

TOWN OF TORREY BOARD  
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Newsletter  
January 1 - April 30, 2019

*The Torrey Town Board is sending this newsletter to bring residents up to date on some of the issues the town has considered and/or is working on since the last newsletter (September 1 - December 31).*

**Town Officials -**

Patrick Flynn (Supervisor) [Flynn.farms@hotmail.com](mailto:Flynn.farms@hotmail.com)  
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Colby Petersen (Deputy Supervisor) [colby@ycsoilwater.com](mailto:colby@ycsoilwater.com)  
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Larry Martin (Councilman) [larmart64@gmail.com](mailto:larmart64@gmail.com)  
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Peter Martini (Councilman) [martinivms@gmail.com](mailto:martinivms@gmail.com)  
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Betty Daggett (Town Clerk) [townclerk@townoftorrey.com](mailto:townclerk@townoftorrey.com)  
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George Thompson (Town Justice) [townclerk@townoftorrey.com](mailto:townclerk@townoftorrey.com)  
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Dwight James (Code Enforcement Officer) [torreycodes@gmail.com](mailto:torreycodes@gmail.com)  
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**From the Desk of Town Supervisor (*Pat Flynn*):**

- Application for Water District 1 (the Northeast area of the Town) submitted to the NYS Controller's Office has been approved
- Town of Torrey filed State Environmental Quality Review Act (**SEQRA**) as lead agency for Water District 1 stating there is non-significant environmental impact for Water District 1
- The Town of Torrey on November 13,2018 approved a contract for Timothy McGill, Bond Counsel, for Water District 1
- The Town of Torrey on December 12,2018 approved and signed a contract with **CPL** engineering team for engineering services for the design and construction of water mains for Water District 1
- On December 19,2018 received letter from Tom DiNapoli, State Comptroller, stating the Town of Torrey received a grant of \$684,000 and a loan of \$892,000 from USDA for Water District 1
- Actual construction of Water District 1 has yet to be put out to bid

**From the Desk of the Town Board:**

- The Town Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm
- Formally approved the establishment of Town of Torrey Water District 1
- Finalizing a contract with the Town of Benton to supply water to Town of Torrey Water District 1 (WD1)
- Continues to work on a contract with the Village of Dresden to supply water to Town of Torrey Water District 2 (WD2)

- The Town Assessor is doing a required revaluation of all properties in the Town. The new assessments will be effective January 1,2020.  
**Grievance Day is Thursday, May 30,2019.**

**From the Desk of Town Clerk (*Betty Daggett*):**

- Town Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Call 315-536- 6376
- Fee collection such as building permits,fines & fees issued by Code Office
- Licenses : marriage, hunting, fishing, dog & birth/death certificates (If you love your dog(s), please license them. Licensing helps with Identification of lost dogs and provides protection for the community. It is also NYS Ag & Market law- **ALL** dogs harbored in the Town of Torrey must be licensed yearly at the Town Clerk office).
- Those interested in a position as a recreation leader, counselor, or lifeguard for the Summer Recreation program should check with the Town Clerk

**From the Desk of Town Highway Superintendent (*Tim Chambers*):**

- Off hours emergency callout number: 315-729-2706
- With Town Board approval the Highway Department is purchasing mower head and mounting bracket for the excavator to mow deep ditches and behind guide rails
- Consolidated Local and Highway Improvement Projects (CHIPs) funds (approximately \$65,000) will be used to pave,stone, or oil several roads throughout the Town
- Torrey Cleanup Days will be held July 27th and 28th (see more details under **Upcoming Community Events**)
- *Reminder according to NYS law:*
  - + throwing trash, garbage, rubbish, litter or refuse on Highways and adjacent lands is prohibited
  - + the town superintendent of highways shall sue for and

recover a penalty not to exceed \$100 from any person depositing ashes, snow, ice, stones, sticks, etc. upon a hwy or on grass or loose stones adjoining a town hwy

**From the Desk of Town Code Enforcement Officer (*Dwight James*):**

- Call the Town Office at 315-536-6376 (cell 315-730-3291) or email at [torreycodes@gmail.com](mailto:torreycodes@gmail.com) to inquire about Permits. When in doubt ask!
- Building permits are required for any electrical, plumbing, insulation, or structural work undertaken
- Construction or alteration of any accessory structure, addition or new construction requires a permit
- Reminder all short term rentals must be registered with the Town
- Year-to-Date there have been 39 permits issued and \$3585.00 permit fees collected as well as 25 short term rentals reviewed

**From the Desk of Town Planning Board (*Dave Granzin*):**

- Meets the third (3rd) Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Town Building

**From the Desk of Town Judge (Hon. George Thompson)**

- Court is held each Tuesday at 2:00pm on the West side of the Town Building. The phone number is 315 536 5655
- Criminal court is held the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm

**From the Desk of Town Watershed Inspector (*Yates Cty Soil & Water*)**

The Town's inspectors can be contacted at the Yates County Soil and Water Conservation Department 315- 536-5188.

