Newsletter
Town Of DeWitt



Maxwell M. Ruckdeschel

Supervisor Letter

I am pleased to share that the Town of DeWitt has achieved certification as a Pro-Housing Community. We join over 450 communities in New York (including the Towns of Cicero and Manlius and the Village of East Syracuse) that have committed to improving housing availability. We are dedicated to supporting initiatives that help address the housing shortage while preserving our community and keeping DeWitt a great place to live. We will also encourage economic growth through increased housing availability.

As our community continues to evolve, we remain focused on creating opportunities that benefit both current residents and future generations. This certification allows us to pursue additional resources and opportunities that can help meet future housing and infrastructure needs by qualifying us for specific New York State grant programs. We are honored to receive this designation and look forward to continuing our work to build a stronger DeWitt for years to come.

In this newsletter you can expect:

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October 1st, 2026
Issue #8

Resident Information

Early Voting

Early voting will take place October 24th through November 1st at the DeWitt Town Hall

Schedule:

October 24th 9:00am-5:00pm
October 25th 9:00am-5:00pm
October 26th 10:00am-6:00pm
October 27th 12:00am-8:00pm
October 28th 12:00am-8:00pm
October 29th 10:00am-6:00pm
October 30th 10:00am-6:00pm
October 31st 9:00am-5:00pm
November 1st 9:00am-5:00pm



October Waste Pickup Schedule

Area 1 Schedule Week beginning October 5th
Area 2 Schedule: Week beginning October 12th
Area 3 Schedule: Week beginning October 19th
Area 4 Schedule: Week beginning October 26th

Please be mindful of the placement of your brush piles. Do not place by road signs, fire hydrants, gas or water main shutoffs, catch basins, or drainage pipes, or in the road that could impede traffic.
Please be considerate of your neighbors.
Brush Schedule can be found at https://www.dewittny.gov

Highway is currently:

- Road Sweeping
- Water break restoration repairs for topsoil and blacktop

Leaf Collection

The Highway Department will be collecting leaves along with yard waste.

- Please place leaves at the edge of your property, not in the street
- Please place leaves in a separate pile than yard waste
- Do not mix yard waste and leaves
- Please do not place leaves in bags or containers
- Pleases do not place leaf piles behind obstacles such as fire hydrants, trees, cars, mailboxes, light poles, etc.

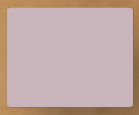
Pickup will be added to your regular weekly pickup schedule.



highway@dewittny.gov
(315) 437-8331

Yard Waste Collection Schedule By AREA

Area 1



Week of:

April 6th (First Week of April)

May 4th (First Week of May)

June 1s (First Week of June)

July 6th (First Full Week of July)

August 3rd (First Week of August)

August 31st) (First Week of September)

October 5th (First Week of October and Last of the Year)

Area 2



Week of:

April 13th (Second Week of April)

May 11th (Second Week of May)

June 8th (Second Week of June)

July 13th (Second Week of July)

August 10th (Second Week of August)

September 7th (Second Week of September)

October 12th (Second Week of October and Last of the Year)

Area 3



Week of:

April 20th (Third Week of April)

May 18th (Third Week of May)

June 15th (Third Week of June)

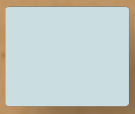
July 20th (Third Week of July)

August 17th (Third Week of August)

September 14th (Third Week of September)

October 19th (Third Week of October and Last of the Year)

Area 4



Week of:

April 27th (Fourth Week of April)

May 25th (Fourth Week of May)

June 22nd (Fourth Week of June)

July 27th (Fourth Week of July)

