in a lake or stream.

## WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

Stormwater drains directly to our surface waters without any treatment. Unlike waters that flow through the sanitary system that are treated at the waste water treatment plant before being discharged to the lakes, rivers and streams. We want to keep **ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN**, so that our water can stay clean and healthy.



## Primary Election 2022



- Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 6:00am - 9:00pm
- Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 6:00am - 9:00pm

Primary elections are used for political parties to select candidates for the general election.

To determine eligibility to vote in the primaries or for polling location information, please contact the Chemung County Board of Elections at 607-737-5475

## Water Payments

The Village Clerk and Treasurer's Office bills water to Village and Non-Village customers on a quarterly basis with the following due dates:

<b>Service Dates</b>	Jan 16 - April 15	April 16 - July 15	July 16 - Oct 15	Oct 16 - Jan 15
<b>Bills Sent</b>	May 15th	August 15th	November 15th	February 15th
<b>Due Dates</b>	June 15th	September 15th	December 15th	March 15th

You can pay your water bill online (*you will need your account number*):

<https://water.nyquickpay.com/>

At Village Hall, Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm (except holidays)

At our convenient drop box located on Broad Street behind Village Hall



Call the Clerks Office with any questions, 607-739-5691, Option #7

# Village of Horseheads Trash Disposal Program

The Village of Horseheads, in partnership with Chemung County and Casella Waste is proud to once again offer to Village residents a Household Trash Disposal Program in August 2022.

How does it work?

- If you are a Village Resident (Proof of residency is required) and have trash lying around your property or in your basement or shed, the Village will issue to your household a Voucher that can be used to haul one load with up to 1,000 pounds of trash, free of charge, to the Chemung County Milling Station at 1690 Lake Road in Elmira.
- This year a total of 200 vouchers will be issued by Chemung County/Casella Milling Station to the Village of Horseheads residents. There will be 50 vouchers per week and only valid for the week issued. Vouchers will be numbered 1-200 and issued for specific days and hours. Stay tuned for more information!

***Vouchers will only be honored for the assigned week. If you received a voucher for a specific week and did not use it, you will not be issued another voucher. Lost vouchers will not be replaced.***

Items that will be accepted:

Broken/discarded tools	Broken/discarded dishes	Broken/discarded toys	Glass/metal/aluminum cans
Rags/old clothing	Dry, <b>empty</b> paint cans– no lids	Carpeting	Plastic bottles
Small amount of wood	Small car parts	Metal Items	
Old lawn mowers	Appliances (other than those listed below)	Cardboard	
Office paper	Newspaper/magazines	Cereal boxes	

Items that will **not** be accepted:

Waste oil	Used motor oil	Leaves/grass	<b>NO LIQUIDS AT ALL</b>
Refrigerators	Air conditioners	Dehumidifiers	Gas tanks
Pesticides	Construction debris	Demolition/roofing debris	Concrete
Bricks	Garbage	Paint cans with paint	Gas cans
No Electronics			

***Additional charges may apply for: Car tires off the rim, furniture (sofas, chairs, recliners, mattresses, box springs, et cetera***





## Village Wide Rummage Sale

August 19 - 21, 2022

If you are planning to participate, please contact 202-743-5925

*This is not a Village sponsored event.*

## Get Help Paying Overdue Water and Sewer Bills

### **The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) can help**

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) helps low income households pay the cost of water and sewer services. The program can assist households who have past due bills (arrears) for water and sewer services. LIHWAP can help prevent your water and sewer services from being shut off.

### **Benefits per household**

- Up to a maximum of \$2,500 per water and sewer provider, or
- \$5,000 if water and sewer services are combined
- Paid directly to the household's water and/or sewer provider(s)

### **Eligibility is based on**

- Income
- Household size
- Citizenship/Immigration Status
- Amount owed to drinking water and/or sewer provider(s)

### **Primary applicants must provide**

- Proof of identity
- Proof of residence
- Documentation of earned and unearned income
- A water, sewer, or combined water and sewer bill listing their permanent and primary residence

To learn more about LIHWAP eligibility, income limits, and benefits, visit [otda.ny.gov/lihwap](https://otda.ny.gov/lihwap) or call **833-690-0208**.



Per the New York State website, "The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program is a benefit based on the actual amount of drinking water and/or wastewater arrears, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per drinking water or wastewater provider... per applicant household. Benefits are paid directly to the household's drinking water and/or wastewater vendor(s)."

The program can assist households who have past due bills and are in danger of having their water turned off due to non-payment.

***You must notify the Clerk's office within 2 days of applying for assistance through the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program to avoid termination of water services.***

***Clerk's Office:  
607-739-5691 Option #7***

Learn more and apply online at  
**[otda.ny.gov/lihwap](https://otda.ny.gov/lihwap)**

or call **833-690-0208** to request an application



A Program of the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

## Update from the Water Department

### WIIA Project

In September 2019 the Village applied for a grant through the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation to make improvements to the Village water system to insure water quantity and quality for the entire water system.

The grant application was subsequently approved and the Village was awarded grant funding.

The intention of the WIIA project is to improve and upgrade the current water infrastructure within the Village's water infrastructure.



### Phase I

- Phase I of the project was awarded to the contractor G. DeVincentis & Son Construction Company out of Binghamton, NY.
- Phase I will include: Ridge Road, Center Street and fire hydrant replacement in the old Holding Point complex.
- Work is to begin on Ridge Road the week of 05/16/2022
- The project phase will start on Ridge Road, once complete, move to Center Street and hydrant replacements will be a fill-in

## Hydrant Flushing Schedule

In order to help maintain water quality and ensure the operation of our system's hydrants, the Village Water Department will begin its annual Hydrant and Water Main Flushing Program on per the following schedule:



- Week of June 20th: North of I-86 between Westinghouse Road and the Barrington West subdivision and proceeding north.
- Week of June 27th: North of I-86 and proceeding north between North Main Street and Westinghouse Road.
- Week of July 5th : South of I-86, starting with Orchard Knoll neighborhood proceeding west.

The Village Water Department advises that discolored water problems may occur in affected areas; however, this should clear up within one hour. The discoloration does ***not*** present a health problem, but could potentially cause problems if a customer is doing laundry. When flushing is taking place in your area, we suggest that you always run your cold water tap first to confirm.

*Don Gaylord*

Water Supervisor

## *From the desk of .....the Code Enforcement Office:*

With summer around the corner the Code Enforcement Office would like to remind Village of Horseheads residents of common code violations we will be enforcing during this time of year:



**Grass and weeds must be kept cut and maintained. When mowing your lawn we ask that you avoid blowing grass clippings into the streets as it will clog the storm drains.**



302.4 of the Property Maintenance Code states that “Exterior of property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 10 inches. Noxious weeds shall be prohibited.”

219-10 states that “No person, firm or corporation shall deposit, throw, place or strew .....stones, obstructions, dirt, rubbish, leaves, tree limbs, branches, grass clippings, yard waste or debris nor shall any of the same cause the same to be deposited, thrown, placed or strewn on any street, avenue or roadway within the Village.”



**Unregistered Motor Vehicles.** 233-2 of the Village Code—Abandoned Vehicles—states that “It shall be unlawful for any person either as owner, lessee, occupant or otherwise, to store or deposit any vehicle, trailer, motor vehicle, motorcycle or house coach which is not currently and validly licensed and/or registered, or is in any one (1) or more of the following conditions: rusted, wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled, discarded, inoperative or abandoned in or upon land within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Horseheads..... UNLESS said junked vehicle is, at all times, contained, in whole and in part, in a fully enclosed structure or building (not a tarp). Finally, nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the storing, depositing or maintenance of a junked vehicle in a private garage or to interfere with the operation of a business enterprise such as a new or used car sales establishment, a gasoline service station, a motor vehicle repair establishment or a body shop.



**Swimming pools must be kept clean, sanitary, and safe.**

(303.1 of the Property Maintenance Code states that “Swimming pools shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair.”

