Newsletter Town Of DeWitt



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Supervisor Letter

Happy September!

September has always been one of my favorite months to live in DeWitt and Central New York! We have the Great New York State Fair and the beginning of a new school year. Cooler temperatures mark the beginning of apple picking season and by the end of the month we will get to see the leaves begin to change to the beautiful hues of fall.

This September we have a lot going on in DeWitt starting with our annual 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony at the September 11th Memorial at Town Hall beginning at 6:00pm.

We also have “Sun Day” celebrating solar power and other renewable energy resources on Sunday, September 20th, see page 7 for details.

We are also excited to partner with GreenSheen Paint for a free paint recycling event at the town highway garage on September 26th. Registration is required, see page 7 for details.

I hope you enjoy this month’s edition of our newsletter. If you have suggestions, comments, or concerns please email supervisor@dewittny.gov.

In this newsletter you can expect:

Resident Information

Projects

Community and Events

September 1st, 2026
Issue #7

Resident Information



September Waste Pickup Schedule:

Area 1 Schedule Week beginning August 31st
Area 2 Schedule: Week beginning September 7th
Area 3 Schedule: Week beginning September 14th
Area 4 Schedule: Week beginning September 21st

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

Clerk's Corner

As summer begins to wind down, I hope you've had the opportunity to enjoy all that our community has to offer. While many are making the most of the season, our office is already preparing for one of our busiest times of the year—school tax collection. Below are a few important reminders and updates to help you stay informed.

Upcoming Town Board Schedule

Beginning this month, Town Board meetings will return to their regularly scheduled time and will continue to be held at that time going forward.

Upcoming September Town Board Meetings

· Monday, September 14th - 6:00pm
· Monday, September 28th - 6:00pm

Meeting agendas, Zoom links, and recordings are available on the Town's website. I also encourage residents to subscribe to our **CivicClerk Agendas & Minutes Portal** to receive notifications whenever meeting agendas, minutes, and other public documents are posted.

Sign up here:
https://dewittny.portal.civicclerk.com/

School Tax Collection Begins September 8th

The 2026–2027 School Tax Collection period begins **September 8**. Tax bills will be mailed during the **first week of September.**

If you do not receive your bill, our office is happy to help. You may also view and print your current tax bill, as well as previous bills and receipts, through the Onondaga County tax website.

School Tax Collection Schedule

Payment Period	Pentaly
September 8 – October 7	**0%**
October 8 – November 2	**2%**
November 3 – November 16	**5%**

A Reminder About Mailing Tax Payments

If you plan to mail your tax payment close to the due date, please keep in mind that placing your envelope in a mailbox does **not** guarantee it will receive a postmark that day.

To ensure your payment is postmarked on or before the due date, please bring it **inside your local post office** and ask the postal clerk to postmark it while you wait.

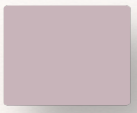
Payments bearing a postmark after the due date are considered late and are subject to the applicable penalty. We share this reminder each year to help residents avoid unnecessary fees and ensure their payments are credited on time.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Town Clerk's Office. We're here to help and look forward to serving you!

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

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)

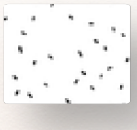
July 13th (Second Week of July)

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)

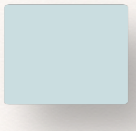
July 20th (Third Week of July)

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)

