

# City of Sherrill Fall 2017 Newsletter

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*From the City Manager*

*Brandon M. Lovett*

It's that time of year again when summer winds down, the kids head back to school, and the crisp air of fall begins to arrive.

The City had a very busy and productive summer and we expect the next several weeks to be the same. The DPW building renovation project is on schedule to wrap up before winter settles in. Our street paving project as well as the binder course for the Power and Light building will be completed in the next few weeks. New sidewalk installation at various locations throughout the City has begun, and the completion of the Betsinger Road sidewalk project is near. The City worked closely with the NYS DOT. They'll be installing a new crosswalk on Route 5 at Betsinger to complete the project. This enhancement will provide two crossing points on Route 5 for pedestrians in the City.

As a recap, our fireworks weekend was a huge success based on the feedback from our residents, visitors and vendors. If you have any suggestions or comments you'd like to share with us for next year's event please contact Sara Getman in the Recreation Department. We'd love to hear from you.

I've been working with the City Commission on updating several ordinances including the Green Waste and Refuse Ordinances and we expect to roll out the changes very soon. The updates will streamline the collection process for our DPW crews, and we feel they will better serve the public.

As mentioned in the last newsletter two significant economic development projects are underway in the City. The new Maple Leaf Market on the corner of Sherrill Road and Route 5 is expected in open in September. And just two weeks ago Briggs & Stratton made the formal announcement that they are repurposing approximately 575,000 square feet of a former Oneida Limited building as their new home. Briggs & Stratton plans to manufacture zero-turn radius and commercial mowers under the Ferris and Snapper Pro brands, and homeowner zero-turn mowers under its Simplicity and Snapper names out of the new facility. It's an exciting time for Sherrill and we wish both businesses success in the years ahead.

I'd like to congratulate the Sherrill Legion Post 230 baseball team on their District 5 Championship and the Sherrill Silversmiths of the NYCBL on a great season as well. Also, a huge thank you to all the vendors who participated in our

farmers market this year, as well as the bands who performed in our concert series. The summer weather had its ups and downs, but overall it was a success. And a special thank you to all our City Departments and staff who work hard to make these events/programs possible.

We have begun the process of compiling information for the 2018 Budget, and we will be working collaboratively as a team in the months ahead as we develop next year's budget. A focus of the 2018 budget will be to address some of our most needed infrastructure, facility and equipment improvements to better position ourselves for the future. The City will be hosting a Fall Touch a Truck event at the CAC on Columbus Day from 10am-1pm. The event will feature large trucks and equipment for all to view and touch. Vendors with concessions and some additional activities will be available too.

Lastly, The City of Sherrill is losing one of its finest, as Patrolman Daniel Slator has resigned with Sherrill Police Department, to accept a position with City of Oneida Police Department. The City of Sherrill's loss is truly the City of Oneida's gain. On behalf of the City of Sherrill, I'd like to say, "Thank you" to Officer Slator for your service, and the entire Sherrill community wishes you the best in your new position.

All the best,  
Brandon

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Police Department- Please note these numbers and use the correct one for efficient response.

Emergencies- 911

Dispatch- (315) 363-3200

Leave a message- (315) 363-6221

## Department of Public Works News

**Projects-** The DPW has completed this year's major roadwork and most sidewalk improvements and already begun working on improving the underground utilities for next year's street improvements. Other work planned for this season includes athletic field improvements and sitework at the CAC, Power & Light, and the DPW Garage.

**Summer Help-** Thank you to Tyler Baker, Matt Nell, and Trevor Esch for their hard work in making the City look great this summer. From painting to landscaping, they did it all!

**Upcoming Garbage Pick-Up Date Change-** Garbage pickup scheduled for Friday November 10 will take place Thursday November 9.

### Common Garbage & Recycling Mistakes

**Overweight-** Garbage can & contents shall not weigh over 40 lbs (recyclables 20 lbs). Tip: place used cat litter in separate plastic bag outside of garbage container to avoid having container be overweight.

