



## VILLAGE OF BROWNVILLE

# Spring Newsletter 2023

The Village would like to welcome Billy Closs to our DPW crew as well as Amy Baker as our new Village Board Trustee. We would like to thank Leo Thompson for his time on the board and his dedication to both the Village and Town of Brownville. Also, a huge congratulations to our Village Police Officer, Larry Jobson, on his upcoming retirement.

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. This project will help improve water quality and water pressure as well as decrease water leaks and issues. We want to prepare our residents as much as possible on how it will effect their bills in the next 3-5 years in order to help offset the cost of the multi-million dollar project. We will 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 is projected to break ground Summer 2024. The project proposes to replace the existing bridge over the Black River in Brownville and replace it with a new structure just outside of the Village.

### *Spring clean up: Saturday, June 10, 2023*

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 and 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: June 3, 2023 from 8am-12pm*

Collection site is at the Jefferson County Highway Dept. located at 21897 County Rd 190, Watertown.

Visit the website for a complete list of acceptable items: [www.NorthCountryRecycles.org](http://www.NorthCountryRecycles.org) or call: 315-786-6900.

**2023 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 2023 season. The Village is in the process of obtaining a grant and funding to help repair the Mansion so that it is safe and the recreation program can be continued in the future.

### **2023 Tax Rates:** Tax rates will be raised to 6.38% effective June 1, 2023.

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.

## *Annual General Brown Days: June 2nd-4th, 2023 • 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](mailto:generalbrownweekend@gmail.com) for an application and list of guidelines.

The Village Wide Garage Sales will be held **June 2nd-4th starting at 8am**. Please contact the Village Office by May 29<sup>th</sup> to have your address added to the yard sale map. (Call: 315-782-7650 or Email: [bville@nynymail.com](mailto:bville@nynymail.com))

Maps will be available on our website, at the Brownville Post Office and at the Village Office starting May 30<sup>th</sup>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 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](mailto:generalbrownweekend@gmail.com). Even volunteering for a few hours helps!

## *Sewer: The Sewer Reserve fee will be increased to \$15 starting June 1, 2023*

Homeowners can NOT drain their sump pumps into the sanitary sewer. Fines may be issued.

Please DO NOT dispose of **dog waste bags** in the storm drains.

If you are having issues regarding your sewer, such as sewage backing up into your home, please call the Village DPW. They will respond and investigate your claim as soon as possible. If the issue is diagnosed as occurring in the public portion of the sewer system, our DPW crew will take immediate corrective action at no cost to you. If the issue is in your private waste drain system, they will refer you to a plumber or drain cleaner for further assistance.

*Soliciting* is permitted in the Village ONLY with an approved Peddling Permit issued by the Village. If a solicitor comes to your door, you may ask to see their permit and business card. You may also post no soliciting signs at your residence. Please contact the Village office or Mayor with any concerns.

## *Brownville Beautification Committee*

The Beautification Committee is in need of flower donations for 2023. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Village office at 315-782-7650.

## *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 would like to give Stewart's Shops a big THANK YOU! The Holiday Match Program is part of Stewart's Shops annual commitment to give back to our local communities. The Brownville-Glen Park Library was able to benefit from this donation. The money awarded will be used to provide summer programs for the youth in our community. Follow them on Facebook to keep up to date on these youth programs.

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**MAYOR, PATRICK CONNOR:** 315-408-6044 • **DPW SUPERINTENDENT, BILL PICKETT:** 315-778-9631

**VILLAGE OFFICE:** 315-782-7650 • **OFFICE HOURS:** 9AM-3PM

Visit our website for current news, contact information, water outages, events and important information:

[www.VillageOfBrownvilleNY.com](http://www.VillageOfBrownvilleNY.com)

Village Board meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Village Office (216 Brown Blvd).