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Ciaran Hanna
Supervisor

Town Supervisor's *Message to the Community*

Note: Happy December, and welcome to a new feature in our quarterly Perinton Recreation and Parks program brochure! In our ongoing effort to enhance communication between the Town of Perinton and its residents, our brochures will now include a Supervisor's Message and other Town News in these first few pages. We hope this section will be of value to you, and we welcome your comments.

Greetings! In November, I was honored to be selected by the Town Board to finish out the term of retiring Supervisor Mike Barker. I have known Mike for many years (41 years to be exact) and throughout this time his passion and gift for teaching have been clearly evident. When the opportunity to return to teaching arose, Mike, understandably, took it. I would like to thank Mike for his years of service to our community through public office. From his time on the Fairport Village Board, Town Board, and County Legislature, and ending with the last five years in the Supervisor's office, Mike has truly been a dedicated public servant. I am not alone in my appreciation of this commitment and hard work...from all of us – Thanks Mike!

What a terrific summer and early fall we had in the Town of Perinton! We kicked off the summer in early June with our 17th Annual Fishing Derby at Perinton Park. July brought the annual Fourth of July Party at the Park as well as the kick-off for our many, popular Summer Youth Camps and Skill Development Camps. Stellar musical acts and great weather made for record attendance Sunday nights at the Center Stage at Center Park Concert Series. This free concert series has been growing in popularity as a fun, family-friendly activity every Sunday night, throughout the summer.

In late summer and early fall we had the Youth Triathlon, Outdoor Movie Night and the Halloween Parade.

In our Department of Public Works, we welcomed a new Commissioner in August. Jason Kennedy, a Perinton resident who previously served as the Deputy Director of Environmental Services for Monroe County, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the department. Jason jumped right in to a busy schedule of road repair/maintenance, weekly brush pick-up and on-going sidewalk and sewer projects. I look forward to working with Jason as we head into snow plowing season.

I would also like to take a moment to thank all of our local Fire, Emergency Medical Service, Police Department and Sheriff Deputies for their tireless dedication to keeping our community a safe and wonderful place to live and raise a family. Every day, regardless of conditions, we depend on them to perform their duties at the highest level, and every day they come through. I thank them for that.

I am very excited to serve the Town in this new capacity. I have enjoyed being a member of the Town Board for the past several years and look forward to this new and exciting challenge. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to stop by, call or email any time or visit our website at www.perinton.org. My phone number is (585) 223-0770 and my email is channa@perinton.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Ciaran Hanna

The Town Of Perinton's 2019 Budget Provides A Tax Cut For All Town Residents

Town residents outside the Village of Fairport will receive a \$0.092 tax cut, while town residents who live in the village will receive a \$0.003 tax cut.

Town residents outside the village will pay \$2.153 per \$1,000 of property value, compared to \$2.245 in 2018. Village residents will pay \$1.710 in 2019 compared to \$1.713 in 2018.

The 2019 town budget is \$21,553,239.

For every \$100 of taxes in the 2019 budget, \$68 goes to the schools, \$25 goes to Monroe County and \$7 goes to the Town of Perinton.

Once again, the Town of Perinton has the third lowest tax rate among Monroe County towns. Only Riga, with no town taxes, and Henrietta have lower tax rates. Perinton has been in the top 3 of lowest tax rates in Monroe County every year this century.

The Town of Perinton estimates raising \$8,899,928 in taxes. Revenues are expected to rise from \$12,498,383 in 2018 to \$12,633,710 in 2019. Noticeable revenue rises include sales tax (\$3,850,000 in 2018 to \$4,500,000 in 2019) and recreation and parks (\$1,761,000 in 2018 to \$1,938,000 in 2019).

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**Revamped Teen
Center programs
featuring field
trips, themed
activities and other
events.**

**For more
information, please
refer to page 26.**



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Board Meetings

Town Board
2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month
at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board
3rd Wednesday of every month
at 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Board
Tuesdays before the 1st and 3rd
Wednesday of each month
at 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals
4th Monday of every month
at 7:30 p.m.

Dog Licensing
in Perinton & Fairport



Love me? License me! It's the Law!

Dog licenses are issued in the Town Clerk's office, with annual renewals, in compliance with NYS Agriculture & Markets Law, Article 7 & Chapter 78 of Town Code.

Proof of current rabies vaccination is required, as well as whether your dog is spayed/neutered.

A senior discount is available for residents age 65 and older.

Stop by the Town Clerk's Office or print the Application for New Dog License form from our website (<http://perinton.org/Departments/clerkmain/doginfo/>) and mail in with your payment (checks payable to the Town of Perinton).

A license is a lost dog's ticket home!