**Size-** Containers shall be no less than 10 gal. & no more than 32 gal.

**Damaging Items-** Construction debris & oversized items are not accepted.

**Plastic Bags-** Bags **cannot** be recycled via the local recycling program. Bags can be brought to most local grocery stores for recycling/reuse.

**Food Contents-** Remove food and & rinse out containers for recycling.

*For more tips please visit [www.AmIRecyclable.com](http://www.AmIRecyclable.com)*

**Transfer Station-** Thanks to Transfer Station Manager Michelle Finn for making the Transfer Station a well-oiled machine! The Transfer Station is open Wednesdays, 4-7pm & Saturdays, 8am-1pm through October 4. Beginning October 7, it will only be open Saturdays until spring. Disposal coupons must be purchased at City Hall prior to dropping off items.

**Free Paper Shredding & Bulk Plastic Collection-** Sherrill residents are invited to bring any paper they need shredded to the Transfer Station on Saturday, September 30th, from 10am-12pm. No need to remove paper clips or staples. Folders & envelopes are also acceptable. Residents are also invited to drop off bulky plastics (garbage cans, plastic toys, lawn furniture, etc).

**Remaining Brush & Green Waste Pick-Up Dates-** 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, & 10/23. After 10/23, residents can bring brush & green waste to the Transfer Station at no charge.

**Leaves-** The City will pick up leaves as the weather dictates. *Leaf piles shall:* be just leaves- no garbage, soil, rocks, animal waste, lumber, debris, branches, etc- failure to comply will potentially result in severe damage to the leaf vacuum system; **not** be bagged, placed in any type of container, or left on tarps/plastic; be placed at curb- **not in roadway.**

**Lawn Care Tips-** Mulching leaves back into the lawn benefits lawn quality and color and is better for the biodiversity and organic matter of the soil. Mulched sugar maple leaves inhibit broadleaf weed seeds like dandelion.

**Compost & Ashes-** Compost is available for residents to take at the end of Fairway Lane, adjacent to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. There is also a designated area to drop off properly extinguished, wood ashes.

**Bowling Leagues, September-April**



Monday Men's, 6:30pm  
 Tuesday Mixed, 6:30pm  
 Wednesday Women's, 6:30pm  
 Thursday Pastime, 9am  
 Thursday Women's, 6:30pm  
 Saturday Couples, 6:30pm  
 Sunday Youth, 5:15pm  
 \*for students grades 7-12 & college freshmen

**Kids Leagues**

Thursday Afternoons, 4pm,  
 \*for kids 8-12 years old, October 5-March 22  
 Saturday Mornings, 9am & 11:30am,  
 \*for kids 5-17 years old, October 7-March 24  
 \*Sign up for kids leagues September 19 & 21,  
 6-7:30pm at the CAC. There is a registration  
 fee and there are weekly bowling fees.

**Open Bowling Hours:**

Wednesdays 10am-12pm & 6:30-9pm  
 Fridays 6-11pm  
 Saturdays 12-5pm & 9:30-11pm  
 Sundays 12-5pm  
 \*Hours may change and the CAC is also open  
 during some school vacations and holidays.  
 Call for updates. \$3.25/game & \$1/shoes

**Billiards Information**

Call for information about adult leagues.  
 Anyone 16 or older can play pool when the  
 CAC is open and tables are available.  
 Cost: \$2/half-hour

**Birthdays, Parties and Private Events:**

The gym and upstairs are available to rent for  
 bowling birthday parties, baby showers,  
 graduation parties or other private events.  
 Visit [www.sherrillny.org/recreation/cac/](http://www.sherrillny.org/recreation/cac/)  
 for details and more information.



**Daily Activities**

**-Indoor Walking-** Open to all, weekday mornings, 8-9am.  
**-Kids Time-** This is a self-monitored program for indoor play in the  
 gym for children ages 5 and younger who are supervised by an  
 adult- Monday-Friday, 10am-12pm  
**-Gym-** The gym can be used for basketball. Cost: \$3 person/hour.  
 Residents must sign out balls. Children 15 & under must be  
 supervised. Call for availability.