It is our goal to work with property owners to bring properties into code compliance. It is also important for property owners to be proactive in maintaining their properties and continuing to make the Village of Horseheads a great place to live.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call the Code Enforcement Department at 607-739-5691, #2.



## COMPOST SITE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

THE CHEMUNG COUNTY COMPOST FACILITY - LOCATED ON BLOSTEIN BLVD. IN HORSE-HEADS - IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THIS SITE IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FOR RESIDENTS OF CHEMUNG COUNTY FOR THE DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE.

Hours are:

- Tuesday thru Friday 9am – 3pm (except holidays)
- Saturdays 8am—1pm
- *\*\*Closed on Mondays for processing of materials.*



*Free mulch pile at compost facility*

- \* Site will be open APRIL through NOVEMBER.
- \* Please have valid driver's license or proof of residency to show attendant.
- \* **FREE MULCH** will be set aside for residents' use.
- \* Contractors and commercial enterprises cannot use the facility.

### DIRECTIONS TO COMPOST FACILITY—715 Blostein Blvd.:

- Chemung St. in Hhds., (behind Grand Central Plaza)
- Turn south onto Blostein Blvd.
- Past Cameron Mfg.
- Compost site is on the right

#### Yard Waste Accepted

- Grass
- Tree limbs and branches
- Stumps
- Leaves
- Flowers and garden vegetation
- Brush
- Hay

#### Items NOT Accepted

- Fence posts
- Concrete, asphalt, or bricks
- Cinder blocks
- Patio blocks
- Rocks and boulders
- Wood pallets
- Wooden boards
- Railroad ties
- Dead animals
- Food scraps
- NO GARBAGE OR TRASH

## SIDEWALK PROGRAM

All property within the Village of Horseheads is eligible for the program except government and tax-exempt properties. Property owners can apply for a Sidewalk Program application/permit at the Village Clerk's Office Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM -739-5691 #7. The cost of the permit is \$25.



At the time the application is completed, an informational sheet will be given to explain both the Village's role and the property owner's responsibility in the program along with a specification sheet on how the new sidewalk must be installed.

Upon receipt of the permit fee and completed application, the Village will contact the contractor listed on the application to coordinate a schedule. The Village will remove the old sidewalk and grade the area and fill to within 1" of sub-grade. The Village will perform a final inspection to ensure full compliance with specifications before certifying acceptability to the Village at the end of the period.

*The sidewalk program is for the public sidewalks that run parallel to the street only. Private sidewalks do not qualify.*

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**The Village of Horseheads will begin its annual street paving program. Streets anticipated to be repaved are:**

**Wisteria Way  
Aster Drive  
Daffodil Drive  
Lilac Drive  
Laurel Lane  
Boorum Place  
Normandy Place**

Remember to SLOW DOWN in work zones, and move over when work vehicle lights are flashing—*IT'S THE LAW!*





## **Community Shredding Event**

**Stay tuned to our website for date  
and time in August!  
[www.horsehead.org](http://www.horsehead.org)**

**Village Hall parking lot,  
Off W. Broad St.**

**Bring your unwanted papers and bills to our *FREE* Community Shredding Event. SHREDIT will have a mobile shredding truck in our lot to shred all papers on site.**

### **Guidelines:**

- **Paper only - No cardboard**
- **Village of Horseheads residents only—*no businesses***
- **Proof of residency required, staff will be on hand to check**
  - **First come, first serve basis**
  - **Rain or shine**

**Examples of items that should be shredded: bank statements, credit card statements, cancelled checks, tax information, insurance documents (not junk mail).**

**Questions—call the Clerk's Office at 739-5691, #7**

## NEWS FROM THE HORSEHEADS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**POLICE CHIEF:** *Mike Suhey*

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After serving as a part-time Horseheads patrol officer for the past four years, it was an honor to be sworn in as Chief of the Horseheads Village Police Department on March 14th. Everyone has made me feel very welcome and I look forward to serving the community in this capacity.

