

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy winter and holiday season!

We are seeing more snow accumulation on the roads, which means our Public Works Highway crews are out early salting and plowing 22 routes covering nearly 460 miles of Town, County, and State roads. Our crews are well-prepared for the winter season, transforming equipment used to haul asphalt in the summer and collect leaves in the fall into a full fleet of winter-ready plow and salt vehicles. While our community is as winter-ready as they come, please take extra precautions while driving in poor weather conditions and always give plows plenty of space on the roads.

Looking forward to 2022, we have a new Town Budget that provides a stable property tax rate at \$2.34 - the third-lowest town tax rate in Monroe County. What does that mean for the average Perinton taxpayer? It means \$6 of every \$100 on your tax bill goes to the Town. Where does that money go? It goes into our parks and trails, senior and youth programming, Community/Aquatic Center, road and drainage improvements, weekly yard debris pick up, and more. I am proud of the work our Town has done to guarantee quality services while delivering a stable tax rate.

Soon, we will be wrapping up our 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update. As we also face the recommencement of New York State's Earthen Embankment Integrity Program, we are pursuing strategies in this 2021 Update to safeguard the Erie Canal in Perinton and its future maintenance and development. The Erie Canal is one of our most significant cultural, natural, and historic landmarks, and we must safeguard it for the generations to come. I want residents to know that Perinton is prepared to protect the Canal and the safety of our community to the greatest extent we can.

The Town recently sent a letter to the New York State Canal Corporation outlining several requests before any clearing occurs along the Canal. These requests include more community input and engagement, alternatives to clear-cutting, and the release of hazard and risk information to the Town and its residents. While we understand the State wants to modify its canal embankment maintenance practice to permit easier inspection and identification of potential hazards, we do not believe a clear-cut is the answer. Instead, a pragmatic, selective and intentional approach should be taken. It is our intent to require the State to actively engage all stakeholders – from the public to property owners to the Town, and provide all with an opportunity to have more input, communication, and engagement on their plan moving forward.

In other news, you may have seen a local media report stating Greenlight has paused their work in Perinton. While Greenlight is actively working in a permitted portion of the Town, they have sought new permits, which involve drilling in the Right of Way, where all of our underground utilities are, including storm and sanitary sewer, water, electric, gas, and communication. It is essential for the safety of our residents and infrastructure that any and all drilling in the Right of Way meets a certain set of standards - the same standards we hold any utility to meet. There is no doubt, we want to see Greenlight move forward in Perinton. I've reached out to Greenlight and met with them directly, and it is my hope that they will work collaboratively to determine how they can safely install their service and connect more residents.

As previously announced, the Town of Perinton is negotiating a new Host Community Agreement (HCA) with Waste Management. The HCA is an important document that outlines the protections and benefits provided to Perinton residents for hosting a portion of High Acres Landfill within the

Town of Perinton. While the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is the regulatory agency with primary permitting authority over the landfill, the Town has taken this opportunity to negotiate added protections and heightened accountability for our residents in a new, revamped HCA.

In August, the Zoning Board of Appeals renewed a Special Use Permit for High Acres Landfill to operate as a business in Perinton for another five years; however, for the first time, this permit was issued with several odor mitigation requirements. Even more will be included in the new, revamped Host Community Agreement. Among them are restrictions on rail waste coming from New York City and age restrictions prohibiting the acceptance of waste more than seven days old, which tends to be highly odorous. There are also strict requirements on air quality monitoring and operational restrictions that have been incorporated at the request of the Town. All of these requirements are beyond what any Town administration or agency has previously imposed on High Acres Landfill. I look forward to sharing more information on our new HCA soon.

I hope everyone has a wonderful winter and finds joy in the holiday season. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to stop by, call or email any time. My number is (585) 223-0770, and my email address is channa@perinton.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Ciaran Hanna