

TOWN OF TORREY BOARD  
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Newsletter  
January 1 - April 30, 2022

- *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 (eszshuueihjdjhkgjuuuuyhuueyuhhhhhhjdhihiuuSeptember 1 - December 31).*

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## **A Note from Town Supervisor Peter Martini**

Greetings Town of Torrey Residents,

I would like to thank the residents of Torrey for giving me the opportunity to serve as your new Supervisor. I also want to thank Pat Flynn for his years of service to the Town, knowing that I have ‘big shoes’ to fill. I will do my level best to do so.

Some of the the things we have been working on so far this year:

Due to the increased costs for Water District 1 we held a public meeting on January 25th with Jeremy DeLyser the engineer from Clark Patterson and Lee(CPL) and Mary Chappell from Municipal Solutions. Residents received an update on the project and were able to ask questions and voice their opinions. Following the hearing, the Town Board approved a “Resolution

and Order Approving an Increase in the Maximum Amount to be Expended in the Town of Torrey Water District 1". This resolution was subject to a 30 day permissive referendum which ended on February 25, 2022 with no petition for a vote being filed. Then the process was started to re-apply to the NYS Comptroller for approval, which upon successful adoption at the April meeting of the Town Board will be sent along to the Comptroller. We are still hopeful for construction to begin sometime this summer.

We also contracted with an attorney with the firm Bond, Shoeneck, and King to review a proposed contract between the Village of Dresden and the Town of Torrey to apply water for the Perry Point Water District (WD2). His opinion and suggested alterations have been sent to the Village.

There is interest, along with the Towns of Starkey and Milo, to create a water system for the Route 14 corridor. Be on the lookout for a letter from the Town with a link to a survey to gauge interest. It would be great to get a good number of responses, so thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey!

I want to thank the hard working folks in our Highway Department for getting us through another winter! They do a tremendous job keeping our roads safe. I also would like to thank Town Clerk Betty Daggett for all her hard work and for helping me to assume the responsibilities as your new Supervisor!

Best Regards,

Peter Martini

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

- The Town Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm
- The Town Board at the April 12th meeting approved the proposed Water Contract with the Village of Dresden for the Perry Point Water District (WD2).

- The Town Board is reviewing its **Hazardous Mitigation Plan** in conjunction with the Yates County Office of Emergency Services. This review is required to be done every five (5) years.
- The Town has been awarded \$12,147.00 from Yates County under its Natural Resource and Recreation Program
- Torrey Cleanup Day will be held June 18, 2022 from 8:00 am to 2:00pm. See below under **Upcoming Community Events** for further information
- Article 78 proceedings involving Greenidge were held in late February. Judge Doyle dismissed the Article 78 proceeding by opponents against the Planning Board of Town of Torrey and Greenidge.
- The Town Board has engaged the services of attorney Kathleen Bennett of the firm Bond, Schoneck, and King to advise the board on the procedures regarding the owner of Torrey Station failure to comply with the terms of the Special Use Permit granted by Torrey's Zoning Board of Appeals in January of 2021.
- The Town Board at the February 8th meeting passed Local Law No. 1 of the year 2022. This is a local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c. This was done as a precaution on advice of the Town Attorney.
- **Grievance Day is Thursday, May 26,2022** from 4:00 - 8:00pm. Contact the Town Assessor for the details of how, when, and where to make a written application. It should be pointed out this is an off-year in the state mandated reevaluation process. Here is the legal notice that will appear in the newspaper and posted in the Torrey Town Office:

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION  
OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY  
AND VALUATION DATA

(Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law) TOWN  
OF TORREY, YATES COUNTY, N.Y.

Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear on the Tentative Town Assessment Roll which will be filed on or about May 1, 2022. The information may be reviewed by arranging an appointment with the Assessor(s) during his/her regular office hours. An appointment to review the above described assessment information may be made by telephoning the Assessor at 315-536-7551.

Dated: March 30 and April 6, 2022

Patricia Brede  
ASSESSOR

Town of Torrey  
Yates County, NY

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

- Town Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. On Friday, the Town Office is open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. The office phone number is 315.536.6376
- The Summer Recreation at the Arrowhead Public Beach is tentatively scheduled July 5th - August 12th 9-Noon. Check at the Town Office for more information.
- Fee collection such as building permits, fines & fees issued by Code Enforcement 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).