In November of 2014, the Town of Torrey passed a local Wastewater Law effective January 1, 2015. Under the new law, any onsite wastewater treatment system within 200' of Seneca Lake or a DEC classified stream is required to be inspected every 5 years. The cost of the inspection is borne by the Town of

Torrey (unless this is a property transfer). However any pumping of the septic or repair is a cost to the homeowner. We are now in year 5 of these inspections.

**From the Desk of the Mayor of Dresden (Bill Hall):**

- Mayor Bill Hall (Term: March 2019 - March 2021)
- Village Trustees
  - Brian Flynn (Term: March 2018 - March 2020)
  - David Wernsing (Term: March 2019 - March 2021)
- Village Board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm
- Colleen Riviello is the Village Clerk. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00pm, phone number 315-536-2477
- Village of Dresden Fire Department will celebrates its 125th Anniversary on June 1,2019
- Village of Dresden Fire Department has purchased a “new to them” Fire Truck to replace two current vehicles ( Rescue Truck and E-1).
- There is a need for volunteer firemen in Dresden. All residents of the Town of Torrey are encouraged to volunteer.

**Upcoming Community Events**

- **Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association (SLPWA)** stream sampling in the Keuka Outlet began April 1st. Sampling is done every 6 weeks throughout the Summer. Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) monitoring starts August 5th and will continue through October 8th. Check the website [www.SenecaLake.org](http://www.SenecaLake.org) for additional information or to volunteer!
- **Memorial Day Observance** for the Town of Torrey will be held at the United Methodist Church in Dresden at 10:30 am on May 27th followed by a parade and Cemetery remembrance. This will be the 97th consecutive year for this event. Steve Corey, District Commander of the American Legion, is the featured speaker.

- **Summer Recreation Program** will be held July 8th - August 16th. Inquire at the Town Office for more information. Those interested in a position as a recreation leader, counselor, or lifeguard should check with the Town Clerk
- **Friends of the Keuka Outlet (FOTO)** Check their website [www.KeukaOutletTrail.org](http://www.KeukaOutletTrail.org) for events planned for this Summer.
- **Benefit Auction for Haiti** June 14 and 15th at the Yates County Fairgrounds
- The annual **Town Cleanup** will be held July 27 and July 28 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The following items are *not accepted*: concrete, stones, bricks, and brush. There are charges for the following items:

Mattress or Box Springs \$10 each

CRT Monitors \$ 10.

CRT TV up to 26" \$ 20.

CRT TV 27 and up - screen size \$ 40.

Wood Panel and oversize TV \$ 50.

Flat panel TV & Monitors \$ 10.

Tires up to 17" \$ 2.00 Not accepting tires larger than 17"

***There is a limit of 2 loads per household!***

**Warning anyone dumping before 8:00 am and after 2:00 pm is subject to violations!**

- **Anthony Road Twilight 5K** for the benefit of the Keuka Outlet Trail and Geneva Cross Country is scheduled to be run August 9th  
Race day check-in and registration is at 5:00 PM
- **Yates Transit Services** provides public bus service throughout the County including a route from/to Dresden and Penn Yan.  
Call 315.694.7700 or go to their website- [yatestransitservice.com](http://yatestransitservice.com) for additional information.

**From the Desk of the Newsletter Editor (Grant Downs):**

- The response to the three newsletters of 2018 was very positive. Additional feedback and/or comments are welcome and can be submitted by either calling 315-536-6376 or sending an email to: [townclerk@townoftorrey.com](mailto:townclerk@townoftorrey.com)
- A number of you requested you would like subsequent newsletters to be sent via Email. We have attempted to accommodate this request.
- Newsletters will also be posted on the Town of Torrey website: <https://townoftorrey.org>
- As we make the transition from a hardcopy newsletter to electronic copy **only**, there will be a limited number of hardcopy newsletters available at the Town Office
- Those wishing to have future newsletters sent by email should provide the following information and send it to the town clerk:

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_