

Weekly update – September 13, 2021

Seniors - I am very hopeful that we've had a last minute reprieve. I was informed late last Friday that the county administrator and the director for Office for the Ageing may have negotiated a deal with Sysco foods for delivery of everything we need. There may be a gap in service for a week or two, and seniors will receive delivered meals. I'll get more details this week. Fingers crossed! If this falls through, I am still attempting to gather all of the information necessary to make local decisions. I've reached out to Hamilton County, as this will impact them as well and they feel much the same as we do. We have great partners ready to help out within our own restaurant community as well. I had the opportunity to sample one of the Mom's Meals and the experience did not leave me at all enthusiastic about the delivered meal option.

Tannery Pond - Still working with Thermal Associates to get HVAC repair and upgrade scheduled. They are the only respondent to my repeated calls, so we will have to call them a single source provider. They are booking months in advance and have been trying to find a time to work us in.

Roads/ Streetscape - Fred will join us at the next board meeting and has followed up with the individuals who came to talk to us last week. He is scheduling time for his crew to work on the sidewalk/ Streetscape project on Main st. The lights are connected - many thanks to John MacAlonen and his team! Fred also plans to reclaim and pave the end of Durkin Rd. still this season.

He also did a fairly comprehensive analysis of the costs to mine sand vs. the costs to buy it. It's a bit of scratch on paper and I'm working with him to put it into a shareable document. Long and short of it is, it saves us money to mine our own sand.

An estimate from Peckham's came back confirming that we are now paying approximately \$130,000 per mile to pave.

Common Ground Alliance - The Alliance introduced this year's blueprint for the park and their goals for the coming year. Collaboration seemed to be the catchphrase, with lots of discussion of collaborative business strategies, collaborative childcare solutions. Housing, Broadband, workforce development, climate change and recreation economics were also big topics. You can find this year's blueprint here: <https://commongroundadk.org/2021-blueprint-for-the-blueline/>
This is an organization with strong ties to our new governor and to Albany. I am especially delighted to see them calling on Albany for investment in child care solutions.

Solar - We do not yet have a date for a forum, but have compiled a list of potential presenters and will be working with Laurie on that this week. Chuck Barton has offered to speak about their system.

Upcoming events:

9/17 -The Business Alliance is holding a social at the Black Mountain this coming Friday 5-7 pm. RSVP to Ann Bowers at vinogirl79@gmail.com

9/20 -There is a trail planning committee meeting on. Monday the 20th 7:00 pm via zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2172603617>

by phone:

888 788 0099 US Toll-free
877 853 5247 US Toll-free
Meeting ID: 217 260 3617

9/27 - We will be having an informational meeting on the town-wide re-assessment project on Monday, Sept. 27 from 4-6 pm with a question and answer session with our assessor.

This week:

Joann and I will be at Wiawaka on Lake George for part of today where I will be receiving the Mary Fuller Women Helping Women Award.

The county is sending me to Syracuse from Monday evening through Wednesday this week to represent us at the New York State Association of Counties fall seminar. I am especially looking forward to attending forums on fostering diverse and inclusive leadership in our county, challenges for rural ambulance services and an inter-county meeting on broadband and cellular.

Thursday I am meeting with Washington County leaders to discuss regional economic development approaches.

Friday is the County Board Meeting at 10:00 am and can be viewed on Youtube.