**Mondays**

**-Bone Builders-**Strength Training for the Older Adult, 9am, Contact  
 Polly, (315) 853-6258 for details, \$1.50/class.

**Tuesdays**

**-Community Fine Arts Guild-** Join this group of artists 9am-12pm to  
 paint, share ideas, and for critique.

**Wednesdays**

**-Oneida County Office for the Aging-** A representative from the  
 office is at the CAC on the first Wednesday of the month at 11am  
 to provide people ages 60 and over, or those with disabilities, with  
 services. Stop by or call Emily Comito, 768-3623.  
**-Craft & Chat Group-** Join this group the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
 of each month, 11am-1pm, to knit, sew, or create any other craft.

**Thursdays**

**-Rescue Me K-9 Dog Rescue Dog Socialization-** These are free  
 classes from 6-7pm for anyone who wants to bring their dog.  
 Contact Debbie Martin, (315) 829-3454 with questions.

**Sundays**

**-Liam M. Kinne Foundation Fitness Training-** This is a free 1 hour  
 program starting September 17 from 12-1pm. The course will run  
 for 8 weeks and be instructed by Fitness Coach Nichole Bailey with  
 assistance from Jeffrey Kinne, DPT. Contact Jeff, (315) 404-2147 or  
[jmkinne@thelmkfoundation.org](mailto:jmkinne@thelmkfoundation.org) for more information.

**Youth Center-** This is a supervised program for VVS students to  
 participate in activities at the CAC on Mondays & Tuesdays, 6-9pm  
 for grades 4-6 and Fridays & Saturdays, 6:30-10pm for grades 7-12,  
 October 2-March 31. Parents must fill out registration forms which  
 are available at the CAC or City Hall. Children who do not live in the  
 City of Sherrill or the Town of Vernon must purchase a ticket or  
 pass to attend youth center for \$5/night or \$30/10 nights or season  
 passes may be purchased for \$75/individual or \$125/family.



**Upcoming Events**

- September 23- Museum Day Live! (all day)
- October 7- Industry and Manufacturing, 10:30am- Learn about the industrial history of the Oneida Community and tour the historic factory to see Sherrill Manufacturing's Liberty Tabletop.
- October 21- International Archeology Day, 10:30am Learn how life was lived by the Oneida Community through an exploration the 19th century OC site.
- October 28- Oneida Community Cemetery Tour, 4:30pm
- October 30- Séances and Spiritualism in the 1800s, 6pm Join us for an afterhours program that explores nineteenth century fascination with the spirit world.
- November 5- The Game of Life: The Great Peterboro Baseball Story, 2pm- This play is a comedy about the first recorded game played by girls in Peterboro, NY in August 1868. The OPL Players, directed by Virginia Drake with the assistance of Ken Drake, will perform.
- December 2- A Christmas Carol with Breadcrumbs Productions, 7:30pm
- December 27-29- Children's Winter Camp- for ages 7 to 12- Campers will explore the site under the guidance of history educators from 9am-1pm each day. Activities include hands-on, inquiry-based explorations of 19th and early 20th century buildings and objects, art projects, and outdoor wintertime activities.  
*Advance registration and fees are required for some programs. Please call (315) 363-0745 for information.*

**Sherrill Legion Post 230 Events**

- October 27- SAL Gun Raffle drawing, tickets available from any SAL officer
- November 5- Baseball Breakfast 8am-12pm
- November 7- Election Day Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm
- November 11- Veteran's Day ceremony at Triangle Park at 11am. Open House at the Post will follow.
- December 17- Pancake Breakfast 8-11am, with a special visit from Santa at 10am.

**The White Begonia  
2nd Annual Holiday Happy Hour**

Thursday November 2, 4-7pm  
Shop and enjoy refreshments!  
Watch Facebook and Instagram for details!

