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**Districts #4 #11 #20 #25**

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**WINTER NEWSLETTER 2024**

Since 2016, I have served as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilor. This year the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward has expanded adding District #25. This occurred because of the census that was taken. It is all population driven. To the residents living in this changed district, I welcome you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward.

I look forward to assisting you and hope to meet you in the near future. If you have neighborhood associations, I would be happy to have a meet and greet. At the end of this letter, there will be my contact information. I do emails to keep everyone up to date with happenings in the Town.

As Deputy Supervisor since January 2023, my duties have included involvement in pertinent issues important to the town and assisting the Supervisor.

Some updates on our facilities include a new roof on Town Hall, after repairs showed it needed replacement. Funds came from our building account that we maintain. We received a \$100,000 grant from the county to repair the Senior Citizen Center foundation. Community grants have helped the town with improvements to Shove Park, used by many of our youth groups and organizations.

We continue to apply for state and county grants to repair and improve our facilities and parks.

Currently I am part of the committee that is updating the Town Comprehensive Plan. I have been on this committee since 2005 as a Camillus Chamber board member before becoming a councilor. We are working in conjunction with Onondaga County planners. Our Town has had a Comprehensive Plan since 1997. Its concept is to be an open working plan adapting to present needs, while planning for the future. A grant is available to us to complete this project.

Our new **Camillus Connect** pamphlet should be in your mailboxes soon. I have included some departmental information and events in this letter with links to specific websites.

**From Ken Bush, Our County Legislature for the 13<sup>th</sup> District**

Due to re-districting, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward is now part of the 13<sup>th</sup> County Legislative District. For the past 6 years, he has represented mainly the western and northern part of the Town of Camillus in the legislature. He looks forward to serving the residents of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward.

The 13<sup>th</sup> District also includes the Jordan-Elbridge area and the Town of Van Buren. You may contact Ken by email [kenbush@ongov.net](mailto:kenbush@ongov.net) or call 315-689-9301.

## **Hometown Heroes Update**

The Hometown Heroes program, which honors our veterans by placing pictures of who have served our country in the military down the West Genesee St. corridor, is a huge success. If you or a loved one was honored this the past year, you're all set, as this is a two-year program. If you would like a veteran honored, please stop in to the Town Supervisor's office as soon as possible. I can also send you the application, just email me at [jfloodward3@townofcamillus.com](mailto:jfloodward3@townofcamillus.com).

## **Onondaga County Community Development Safe Housing Assistance Program**

### **WHAT IS THE SHAPE-UP FOR VETERANS PROGRAM**

SHAPE-UP for Veterans is a home repair program administered by Onondaga County Community Development. Eligible homeowners can receive a grant of up to \$15,000 to cover the costs of necessary home repairs.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE - Homeowners:**

- Honorable Discharged individuals who served in the US Military;
- Own and occupied the property at least one year;
- Up-to date on property taxes at the time of the application;
- Must have Homeowners Insurance on the property;
- Meeting the guidelines below for household size and annual gross income:
- Family Size with Maximum Income

1	\$49,800
2	\$56,900
3	\$64,000
4	\$71,100

For more complete information and application contact  
ONONDAGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION – 315-435-3558  
1100 John H. Mulroy Civic Center, Syracuse, NY 13202

### **This is from our Camillus Police Department Chief Michael Schreyer:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Police Citizens Academy was very successful. They are looking to hold another one sometime this spring. Residents can check their social media platforms and the police website for the official announcement.

[www.camilluspolice.com](http://www.camilluspolice.com) and [www.facebook.com/CamillusPD/](https://www.facebook.com/CamillusPD/)

They will also be planning the Police Community Day, probably early fall. It's been well attended and very diverse. The Camillus Chamber had a business show on the same day and it hopefully will return, they received good feedback from the residents.

They are beginning the hiring process to fill the added positions to the Police Department. The applicants will attend the Syracuse Police Academy starting in April.

The department applies for grants to assist in law enforcement. They are waiting for a response from NYS DCJS regarding a technology grant approximately \$350,000.

A reminder to all, please make sure your cars and garage doors are locked. The winter parking ordinance now is in effect through end of March, no parking on street after midnight.