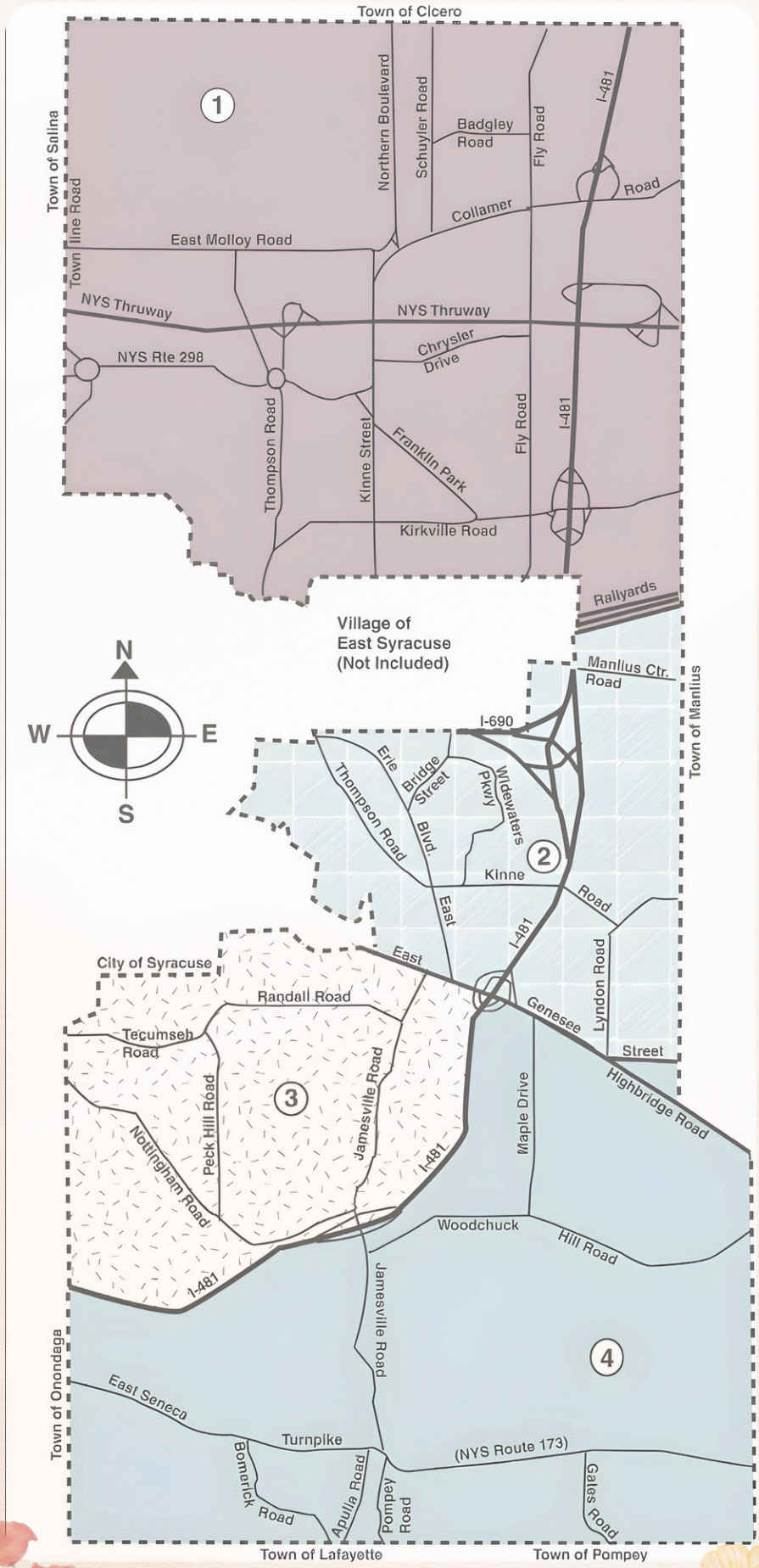
August 24th (Fourth Week of August)

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



Community and Events

Before & After School at Tecumseh

Date
August 28th

Grades:
UPK-5

Time:
AM:7:30am-8:45am
Location: Moses DeWitt

PM: 3:15pm-5:15pm
Location: Tecumseh

Location:
DeWitt Town Hall

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

Senior Bowling

Dates:
Wednesdays
September 9th-April 7th

Time:
9:30am-Coffee
9:40-Warm Up
10:00am- Begin Bowling

Location:
Green Lakes Bowling Alley
7930 E. Genesee Street
Fayetteville, NY 13066

Price:
$40.00

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

September 11th Ceremony

Date:
September 11th

Time:
6:00pm

Location:
Town of DeWitt 9/11 Memorial
5400 Butternut Drive, East Syracuse, NY 13057

Watercolor Painting: Basics to Advanced

Dates:
Mondays September 14th - November 30th

Time:
6:00pm-8:00pm

Price:
$100.00

Location:
DeWitt Community Room, 148 Sanders Creek Drive, East Syracuse

Registration begins August 1st at:
https://townofdewitt.recdesk.com

Recommended Supplies:

- Watercolor paper or canvas (9"x12")
- Watercolor paint set
- Assorted watercolor brushes
- Cups or containers for water

Trinity Fellowship Senior Art Program

Dates:
Mondays September 14th - May 31st

Time:
9:00am-3:00pm

Location:
1235 Old Stonehouse Road
Jamesville, NY 13078

Price: $25.00 Annual Fee

Registration begins August 1st at:
https://townofdewitt.recdesk.com

Star Party

Date:
September 18th

Time:
8:00pm

Location:
Cedar Bay Park
(Along Cedar Bay Rd, between Kinne Rd and N. Burdick St.)

Onondaga Senior Fair

Date:
September 19th

Time:
9:00am-12:00pm

Location:
North Syracuse Junior High School 5353 W. Taft Road, North Syracuse, NY

Price:
Free

Sun Day

Date:
September 20th

Time:
1:00m- 5:00pm

Location:
Cedar Bay Park
(Along Cedar Bay Rd, between Kinne Rd and N. Burdick St.)