With the skilled cooperation of the department's officers and supervisors, we have worked together to set in motion several projects. We want to work efficiently. We did not buy a new patrol vehicle but rather re-purposed the prior chief's unmarked vehicle into a marked patrol car. We are modernizing work scheduling by utilizing the PACE scheduling system software. We are in the process of updating our neighborhood watch program by adding new technology such as the Ring Neighbors Public Safety Service program.



We want to work intelligently. Officers have been busy attending police trainings. Officers have also been sharing their skills by instructing at the police academy where our newest Officer, Ben Howe, will be graduating from in June.

Additionally, we want to recognize the accomplishments of our department's members. Officer Shawn Pirozzolo will be honored as Officer of the Year for the Kiwanis Club this month. Officer Pirozzolo has been a member of HPD for over three years. He continually seeks more knowledge and training and is a thorough investigator and trusted Officer on the street. I worked many an overnight shift with him as my partner.

Officer Ruhmel is retiring from HPD in mid-June and though we will miss his professionalism and experience we are excited for him and his family as he is about to start a new chapter in his life. Officer Ruhmel has been a trusted and valuable member of HPD and has devoted over 20 years. Officer Ruhmel has been instrumental in conducting investigations, maintaining the evidence system and more importantly training our new Officers. He will be missed.

Retired Chief Stickler is recognized for his success in keeping Horseheads Police Department a valuable part of this community. Chief Stickler devoted countless hours and skills to bring forward and establish HPD as a professional department. Thanks to Chief Stickler HPD is devoted to serving the community in which its members are a part of.

Prior to joining Horseheads Police Department, I retired as a lieutenant from Elmira Police Department. I also worked with police agencies in Cheyenne, Wyoming and Syracuse, New York. These experiences and 35 years of active law enforcement are serving me well in my new role. I received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Rochester Institute of Technology and a master's degree in criminal justice from SUNY Albany. I've lived in the Horseheads area with my family for the past 24 years.

Horseheads is a great place to live, work, and play. I welcome input from community members.

*- Chief Mike Suhey*



## *A Note of Thanks from Retired Police Chief Tom Stickler*

On March 11, 2022 I retired as Chief of Police from the Horseheads Police Department. I wanted to say thank you to the Community for all the support I have had over the years I have worked in Law Enforcement. I also want to thank and recognize the Village Board, Village Manager, and Village staff as well as the past and current officers of the Police Department for the support and assistance they gave to me during my tenure. The Village is blessed to have a talented and dedicated staff. I would also thank Sheriff Schrom, Chief Alvernaz (and Kane), Chief Churches and Chief Richards for their interagency cooperative efforts and support.



It has been a great honor to be a part of this community, and to be a member of the police department at various levels, lastly as the Chief. I am very proud of our accomplishments over the past 6 ½ years as well as my entire career in law enforcement. There have been many changes since I started in 1979. It is difficult to leave as I have made many very good friends along the way. My best to all and as always – be safe.

*- Tom*

### **HORSEHEADS VILLAGE COURT**

Mailing Address: 202 S. Main St, Horseheads, NY 14845

Phone Number: 607-739-0158

Village Justices: Honorable David M. Brockway  
Honorable Andrew Smith

Court Clerk: Kelly Talcott  
Robin Long (PT)

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Court Schedule:** Court is held every Monday and Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.; except the 2nd Monday of each month

Pay your fine/fees online at [www.paycourtonline.com](http://www.paycourtonline.com)



## Horseheads Fire Department Update

Horseheads Fire Department held its annual banquet on May 28, 2022, where recognition and awards were presented:

- President's Award in Honor of "Floyd Coon & Randy Belcher" presented to
  - Lt. Emilee Dallas
  - Firefighter Michael Kartychak
- Chief's Award in Honor of "Ray C. Margeson" presented to
  - 1st Assistant Chief Ryan Wheeler
  - 2nd Assistant Chief Joshua Baker
  - 3rd Assistant Chief Richard Skebey

