



Supervisor's Message

December 2024

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Lights are strung, decorations add sparkle, festivities prevail and the spirit of goodwill permeates our citizens at this very special time. We are most grateful for the Town of Geddes' residents as they are the heart of our community. We wish all of you a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

Our Town's employees are committed to keeping our residents safe and secure during this busy time of year. It takes a community of resources to keep our town the wonderful place that it is to live.

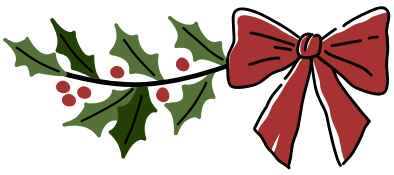
Thank you to our dedicated Police Officers for their services 24/7, and our Highway workers for keeping our roads cleared and repaired. We appreciate our Town Offices' employees whose goodwill and generosity are demonstrated every day in their contact with the public.

Thank you to our Parks and Recreation department for welcoming all ages with a variety of events and initiatives. Our elected officials work diligently and thoughtfully in making the decisions which are in the best interests of our community. In our case, it takes a village and a town to make us a very special place to live.

A few initiatives as we look to 2025:

- Our Hometown Heroes program was a huge success in 2024. We look forward to year two to celebrate our veterans already having a banner. And we will reopen enrollment for others to purchase a banner for the next two years.
- Lakeland Park underwent some major improvements in 2024 including a redesign of some areas and an additional playground. Landscaping added character to our town park. Funding was provided by Onondaga County Community Development with labor supported by our TOG Highway Department. We look forward to a dedication with County Executive McMahon joining us in 2025.
- Blueberry Lane underwent a massive replacement of a faulty drainage pipe underground which had been leaking for some time. This project funded in part by Assemblyman Magnarelli's funding allowed the town to excavate, replace, repair and restore Blueberry Lane to excellent condition.





- Fay Road Park continues to be considered for some added amenities. In 2025, a new playscape funded by Onondaga County Community Development will be added to the Geddes fields.
- The John Carno Center is undergoing some major upgrades. With funding from Onondaga County Senior Services, we had kitchen upgrades, electrical expansion and camera systems installed. Future funding from Senator Mannion's office looks to have a new furnace and air conditioning added to the building along with other upgrades. With the addition of the TOG satellite police station onsite, along with classes and pickle ball offerings, as well as PEACE luncheons weekly insures vibrancy for the future usage of the Carno Center.
- The Fay Road pavement project sponsored by Assemblyman Magnarelli has made a huge difference in our community. These improvements will sustain for years.
- The TOG Tree Committee has been extremely active in 2024. The continuation of the residential tree program expanded throughout the town along with the massive plantings in public spaces supports our title as a Tree City into 2025. The abundance of plantings is funded by a \$31,259.25 NYS Urban Forestry grant.
- The industrial park at Dwight Park continues to attract businesses. A Green Resiliency Grant was awarded this Fall to our town for \$1,025,000 as funding to improve infrastructure and enhance this area of our town. In a separate project, efforts continue to install a bridge to Onondaga County's Loop the Lake Trail with a picnic area and walking trails using funding allocated by Onondaga County.
- Our TOG police department has been the recipient of county, NYS and Federal monies supported by our elected officials at each level to help with equipment, technology and resources to help strengthen and support our officers.
- Access to the Loop the Lake trail for emergency services was sponsored by Assemblyman Magnarelli at Pleasant Beach in Lakeland. We continue to work closely with his office to help access in different parts of our community.
- 2024 gave our residents the opportunity to tap into electricity generated by the Town of Geddes' first solar plant, Abundant Energy. As a result of this effort along with other energy conscious decisions made by the town, we recently received \$15,000 to replace the outside lights at the town hall and \$75,000 to replace the single pane front window at the same location granted by NYSERDA. To help our residents with access at the town hall, Senator Mannion sponsored a \$95,000 grant for us to revamp our front entrance with ramps, safe entries and automated doors. All these improvements are 2025 initiatives.



- Announced yesterday by NYS Commissioner of Transportation Marie Therese Dominguez is the funding of a \$500,000 comprehensive paving project on State Fair Blvd from Bridge St. to Pump House Road.
- Westvale Plaza is the site slated to improve the town's right of way as part of a \$400,000 Climate Smart grant. These improvements include pedestrian access, mass transportation improvements, rain gardens, landscaping and other plans.
- The Onondaga County funded Main Street projects continue to benefit our businesses in the Town of Geddes. Approved projects are funded at 75% county share and 25% business share. Through three rounds, we have had over 20 projects funded with project totals of \$194,203 (MS 1), \$517,895 (MS 2) and \$287,531 (MS 3). Main Street 3 projects will be completed in 2025.
- The F24 federal funding for the Connective Corridor project continues to wind through the various agencies at the federal and state levels. This \$5,000,000 grant connects the City of Syracuse, Village of Solvay and Town of Geddes by providing a re-set and re-design of Grand Ave., Fay Road and Charles Ave. Still in the preliminary stages, this will be a several-year initiative, but the funding is secured.
- Less high profile but vitally important to our town's operations are the grants received for Cyber Security (1,2,3) and a combined inventory (Town of Geddes and Town of Onondaga) grant to help update the respective Assessor's office records.

As evidenced by the above initiatives, your Town of Geddes is working for the residents. As we move into a new year, may our residents continue to value and be proud of where they live!

Happy New Year!



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