

Town Talk



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279 Park Avenue
Binghamton, NY 13903

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happy
SUMMER!



A MESSAGE FROM TOWN SUPERVISOR, ELIZABETH ROUNDS E-mail: Supervisor@TownofBinghamton.com

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The Town of Binghamton Town Board is considering a change to how the Highway Superintendent position is filled. Currently, this role is elected by the residents. We are exploring the possibility of changing it to an appointed position to ensure consistent qualifications. Below you will find a few points of discussion that the Town Board has compiled. Your input will help guide the decision-making process. We greatly value your perspective. Thank you for being an active and engaged member of our community!

DISCUSSION POINTS FOR CHANGING THE HIGHWAY SUPT. POSITION FROM ELECTED TO APPOINTED:

- The Highway Superintendent is responsible for more than half of the Town's \$4.6 million budget. With that kind of responsibility, the Superintendent should be considered a professional position with a minimum level of qualifications.
- The Town's residents were never given the right to vote on this matter. The State of New York adopted this law through legislation which did not allow the voters to vote on it. In the State of New York, counties, cities, and villages have appointed Highway Superintendents.
- We would be able to draw from a larger pool of qualified candidates.
- We would be able to provide a list of qualifications that is required to be appointed to the position. Currently as an elected official, the only qualifications are: one must be a resident of the Town of Binghamton and a registered voter.
- The applicant would be required to go through an interviewing process.

The Town Board believes that the Highway Superintendent's position should be appointed, much like the Code Enforcement Officer, Town Assessor, Bookkeeper, and Water/Sewer Foreman.

A public hearing will be held on Tues. evening, July 15, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Town of Binghamton Community Center located at 1905 Coleman Road. If you're a Town of Binghamton resident, your input matters on this very important decision. If you're unable to attend, please share your thoughts and feedback with us by sending an email to me at supervisor@townofbinghamton.com. An informational postcard is also being sent to residents by mail. Thank you.



Elizabeth Rounds

NOW IS THE TIME TO APPLY FOR GRANT MONEY (CDBG)

The Town of Binghamton recently received funding from New York State in the form of a Community Development Block Grant. The funds from this grant will be used to rehabilitate single-family, owner-occupied properties located within the boundaries of the Town. This is a grant and not a loan. Occupants must be low-to-moderate in income, as per the table below and the property must be in need of repairs. Assistance is provided in the form of a 100% deferred payment loan. No repayments are required and the loan is forgiven after five years unless the property is sold or ceases to be the primary residence. Assistance levels typically range between \$20,000 - \$35,000 per structure, although projects involving asbestos removal or lead based paint abatement may have higher costs. Other funding limits may apply.



**INCOME REQUIREMENTS PER HOUSEHOLD SIZE
(FIRST NUMBER REPRESENTS NUMBER
OF PEOPLE IN EACH HOUSEHOLD)**

1 - \$52,950	2 - \$60,500	3 - \$68,050	4 - \$75,600
5 - \$81,650	6 - \$87,700	7 - \$93,750	8 - \$99,800



The type of rehabilitation work includes, but may not be limited to: electrical, plumbing, heating, roofing, insulation, masonry, windows, doors, painting, flooring, and interior and exterior carpentry.

Applications are now being accepted. For more information, please call the Town's Consultant:
Thoma Development Consultants - (607) 753-1433 - Monday through Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.



**Get rid of your junk for free!
FALL MUNICIPAL CLEANUP DAYS**

Tues., September 23 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Weds., September 24 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**HOUSEHOLD JUNK WILL BE ACCEPTED
BOTH DAYS AT THE TOWN HALL AT 279 PARK AVENUE.**

You'll notice that we're holding our fall "Cleanup Days" in the middle of the week this time to accommodate those who have said that weekends are not convenient for them. Fall is the perfect time to clean up the junk around your house as

you prepare to batten down the hatches for winter! Proof of residency is required. Items accepted: white goods, car batteries, mattresses, toys, microwaves, disassembled hot tubs, water heaters, furniture, carpet, metal items (separate dumpster), and much more! Tires - \$2 cash.

Electronics will be accepted at the Town of Binghamton Community Center (1905 Coleman Road) on Tuesday, September 23 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Electronics include: TVs, VCRs, computers, laptops, printers, fax machines, cell phones, radios, stereos, GPS units, gaming consoles and more! The vendor will also accept household appliances containing FREON including dehumidifiers. A full list of acceptable / unacceptable items will be posted at www.townofbinghamton.gov when the dates get closer.