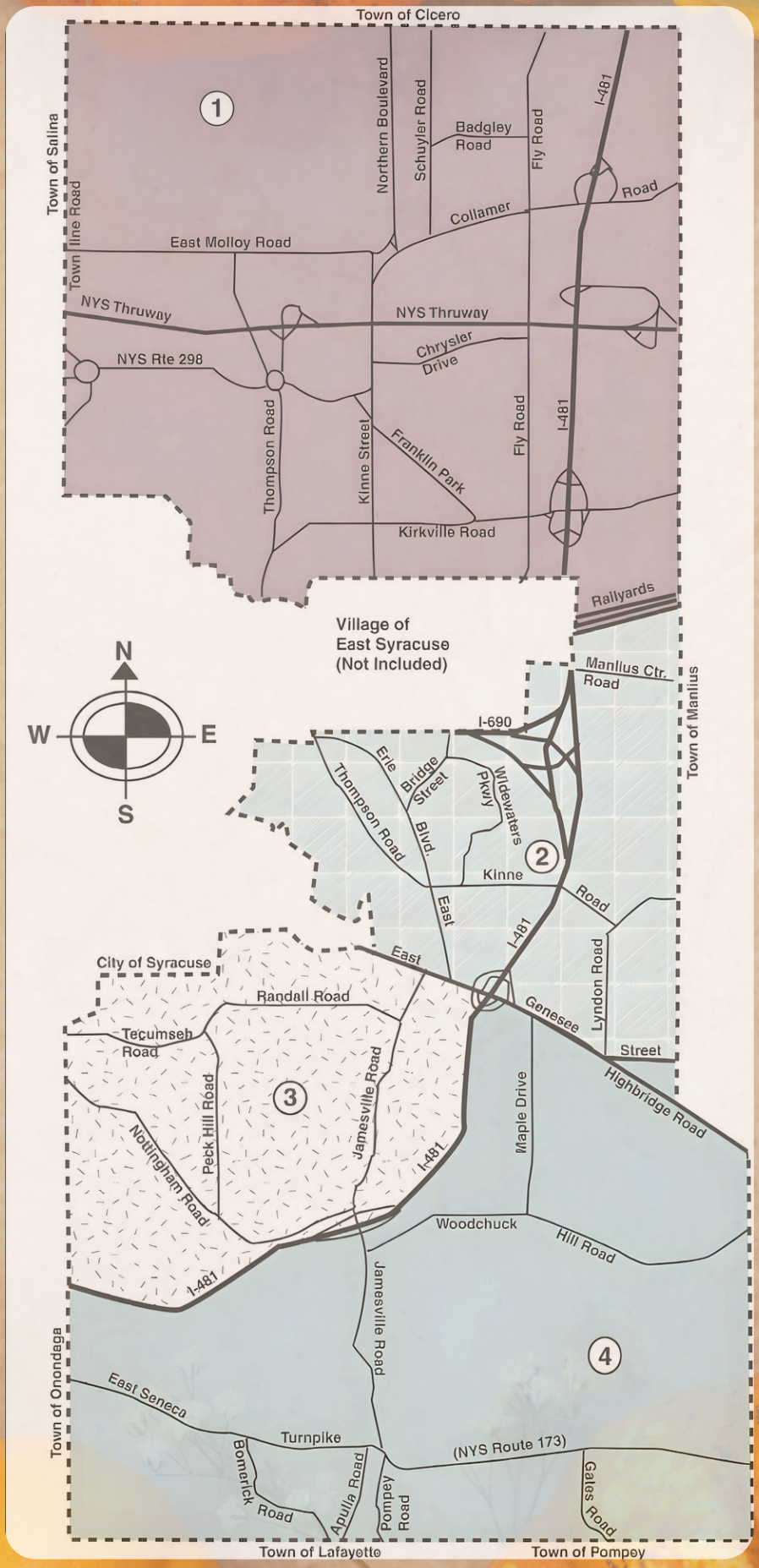
August 24th (Fourth Week of August)

September 21st (Fourth Week of September)

October 26th (Fourth Week of October and Last of the Year

Leaf collection is a separate service, and is conducted during November and December

Yard Waste Collection Map



Drop Off Fluorescent Bulbs for Recycling

- Circular
- U-shaped
- Compact fluorescent (CFLs)
- 2 ft. & 4 ft. fluorescents



OCRRA partners with local hardware stores to collect fluorescent lamps.

Baldwinsville

- Village ACE Hardware

Fayetteville/Manlius

- Manlius True Value Village
- ACE Hardware

Liverpool

- Suburban ACE Hardware

Marcellus

- Nightingale Mills Ace Hardware

North Syracuse

- Valu Home Center

Syracuse

- Bob’s Ace Hardware
- Valu Home Center

Tully

- Nightingale's Tully Lakes Hardware

Participating Home Depot or Lowe's stores will take CFLs, the small "twirly" kind.