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

- Off hours emergency callout number: 315-729-2706
- The two big snowstorms in January resulted in 141 hours of overtime for the highway department
- The 1997 Loader has broken down and a technician from 5 Star has been called. A D&W analysis indicates the injector pump must be rebuilt with an approximate cost of \$2,000.
- The Torrey Town Board authorized the Highway Department to purchase a 2022 Caterpillar 938M Loader for \$170,301.00 with trade-in of \$30,000
- The Town Highway Department will be doing culvert work on Anthony Beach Road this Spring/Summer. This will result in a changed traffic pattern in the area.
- The Town Highway Department will replace a rusted crossover pipe on Hazard Road.
- Consolidated Local and Highway Improvement Projects (CHIPs) and PAVE NY funds are expected to be fully funded
- Yates County reimbursement for shared services is approximately \$26,000
- Tim will sign for the Town of Torrey a shared services agreement with NYS DOT.
- Snow removal season has ended so the highway department has now turned to Spring tasks- patching potholes, mowing roadsides, sweeping roads, drainage work, etc. Also 200 ton of salt has been ordered from the NYS Office of General Services for the 2022-23 Winter season.
- Work on the Torrey Town Park renovations will commence as part of the Yates County Natural Resource and Recreation program as the weather permits

- **Torrey Cleanup Day** is tentatively scheduled to be held June 18th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm (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!
- The new New York State Building Code took effect on May 12, 2020. Check with Dwight for additional information
- Dwight has received a NOTICE OF ADOPTION - 19 NYCRR Part 1203 Uniform Code and the Energy Code: Minimum Standards for Administration and Enforcement. The Town will need to pass a local law based on the Model Law pertaining to the Uniform Code and the Energy Code.
- 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
- The total permits issued to date are 38.
- The total permit fees to date are \$229.30.
- Dwight is working with the owner of Torrey Station to obtain compliance to its Special Use Permit.
- Dwight has completed ½ of his required 24 hours of code classes.

**From the Desk of Town Planning Board (George Dowse):**

- Meets the third (3rd) Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Town Building.
- Welcomed new member Mike Warner who replaces the departed Dave Granzin
- Board members are participating in the monthly Municipal Bootcamp webinar training, being conducted by Hancock-Estabrook of Syracuse. After completing the sessions board members will receive a certificate of completion and certification.
- Reviewed preliminary plans for the expansion of the Back Achers RV resort. Awaiting Back Achers approval from the DEC and NYS Health Department
- Reviewed plans for the expansion of the Red Tail Ridge Winery and tasting room
- Reviewed two ( 2) Steep Slope Permit applications by FLX Tram System on Log Cabin Road.
- We are beginning to research information for development of a new Cannabis Law to comply with new NY State regulations.

**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 and fourth Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm when the Assistant DA and defense lawyers are present for criminal (misdemeanor) arraignments, motion hearings, trials or conference proceedings.
- In addition to holding court on Tuesdays in Torrey, each judge is scheduled for a share of arraignments at the County Jail where defendants are arraigned every day at 8:00AM and 6:00PM. It is called CAP Court, an abbreviation standing for Central Arraignment Cases. These may involve issuance of orders of protection, contempt of court charges for violation of orders of protection,



harassment, DWI chemical test refusals, aggravated unlicensed operators, arrests for failure to appear for past citations causing bench warrants to be issued, initial arraignments for felony charges, to name a few. A representative of the District Attorney and a member of the Public Defender's office also appear at CAP arraignments to make recommendations on holding or releasing defendants or requiring bail.

**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.

Yates County Soil and Water led by Colby Petersen is working with the Town of Torrey Highway Department in the remediation at the Town Park through a Yates County Natural Resource and Recreation Grant.

Yates County Soil and Water led by Colby Petersen is working with Ian Smith, Seneca Lake Watershed Steward, in the implementation of a Yates County Natural Resource and Recreation Grant for flood control of sediment and nutrients in sections of the Keuka Outlet.

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 8 of these inspections.

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

- Mayor Bill Hall (Term: March 2021 - March 2023)
- Village Trustees
  - Brian Flynn (Term: March 2022 - March 2024)
  - Bret Siegrist (Term: March 2021 - March 2023)
- 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 2:00 pm, phone number 315-536-2477.
- The Village email address is [villageclerk@villageofdresden.org](mailto:villageclerk@villageofdresden.org)
- Andy Simmons is the Code Enforcement Officer. His office hours are M - F 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm. He can be reached at 315-679-1659 or at the email address- Dresdenceo20@gmail.com
- Village elections were held Tuesday, March 15 ,2022
- Village organizational meeting will be held Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 pm which is the regular monthly meeting
- The public hearing for the Village Budget was held on April 20th The tax rate is below the New York State Tax Cap.
- The date for the "Dresden Days" celebration is Friday July 15th and Saturday July 16th. (Dresden Days will be held the third Friday & Saturday of July every year).
- The Village expects to again have Live Music at the Gazebo this Summer. Artists and dates are being scheduled
- There will be brush and leaf pickup in the Village from April 4th - April 29th. See the Village of Dresden Newsletter available at the Village office for guidelines as well as additional information.
- The Village of Dresden was awarded money for the refurbishing of its tennis courts from the Yates County Natural Resource and Recreational Program because of a grant submitted by Ken Campbell
- The Bruce I. Hansen Community Park playground will be upgraded in the Spring of 2022. It will feature an equipment area for 2 - 5 year olds as well as one for 5 -12 year olds.
- Coming soon- Washington Square Park! The Village of Dresden received a grant from Cornell Cooperative Extension and is now drawing the plans to plant trees and flowers.