## **Martha Dickson-McMahon, Town Clerk**

The clerk's office is responsible for handling all licensing and tax payments. The clerk is responsible for information on the town website, job opportunities in the town, meeting minutes and general information. [www.townofcamillus.com](http://www.townofcamillus.com)

## **Eric Bacon, the Parks and Recreation Department Director**

Parks & Rec [www.camillusrecreation.com](http://www.camillusrecreation.com)

The website has a full slate of events and schedules. Please check it out.

Registration information for all events is on the website or you can call their office 315-487-3600. Pre-registration is required on all.

They have February Recess Trips during the break week of February 19 -23.

There will be April Recess Trips posted later on their website.

They have so much available, please check the website for your individual interests.

The High School offers "Winter Walking" on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

No registration required and it's free to attend. Please bring an inside pair of shoes to walk in. School will be closed during recess breaks.

## **News from the Camillus Senior Center, Tricia Bacon – Senior Center Coordinator**

Their contact number is 315-672-5820 A reminder that the Camillus Senior Center newsletter may be found at [www.camillusrecreation.com](http://www.camillusrecreation.com) There are many programs going on in the next few months at the Senior Center such as nutrition education seminars, trivia contests, yoga and other fitness classes, bingo, corn hole leagues, and daily lunches. Here are a few offerings.

AARP Tax Preparation – AARP volunteers will be preparing tax forms at the Senior Center beginning in February. To schedule an appointment, please call the center.

AAA Defensive Driving Courses – Learn defensive driving techniques to keep you safe on the road and receive a deduction in your car insurance. There are five dates for classes – for more information, call the center.

Computer Help/Digital Literacy – Have questions regarding any of your electronic devices? A volunteer from CNY Digital Literacy will teach you how to operate or navigate your phone, laptop, iPad... free of charge – every Tuesday from 11:00 until 2:00.

The Camillus Senior Center trip flyer is available now. You can find the individual detailed trip flyers on their website at [www.camillusrecreation.com](http://www.camillusrecreation.com) beginning next week. Please note that there are some changes this year. They are working with Onondaga Coach to coordinate the trips. Town of Camillus residents may register beginning February 12<sup>th</sup> and non-residents may register beginning March 12<sup>th</sup>. Detailed trip flyers are available at the center.

In my informational emails, I usually include their monthly newsletter, lunch menus and more.

## **Camillus Highway Department**

Paul Legnetto our Highway Superintendent maintains an up to date website with pertinent information to the residents and schedules of work being done in the Town. Any questions, call 315-672-5556 [www.camillushighway.com](http://www.camillushighway.com)

## **Tax Assessor's Office**

Senior exemptions are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The office is very helpful if you need assistance. Grievance Day for 2024 is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in May, the 24<sup>th</sup>. Please call their office for an appointment and the information that you will need to provide. 315-487-7574

## **The Aviation Historical Society of CNY**

The Aviation Historical Society is pleased to announce that they have found a home in Camillus. The Museum is moving into the former Camillus Water Department building on Dunning Drive. They are going forward in setting up exhibits which will tell visitors the history of the first Syracuse airport. If you are interested in joining this group, have aviation historical items you would like to donate and help get this project rolling, please call Bob Feyl at 315-430-4790.

## **Camillus Playgroup**

The Fairmount Community Library hosts a Playgroup for children ages 1-5 in the Town Hall Gymnasium on Fridays from 9:30-11:30. Caregivers are asked to stay with their children and be sure to have dry shoes to wear in the gym. For information, visit [www.fairmountlibrary.org](http://www.fairmountlibrary.org)

## **ECHO Meals on Wheels**

A wonderful organization always looking for volunteers. They are non-profit and provide a much needed service. If you know someone in need, please call them 315-487-2878.

## **The Octagon House of Camillus**

Many of you know it's been a long time passion of mine to help keep this National Historical Museum open and available to our town residents to tour, share in our events and utilize. If you would like to join our volunteers, please call 315-488-7800 [www.octagonhouseofcamillus.org](http://www.octagonhouseofcamillus.org)

My contact phone is 315-487-5705, please call me with any questions or if you need assistance. Send me your email to get on my list. I utilize this list to send out updated information, events, Senior Center updates and schedules. **Email - [jfloodward3@townofcamillus.com](mailto:jfloodward3@townofcamillus.com)**  
For my new district #25, if you would like a residential meet and greet, please call and I can organize it when the weather gets a little friendlier.

Best Regards  
Joy Flood