**Deliver SMILES this Holiday Season!**

The KEYS Program invites YOU to help deliver smiles to kids impacted by cancer and serious illnesses here in the VVS community! Donations of toys can be dropped off at PR Plus Small Engine, 308 Sherrill Road, 9am-12pm or 1-6pm Monday-Friday through December 15. Toys must be new and unwrapped. Or donate \$25 or more to KEYS during November & December and get a free CD made up of holiday favorites from artists new and old. *For more information, visit [www.theKEYSprogram.org](http://www.theKEYSprogram.org) or contact KEYS at (315) 363-6446 or [keysprogram@msn.com](mailto:keysprogram@msn.com)*



**Sherrill Garden Club News**

On October 3 SGC members will create ornaments for the Christmas tree in the Sherrill-Kenwood Library. On November 7 Ron Wagner of Wagner Farms will share how the farm has evolved, about the creation of the Berkshire-Rome Vendor's Market and the CNY Figgery, and how the farm is committed to high standards in growing produce. On December 5 members will bring items to donate to the local DSO and wrapped "gifts" to auction to raise money for our World Gardening donation. World Gardening is a project of the Federated Garden Clubs of NYS that selects a cause to help people in need. The most recent project has been Water for Sudan which provides funds to help villages drill water wells to provide safe, clean water. The "gifts" can be funny or serious, and often include re-gifted items. The Sherrill Garden Club meets at 7pm at the Sherrill-Kenwood Library and welcomes visitors to our meetings and, hopefully, new members!

**Thank you from Dr. Burdick's Office**

Dr. Burdick and his staff would like to thank the good Samaritan who was walking on Sherrill Road around 9:15am on May 31 and reported a fire at the office. Thank you also to Chief Drake who arrived on the scene minutes later with a fire extinguisher and put out the fire and to the Sherrill Kenwood Fire Department and Kevin Mumford who made sure the building was safe.

**Sherrill Christmas Tree Lighting  
Sponsored by the Sherrill Merchants Association**



Thursday November 30, 7pm, Reilly-Mumford Park  
All are invited- enjoy music and refreshments!



**Special Events at the Community Activity Center  
139 East Hamilton Ave (315) 363-6525**



**Rabies Clinic**

Wednesday October 4, 5-7pm  
Cats, dogs & ferrets must be vaccinated. A \$10 donation is requested. Contact the health department for more information (315) 798-5064.



**Sherrill Fall Truck Event**

Monday October 9,  
10am-1pm

Kids and adults of all ages are invited to come see vehicles, trucks and equipment from the City and local businesses up close, climb inside and take pictures. There'll be bounce houses, food, fall activities & more!



**Sherrill Winter Craft Show**

Saturday December 2,  
9am-3pm

There'll be many vendors & food will be available to purchase! Admission is free!



**Santa Arrives in Sherrill**

Sunday December 3  
Look for details about his arrival coming soon!

**Sherrill City Voters Take Note**



In addition to the general election, there will also be an election for the City Commission this year at City Court on Tuesday, November 1 from 6am-9pm. There are 2 spots up for election and 4 candidates vying for these spots. The candidates running (listed alphabetically) are:

- Breanna Colella of E. Hamilton Avenue
- Joseph Shay of E. Hamilton Avenue
- Edward Smith of Leonard Street
- William Vineall of Pexton Street

**Sherrill Receives Grant  
From Excellus BlueCross BlueShield**



The City of Sherrill has received a grant from Excellus BlueCross BlueShield for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the Al Glover Pool at Robertson

Park. An AED can restore a normal heart rhythm and has been proven to be one of the most important tools in saving someone's life. An AED is portable and can be used by anyone to help increase an individual's chances of survival. Our swimming pool is open during the summer months when Robertson Park is being used the most extensively and all of our pool staff have CPR and AED certification.

Excellus BlueCross BlueShield partners with SOS Technologies to supply the AED and ensure ongoing monitoring and service of the device. SOS Technologies of Chicago has already helped Sherrill employees learn about the features of the device and will continue to be a resource for support. Sherrill is proud to have a relationship with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield and values the company's commitment to helping to protect individuals in our community.