- Anyone interested in donating a Park Bench or money towards a Park Bench to be placed at the Gazebo or Washington Square Park, please contact the Village Office.
- The Village of Dresden is working with Yates County IDA, looking for Grants to repair the breakwall at the end of Seneca Street,
- The Dresden Fire Department meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.
- Dresden Fire Department will hold a breakfast fundraiser Sunday, April 24th from 8:00 am - 11am.
- There is a need for volunteer firemen in Dresden. All residents of the Town of Torrey are encouraged to volunteer.

## Upcoming Community Events

- The **Yates County Legislature** is required by New York State law to review representation of the residents of Yates County on the County Legislature after each decennial census.

Yates County's population has changed in the years between 2010 and 2020. The overall county population *decreased* from 25,282 to 24,774 residents, or 508 people. However, the Town of Benton saw an *increase* in population (187) and the Town of Torrey realized a slight *increase* (17), while all other towns experienced *decreases* in the number of residents.

The County Legislature is reviewing various options regarding the current four (4) legislative districts to ensure equal representation of the residents in the County on the Yates County Legislature.

- The **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)** puts out a weekly bulletin each week detailing proposals and actions throughout the State.

**The Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) is available at:**

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>

Yates County is in Region 8

Since 2009 the DEC has had in place a **No Burn Ban** from March 15 to May 15 throughout Yates County

- **Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (SWIO)** will hold a public review of the final draft of its Nine Element (9E) on April 25th 5pm - 8pm in the auditorium of the Yates County Office Complex (417 Liberty Street Penn Yan.

The next quarterly meeting of SWIO is scheduled for Thursday April 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Hector Town Office. This will be an in-person meeting as well as by ZOOM (more details to follow).

Additional information is available at the SWIO website-

<https://senecawatershedio.wordpress.com/>

- **Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association (SLPWA)** stream sampling in the Keuka Outlet will again be done this year by volunteers. Sampling is not as robust as in previous years as it is now done in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) monitoring will start in early August and will continue through the beginning of October. Check

the website [www.SenecaLake.org](http://www.SenecaLake.org) for additional information or to volunteer!

the Gazebo in Dresden (across from the United Methodist Church) at 10:30 am on May 29th, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather, the observance will be held in the United Methodist Church. Following the ceremony, there will be a parade to the Evergreen Cemetery. At the cemetery the Roll Call will be read of the deceased veterans and saluted by the American Legion, which will be followed by Taps courtesy of Phil Bracht and Jeff Stempien.

This is the 100th consecutive year for this event and marks the 77th year since the end of World War II. If you are unable to join us, please take a moment on May 31st at 10:30 am to give thanks to those who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy our freedom!

- **Memorial Day Observance** for the Town of Torrey is to be held at the Gazebo in Dresden (across from the United Methodist Church) at 10:30 am on May 30th, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather, the observance will be held in the United Methodist Church. Following the ceremony, there will be a parade to the Evergreen Cemetery. At the cemetery the Roll Call will be read of the deceased veterans and saluted by the American Legion, which will be followed by Taps courtesy of Phil Bracht and Jeff Stempien.

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- **Friends of the Keuka Outlet (FOTO)** Check their website [www.KeukaOutletTrail.org](http://www.KeukaOutletTrail.org) for events planned for this Summer.
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- **Benefit Auction for Haiti** is to be held Friday June 17 and June 18, 2022 at the Yates County Fairgrounds. Friday night will feature dinner and a small auction. While Saturday will be the full auction. The address is:

2370 Old Rte. 14A  
Penn Yan, NY 14527

- The **Torrey Cleanup Day** will be held on June 18, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. behind the Torrey Town Buildings at 56 Geneva St. Dresden.

The following items are *accepted*:

rubbish  
wood  
metal  
furniture  
dried paint cans  
empty propane tanks  
appliances  
computers  
electronics

The following items are *not accepted*:

concrete  
stones  
bricks  
brush  
bagged garbage  
burn barrels

Freon appliances  
wet paint  
liquids  
oils  
pesticides

There are *charges* for the following items:

Mattress or Box Springs \$10 each

Couches \$20.

Recliners \$10.

CRT Monitors \$ 10.

CRT TV up to 26" \$ 20.

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

Flat panel TV & Monitors \$ 10.

Tires up to 17" \$ 2.00 ea. (Not accepting tires larger than 17")

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

**Warning anyone dumping before 8:00 am and after 3:00 pm is subject to violations!**

Any Questions?? Contact Town Clerk at 315-536-6376

- **Yates County** Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Day Services is tentatively scheduled for August
- **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**  
for additional information.

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

- The response to the previous newsletters of the past years has been 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)
- Delivery of the Town Newsletter will be electronically only
- Newsletters will also be posted on the Town of Torrey website: <https://townoftorrey.org>
- 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:

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

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