*From the Chief's Desk: I presented the Chief's award to my three Assistant Chiefs as each one of them brings a unique set of skills to their respective positions. As Fire Chief this job is not the easiest and especially as a volunteer organization it makes it just that much more of a challenge. Ryan, Josh, and Ricky have been a tremendous help whether it's being involved in the budget planning, meetings, I.T/Computer and Software, Training for Fire and EMS, Fire Investigations, and any other tasks we are all faced with. We all make a great team while working together to make a great Fire Department.*

We would like to thank Town & Country FD for providing mutual aid coverage for our event. We would also like to send out a gigantic thank you to: Chemung County 911, Chemung County Office of Fire and Emergency Management, Elmira Heights Fire Department, Millport Fire Department, Town & Country Fire Department, Erway Ambulance, Horseheads Police Department and Dave's Towing as these agencies are the ones we work with the closest and we look forward to continuing our working relationships to provide the best outcome for our community members and businesses.

### 2021 Fire & EMS Alarm Totals

#### 639 Total Calls

- ⇒ 38 Fires
- ⇒ 408 Rescue & Emergency Medical Incident
- ⇒ 43 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)
- ⇒ 24 Service Calls
- ⇒ 13 Good Intent Calls
- ⇒ 110 False Alarm & False Calls
- ⇒ Severe Weather & Natural Disaster

5.02 Average minutes to the first unit on scene

5.64 Average firefighters per alarm

2131.99 Logged staff sours on incidents

1086.25 Logged staff hours for all other activities

## Horseheads Fire Department Sesquicentennial Celebration

The Horseheads Fire Department will be celebrating the 150th anniversary in 2023. They are planning a grand event on Saturday July 8, 2023, with parades, carnival, dinners, and fundraising events.

The Horseheads Fire Department was formed in July of 1873, it was started after an extensive fire in 1862 in the Horseheads business district, now referred to as Hanover Square. The Elmira Fire Department responded by placing steam fire engines on railroad flat cars and they were brought by rail to Horseheads.

The citizens formed fire companies for Horseheads with Steamer Company #1 and Pioneer Hose Company #1 to provide fire protection for the Village and the surrounding community.

To kick off the anniversary celebration, they are going to refurbish the historic fire bell that is in front of the fire station at 134 N. Main Street. The bell was made in 1893 and was placed in the new fire department at 202 S. Main Street, which is now Village Hall, and was used for to signal fire alarms and alert the volunteers that help was needed. The bell was used from 1893 to mid-1930. In 1953 the bell tower became unsafe and was removed and placed in Teal Park where it was dedicated to past and present firefighters. It was moved to its present location at the fire station in 2003 and rededicated.

The bell is used for the annual Memorial Day ceremony, as well as for firefighter's funerals, special events such as New Year's Eve and other special events for the firefighters and the Village.

There is currently an ongoing raffle with the proceeds being used to pay for the refurbishment of the fire bell. Please contact a Village Firefighter or the front office at Village Hall for information to buy tickets.

*Stay tuned for further updates on the 150th anniversary celebration!*

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# THORNE ST. POOL

## SULLIVAN PARK—2022



**This summer Sullivan Park Pool and its life-guards would like to welcome you back for its 67th season of serving the community of Horseheads and its surrounding areas.**

The 2022 Season **will begin Saturday, June 25th at 12:00pm (Noon).** Our intentions are to remain open through the weekend of August 28th.

Regular season hours will be as follows:

Monday thru Saturday	12:00 – 7:00pm
Sunday	12:00 – 6:00pm

Pool passes for the 2022 season are the same design featured in 2021. If you still have your pass, we will simply update your pass when you renew. Those that have misplaced their passes and/or will be purchasing passes for the first time will need to have their pictures taken at the time of purchase. Pool prices for the 2022 season and are as follows:

Daily Fees:	Resident	Non Resident	Season Pass:	Resident	Non Resident
Youth (5-17)	\$4.00	\$5.00	Individual	\$40	\$50
Adult (18+)	\$5.00	\$6.00	Family*	\$80	\$90
Senior (65+)	\$3.00	\$4.00	* Family of 5, \$20 for each additional		

### **Swimming Lessons**

Sullivan Park Pool offers American Red Cross Certified levels of Swimming Lessons including: Preschool Aquatics levels 1 thru 3 as well as Learn-to-Swim levels 1 thru 6.