**Skateboarding Reminder**



Skateboarders are reminded to be aware of vehicles and pedestrians and that skateboarding on the sidewalk in front of local businesses is prohibited.

**Sherrill Farmers Market**



The market needs your support! The city is planning for 2018 and looking for residents who would like to help grow the Farmers Market. Activities may include helping to recruit vendors, promoting the market, sharing ideas, planning events and more. Contact Sara Getman, (315) 363-6525 or [sgetman@sherrillny.org](mailto:sgetman@sherrillny.org) to get involved.

# NOTICE

*Over the last several months the City's Zoning Regulations have been discussed in great length, in particular Section 23- Signs. It has been brought to the City's attention that there are many cases where the sign regulations have not been adequately enforced. Effective October 1, 2017 the City will increase its efforts on enforcement of the City's Zoning Regulations as adopted on April 27, 2015. Any signs that do not have the proper permitting will be removed. If you are displaying any signs on your property, kindly review the zoning regulation to comply with your City's efforts. Below please find an overview of Zoning Regulation; Section 23. Please contact City Hall with any questions. Thank you for doing your part to keep Sherrill a wonderful place to live.*

**Sherrill Zoning Regulations: Section 23 – Signs** It is the purpose and intent of this section to promote and protect the public health, welfare and safety by regulating existing and proposed outdoor signs of all types; to protect property values; to create a more attractive and economic business climate; to enhance and to protect the physical appearance of the community; to reduce sign and advertising distraction and obstructions that may contribute to traffic accidents; to reduce hazards that may be caused by signs occupying, overhanging or projecting into the public right of way; to provide more open space and to curb the deterioration of the community development.

No sign shall be erected or maintained in the City except in compliance with the provisions of this section.

A “temporary sign” is a sign which is freestanding or otherwise not permanently attached to a building or to a post or other structure permanently erected on the premises and is not otherwise described and permitted in Section 23 of the Sign Ordinance.

Temporary signs shall require a permit; such permit shall expire Five (5) days after the event advertised has concluded or in any case shall expire 90 days after issuance thereof. Permits for such signs shall not be reissued within a given calendar year and in no event shall such permit authorize more than one sign.

In the event such temporary sign has not been removed upon expiration of the permit, the Code Enforcement Officer shall cause that sign to be removed, the cost of which is to be charged to the applicant by deducting the same from the deposit.

Dimensions. No such temporary sign shall be larger than thirty-two (32) square feet and shall not exceed twenty (20) feet above ground level in any business or industrial district or four (4) square feet in area and shall not exceed four (4) feet above ground level when placed in any residential district.

The “placement” of a temporary sign shall not be attached to fences, trees or utility poles and shall not be placed in a position that obstructs or impairs vision of traffic or creates a hazard or nuisance.

A temporary sign requires a “permit”. A permit fee of \$10 shall be paid by the applicant upon the issuance of a permit for a temporary sign; and in addition, thereto, the Code Enforcement Officer shall require a deposit of \$100, and it shall be refundable upon timely removal as hereinafter provided.

Signs not affected are those signs endorsing any candidate for political office or indicating support of or opposition to any political proposition during the sixty (60) days immediately preceding the date on which such election is to be taken or vote is to be held and seven (7) days immediately thereafter. No such sign shall contain obscene or vulgar language to disturb the peace and character of the neighborhood. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prohibit the display of any holiday decoration, including flashing lights.





## Sherrill Kenwood Library News

(315) 363-5980, [www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org](http://www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org)

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies.

The man who never reads lives only one." –author George Martin

Our Saturday 10am-2pm hours have resumed. Please check our website and Facebook page for updates. Copying (.25/page) and faxing (\$1/page) services are available. Please also share your suggestions for programs or how we can better serve you.



Grab 'N' Go Book Bins are coming this fall. Each bin will have a theme with books and related activities geared for age's birth to 5.



