



# THE VILLAGE STATUS



Village of North Collins, NY

December 2020

MAYOR VINCENT GEORGE  
570-5992

KATHLEEN MYERS  
DEPUTY MAYOR/ TRUSTEE

KAREN DENNE  
TRUSTEE

CORINNE LEONE  
TRUSTEE

MELVIN BLEY  
TRUSTEE

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

### Dear Residents:

First of all, I would like to thank the residents of North Collins for working with us to try to bring COVID-19 under control. Wearing masks, sanitizing, and maintaining a social distance is critical. In our small town, we need to stay vigilant in order to protect each other.

Our Village Elections, which are usually held in March, were pushed back by the Governor to September 15 due to the virus. The election results saw the incumbents Melvin Bley and Karen Denne re-elected to four-year terms. Congratulations goes out to both of them.

The North Collins Fire Department received a grant of \$17,000+ for a new exhaust system in the fire truck bays. This system replaces one that has not worked for years. Thanks for obtaining this grant goes out to grant writer Lori Szewczyk at Erie County Industrial Development Agency, Village Clerk Jan Hutchinson, and Fire Chief Keith Ayers.

A Susan B Komen walk for Roswell Park was held in the Village on Sunday, September 13th at 10:00 am. The walk included people of all ages. The walk started and ended at the Village Park only using the sidewalks so no streets were closed. This walk was a first of its kind in our Village and raised over \$3,000. Thanks goes out to Trustee Corinne Leone who was able to bring us such an event. Hopefully this will become an annual event here in North Collins.

Brush will no longer be picked up this year. Pickup will begin again in the Spring. If you have a lot of tree limbs, brush of any kind etc, call Mike Perry at 570-5991 to ask if a village truck could be dropped off on a Friday afternoon and picked up on a Monday morning.

Volunteers are so important to every community. Some volunteers are recognized and some not. We recognize the men and woman of our Fire Department because they are so visible being available for emergencies and answering fire calls and doing such an outstanding job. The same can be said for our Emergency Squad members. We truly appreciate all of them.

Two volunteer boards that don't generally receive our thanks are first, the Zoning Board of Appeals consisting of Gary Bacon, Ron Denne, George Jablonski, Henry (Hank) Maciejewski, and Joseph Wales. And second, the Planning Board whose members include, Matt Sweet, Dave Wilczynski, Marcy Jablonski, Curt Mancuso and Michael Drumm. Your service is greatly valued and appreciated and we thank you for volunteering your time to assist your community now and for our future.

Once again I want to thank so many of the residents who this past Spring and Summer beautified their property and made improvements to their homes by siding, painting or just fixing up things that needed fixing. We have seen a tremendous improvement in the appearance of our Village because of the efforts of so many of our residents year in and year out.

In mid-October, the North Collins Wine and Liquor store opened up for business. This will be the third business to open up in our Village this year along with Moonchild Musings (a women's boutique), and soon Early Bird—a store that will be selling overstocked goods which will include clothing, kitchen ware, chairs, blankets, tools etc.

On October 25th, a total of 97.5 pounds of drugs and needles were dropped off at the Village Police Department on a Drug Dropoff sponsored by Erie County Department of Health, the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, and the North Collins Police Department.

Thanks to Legislator John Mills, the railroad has promised to fix the crossing on School Street like the newer crossings on Langford Road and Sherman Avenue. The work is scheduled to begin in the Spring.

I would like to thank the following food establishments: Three Star Restaurant, Piz-A-Italia and RJ's Diner for staying open and providing take out service to our resident's during these trying times. Also thank you to Shelly's Convenience, Save-a-Lot, and Dollar General for providing essential supplies.

With a recent grant of nearly \$24,000 from Erie County CARES Act, the Village will be installing an automated teller tube system that will allow for drive-up service at the Village offices. It is very similar to the system used at local banks and will be very useful, particularly if COVID continues to worsen and our offices must close to the public. Your Village employees will continue to work for you—keeping essential services going and being available. Please don't hesitate to contact me or the Village office if you need assistance of any kind. We are here for you.

Respectfully Yours,  
Mayor Vincent George

# WINTER DATES TO REMEMBER:

*Water Bills are due without penalty Friday, Jan. 1, 2021*

Village Offices/Departments will be **closed** on the following days:  
(Please use the overnight drop-box on the left of the Village Clerk's door)

- Dec. 25: Christmas Holiday**
- Jan. 1: New Year's Holiday**
- Jan. 19: MLK Jr. Day**
- Feb. 15: President's Day**

**Village Board Meetings, Village Hall (open to public):**  
Monday, Dec. 21, 2020; 6:30pm  
Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021; 6:30pm  
Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021; 6:30pm



Text **NCVillageAlert** to **99411** to sign up for notifications.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS	
Mayor Vincent George .....	(Cell) 570-5992
Public Works- Mike Perry.....	(Cell) 570-5991
Village Office- Clerk Jan Hutchinson .....	337-3160
Email: <a href="mailto:VillageClerk@VillageofNorthCollins.org">VillageClerk@VillageofNorthCollins.org</a>	
Code Enforcement- Phil Tremblay.....	548-2372
Animal Control—Ray Zabron.....	992-9344
Erie County Sheriff (non-emergency).....	858-2903
Emergency .....	<b>911</b>
Erie County Sewer .....	549-3161
Sewer After Hours.....	823-8188
NYS DOT Hamburg.....	648-0295
North Collins Fire (office/hall rental).....	337-3294
North Collins EMS (office).....	337-2195

## When Seconds Count...



Which would you rather have to protect your home?

Please do not pile snow near fire hydrants

**Our firefighters are volunteers... please help them help you...**



## Homes and Community Renewal

### New York State Main Street Grant Program

Next summer, the Village of North Collins will be submitting a NY Main Street Grant application for a grant to upgrade the main business areas of the village. But we need your help!

If you are a business (particularly a business with residential apartments), please review the presentation concerning this program. You will find it at the top of our website: [www.VillageofNorthCollins.org](http://www.VillageofNorthCollins.org). If you are a resident, please show your support of our local businesses by talking with them about this program.

Then, businesses need to fill out and return the program application to the Village Clerk. In order to be awarded the grant money, our request needs to include your applications to show that we have the interest and support of our businesses.

What can this program do? Here are some examples of possible upgrades:

Before:



After:

