



VILLAGE VIEWS

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Well here we are going into the start of another winter. As I write this, October is going down as a month that has created new future for the village.

During my entire time as Mayor, I have taken every opportunity available to the village to improve our infrastructure. On October 17, 2019, these efforts culminated with the REDI announcement that the village was awarded \$6 million to decommission the Waste-Water Treatment Plant and rebuild the Townline Pier. This is a historical opportunity for our village, and I will keep you updated as this opportunity evolves.

I also want to take this opportunity to update you on the following items I am working on or have completed for the Village:

OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS: 1) Wendel Engineering is currently working on an Infiltration and Inflow Study of the village sewer system. Infiltration and Inflow causes the dilution of sewage and directly increases costs of pumping and causes an increase in the cost of our sewer portion of our water/sewer bill. This is a necessary study regardless of the decommissioning of the WWTP. 2) Replacement of the WWTP Generator was completed this past summer. The village was awarded a grant summer of 2018, and the project was completed this past summer of 2019, (just as our old generator was beginning to quit working). This grant was awarded with Senator Ortt's help and was managed by our DPW Superintendent. Being awarded this grant saved the village taxpayers an estimated \$49,000.

SUPPORT OF OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY: The village has established a Tourism Committee that has become the heart and soul of the village business plan for our community. Our Tourism Committee has become inclusive and has worked in partnership with the Town of Wilson on the Heartland Travel Show Case and the Annual Tourism Day dinner. This fiscal year our tourism committee has continued its focus on these two successful endeavors as it also continues to grow its partnerships with surrounding communities and create its own separate No-For-Profit Tourism group that will operated in addition to the Village Tourism Committee, but separate from the village government. Our village is very proud of the efforts put in by all those that have made our tourism committee such a success.

YOUTH PROGRAMS: Demographic information shows that approximately 6% of our village population is in the 17 to 35 age group. I want to grow this part of our village demographic and we need new innovative ideas to make this happen. I want to involve the youth in our school district the help us build our new future. This summer, in a partnership with the Wilson Youth Finance Advisory Committee, the village launched its first internship program. I am happy to say our intern made an immense contribution to the village administrative staff and created value with the work he completed in our records department. I will continue to work to find ways to involve our youth and welcome your feedback.

FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE: I've created a five-year financial plan based on past village audits and future village opportunities. I will use this plan as an aid in preparing a future for the village. As mayor, I will continue to aggressively pursue opportunities for the village while making prudent financial decisions that build our villages future in a manner that is attentive, courteous, and efficient for all in our community.

Going forward, the village will update you quarterly via an email newsletter, social media, and I will do my best to personally deliver a copy to your house. Do not be surprised when you wake up with this letter on your door. It is an honor to serve you.

Arthur Lawson, Village Mayor

Village Clerk's Office

The Village Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm. A friendly reminder that we issue water/sewer bills quarterly. January, April, July, and October. These bills are due by the 30th of the month to avoid a late fee. We now have the option to receive your water/sewer bill via email. If you'd like to receive it this way, email or call the Village office to sign up for this option.

You can pay your bill online by visiting, <https://billpay.ubmaxonline.com/UBMax/BillPayLoginAction.do> . When you create your account, be sure to use the name and address as listed on your water/sewer bill. There is a convenience fee that will be added to your bill to use this service. It goes to the credit card company to cover the fees. If you have any questions, please call the Village office.

We also have an option to sign up for residential emails, please email vow@villageofwilson.org or call the office requesting to be added. These emails are only sent when we issue a newsletter, need to inform village residents of any water issues, or when we have an emergency.

Department of Public Works

****Reminder**** There is **NO PARKING** on any Village street or public highway from 2:00am – 7:00am as per Village Code 158-6 (B) starting November 1, 2019 and will run through April 15, 2020.

Snow and Ice Removal: Section 1219 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law and Section 214 of the Highway Law of NYS and Village code 139-8 specifically prohibits the placing or leaving of snow, ice, or other substances upon any highway (which includes pavement, shoulders, ditches, and sidewalks). If you (or a subcontractor) are plowing/shoveling your driveway, you **MUST** accommodate your snow in your own yard.

The Village dump truck will no longer be available until the end of snow/ice season due to the salter being in the truck. The last day for leaf and brush pickup will be November 14th. Please have your bagged and bundled brush to the curb by 7am.

Village recycling days for the holiday season are as follows, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11, 12/26 (Thursday), 1/8/, and 1/22.

Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Did you know that only “3” things should be flushed? Wet wipes have become an issue at the waste water treatment plant. After wet wipes are flushed, they exit a house through a lateral pipe that connects to the sewer system. Unlike toilet paper, wet wipes fail to disintegrate. They clog the pumps, causing them to break down and redirect stagnant waste water back towards houses. Sewer systems must be shut down so that the wipes can be manually removed. This can be costly for a small community. Please be courteous and place your wet wipes in the trash and not the toilet!

Did you know??????

When we think of wastewater, we usually think of sewage. However, it is also comprised of any used domestic water produced from showers, disposals, washers, and sinks. Furthermore, wastewater can include any used water and water-carried solids from a community that flows to a treatment plant, such as stormwater, surface water, and industrial water. Fact: 99 percent of wastewater is just dirty water; the other 1 percent is solids, chemicals, nutrients, fats, and other pollutants.

Most sewer systems operate by gravity flow, which pulls wastewater toward the treatment plant. It first enters the plant at the headworks and passes through the preliminary treatment called screening where large objects are trapped and removed for landfill disposal. After screening, the wastewater enters a grit chamber to remove heavier solids such as rocks, sand, gravel, and other materials, which are also sent to the landfill for disposal. Following preliminary treatment, the wastewater flows to a primary sedimentation basin where some of the solids are separated from the water. In this phase, the small but heavy particles (such as corn, beans, and other small particles) sink to the bottom as sludge, and lighter materials like fats and oils float to the top for skimming. Both the primary sludge and skimmed material are properly disposed of.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Official

If you are planning a new project, please contact Tom at 751-6764 to make an appointment to discuss your project and to decide whether or not you need a permit. As per NYS, all residents that will be obtaining a permit and doing the work themselves without a contractor, will need to submit a CE-200 when obtaining a permit. Visit our website, www.villageofwilson.org, click on departments and under building and zoning administrator, scroll down to activities and follow the directions on obtaining that form. *Don't forget to print the directions on how to obtain the form under documents.

If you are having a contractor do work to your home, it is ultimately your responsibility to know whether you need a permit or not. Please call our office to confirm that. Your contractor will need to submit a copy of their worker's compensation and liability, listing the Village of Wilson. If you or they have any questions, please call our office.



HAVE A WONDERFUL & SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON, FROM ALL OF US IN YOUR VILLAGE OFFICE!