Do you need a birthday gift for someone special? If you make a donation we'll purchase a book in their honor or memory. Contact us for details.

Celebrate our right to read during **Banned Book Week** September 25-30. How many of the books on our display have you read?

**Community Art Wall**- September will feature work by Don Cornue of Sign & Art Etc. October will feature work by the Fort Stanwix Porcelain Painters. November will feature work by Sherrill artist Laura Diddle. If you are interested in displaying your talent please contact us.



Toddler Tuesdays will resume September 12, 11-1145am. Join us for stories, music, crafts and more.



Sleepy Time Tales will be held Thursdays at 7pm on October 19, November 16 & December 14. Come dressed in your pajamas!

**Wednesday Movie Matinees** are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm.

Join us for our **Saturday Holiday Story Hours** at 11am on the following dates- October 28- Halloween, November 4- Honor our Veterans, November 18- Harvest, December 9- Holiday Decorations



2017 Marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in New York State- Join us for a presentation by Kristi Andersen on Tuesday October 3 at 4pm. \*Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Greater Oneida Area.



Book Discussions will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm: October 4- The Inventions of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd, December 6- Book TBA



Judy Bond will instruct oil painting on Wednesdays September 13-October 18, 5:30-7:30pm. Laura Diddle's water color and pen & ink classes will be held Thursdays October 12-November 16, 6:30-9:30pm. Linda Evans will teach watercolor classes Tuesdays October 17-December 5, 1-4pm. Please call to register.



Quilt Raffle- Tickets will be sold in October for a quilt made by very accomplished quilter, Linda Adams, donated in her memory by her family.



Paper Crafting- Holiday Greeting Cards- Saturday October 14 10am-12:30pm with Kristen VanValkenburg. Space is limited to 10. Registration is required.

**E-Reader Raffle**- Kindle Fire tickets will be sold in November and early December just in time for the holiday season.



Holiday Cookie Walk- Saturday December 2, 10am-2pm- Leave the holiday baking to us! \*Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



The Friends of the Library meets Thursdays at 6:30pm- September 28, October 26, & November 16. All are welcome to attend.

The **Library Board of Trustees** meets Tuesdays at 5:30pm- September 19, October 17, November 21, and December 19.



**Plymouth Alliance Church News**  
169 Kinsley Street

Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15am for all ages

Worship Service: Sundays at 10:30am

Wacky Wednesdays: September 20, October 18, November 15, & December 20. Free dinner, games, and a Bible talk for elementary school children and their parents. Dinner is 6-6:45pm. Gym time is 6:45-7:45pm.

Release Time: Religious instruction program held on Thursdays, 8-8:50am, from early October-April.



October 13th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
October 14th 9:00 a.m. to Noon (\$1.00 Bag Sale)  
Christ Church United Methodist  
417 Park St. • Sherrill, NY 13461

**CHRISTMAS  
FANTASY FAIR**

★  
Art  
Toys  
Food  
Crafts  
Bakery  
Antiques  
Decorations

**Christ Church, United Methodist**  
417 Park Street  
Sherrill, New York

Fri., Nov. 10th 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Sat., Nov. 11th 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**RUMMAGE  
SALE**

at  
Gethsemane Episcopal Church  
320 Park St., Sherrill  
On Friday AND Saturday  
**October 20<sup>th</sup> & October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**From 9am - 2pm**

Held by the  
Women of Gethsemane Church

Our terrific array of items will include BUT is not limited to...

- \*Women's, Men's & Kid's seasonal Clothing & Shoes
- \*Kitchenware, Glassware & Dishes
- \*Halloween & Christmas items
- \*Jewelry & Purses
- \*Toys & Games
- \*Home Appliances & Decor
- \*Linens, Furniture & Antiques

On Saturday ONLY, from 12-2, there will be a clothing & shoe bag sale;  
Everything that fits in a bag for \$2.00!  
All other items are 1/2 price!

**Don't Miss this Sale!**

**Christ Church  
Youth Group's  
LIVE  
OUTDOOR  
NATIVITY  
PAGEANT**

Saturday December 9th and Sunday December 10th at 6:00 p.m.