OCRRA.org

To learn more visit OCRRA.org/fluorescent-bulbs

Clerk's Corner

A Note from Your Town Clerk & Tax Receiver

Happy Fall, DeWitt!

As the leaves begin to change and we settle into the season, I wanted to take a moment to share a few helpful reminders from the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver's Office.

Our office is here to serve our community, and we know that navigating Town and County services can sometimes be confusing. Whether you're stopping in to pay your taxes, renewing a dog license, requesting a record, or simply have a question and aren't sure where to start, **we're always happy to help!**

With that in mind, here are a few important tax reminders for October:

Don't Forget Your Tax Bill

The current Town and County tax bill is due without penalty by October 7, 2026.

For your convenience, our Tax Office will be open on Saturday, October 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Important Tax Dates

Saturday, October 3 | 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
Tax Office OPEN

October 7
Last day to pay without penalty

October 8–November 2
Payments are subject to a 2% penalty

After November 2
Payments should be sent directly to the **Onondaga County Finance Department**

Need a copy of your tax bill? Just give our office a call and we will be happy to help.

You can also view your bill online through Onondaga County Real Property Tax Services Onondaga.gov/rpts.

Online payments are available through the Onondaga County website for an additional processing fee.

More Than Just Taxes

The Town Clerk's Office is here to assist with many services throughout the year, including dog licenses, accessible parking permits, records, marriage licenses, and other Town services. If you have a question and aren't sure where to start, give us a call — we're always happy to point you in the right direction

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the DeWitt community and look forward to seeing you this fall!

Angela Epolito, RMC
DeWitt Town Clerk/Tax Receiver clerk@dewittny.gov
315.446.3910 Ext.2

Community and Events

Senator Ryan's Workforce & Labor Fair

Date:
October 8th

Time:
12:00pm-7:00pm

Location:
NYS Fairgrounds,
Art and Home Center, Martha Eddy Room

Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania Limited Spots Left!

Date:
October 15th

Time:
Bus departs: 7:30am
Bus returns: 9:15pm
From DeWitt Town Hall

Location:
Pennsylvania Grand Canyon

Price:
$215.00

Includes:
Lunch at the Penn Wells Hotel
2- hour covered wagon ride
Visit to Leonard Harrison State Park
Deluxe coach transportation

Upcoming: AAA Defensive Driving Course

Date:
November 6th,

Time:
9:00pm-3:30pm
(Includes 30 min Lunch Break)

Location:
DeWitt Town Hall
Meeting Room B

Register at:
https://townofdewitt.recdesk.com

Save the Date

Holiday Tree Lighting

Date:
December 3rd

Time:
6:00m-8:00pm

Location:
DeWitt Town Hall

Save the Date

Pet Photos with Santa

Date:
December 5th

Time:
12:00pm-2:00pm

Location:
DeWitt Town Hall

Father - Daughter Dance

More information coming soon!

TOWN OF DeWitt Recreation

Visit Recdesk Here!

Visit townofdewitt.recdesk.com
to register for all programs
Follow us on Facebook & Instagram

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Annual Trunk or Treat 2026



We are so excited that our 5th Annual Trunk or Treat is just around the corner!

Trunk or Treat will take place on **Saturday, October 17th** at **Heritage Landing from 3 p.m.- 6 p.m.!**

To help make this year extra special, we have partnered with Bray Designs & Printing to create our very own 5th Annual Trunk or Treat T-shirts for purchase!

See preview of shirt design on the right!
T-Shirt and Long Sleeve Sizes: Youth XS – Adult 4XL

Order your shirts through RecDesk: Program: Trunk or Treat T-Shirts

We will have a limited supply of T-shirts available for purchase at the event, so we highly recommend preordering your shirt to make sure you get the size you want!

Preorder Deadline: October 5th

Shirt Pickup: Preordered shirts will be available for pickup at the Recreation table during Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 17, from 3–6 PM.

If you are unable to pick up your shirt at the event, orders can be picked up at the Recreation Office at Town Hall on Monday, October 19th.