BROOME COUNTY LANDFILL'S HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DATES

The BC Landfill is once again accepting hazardous waste (including household and auto batteries, propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs, driveway sealers, paints, solvents, stains, cleaners, pesticides, and pool and photography chemicals) AND old electronics (such as computers, printers, stereos, TVs, copiers, fax machines, mobile phones, etc.). You can drop these off at the landfill for FREE on the following days from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.:

Sat., July 12 / Sat., July 26 / Weds., Aug. 6 / Sat., Aug. 9
Sat., Aug. 23 / Weds., Sept. 3 / Sat., Sept. 6 / Sat., Sept. 20
Weds., Oct. 1 / Sat., Oct. 4 / Sat., Oct. 18 / Weds., Nov. 5

**The Broome County Landfill
is located at
286 Knapp Rd.
(near the airport)
Phone: (607) 763-4450**

A MESSAGE FROM MARK LEIGHTON, HIGHWAY SUPT.**Phone: (607) 669-4323****Email: highway@townofbinghamton.com****WE'RE ON SUMMER HOURS NOW.****Tuesdays thru Fridays - 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. thru Labor Day**

Rain, rain, GO AWAY! As I sit and write this article for the summer edition, I'm realizing that we have had rain not only every weekend but every week since the beginning of the year! This has put my department behind on road paving. We've been busy ditching, fixing shoulders, cleaning catch basins, and dealing with an occasional water break. As soon as the weather breaks, we're ready to work fast to pave our roads. As of now, we're looking to resurface Campus Drive, Drexel Drive, Emerson Place, and Brookside Road. We will also be chip-sealing Webb Road, Foland Road, and Ingraham Hill Road.

Please . . . when driving through work zones, go slow and make sure that our workers are aware of your presence. This is for our safety and yours.

As a reminder, if you have any projects around your home, call [UDig NY](http://UDig.NY) by dialing **811** to have all underground utilities marked. If you dig and haven't called in your project, you could be liable for any damage and receive a fine on top.



You may have noticed that we hand-delivered hydrant flushing notices this past spring, and it seemed to go more smoothly. Far less people called about not receiving notices than in past years when postcards were mailed. Please make a note that **our tentative dates for fall flushing are October 7th, 8th and 9th**. Our flushing notices are posted on the Town's website in advance of the flushing, and we also use the website to post other important events as they arise.



If you have email, I'd like to take this opportunity to suggest that you go to the Town's website and sign up to receive important emails from the Town. You can do this by going to TownofBinghamton.gov then scroll down to the bottom right on any page. You'll see a gold box and inside "**Subscribe To Our Email List to Stay Informed**". Once you subscribe, you'll receive important notices like flushing dates, water breaks when they happen, etc. I think you'll find it highly beneficial. Thanks, and have a good summer.

Mark Leighton, Highway Supt.

WATER / SEWER BILLING CYCLE

These are approximate mailing dates:

November 1st (1st billing of a cycle); due in early December

February 1st (2nd billing); due in early March

May 1st (3rd billing); due in early June

August 1st (4th billing); due in early September*



***If the August bill is not paid in full by October 15th, the unpaid amount is turned over to the Broome County Real Property Tax Office and will be relieved onto January's Town & County tax bill. If you have a question about your bill, please call Nadine at (607) 669-4323.**

CHICKEN BBQ**TOB VOL. FIREMEN'S ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ**

Saturday, August 16, 2025, from NOON until gone.

Drive-thru pickup at the Hawleyton Methodist Church, located at 901 Hawleyton Rd.

\$15 - Full Dinner includes 1/2 chicken with salt potatoes, baked beans & roll.

\$10 - Half Dinner is 1/2 chicken ONLY. No sides.

TO PREORDER, GO TO:

<https://tobfire58.square.site/>

Deadline for pre-orders is Fri., 7/25/25.

Office of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer**Nick Pappas:****Phone: (607) 772-0357, press 3****Emails: code@townofbinghamton.com****Zack Soboleski:****(607) 772-0357, ext. 014****codeassist@townofbinghamton.com**

Summer is the busiest season for our department. Building projects are now in full swing, and it's also the time of year when people are wanting to clean up their unwanted junk, including old vehicles. Here's some information I thought you might find helpful:



BUILDING PERMITS - Building Permits are required for most projects, including sheds, pools, decks, porches, additions, pole barns, garages, houses, political signs, cellular towers, TV towers, house generators, and solar related projects. Please call our office before starting any project so that we can fill you in on any rules and regulations. If you don't have time for a call, go to [our page on the Town's website](#) to get most of your questions answered. Also, feel free to contact us via email if you have any questions. You're also more than welcome to submit your building permit application via email. Our email addresses are listed above.