Live Music  
Donkey, Calf and Sheep

Christ Church United Methodist  
417 Park Street  
Sherrill, New York

Complimentary Refreshments Indoors  
Following the Pageant



### History News

In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War 1 we're including this poem written by local soldier Peter F. Laing while in Germany, representative of the war. He was decorated with the French Cross and was reported to be the first Sherrill soldier to achieve distinction for special valor in fighting with American forces in France.

#### We Have Done Our Bit

I am sitting here and thinking, of the things I left behind  
And I hate to put on paper what is running through my mind  
We have dug a million trenches and cleared miles and miles of ground  
And a meaner place this side of Hell, I know cannot be found  
But there is still one consolation, for we have done our hitch in Hell.

We have built a million roads, so the Huns could get our shells,  
We have hiked a million miles, and through the worst of Hell,  
We have hiked through a million gas clouds, and had the best of luck  
We have forded a million rushing streams – some of us got stuck  
The number of night we have hiked, is very hard to tell,  
But we will not hike in Heaven, for we have done our hitch in Hell.

We have killed a million cooties, that tried to steal our cots  
And shook a hundred rats out of our Army socks,  
We have marched a thousand miles and made a hundred camps  
We scraped a hundred hunks of mud from off our Army pants.  
But when our work on earth is done, our friends on earth will tell  
When we die we will go to Heaven, for we have done our hitch in Hell

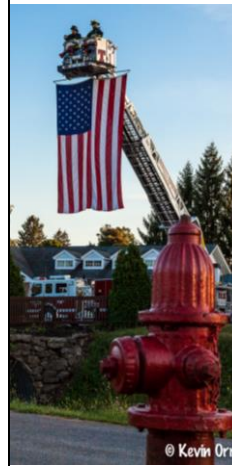
When the final taps are sounded, we will lay away life's cares,  
And will do our very best parade, right up the golden stairs.  
And angels bid us welcome and harps begin to play  
While we're waiting for our transport, for we have waited many a day  
It is then we will hear St. Peter tell us loudly with a yell,  
"Take a front seat Third Division, for you have done your hitch in Hell."  
Peter F. Laing, G Co. 1st Inf

### Police Department Reminders

- School is back in session! Drivers should stop for all stopped school buses, as well as be aware of children crossing the roads.
- Studded tires are allowed October 15-May 1.
- The "No Parking" on city streets ordinance resumes November 1-April 30. This ordinance applies to all streets between 2-7am.
- Please be aware of scams and do not send money unless you can verify the request.
- Please remove all valuables from vehicles and keep doors locked.



### From the Fire Department



The department is always looking for members. If you've ever wondered how you could help your community, consider joining. If you're 18 years of or older visit the fire station during Wednesday Night Drill at 6:50pm, to learn more. We have a junior firefighter program for young men & women 16 years or older.

#### Fire Safety Tips

Visit [www.sherrillny.org/departments/fire](http://www.sherrillny.org/departments/fire) for more tips.

**Candles-** An estimated 15,260 fires are caused by candles each year. Always use a flashlight for emergency lighting. NEVER leave burning candles unattended!

**Wood Stoves-** Wood stoves cause over 4,000 residential fires every year. The City fire code has specific installation requirements and a permit is required. Stop in at City Hall for information.

**Electric Space Heaters-** Buy only heaters evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, and check to make sure it has a thermostat control mechanism, and will switch off automatically. Always unplug your electric space heater when not in use.

**Fireplaces-** Fireplaces regularly build up creosote in their chimneys. They need to be cleaned frequently and chimneys should be inspected for obstructions and cracks to prevent deadly fires. Make sure fires are completely out before leaving the house or going to bed.

**Remember-** In the event of a fire, time is the biggest enemy and every second counts! Escape first, and then call for help. Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it frequently with your family.

*Daylight savings time ends November 5-remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms when you turn your clocks back.*

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