**PRESCHOOL AQUATICS:** American Red Cross Preschool Aquatics, consisting of three levels, is an integral part of the overall Red Cross instructional aquatic and water safety program. The primary objective of Preschool Aquatics is to promote the developmentally appropriate learning of fundamental water safety and aquatic skills by young children 4 and 5 years of age. Skills are grouped into aquatic and water safety categories in the following way: water entry and exit, breath control and submerging, buoyancy, changing direction and position, treading, swim on front and back, and water safety.

**LEARN-TO-SWIM (Levels 1-6):** American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim teaches aquatic and personal water safety skills in a logical progression. Participants in level 1 are oriented to the aquatic environment and gain some basic skills in each category. Throughout the levels, participants build on their basic skills to learn various propulsive movements on the front, back and side. As the levels increase, participants learn to refine the different strokes and build endurance. Each level includes exit skills assessments that put together many of the skills learned in the level.

For detailed information and to register for classes/activities please see the Parks & Rec website at [www.horseheadsrec.com](http://www.horseheadsrec.com)



## **Swimming Lessons Schedule**

For detailed information and to register for lessons/classes please see the Parks & Rec website at [www.horseheadsrec.com](http://www.horseheadsrec.com)

**Session 1:** July 5 thru July 22, 2022 - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
(Includes Thursday, July 21st)  
9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am - Swim Levels 1 - 3  
10:00am, 11:00am - Swim Level 4  
9:00am - Swim Level 5/6

**Session 2:** July 25 thru August 12, 2022 - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
(Includes Thursday, August 11th)  
10:00am, 11:00am - Preschool Levels 1 - 3, Swim Levels 1 - 3  
9:00am, 11:00am - Swim Level 4  
11:00am - Swim Level 5

**Saturday Lessons:** July 6 thru August 5, 2022  
**Learn to Swim levels 1 - 4 only**  
11:00am (July 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 13)

*The Preschool aquatics classes are 30 minutes in length, while the Learn-to-Swim programs are 45 minutes in length.*





## Pool Safety

**Note & Float:** The Village of Horseheads continues the “Note & Float” program which is a national water safety program developed by Dr. Tom Griffiths of Penn State. This program will identify ALL NON-Swimmers. NON-Swimmers will be required to wear a life jacket while in the pool. Sullivan Park Pool has a variety of life jacket sizes which will be available for use, free of charge, while using the pool. The program’s goal is to promote safety and also motivate individuals to eventually learn how to swim without a life jacket.

**ALL** children ages 12 or younger must be registered at the facility prior to or upon entry. The child will be asked to see a lifeguard upon arrival and arrange for a swim test. The swim test is composed of swimming the width of the pool without stopping using any stroke they wish. The participant must then tread water for 30 seconds. If the participant doesn’t successfully complete either component of the swim test, they will be documented as a “non-swimmer” and be required to wear a life jacket while in the water. The child may choose to repeat the swim test at any time if they believe they can successfully pass it. Once the child passes the test, they will be considered a “Swimmer” and not be required to wear a life jacket. Swim test does not need to be performed once passed.

Parents/guardians/supervisors (at least 14 years of age) must **ACTIVELY SUPERVISE** their children and keep young non-swimmers (**7 years of age and under**) **within arm’s reach** (“touch supervision”) and must remain in the **designated shallow water areas** of the pool (5 feet and below) with a life jacket on at all times when at the pool facility.

Non-swimmer **ages 8 to 12** must wear a lifejacket at all times in the pool facility, and must be **actively supervised** by a swimming parent, guardian, or supervisors (at least 14 years of age), and can swim *anywhere* in the pool.

## Special Pool Events



**Pool Rentals:** Thorne Street Pool is available for pool rental throughout the pool season. The cost to rent the pool is \$100/hour. Rental is available outside public swim times and swim lessons.