JUNK VEHICLES - If you have a junk vehicle that you want to get rid of, the best and easiest way is to call **Fenix U-Pull It Binghamton at (607) 775-1900** (previously known as *Gary's U-Pull It.*) They'll pick up your vehicle or you can drop it off at their location at 230 Colesville Road. If they pick it up, they'll deduct a towing fee from the price they'll give you. Car pricing is based upon the make, model, condition, and weight of the vehicle. A car can generally bring anywhere from \$200 to \$600.

**CHECK OUT THE TOWN'S COMMUNITY CENTER FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT!**

Our Community Center, located at 1905 Coleman Road, is available to rent. Rental rates are as follows:



\$350 rental fee plus a \$200 refundable security deposit (payable by check only) for Town of Binghamton and Town of Conklin residents.

\$450 day rental plus a \$200 refundable security deposit (payable by check only) for non-residents.



Rental fee is due with application and your check will be cashed immediately. The \$200 refundable security deposit is due when you pick up the key.

Contact Zac Soboleski by email at ccc@townofbinghamton.com to reserve your date today.



Did you know the Hawleyton Cemetery Association maintains a cemetery that is located on Saddlemire Road in the Town of Binghamton? If anyone has an interest in the cemetery, either historically or in purchasing a lot, please call Bill Webb, Association President, at (607) 722-7126.

Bill also oversees the Ingraham Hill Cemetery.



News from County Legislator Kelly Wildoner - Summer 2025

Kelly Wildoner is a County Legislator representing District 3, which includes the Towns of Binghamton and Conklin along with part of Vestal.



I hope everyone has been enjoying some dry weather after so much rain! I wanted to give an update on some things going on in the Town of Binghamton and our community.

There has been a lot to celebrate in the Town of Binghamton! During the month of May, the Town of Binghamton Volunteer Fire Company celebrated their 75 years of service to the community. The Legislature presented them with a framed certificate at their anniversary ceremony. Volunteer firefighters are extremely important to our communities, especially our rural towns. Their service does not go unnoticed, and I am sure we all feel their positive impact to our community every day. Thank you to the Town of Binghamton Volunteer Fire Company and all the past, present, and future volunteer firefighters!

In May, the Legislature held its 15th annual Veterans of Distinction Ceremony. This is a ceremony we hold at our May Legislative Session meeting to recognize some of the great veterans in our area. It truly is a ceremony I look forward to each year, and it is such a great way to honor the brave men and women who served our country and community. We had two veterans from District 3 who were celebrated at this year's ceremony: Veteran Joseph John Toman, United States Army Reserves and Air Force; and Veteran Craig Colas, United States Army Reserve. Thank you to everyone who participated. I am excited for next year's ceremony.

The County's Small Community Fund program received many applications again this year. This fund is a great way to provide community partners with necessary funds to help them serve residents. This year, we awarded the Town of Binghamton Volunteer Fire Company \$29,000 to help them with their Station #1 paving project. We also included funds for the Discovery Center to help them with more playground improvements. This program is a great way to show our support for groups in our community that have such an important impact on us all.

This is just a small sampling of what's happening in Broome County. I appreciate the opportunity to be your County Legislator and work for you. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (607) 778-2131, kelly.wildoner@broomecountyny.gov or on Facebook by searching "Broome County Legislator Kelly Wildoner."

Kelly Wildoner, BC Legislator

A MESSAGE FROM RICK MURRAY, Dog Control Officer

Phone: 772-0357, press option 7

E-mail: DCO@townofbinghamton.com



**A REVIEW OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
LOCAL DOG CONTROL LAW**

With summer upon us and a lot of people walking their dogs, I thought it might be a good time to review the [Town of Binghamton Local Dog Control Law, Chapter 88](#). First, all dogs four months and older need to be licensed. Dog License applications are available in the "FORMS" rack at the Town Hall or on our website. In addition, it is unlawful for any dog owner to allow their dog to:

- A. Run at large.
- B. Engage in habitual loud howling, barking, crying, or whining that annoys a neighbor.
- C. Uproot, dig or otherwise damage vegetation/foliage without the consent of the property owner.
- D. Chase, jump on, or harass a person to reasonably cause intimidation or fear.
- E. Habitually chase, run alongside of, or bark at motor vehicles, motorcycles, or bicycles.
- F. Create a nuisance by defecating, urinating, or digging on public property or on private property without the consent of the property owner.
- G. Commit a nuisance which may create odors, insects, or other health matters which interfere with the public.

A Message from the Seniors Activities Program Coordinators

Dennis & Susan See / Lisa Young

Email: tobseniors@townofbinghamton.com

Please be patient awaiting replies to our email address. We are volunteers and will check emails as often as we can.



