



TOWN TALK NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM TOWN SUPERVISOR ELIZABETH ROUNDS

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OUR SPRING MUNICIPAL CLEANUP DAYS WENT WELL IN SPITE OF THE RAIN.

We had another great turnout for our annual Spring Municipal Cleanup Days in spite of the rainy weather. We'll be holding them again on Thurs., Sept. 24 and Fri., Sept. 25th, so mark your calendars now. We handed out the Spring newsletter while people were waiting in line and added seventy-six new email subscribers to our Town email database. If you're receiving this newsletter for the first time, I'd like to say, "Welcome!" Our website and our mass email distribution is our main form of communication, so be sure to tell your friends to subscribe on the Town's website at www.townofbinghamton.com (Look to the bottom right on any page and find the gold colored box.)

FORMER VESTAL HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

You may have heard that there's talk about a proposed development at the former Vestal Hills Country Club location. While this is very early in the preliminary stages, I'd like to recommend that you occasionally peruse the Town's website for information. (Town Board minutes can be found under Depts.: **Town Board / Minutes.**)

I hope you're all enjoying the summer. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach me at (607) 772-0357, and press option 2. We'll talk again in the fall!

Elizabeth Rounds





OUR NEW ONLINE WATER & SEWER CUSTOMER PORTAL IS NOW AVAILABLE!

With our new customer portal, you can manage your water and sewer account anytime, anywhere, plus view your bills and account balances, access your payment history, make secure online payments, monitor your water usage, sign up for paperless billing, and enroll in autopay. We will accept payments in person, on-line, or by phone. Most major credit cards are accepted.

Finally, we will still be mailing out bills so you can still pay by mail or drop them in the outside drop boxes at the Town Hall at 279 Park Avenue or at the Highway/Water Dept. at 865 Hawleyton Road.

SPECIAL NOTE: Because we're a government agency, we cannot incur the cost of using credit cards. Therefore, you, the user, will incur the cost. There is a convenience fee of 2.95% that will be assessed to each credit/debit card transaction. There is no minimum convenience fee.

We are also now accepting e-checks for \$1.95 per transaction (no matter the amount).

**[CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT
TODAY BY CLICKING HERE!](#)**

HIGHWAY DEPT. / WATER & SEWER DEPT. 865 Hawleyton Rd.
Mark Leighton, Highway Supt. Binghamton, NY
Phone: (607) 669-4323 Email: highway@townofbinghamton.com

We got a jump on road maintenance this year with better weather than in 2025. Most of the contractor lead projects are done and we are working hard to get our share of work done. There seems to be an endless supply of bumps and grinds to last all summer. We are currently working out in the rural areas now. The new fawns and black bears have us all distracted at times. The roads out this way are constructed differently and tend to need more attention after deep cold winters and up and down temps in early fall. But no fear, the crew is on top of things and working hard.

As a reminder, if you're going to tackle a project anywhere on your property that has digging, you must go to www.udignny.org and request that underground utilities be marked. It only takes three business days for this free service and it's the law.

As always, when driving through a work zone, PLEASE SLOW DOWN. Sometimes we are working just inches from the travel lane and focused on the task at hand. It warms our hearts to know that drivers are being respectful and traveling at reduced speeds.

Love, Peace, and Chicken Grease.

Mark Leighton, Highway Supt.

FALL FLUSHING: OCTOBER 6, 7, & 8.

**Notices will be handed
out before the flushing is to occur.**



WATER / SEWER BILLING CYCLE

Nov. 1st (1st billing) – due in early Dec.
Feb. 1st (2nd billing); due in early March
May 1st (3rd billing); due in early June
Aug. 1st (4th billing); due in early Sept.

Bills can be paid in person, by mail, or online.