Free Sundaes and Live Music

Free Paint Recycling Event

Date
September 26th

Time:
9:00am-1:00m

Location:
DeWitt Highway Department
5953 Butternut Drive, East Syracuse, NY 13057

For registration click here

TOWN OF DeWitt Recreation

Check out our programs here

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

Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania Still time to register!

Date:
October 15th

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

Price:
$215.00

Location:
Pennsylvania Grand Canyon

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

Upcoming: 5th Annual Trunk or Treat 2026

Date:
October 17th

Time:
3:00pm-7:00pm

If you are interested in being a vendor or decorating your trunk and handing out candy, call the Recreation Department for more information.
Businesse, organizations snd residents welcome!

Shoppingtown Memories



Did you know the very location that Shoppingtown is built on was the Dadey family dairy farm, with around 52 acres of beautiful farmland and scenery? Just imagine the whole town and surrounding area was once all farmlands! But all that changed in 1954 when Shoppingtown came to town!

Shoppingtown was one of the first suburban open strip centers and in fact was considered a major attraction for all the Syracuse metropolitan area.

Opening day was Wednesday, March 3rd through Saturday, March 6th, , 1954. This was a 4-day event for the grand opening of 18 stores like Kinney Shoes, Endicott Johnson, JC Penny's, Walgreen's, Wilsons Jewelers, Fanny Farmers Candy, Garden and Sports, Acme, Grand Union and of course Woolworths! Just to name a few. The grand opening hours were 12:00pm to 9:00pm, with live music all day. The prizes included tv sets, appliances, groceries, flowers, toys and candy for the kids. There was something for everyone!

With all the excitement and anticipation, an estimated 40,000 people attended opening day! Despite the weather, which was a mix of snow and rain, that did not stop anyone from attending this grand opening event. It just didn't matter; people came from all around to share this experience. The parking lot could hold about 2,000 cars, so the constant flow of cars kept the police very busy. For the locals who lived close enough they could just walk right up there. Everyone was so excited about a new shopping experience with a variety of great stores and easy parking, instead of driving or taking the bus to go downtown to shop or grab something special to eat.

All this excitement continued and anticipation just kept growing because on the last day of this event, there was a chance to win a 1954 Chevrolet 4-door sedan!!! An estimated 300,000 entry forms were completed, with one lucky winner! WOW!!!

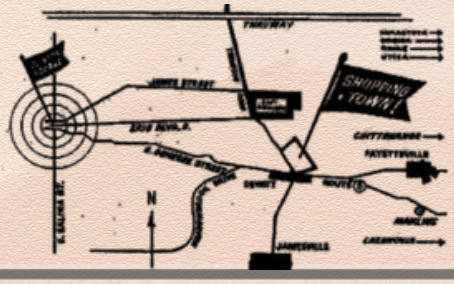


It didn't matter whether it was a shopping center or a big booming mall like it turned into during the 1970's, we all have memories of Shoppingtown, from every stage of life. We would all spend many hours there. And this was the meeting place to gather, eat a variety of food and socialize. And let's not forget about all the fun we had shopping! What a concept to shop in a controlled atmosphere, without bundling up to go from store to store, especially with our winters, but when the weather turned nice and summer came, there were some activities outside too..



Do you remember the annual DeWitt Rotary Pancake Day? This event was held in the Shoppingtown parking lot for 64 years! That's a lot of community tradition, held under one big white tent. Memories of live music, all - you - can - eat pancakes, what fun times and this brought the community together to celebrate! Then in late August, it was time for the NYS Fair! How exciting! Do you remember parking your cars and riding across town? What fun times!

Shoppingtown was once the place to be, and everyone has a fond memory or two and a story to tell! If you would like to share a memory, please reach out and we can reminisce together!



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aepolito@dewittny.gov

Thank You!

A huge thank you to the Jamesville-DeWitt School District! The DeWitt Recreation Department extends its sincerest gratitude to the J-D School District administration, staff, and school board for generously allowing us to use the school facilities for our Summer Day Camp program.

Because of this wonderful partnership, over 300 children in our community had a safe, welcoming, and incredibly fun place to spend their summer. Cooperation like this is what makes our community such a special place for families to grow. Thank you for supporting our youth and helping us create unforgettable summer memories!





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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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September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug 30	31 Area 1 Waste Pickup	Sept 1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Office is Closed Area 2 Waste Pickup	8	9 Senior Bowling Begins	10	11 9/11 Ceremony	12
13	14 Town Board Meeting Trinity Fellowship Senior Art Program Area 3 Waste Pickup	15	16	17	18 Star Party	19 Onondaga County Senior Fair
20 Sun Day	21 Area 4 Waste Pickup	22	23	24	25	26 Free Drive Thru-Paint Recycling Event
27	28 Town Board Meeting	29	30	Oct 1	2	3