A Summer Picnic will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. under the upper picnic pavilion at Jackson Park (located on Jackson Road). You may want to bring a lawn chair. Restrooms are adjacent to the picnic area.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, drinks, and paper products will be furnished. You're asked to bring a dish to pass. Please RSVP no later than July 16 by calling (607) 772-0357, x 301. Leave your name, how many are in your party, and what dish you'll be bringing.

The Seniors Book Club is now meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at the **Community Center at 1901 Coleman Road from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** All are welcome! Here is a list of the upcoming books:

Tues., July 8, 2025 - "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" by John Berendt

Tues., Aug. 12, 2025 - "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks

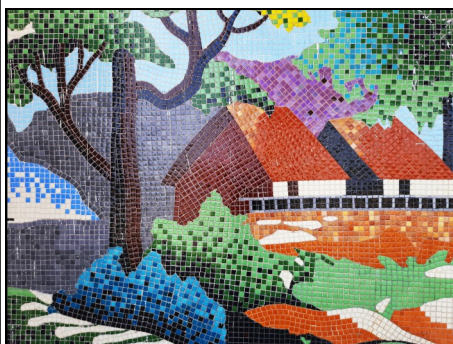
Tues., Sept. 9, 2025 - "The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter" by Carson McCullers

Tues., Oct. 14, 2025 - "Sole Survivor" by Dean Koontz

Tues., Nov. 11, 2025 - "Something to Look Forward To" by Fannie Flagg

If you haven't read any of the featured books, please feel free to come anyway!

PLEASE NOTE: The Book Club (as a group) chooses the books to be featured each month. If you have a book you'd like to recommend, please bring it with you to the next meeting and join the club!

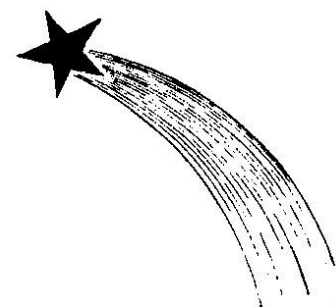


The Seniors Mosaics Class (Crafts) meets on the last Thursday of each month at the Town of Binghamton Town Hall, located at 279 Park Avenue, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All supplies (and refreshments!) are provided, but you may also bring your own tiles / base forms to use if you wish. We also have the tools to turn china into mosaic pieces, too! In the past we've made trivets, lawn decorations, bird feeders, mirrors, and picture frames. The class is currently moving on to include trinket boxes and translucent items such as vases & canisters. All levels of experience are welcome and no commitment is necessary! Just confirm your attendance each month at (607) 772-0357, ext. 301 so Lisa knows who to call in case of changes. **Classes will be held on the following dates this summer unless otherwise advised: July 24 & August 28**

COMING SOON IN AUGUST!

We'd like to set up a meeting to watch the **Perseid Meteor Shower** again this year, peaking over the evening of Tues., August 12th. Although 2025 presents an interfering moon, the Perseids reliably exhibit 75-100 meteors per hour at the peak. We saw amazing fireballs of several colors with lots of frequency and had great fun last year, so come out and join us!

Refreshments & location set-up will be supplied. Please express interest (and whether a week night vs. weekend night affects your decision) by calling (607) 772-0357, ext. 301. Lisa will get back to you in July as to whether this event will go forward. Thanks, everyone, and enjoy the summer!



A Message from Christopher Streno Director of Youth Activities

E-mail: tobyouthsports@gmail.com

Phone: (607) 772-0357, ext. 048

Another successful **Baseball and Softball season** concluded in June. This season we had 2 Majors, 3 Minors, and 2 Pony Baseball teams. We had 1 Majors, 1 Minors and 1 Coach-Pitch Softball team. Congratulations to everyone for a great season!



Our **Major's Baseball Rumble Ponies** concluded an undefeated season by winning the Tri-Town League Championship. For the third straight season, we partnered with the Binghamton Rumble Ponies to provide authentic jerseys and hats for the TOB Rumble Ponies. In exchange, the Booster Club had a large number of game vouchers to sell for any regular season Rumble Ponies home game at a discounted price. There are a limited number of vouchers still available. If you're interested, please message our Facebook page.

Our **Tee-Ball program** was once again very strong with enough kids for five teams. All told, we had a total of 146 softball and baseball players.

A big 'Thank You' to all of the coaches and parents for their help and support in making our baseball and softball season a great success.