To contact Nadine Pappas (Billing Clerk),
send an email to: water@townofbinghamton.com

OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT & BUILDING INSPECTION**(607) 772-0357, option 3**Email: Nick Pappas – code@townofbinghamton.comZac Soboleski – codeassist@townofbinghamton.com

Summer is the busiest season for our department. Building projects are always 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 we 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, and now, 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 the Town's website at www.townofbinghamton.com and click on "Building Codes & Permits" 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. (See our email addresses 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. They'll pick your vehicle up 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. They'll pay even more for a complete vehicle that includes transmission, engine, wheels, etc. Call *Fenix U-Pull It* if you have questions.

- **MUNICIPAL CLEANUP DAYS** will be held again this year on September 24 & 25th. This is a great opportunity to get rid of your junk for free. We hope you all have an enjoyable summer.

Nick Pappas

BROOME COUNTY LANDFILL'S HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DATES:

The BC Landfill continues to accept 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 11 / Sat., July 25 / Weds., Aug. 5 / Sat., Aug. 8 / Sat., Aug. 22
Weds., Sept. 2 / Sat., Sept. 12 / Sat., Sept. 26 / Sat., Oct. 3

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





**A MESSAGE FROM
RICK MURRAY
Dog Control Officer**

Phone: 772-0357, press option 7

E-mail:

DCO@townofbinghamton.com

**DOG SHELTER LAW PROTECTS DOGS
DURING THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER!**

The Dog Shelter Law is a law that applies to all seasons, including summer. Section 353-B of the New York Agriculture and Markets Law requires dog owners to provide shelter for their dogs. The shelter must protect your dog from direct sunlight, rain, snow, wind, cold weather, hot weather, and other inclement conditions. The shelter must be waterproof, insulated, and allow the dog to move around freely. The dog must be able to stand up, turn around, and lie down. Violators will receive a court citation and be required to pay a fine ranging from \$50 to \$250 and will need to show proof of shelter for the dog. If you suspect that someone is not providing their dog with adequate food and/or shelter, please call the Sheriff's Dept. at (607) 778-1911 and press 1 to speak with a Deputy or call the New York State Police at (607) 775-1241.

**HOW TO HELP A PET LEFT
IN A HOT CAR**

- Take down the car's make, model, and license plate number.
- If there are businesses nearby, notify their managers or security guards and ask them to make an announcement to find the car's owner. Many people are unaware of the danger of leaving pets in hot cars and will quickly return to their vehicle once they are alerted to the situation.
- If the owner can't be found, call the Sheriff's Office at (607) 778-1911, and press 1 to speak with a Deputy.
- You can also call the New York State Police at (607) 775-1241. Wait by the car for the authorities to arrive.



**FIREMEN'S ANNUAL
Chicken BBQ**



Sat., August 15, 2026

WHEN: Saturday, August 15, 2026, from NOON until gone. Drive thru pickup will be at the Hawleyton Methodist Church, located at 901 Hawleyton Road.

COST: \$15 – Full dinner includes ½ chicken with macaroni salad, salt potatoes, and roll

\$10 – Half dinner is ½ chicken ONLY. No sides.

Your continued support of this event provides new equipment and supplies to our members who are available 24/7 to serve the community. As always, we thank you for your support!

Order online at <https://tobfire58.square.site/> (A processing fee may apply.) Deadline for pre-orders is Mon., July 27, 2026 (no exceptions). Please note: Pre-ordered dinners will only be held until 4:30 p.m. on the day of the event.

SUMMER 2026 SENIOR ACTIVITIES



Presented by the TOB's Senior Citizens Commission

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.

**RSVPs should
be called into
(607) 772-0357,
ext. 301.**

Macrame is suspended until further notice.

Chair Yoga: (exercise) FREE Chair Yoga sessions for our Seniors are going strong! We have participants of all abilities so don't hesitate to come out and try it! No RSVP and no special equipment are required. Sessions are held on Mondays from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, 1905 Coleman Rd., Binghamton.

WE ARE NOW IN A SUMMER BREAK. Classes will resume as follows: September 14 & 28; October 5 & 19. Continuing dates will be announced in the Fall newsletter. Non-residents will be permitted to attend for a \$4 per person fee, payable IN CASH, to Vickie Conklin at time of sign-in to class. Wear loose clothing.

