

Town of Lima ~ Update from Supervisor Pete Yendell

The Town and Village of Lima met recently to discuss areas of mutual interest and are continuing to work together on several initiatives.

For several years, the Town and Village have shared the annual investment required to participate in Livingston County's Sign and Façade Improvement Program. For 2015, we agreed again to split the required municipal investment of \$4,000. This program enables businesses to apply for grant funding of up to \$5,000 to be matched with their own funds to improve the exteriors of downtown commercial buildings and signs. With support from this program and the NYS Main Street Program, more than \$593,000 has been invested in Lima's downtown business district since 2012.

I am pleased to announce that one of the first awards made from the Livingston County Sign and Façade program this year is to Flower City Fast Care Urgent Medical to aid in the cost of window replacements and painting the facade of the building.

The Town and Village are collaborating in a continuing planning process with the Rochester Community Design Center. Funded by a private sector grant and led by Planning Board Chairman George Gotcsik, this project is identifying potential development areas within the village and providing illustrated plans to show how the village can grow and improve. **The public is invited to learn about these plans at a meeting to be held Wednesday, March 18, at 7:00 PM at Lima Town Hall.**

We are extremely pleased with usage of the expanded trail area in the new section of Mark Tubbs Memorial Park. In the fall, volunteers from the Park Commission and the Town Board spent a rainy Saturday planting a variety of native trees and shrubs in this area of the park. This effort, intended to improve the appearance of the park and to provide more cover and food for birds and wildlife, will continue in 2015. Contributions to support the purchase of additional plants, as well as volunteers to help with planting on installation days, are most welcome. As time in their regular work schedules permits, the town highway department will work with the village department of public works on the expansion of the parking lot later this year.

As part of a planned investment, the Town recently completed a much-needed update of its computer network and study is underway to determine if this upgrade may enable more efficiency and shared internet service with the Village.

For the convenience of residents, the Town and Village installed an after-hours lock box at the side entrance to Town Hall. Correspondence and non-cash payments for the Town and Village, as well as the assessor and the building officer, may now be dropped off at any time.

Looking for town or village news? Visit our joint website, lima-ny.org. News items are posted to the home page, agendas of upcoming meetings as well as minutes of completed meetings are posted regularly and much additional information can be accessed, including the assessment roll, local regulations and budget information.

In closing, I would like to introduce and welcome several associates who have joined the Town recently. Jakob Stevens and Todd Lyons came on board with the Highway Department, Melinda Bailey assumed custodial responsibilities at Town Hall and Cindy DePuy accepted the position of secretary to the town and village joint planning board and joint zoning board of appeals.