Dogs are easier to identify when wearing a license tag, making it simpler to reunite with his/her owner.

Requiring dogs to have a valid rabies vaccination prior to licensing helps to control and prevent the spread of rabies.

ONLINE RENEWAL FOR DOG LICENSING NOW AVAILABLE

For dogs with current rabies on file with the Town, for \$1.75 convenience fee with Credit or Debit card.

Monroe County Dog Parks require a valid dog license & rabies certificate. Information on County dog parks can be found at <http://www2.monroecounty.gov/parks-dogparks.php>

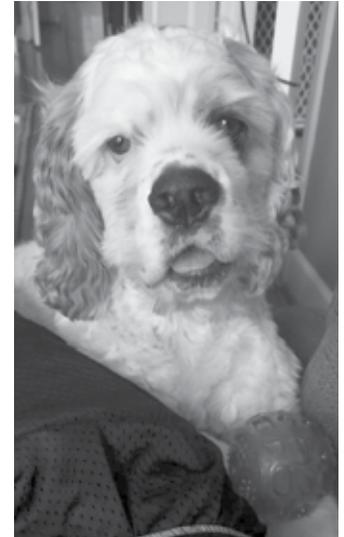
Training Certificates (if applicable)

There is no fee for licensing certain dogs, including guide dogs, hearing dogs, service dogs, war dogs, working search dogs, detection dogs, police work dogs or therapy dogs. However, a license is still required. Satisfactory proof that the dog has been certified, trained or licensed as a service animal must be provided. There is a fee for licensing emotional support dogs and comfort dogs, unless owner has psychiatric proof of need.

Questions about dog licensing?

Call the Perinton Town Clerk's office at 585.223.0770.

Our office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Town Highway Department NEW

What to know about snow and ice

The Town of Perinton is responsible for snow and ice control on 467 lane miles of Town, County, and State roads within Perinton with the exception of the New York State Expressways. As winter approaches, we want to remind everyone of the necessary rules and regulations that provide for your safety and the safety of the traveling public on main roads and neighborhood streets within the Town during the winter snow and ice season. Our Highway Department Dispatchers are on duty 24 hours a day during the winter season.

Some important winter policies for you to be aware of:

Highway and Road Salting — Our Highway Department follows the “Sensible Salting Guidelines” established by the County of Monroe, in conjunction with the Environmental Management Council. This policy requires us to use only enough salt to make our highways safe for motorists, but requires you to reduce your driving speed according to conditions.

Plowing — The Town of Perinton maintains 22 plow routes. It may take three to four hours to complete a typical plow route. Accumulations will occur during this time; we ask that residents please be patient.

Roads within Town are prioritized and treated and plowed in the following order: Primary (main-line roads), Secondary roads, Town subdivision roads & cul-de-sacs

Please remember that the Town is not responsible for removing the windrow created by plowing past your driveway, and is not responsible for the snow that accumulates around your mailbox.

All snowplows angle the same way, to the drivers’ right, and plowing snow will get pushed into the ends of the driveways. The only way to avoid extra shoveling is to wait until the Town crews have gone by and/or have done their final clean-up on the street.

Objects in the street are the biggest deterrent to efficient plowing operations. Remove all basketball backboards and other items from the Town right-of-way. Please do not place garbage cans and recycling containers in the street.

Be aware snowplows will backup occasionally at intersections.

Never pass a snowplow.

Never assume the snowplow drivers can see you. Stay at least three (3) car lengths behind the truck. If you cannot see the driver in his mirrors, he cannot see you either.

Please shovel around any fire hydrant in your neighborhood to clear it of snow.

The Town will place snow markers at critical locations. Please feel free to add additional markers as necessary.

Driveway Clearing — Driveway maintenance is the property owner’s responsibility. When clearing your driveway of snow, please keep it on your own property. Any snow pushed, blown or plowed onto any street is a ticketable offense under both NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law and NYS Penal Law. If your driveway is plowed by a private contractor, both you (as the property owner) and the plow operator may be ticketed. Snow should be pushed to the left side of your driveway (as you are facing your house) so that when Town snowplows go past your house, it will minimize the amount of snow going back into your driveway.

Mailboxes — It is the Town’s policy to repair mailboxes that are damaged by Town plows during snow plowing operations or to replace them with a standard metal mailbox and post. Since there is no legal authority that grants an owner the right to place a mailbox along a public road right-of-way, our repairs and replacements are done as a courtesy. A one-piece plastic post/box combination or any type of custom mailboxes will be replaced with our standard post and box. If you have an expensive and/or decorative mailbox and/or post, it may be worth considering the option of storing it for the winter and replacing it with an inexpensive assembly.

