

# VILLAGE OF BROWNVILLE Spring Newsletter 2024

The Village is still in the process of a major water and sewer project which includes new water lines, a water tank replacement as well as a new UV system at the sewer plant. This will also include the repair/replacement of roads and sidewalks throughout the village. We want to prepare our residents as we continue to advance through each phase of these projects as well as how it will effect your bills in the future. A letter will be distributed to residents updating them on upcoming events and developments within the Village. We realize that these projects may cause some inconveniences, and we would like to apologize in advance for any disruption it may cause to our residents, especially as we break ground and construction starts on roads and sidewalks around the Village. However, this project will greatly improve our infrastructure, help improve water quality and water pressure as well as decrease water leaks and issues. We will continue to distribute updated information as the project advances. As always, we encourage our residents to attend our monthly board meetings to keep informed on these projects.

The Brownville Bridge Project has started and the new bridge is estimated to be operable around October/November 2024. The bridge will be located just outside Village limits heading towards Dexter and will replace the existing bridge over the Black River in Brownville. The current bridge will no longer be operable once the new bridge is open, will be dismantled around May/June 2025.

## New Online Account Services:

You can now view your water/sewer bill online, create an online account, see past payments, view usage, make or schedule a payment and set up AutoPay. Credit card fees are 2.95% and e-checks fees are \$1.95. To create an account, visit our website and click on the "PAY YOUR WATER BILL" button and follow the instructions to set up your account. If you would like to sign up for paperless billing, please email us at bville@nnymail.com with the email you would like your bill sent to.

## Annual General Brown Ways: May 31st - June 2nd, 2024 • 216 Brown Boulevard, Brownville

The Annual General Brown Weekend, located at the Brown Mansion, features entertainment, rides, vendors, food, yard sales, events, parade and fireworks. If you are a craft vendor, food vendor or other vendor and would like to attend, please email generalbrownweekend@gmail.com for an application and list of guidelines. The Village Wide Garage Sales will be held **May 31**<sup>st</sup> - **June 2**<sup>nd</sup> starting at 8am.

<u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u>: The General Brown Weekend Committee needs the help of the community to make it happen each year. It takes dozens of volunteers to set up, launch the parade, and clean the grounds each year. If you or someone you know can help, please reach out to generalbrownweekend@gmail.com. Even volunteering for a few hours helps!

## 2024 Tax Rates: Tax rates will be raised to 6.40% effective June 1, 2024.

Late Payment/Tax Penalties are as follows: July: +5% • August: +6% • September: +7% • October: +8% Any unpaid taxes after October 31st may be paid with the Jefferson County Treasurer with additional tax penalties.

# Enhanced Star:

Enhanced Star provides an increased benefit for the primary residences of senior citizens (age 65 and older) with an income of \$98,700 or less. For more information or to see if you are eligible, visit www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star or call the Town assessor, Rebecca Trudell at 315-639-3037 or Brownville.Assessor@gmail.com.

# Spring clean up: Saturday, June 15, 2024

Items must be placed curbside by 7am. Four yard limit (approx. 6' X 6' X 3'). Tied bundled bags or cans ONLY.

**NO CARDBOARD BOXES OR RECYCLING**. All items such as carpet and lumber must be cut and tied in 4ft lengths and not exceed 50 lbs. Everything must be either bagged or put into receptacles. Please do not place any large items curbside until the night before clean up days.

**ITEMS NOT EXCEPTED:** Cardboard, recycling, tires, batteries, metal, brush, stone, mattresses, computers, television's & electronics. Electronics, rechargeable batteries, leaves & branches can be disposed of at the Town Transfer Site. Please stop by the Village Office to obtain a FREE dump pass for Village residents.

# Free Hazardous Waste Collection Day:

Collection site is at the Jefferson County Highway Dept. located at 21897 County Rd 190, Watertown. Visit the website for dates and a complete list of acceptable items: www.NorthCountryRecycles.org or call: 315-786-6900.

## 2024 Summer Recreation Program:

Due to the disrepair and deterioration of the Mansion, the Village of Brownville has made the difficult decision to cancel the Summer Recreation Program again for the 2024 season. The Village is in the process of obtaining grants to help repair the Mansion so that it is safe and the recreation program can be continued in the future.

## Brownville Glen Park Library • Librarian: Donna Raines • 315-788-7889

Located at the Brown Mansion: 216 Brown Blvd., Brownville • Outside drop box available to the outside left of the building. New summer hours (July 1st-October 1<sup>st</sup>): • Tuesdays: 9am-5pm • Wednesdays: 9am-6pm • Fridays: 9am-5pm Books, audio books, computer, copier and fax machine use, chrome books and DVD's available.

\*\*The Library presents "Fun with Electricity" on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Brownville Fire Department, 121 Brown Blvd.

Please contact the library with any ideas for summer programs for the youth in our community. Follow them on Facebook.

# MAYOR, PATRICK CONNOR: 315-408-6044 • DPW SUPERINTENDENT, BILL PICKETT: 315-778-9631 VILLAGE OFFICE: 315-782-7650 • OFFICE HOURS: 9AM-3PM

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Village Board meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the Village Office (216 Brown Blvd).