## More Thorne St. Park Activities



- Fireworks:** The Annual Fireworks Show will be on Saturday, July 9th (RAIN DATE JULY 10th). Music performance from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Fireworks to follow music.
- Jazz Festival:** Saturday, August 13th from 2:00-7:00pm the Economic Opportunity Program will be hosting its annual Jazz Festival at Thorne Street Park, come and enjoy great music. Contact EOP (Anita Lewis) for more information 734-6174.
- Pavilion Rentals:** Thorne Street Pavilions are also available to rent throughout the summer. The cost to rent any of the three pavilions is \$30 for the day.

## Youth Programs



**Tennis Lessons:** Village Parks & Rec will be offering tennis lessons to grades K thru 9<sup>th</sup> this summer. Lessons will be either Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday for a half hour according to the child's grade based on their 2021-2022 school year. All lessons will take place in the mornings and begin July 5th thru July 29th. Registration is \$30 for Residents and \$35.00 for Non-residents and each participant will receive a Horseheads Parks & Recreation T-shirt at the conclusion of the program.

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**Youth Lacrosse:** Horseheads Youth Lacrosse is for boys and girls in grades K thru 12. The summer program focuses on learning the basic skills of lacrosse and applying them to game situations. Each division will be specially designed to focus on these skills, good sportsmanship, teamwork, and fun! Youth Lacrosse will be held at the Holding Point Recreation Complex- Lacrosse Box. Practice will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Program begins July 18th and concludes August 10th. Visit [HorseheadsRec.com](http://HorseheadsRec.com) for program specific times.



**INSPIRE Youth Cheerleading:** This program is perfect for those athletes who are new to cheerleading or those who would like to get involved in competitive cheer. We are very excited to be able to teach young girls and boys about the basics of cheer and watch them evolve into amazing athletes and teammates. Cheer is a team sport and can build great relationships with teammates, and coaches.

The Fall Cheerleading season will begin in late August, visit our website for further details.



# Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

## SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

## PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

## FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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## 2022 Teal Park Concert Series

Bring your lawn chairs and dancing shoes to Teal Park every Thursday this summer. Concert Schedule is listed below:

Teal Park concerts are free to the community! Come to Teal Park for great music and food every Thursday from June 2 to August 25. All concerts begin at 6:30pm. Food service usually begins 45 minutes prior to the concert.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>BAND</b>
June 2, 2022	6:30pm	SGRO Brothers
June 9, 2022	6:30pm	Dean GobleBand
June 16, 2022	6:30pm	Coyote Blue
June 23, 2022	6:30pm	Starlight Band
June 30, 2022	6:30pm	Pat Kane and West O'Clare
July 7, 2022	6:30pm	Double Take
July 14, 2022	6:30pm	White River Band
July 21, 2022	6:30pm	T.B.D.
July 28, 2022	6:30pm	Music Makers
August 4, 2022	6:30pm	T.B.D.
August 11, 2022	6:30pm	T.B.D.
August 18, 2022	6:30pm	The Hepcats
August 25, 2022	6:30pm	T.B.D.

**Community Calendar**

**MAY**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9 7pm Village Board Mtg.	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31				

**JUNE**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 6:30pm Teal Park Concert	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 6:30pm Teal Park Concert	10	11
12	13 7pm Village Board Mtg.	14	15	16 6:30pm Teal Park Concert	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23 6:30pm Teal Park Concert	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 6:30pm Teal Park Concert		

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JULY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6	7 6:30pm Teal Park Concert	8	9 Family Day 7:30pm Thorne St Park Concert 9:30pm Annual Fireworks Show
10	11 7pm Village Board Mtg.	12	13	14 6:30pm Teal Park Concert	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 6:30pm Teal Park Concert	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28 6:30pm Teal Park Concert	29	30

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4 6:30pm Teal Park Concert	5	6
7	8 7pm Village Board Mtg.	9	10	11 6:30pm Teal Park Concert	12	13
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