Winter Parking — In order to facilitate snow removal and to eliminate potential hazards, the parking of vehicles on all highways, shoulders, or within three feet of the pavement within the Town, is prohibited November 1 to April 1 between the hours of 2:00 and 7:00 a.m. Vehicles in violation of this ordinance are subject to a parking ticket. Repeat violators or vehicles that prevent plowing of a street will be towed and the vehicle’s owner will be responsible for all towing and storage charges.



Town Assessor

Due to recent legislation, New York State Tax and Finance has changed the STAR exemption program to a *credit* program for **new** applicants. Property owners who closed on a new home after March 2, 2015, or who have never had the exemption before **must register with** the New York State Tax Department to receive STAR credit check.

Register anytime at www.tax.ny.gov/star - it only takes a few minutes.

Residents without access to a computer can register by phone weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by calling (518) 457-2036.

Property owners currently enrolled in either the BASIC or the ENHANCED STAR exemption program will continue to receive the exemption on their school bill.

Your STAR benefit is the same regardless of how you receive it.

Types of STAR exemptions:

BASIC STAR: available for owner-occupied, primary residences where the adjusted gross income of the resident owner and spouse is less than \$500,000.

ENHANCED STAR: available for owner-occupied, primary residences where all owners must be at least 65 years old (unless the owners are spouses or siblings, in which case, at least one owner must be at least 65) **AND** for the 2019 assessment roll, the 2017 adjusted gross income limit may not exceed \$86,300. If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) you can subtract the amount on Line 15b from Line 37 on your 2017 Federal Tax Return.

NEW 2019 CHANGES FOR ENHANCED STAR: The NYS Income Verification Program (IVP) is now required due to new legislation. This automatically renews your Enhanced STAR starting in 2020 for those not already registered in the program. If you are applying for the first time or reapplying, you must enroll in the IVP program by providing your social security number for NYS so that they may automatically determine your eligibility and renewal. You only need to enroll once, and you will receive the exemption each year, as long as you're eligible. Additional benefits include the comfort of knowing you cannot miss the renewal deadline and you will no longer need to share your income tax returns with the assessor's office.

The supplemental form RP-425-e (IVP) must accompany the filed Enhanced STAR renewal application for 2019. Once on file, you will no longer annually reapply with the Assessor's Office, as NYS will be verifying your income. You must file your renewal application, along with the IVP form, with the Assessor's Office this year, prior to March 1, 2019, so that you are enrolled with NYS for the future.

NEW 2019 CHANGES FOR SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTIONS: In the past, senior citizens who qualified for the senior citizen exemption (2017 income must be below \$37,400) were automatically granted the Enhanced STAR exemption. Due to new changes in New York State law, beginning with applications for 2019, you must apply separately for the Senior Citizen Exemption and the Enhanced STAR exemption. In addition, you must also include an Income Verification Program (IVP) form with your social security number so that NYS can determine your future eligibility and renewal for the Enhanced Star portion of your Senior Citizen exemption. **You will continue to reapply for your Senior Citizen exemption in the Assessor's Office.** You will reapply, in the Assessor's Office, for the Enhanced STAR only for 2019, and include the IVP form with your social security number. Then beginning in 2020, NYS will review your eligibility, only for the Enhanced STAR portion of the exemption.

Remembering Nick Morabito, III



Perinton Town Assessor Nicholas Morabito III, (Nick) 60, passed away suddenly on July 31, 2018

Nick, who was also Assessor for East Rochester, was a native of East Rochester. He graduated from East Rochester High School and received his bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Miami.

Prior to becoming an Assessor, Nick had a successful career as a real estate appraiser and financial broker and was well respected in his field. He was a friend to all in both Perinton and East Rochester locations and always had a funny story to tell, or knew just how to make you laugh. Nick loved to laugh! He was a very caring and generous boss and always thought of others before himself.

"Nick was the heart of the Town Hall and will be missed desperately by all who knew him," said Perinton Town Supervisor Mike Barker. "Nick was our friend and went out of his way to help and serve our residents as Town Assessor for 16 years. Nick was the ideal public servant; he truly wanted to make his community a better place in which to live."

The middle child of seven sons, Nick is survived by his wife of 19 years Dominique, and his three children Abigail, Nicholas IV and Daniel, as well as his father Nicholas and brothers Michael, James, David, Kevin, John and Thomas. Nick was predeceased by his mother, Patricia.

Nick will be remembered most of all as a loving father to his three children, a devoted husband to his wife Dominique, and a loyal and dedicated friend to his many lifelong friends. Other than his time in both offices, if he wasn't at one of his children's activities or with Dome, Nick could be found on the golf course or raising a glass with his one of his buddies.

