



# Town of Marilla



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Dear Residents,

December, 2008

## GEORGE GERTZ - TOWN SUPERVISOR

On behalf of the Town Board and the Town Hall staff, I would like to extend best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. We encourage you to check out the Town Christmas tree in the Pavilion, and the trees in front of Town Hall that have been decorated by our local youth groups. The past year in Marilla had it ups and downs, but the Town remains in good financial shape. The Town has paid off all remaining debt on the Community Center and the Fire Hall. Under next year's budget, there will be a slight increase in the sanitation and fire taxes, but -- as in past years -- there will be no Town tax. The Community Center heating system has been upgraded, and the Town Highway Department and the Fire Company have a new radio system that allows them to communicate directly with each other -- a definite advantage in emergency situations such as the 2006 October snow storm! Next year, the Highway Department will take delivery of a new plow truck and the Sanitation Department will be getting a new garbage truck. My goal for 2009 is to improve our communications to Town residents on upcoming events and legislation before the Town Board. My door at Town Hall is always open, or feel free to call me at any time @ 652-7293.

## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

On **Monday, January 5th** Christmas tree pickup will begin, all trees must be at the **roadside by 7:00 a.m.** **Please do not wait for your regular garbage pick up day.** All decorations and any plastic wrappings used to carry them outside must be removed. If you prefer, you may bring them to the Recycling Center on Eastwood Rd. during normal hours of operation.

## Ron Unverdorben – Highway Superintendent

After speaking with many residents I have decided to change the hours at the Recycling Center on Eastwood Road. Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> the hours will be **every Saturday** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Tuesday hours will remain the same. This will hopefully be more convenient for everyone.

The Highway Department is also working on building a covered bridge at the Town Park, it is located over the ditch area between the 2 ponds, it will be completed for the 2009 Park season.

## DOG CONTROL

Residents needing assistance from the Dog Warden should call the following cell phone number:

**863-5816** – from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays and on call on weekends.

## MARILLA FREE LIBRARY

A new color printer has been added to the Marilla Free Library. Color copies are now \$.20 a page. Black & white print copies remain \$.10 a page. Six computers with internet access are available for use free of charge. Buffalo & Erie County Public Library cards are no longer necessary to use this service as guest passes are available. WiFi service is free for those who wish to access the internet with laptops. Library patrons may check accounts, order and renew materials and pay fines from home on [www.buffalolib.org](http://www.buffalolib.org), the library website. Through this website patrons may also search hundreds of data bases provided by the library. A Meeting Room may be reserved for community groups during hours that the library is open. Storytime will be held on Monday mornings at 10:30 for children ages 3-5 beginning February 2 through February 23. Activities will include stories, rhymes and a simple

craft to take home. Other Children's programs will be scheduled throughout the year.

A book club for adults meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. The next title to be discussed will be *My Sister's Keeper* by Jody Picoult.

The Marilla Free Library, located at 11637 Bullis Road, is open Monday 10-3, Tuesday 10-8, Wednesday 10-3, Thursday 10-8 & Saturday 10:00 – 3:00. Please call 652-7449 for further information or visit the library or the library web site [www.buffalolib.org](http://www.buffalolib.org)

### SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

Property owners that are 65 years or older prior to December 31, 2009 and had an annual gross income of \$32,400 or less may qualify for this exemption. Please contact the Assessors Office Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at 652-5497 for more information.

**\*\*\*All Exemptions are due March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009\*\*\***

### STAR PROGRAM

Property owners (**including mobile home owners**) that are 65 years or older prior to December 31, 2009 and had an annual adjusted gross income under \$73,000 for the 2007 tax year, may qualify for the **Enhanced Star Exemption** on their primary residence. If you have received the **Enhanced STAR exemption** in 2008, you will receive a renewal notice in the mail that must be filed by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009**.

If you recently purchased a home (including a mobile home) as a primary residence in the Town of Marilla, you qualify for the Basic STAR Exemption. **Property owners that received the Basic STAR exemption last year and are under 65, do not need to renew their application.**

First time applicants must apply prior to **March 1st, 2009**. Applications are available in the Assessor's Office and the Town Clerk's Office. Please contact the Assessors at 652-5497, Tuesday evenings between 7:00-9:00 p.m. with any questions you may have.

### RECYCLING CENTER

Just a reminder that the hours of operation at the Recycling Center on Eastwood Rd. have changed they are every **Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.** and **every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** Items accepted at the Center are: cardboard, tin cans, mixed paper, plastics, batteries, motor oil, metals, newspapers, glass (all metal rings, caps, etc. must be removed by residents), and yard waste ie: grass, leaves and brush. The Sanitation Department will only pick up daily garbage along with glass and newspaper (tied in bundles or in paper bags) at the curb. New stickers for the Center will be available in the Town Clerk's Office free of charge, after the first of the year upon proof of residency.

### SANITATION DEPARTMENT HOLIDAYS

Enclosed is a list of holidays that the Sanitation Dept. will be observing in 2009. If a holiday is on a Monday all weekly pick-ups will be delayed by one day. When a holiday falls later in the week – Example: Thanksgiving Day, which is on a Thursday this will only affect a Thursday pick-up. **PLEASE SAVE YOUR CARD FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.** Reminder: The safety of our Sanitation Workers is important; therefore **no container or item will be picked up weighing over 50 lbs. The use of hydraulically lifted trash containers will no longer be permitted for use as a garbage or recycling container.**

### MARILLA FIRE COMPANY LADIES AUXILIARY

Marilla Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary is looking for new members. Come and join us for fun and work and socializing. For information contact Tammy at 652-0467 or Janet at 652-8161.

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Sincerely,  
George Gertz, Supervisor

Councilman Fred Specht Councilman Barbara Spanitz  
Councilman / Deputy Supervisor  
Warren Handley

