



2020 Winter Newsletter

Village Employee Retirement: John Bartholomew, our Village D.P.W. Water System Operator will be retiring from the Village of Chatham. We will certainly miss his expertise and witty personality albeit, we wish him the best and hope his retirement is superlative.

Outdoor Seating: As restaurants are looking to expand their seating as the weather gets colder with temporary tents, please note that these are allowed to be erected or installed on the owners properties only, for no more than 90 days continuously, and for no more than 120 days in a calendar year.

Snow Shoveling: Please remember snow and ice shall be removed within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall or after the snow has been deposited on such sidewalk.

Garbage Pick-up: Please do not leave trash or recycle bins in the street as they may get caught up in the plow clearing snow. Leave them on the curb or in your driveway.

Winter Parking: Just a reminder that Winter Parking Rules are in effect. No parking on Village streets unless designated. The designated areas are as follows:

- ❖ Cemetery Hill – Cemetery entrance to Maiden Lane
- ❖ Depot Street – across from the warehouse building at Herrington's Lumber
- ❖ Depot Square – Past the bank there are 18 spaces
- ❖ High Street – Line street to Austerlitz Street
- ❖ Kinderhook Street – Central Square to Shore Road
- ❖ Library Place – entire length
- ❖ Maiden Lane – entire length
- ❖ Woodbridge Ave. – Hoffman Street to Church Street

Leaf Pick-up: Leaf pick-up has come to an end for this year. The DPW will resume leaf pick-up in the Spring if pandemic precautions have been lifted.

Moratorium on Termination of Residential Utility Service: On June 17, 2020 Governor Cuomo signed an Executive Order that prevents public utilities and municipalities from terminating electric, gas, steam, telephone, and water service to residential customers during the COVID-19 state of emergency. The Executive Order also states “service termination is also prohibited for 180 days after the state of emergency expires for those residential customers who have experienced a change in financial circumstances due to COVID-19”. The new law requires municipalities and public utilities to provide such residential customers the right to enter into, or restructure, a deferred payment agreement without the requirement of a down payment, or the imposition of late fees or penalties for 180 days after the COVID-19 state of emergency expires. This law is set to expire March 31, 2021. At the end of the Executive Order plus 180 days, the Village has the right to shut off water for any account where there is an outstanding balance until the bill is paid in full. This law does not include the costs associated with sewer charges. A municipality can still re-levy any outstanding sewer charges on to Village taxes.

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