Thank you for reading!

parks community business

We encourage residents to stay connected:
Town Website: www.dewittny.gov

Agendas & Minutes: https://dewittny.portal.civicclerk.com/

YouTube: www.youtube.com/@TownofDeWitt

Instagram: @townofdewitt

View, Pay, Print Tax Bills and Receipts: https://onondaga.go2gov.net/faces/search.jsp

Peddlers & Solicitors Listing:
https://cms8.revize.com/revize/dewittny/departments/town_clerk/peddlersandsolicitors.php

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TownofDeWitt

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www.dewittny.gov	5400 Butternut Drive East Syracuse, NY, 13057

DO YOU REMEMBER THE HOWLING HAYRIDE?!

Boy, remembering… The very scary, deep, eerie dark woods. Maybe the night had a moonlit trail, the haunted house, chainsaws, werewolves, witches, and ghosts flying around you everywhere. The spooky maze, with creatures crawling in every direction. And if you made it through that, we were ready for some tricks or treats! And that's what made it the BEST! So much fun The hayride was the talk of the whole town and all around. If you loved Halloween, you would be there year after year—and maybe go more than once each year!

OCTOBER 31ST 2026

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

If you were brave enough to pile into the spooky, tractor-pulled hay wagon with family and friends, hitting all the bumps along the way, knowing you were headed right into the woods. Some of us were in costumes, coats, or even wrapped in blankets because of the chill. The days were usually in the low 50s, with an inch or more of snow at night, the weather is so unpredictable, but we didn't care. Everyone was too excited about going through the dark, eerie, winding, wooded trails of Maxwell Park, never knowing when someone—or something — would jump out of the dark, deep woods and scare us to the moon! Always the unexpected… never knowing what's next! Not just once or twice, but every unexpected minute—BOOM! Your heart was pounding, and you were screaming! Sometimes we even tried to hide, somehow… But the more times it happened, the better!





Howling Hayride

The third annual Howling Hayride will wind a ghostly path through Maxwell Park October 15th & 16th, 22nd through 30th from 7 9PM each evening. Tractor-drawn hay wagons will take daring visitors to haunted dwellings and an eerie graveyard, through fields of ghastly creatures, and return for cider and donuts. A special evening, October 21st, is added to the schedule for large groups who want specific start times, call to make reservations for groups.

DeWitt residents may purchase tickets for $4.00 at the Recreation Office. All tickets will be $5.00 at the gate. Under 5 years free.

An exerpt from the Town of DeWitt's "Community Notes" Fall 1993 edition

After surviving the hayride, we were pumped and couldn't wait for the haunted house!

Just as scary as the woods, but we didn'tcare. We were just having too much fun! Then, of course, there was the outdoor maze… How many times could we get lost with no way out? LOL!





Well… when we made it through all that, we were thirsty and could use a snack. So, we gathered under the witch's mansion, warming up just a little, and talked about when we were coming back! Year after year, for many years, we did...What a fantastic job everyone did, not realizing all the memories they were creating for 24 years! But sadly, 2014 was the last year of the hayride... Still, every Halloween since, we all have memories of the haunted howling hayride. ASK ANYONE!

But now it is time to create new memories for everyone and someday this will be history too! So, please come on over and join us, BECAUSE.....



IT'S TRUNK OR TREAT TIME!!!

On Saturday OCTOBER 17th from 3:00-6:00p.m at Heritage Landing located right nextdoor to DeWitt Town Hall.This will be our 5th year for Trunk or Treat! with over 1,000 goblins attending last year! wow!

BUT, LET'S HAVE MORE GOBLINS THIS YEAR!!!

To celebrate the 5th year, on Saturday, we will feature inflatables, food trucks, local businesses, community organizations handing out candy, along with a "best decorated Trunk" contest. Also, a Dance competition for the kids!!! We will have, commemorative Trunk or Treats tee-shirts for sale too.
So, gather everyone up with all the witches, ghosts and goblins for a fun and enjoyable day!!



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Angela Epolito, Town Clerk (Ext. 140)
aepolito@dewittny.gov

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Senator Ryan's Workforce and Labor Fair NYS Fairgrounds 12:00pm-7:0pm	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day Indigenous People's Day Board Meeting	13	14	15 Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania Trip	16	17 Trunk or Treat
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Early Voting
25 Early Voting	26 Board Meeting Early Voting	27 Early Voting	28 Early Voting	29 Early Voting	30 Early Voting	31 Halloween Early Voting