We are very excited to be providing a first for our area, **Brazilian United Soccer Camp**. This week-long camp will be held at Jackson Park July 14-18. There are full-day camps from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for 9-14 year olds; half-day from 9 a.m.-noon for 7-14 year olds; and Future Stars Camp from 3 p.m.-4 p.m. for 4-6 year olds. For more information and to register please use this link:

<https://programs.brazilianunited.com/buc/buc-summer-camp/town-of-binghamton>

We are also moving swiftly into the **Football & Cheer Season** with our first practices coming up on August 4th and games beginning August 31st. Our football program is divided by school grades. We have two flag levels: BK/K & 1st/2nd grade. We have two tackle levels at 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade. We offer a Cheer program for all of those grades as well. Our practices are held at Jackson Park and our home games are played on Sundays at the beautiful SV High School Stadium.



This season we are seeking interest in a **Girl's Youth Flag Football** program for girls in grades 3-6. The popularity of this sport has exploded at the high school and college level, and there are now college scholarships being offered for this sport.



We are always **looking for volunteers to help** run our programs as well as participate with the Booster Club, who are a tremendous help to our teams and players in every sport. Please consider helping out with coaching, team parent, Concession Stand, and the Press Box. Contact your player's coach or feel free to contact me via email, Facebook message, or phone if you are interested.

Please join our Facebook page "Town of Binghamton Youth Sports" for more up-to-date information regarding TOB Youth Activities. Thanks, everyone, and enjoy the rest of the summer!

Town of Binghamton

**279 Park Avenue
Binghamton, NY 13903**

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Scroll down toward the bottom right on any page.

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To file a complaint of discrimination, write:

USDA — Director
Office of Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue—SW
Washington, DC 20250-9410



TOWN HALL MAIN PHONE (607) 772-0357

Telecommunication Device for the Deaf:

1-800-662-1220 or 711

TOWN HALL PHONE EXTENSIONS

Assessor, Joseph Cook	Ext. 015
Assessor's Clerk, Mary Atkinson	Ext. 013
Bookkeeper, Sandra Reifler	Ext. 021
Code Enforcement Officer, Nick Pappas	Ext. 012
Code Enforcement Officer, Zac Soboleski	Ext. 014
Court Clerk, John Petito	Ext. 019
Dog Control Officer, Rick Murray	Ext. 022
Emergencies at Night: Dogs/Water	778-1911
Highway Supt., Mark Leighton	669-4323
Information Desk, Becky Smith	Ext. 010
Supervisor, Elizabeth Rounds	Ext. 011
Tax Collection - Call Broome County	778-2169
Town Clerk, Tracy Tokos	Ext. 026
Town Clerk's Deputy, Mindi Prince	Ext. 023
Town Justice, Hon. Christopher Streno	Ext. 019
Water/Sewer Maint., Lee Cooper	669-4323
Water/Sewer Billing, Nadine Pappas	669-4323
Youth Activities, Christopher Streno	Ext. 048

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON

Sat., July 12	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Tues., July 15	Town Board Meeting @ Community Center - 6 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING. (see Page 1)
Tues., July 22	Planning Board Meeting / Zoning Board Meeting @ Town Hall - 6:30 p.m.
Tues., July 22	Seniors Picnic @ Jackson Park Pavilion - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (see page 6)
Fri., July 25	Deadline for TOB Vol. Fire Co. Chicken BBQ Online Tickets. (see bottom of Page 3)
Sat., July 26	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Tues., August 5	Town Board Work Session @ Town Hall - 4 p.m.
Tues., August 5	FREE Rabies Clinic @ BC Humane Society, 167 Conklin Rd. - 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Weds., August 6	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Sat., August 9	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Sat., August 16	Firemen's Annual Chicken BBQ @ Hawleyton UMC - Noon until gone (see Page 3)
Tues., August 19	Town Board Meeting @ Town Hall - 6 p.m.
Sat., August 23	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Tues., August 26	FREE Rabies Clinic @ BC Humane Society, 167 Conklin Rd. - 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 2	Town Board Work Session @ Town Hall - 4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 3	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 6	Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Tues., Sept. 16	Town Board Meeting @ Town Hall - 6 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 23	FREE Rabies Clinic @ BC Humane Society, 167 Conklin Rd. - 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Sept. 23 & 24	"Municipal Cleanup Days" @ Town Hall - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (See Page 2 for more info.)
Tues., Oct. 7	Town Board Work Session at Town Hall - 4 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 21	Town Board Meeting @ Town Hall - 6 p.m.



Now that summer is here, we know many of you are out enjoying nature on your mountain bikes, dirt bikes, and four-wheelers. Please make sure you have the permission of a property owner to be on their property, and please be respectful of those landowners whose properties border the trails you enjoy. We would all appreciate a stress-free summer. Thank you.