K9 Search & Rescue Demonstration & Light Luncheon: (Learn Something New/Social) Kevin Pier, President of Amigo Search & Rescue Dogs, a Broome County based volunteer team that provides certified professional resources specializing in canines to aid in searches for lost and missing persons serving all of NYS & surrounding states, will present a half hour educational talk followed by a live demonstration of a "missing person" search using a volunteer from among our attendees inside the Community Center located at 1905 Coleman Road on Saturday, July 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A free light lunch will be served afterward.



The **Town of Binghamton Senior Book Group** meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Town of Binghamton Community Center at 1905 Coleman Road from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All are welcome! Here is the list of upcoming books:

July 14 -	"Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" by Jennifer Chiaverini
August 11 -	"Where the Heart Is" by Billie Letts
September 8 -	"Look Again" by Lisa Scottoline
October 13 -	"Burnt Mountain" by Anne Rivers Siddons
November 10 -	"The Christmas Train" by David Baldacci

Please note: If you haven't read any of the featured books, feel free to come anyway! The book club (as a group) chooses the books to be featured each month. If you have a book you would like to recommend, please bring it with you to the next meeting and join the club!

Mosaics: (Crafts/Learn Something New): Class resumed its regular schedule on the last Thursday of each month and will continue as follows: **July 23***, **August 27** & **September 24**. All materials and tools are provided, although students are encouraged to bring whatever items they wish to experiment with. **FREE SNACKS WILL BE SERVED.** *Note this date varies from the normal pattern.

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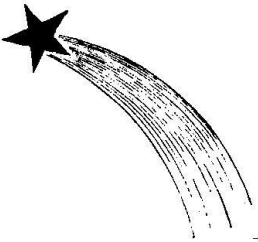


Ice Cream Social – Tuesday, August 4, 2026 – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Come and enjoy a dish of ice cream or a sundae with your fellow seniors.

This event will be held at the Town’s Community Center at 1905 Coleman Rd.

No RSVP required.



Meteor Shower Watch Party: (Learn Something New/Social)

A repeat of the meet last year (which was well received) to watch the Perseid Meteor shower with between 100 -140 shooting stars expected per hour, except this year there will be 0% moonlight interfering! Meet Lisa at the baseball diamond at Jackson Park, Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 9:30 p.m. Best viewing will be after midnight! Free refreshments will be provided. Bring a reclining beach chair or anti-gravity chair and dress according to the weather. **RSVP required by Mon., August 3rd** by calling (607) 772-0357 X 301.

LUMA Projection Light Show Viewing Meet: (Cultural/Social) This is a free City event that draws attendees from all over the world and reflects Binghamton’s involvement in the dawning of the computer virtual age. Meet Lisa downtown on Saturday, September 12 at 8:30 p.m. at the northeast corner of Exchange & Hawley Streets to form the group which will then walk amongst the amazing light shows which are projected on the outside of various downtown buildings. Lisa will provide maps & discuss the meanings behind the presentations. Street/festival food & beverages will be available for purchase. **Note that the streets downtown will be blocked off and parking will be remote from the event**, so wear walking shoes & comfortable clothing. LAYERS are strongly recommended as the temperature varies widely during the show which continues until midnight (although no one is required to stay until the end). Lisa uses a cane so the pace will be slow; disabled attendees are welcome and accommodation can be made timewise for walking between exhibits, but assistance cannot be provided. Please bring your own helper if there is any chance you will need one. **RSVP required by September 2, 2026 by calling (607) 772- 0357 X 301. Rain date will be Sunday, September 13th.**

Introduction to Watercolor Class: Come and enjoy an introduction class with Dennis on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Town’s Community Center, 1905 Coleman Rd. There is no requirement for having painted in the past. All supplies will be provided. RSVP by calling (607) 772-0357 x301. Leave your name and number expressing your interest.



Fire Safety with Kevin Olds, President, Town of Binghamton Volunteer Fire Co.

October is the nation’s fire safety month. Come and learn on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This talk will be held at the Town’s Community Center, 1905 Coleman Rd.

The day trip to **Corning Glass** to tour the museum AND participate in a glassworks class has received seven sign-ups, and we only need three to schedule a glass class exclusively for ourselves! Please RSVP by calling (607) 772- 0357 X 301. Leave your name & phone number expressing your interest. *Please note, we will be carpooling for this event.

All activities are held at the Town of Binghamton Town Hall, located at 279 Park Avenue, unless noted otherwise. If you’re a resident of the Town of Binghamton (55 years and older), please feel free to join us! Additional activities will be posted on the TOB website. Look for “Upcoming Senior Activities” at www.townofbinghamton.com

TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

Tracy Tokos, Town Clerk

Mindi Prince, Deputy Town Clerk

Phone: (607) 772-0357, press option 8



DOG LICENSE RENEWAL INFORMATION

Here's a quick review of how dog license renewals work in the Clerk's office:

The "Notice of Renewal" will be mailed to you in the beginning of the registration month.

There will be no more REMINDER letters mailed. On the last day of the month, if you have not registered your dog, a late notice will be mailed to you. Please adhere to the late fee billing schedule that will be included with your second notice. The late fee schedule is as follows:

- If the renewal is not paid within 30 days after the initial due date - \$10 late fee
- If the renewal is not paid within 60 days after the initial due date - \$20 late fee
- If the renewal is not paid within 90 days after the initial due date - \$30 late fee



NOTE: These fees are in addition to the standard licensing fee.

News from County Legislator Kelly Wildoner

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



As your County Legislator, I wanted to take a moment to update residents in the Town of Binghamton on what we've been working on in Broome County this year. As a member of the County Administration and Finance Committee, I have continued to advocate for fiscal responsibility and public safety, while making strategic investments in infrastructure, emergency services, and our parks. With the budget process around the corner, I look forward to meeting with our County Departments to plan for 2027.

There's always a lot going on in Broome County, especially during the summer. In addition to the many annual events that take place in our community, we are excited to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America's founding and independence.



We are proud of our Veterans and have once again partnered with the Binghamton Rumble Ponies to provide free tickets for Veterans and their family members, made possible through the Broome County Veterans Services Department. For more information on how to obtain Rumble Ponies tickets for Veterans, please reach out to the Binghamton Rumble Ponies by phone to (607) 722-3866.

Now that summer is here, we have a great opportunity to get outside and check out the many offerings in our community, including our Town and County-operated parks and facilities. I hope everyone in the Town of Binghamton has a great summer! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at (607) 778-2131, kelly.wildoner@broomecountyny.gov or on Facebook by searching "Broome County Legislator Kelly Wildoner." We'll talk again in the fall.

Binghamton Township Historical Society by Karen Thurber, President

Email: lefty71111@aol.com

Welcome to Glenn Gilda who has joined us as our Treasurer!

Thanks to those who attended our luncheon at the Community Center on May 6, 2026. We had a nice turnout, despite cool weather. Attendees enjoyed picnic fare, reminisced over various artifacts from the museum, and listened to presentations on the town's early days, as well as information about the museum. As a result of the event, BTHS gained six new members, several artifact donations, and a volunteer for some light carpentry work! Thanks to all who participated.

Our museum opening on Memorial Day was well attended. It was great seeing everyone, especially the children. It was nice to see them interested in history!

As a result of comments made at the luncheon, we are opening the museum on the following dates and times this summer. We hope you can find time to visit!

MUSEUM HOURS:



- Monday, July 20th - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 9th - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

We can also arrange personal tours. Please call (607) 669-4353 to set one up. We're located at 923 Hawleyton Road.

FUNDRAISER FOR OUR BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND!

Saturday, August 15 – Noon to 4 p.m.

We'll be selling slices of homemade pie for \$3 in conjunction with the TOB Fire Dept's. Annual Chicken BBQ. Please consider supporting BTHS's Building Maintenance Fund and enjoy some yummy pie!



ATTENTION, PIE BAKERS!

We will gratefully accept any pie donations. Our goal is 24 pies. If you are able to donate a pie, please contact me by email or at 607-222-8953.



**A MESSAGE FROM
CHRISTOPHER STRENO**
Director of Youth Activities
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Phone: (607) 772-0357, ext. 048



SUMMER 2026

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

For the fourth 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 has 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 are interested, please message our Facebook page.

Our Tee-Ball program was once again very strong with enough kids for four teams. All told, we had a total of over 120 softball and baseball players.

We are now moving swiftly into the Football & Cheer Season with our first practices coming up on August 3rd and games beginning August 30. Our football program is divided by school grades. We have two flag levels: 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.

After a very successful inaugural season, we will also be providing Girl's Flag Football for grades 3-6. The 3rd & 4th graders will play in an instructional league while the 5th & 6th graders will play in a competitive league. 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. There are at least eleven other programs participating

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, or the Press Box, and please do your best to support them through their many fundraisers and the Concession Stands at Jackson Park and the SV football stadium.

Please join our Facebook page "Town of Binghamton Youth Sports" for more up-to-date information regarding TOB Youth Activities.

As with the Booster Club, the Youth Commission is always seeking more participation. If you would like to be involved in the decision making, planning and organization of our youth programs, please email tobyouthsports@gmail.com

Chris Streno

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**TOWN HALL MAIN
PHONE NUMBER:
(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, option 4 or ext. 013
- Bookkeeper, Sandra Reifler, ext. 021
- Code Enforcement Officers/Bldg. Inspectors:
Nick Pappas, option 3 or ext. 012
Zac Soboleski, ext. 014
- Court Clerk, John Petito, option 5 or ext. 019
- Dog Control, Rick Murray, option 7 or ext. 022
- Emergencies at Night or on Weekends:
607-778-1911 for Dog Related or Water/Sewer
Related Emergencies.
- Highway Supt., Mark Leighton, 607-669-4323
- Info Desk, Becky Smith, option 1 or ext. 010
- Seniors Commission, ext. 301
- Supervisor Elizabeth Rounds, option 2 or ext. 011
- Tax Collection- Call Broome County 607-778-2169
- Town Clerk, Tracy Tokos, option 8 or ext. 026
- Town Clerk's Deputy, Mindi Prince, ext. 023
- Town Justice, Christopher Streno, ext. 019
- Water/Sewer Maint., Lee Cooper 607-669-4323
- Water/Sewer Billing, Nadine Pappas 607-669-4323
- Youth Activities, Christopher Streno, ext. 048

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON EVENT CALENDAR

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| Sat., July 11 | Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. |
| Tues., July 21 | Town Board Meeting @ Town Hall - 6 p.m. |
| Tues., July 21 | FREE Rabies Clinic @ BC Humane Society, 167 Conklin Rd. - 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. |
| Sat., July 25 | Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. |
| Mon., July 27 | Deadline for TOB Vol. Fire Co. Chicken BBQ Online Tickets. (see bottom of Page 4) |
| Tues., July 28 | Planning Board Meeting / Zoning Board Meeting @ Town Hall - 6:30 p.m. |
| Tues., August 4 | Town Board Work Session @ Town Hall - 4 p.m. |
| Weds., August 5 | Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. |
| Sat., August 8 | Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. |
| Sat., August 15 | Firemen's Annual Chicken BBQ @ Hawleyton UMC - Noon until gone (see Page 4) |
| Tues., August 18 | Town Board Meeting @ Town Hall - 6 p.m. |
| Tues., August 18 | FREE Rabies Clinic @ BC Humane Society, 167 Conklin Rd. - 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. |
| Sat., August 22 | Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. |
| Tues., Sept. 1 | Town Board Work Session @ Town Hall - 4 p.m. |
| Wed., Sept. 2 | Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. |
| Sat., Sept. 12 | Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. |
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| Sept. 24 & 25 | "Municipal Cleanup Days" (Details will be on the Town's website soon.) |
| Sat., Sept. 26 | Hazardous Waste Collection @ Broome County Landfill - 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. |