

# VILLAGE OF FAIRPORT

on the Erie Canal

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## Mayor's Message...

COVID-19 and the return to life as we know it in Fairport.

Remember when our big concern was what would happen in 2020 when the Main Street bridge was out?

Unless you were alive during the times of polio or perhaps a world war, you would have never experienced anything like the challenges that COVID-19 has brought to our village, county, state, country and to the world. We all have come to know and love our community as home to festivals, parades and a farmer's market which has that small-town feel. There is the comfortable feeling of living in a village with our own electric service, a picturesque canal and public library right near the bridge on Main Street. 2020 will be the year an asterisk is next to all our histories. With that said, 2020 will be different for all of us, but we will get through it. In the future, festivals and parades will be back, the bridge will return to its normal position, life will return to the "new normal" and we will talk about "remember when". We will all be somewhat changed by this experience. We are a community, we are the "Raiders at heart, six feet apart" we are caring, and kind. Please take a breath, try to practice patience and a little gentleness with each other.

Even though we have had to take a PAUSE, we are still "Fairport on the RISE."

*Julie*

Current listing of events with delays and cancellations:

Spring Fling – Cancelled  
Cinco De Mayo – Cancelled  
Fairport Farmer's Market – Delayed to May 23  
Memorial Day Parade – Cancelled  
Canal Days – Cancelled

Gazebo Concert Series – Postponed until August  
Fourth of July Parade – TBD  
Fairport Music Festival – TBD  
Scarecrow Festival – TBD  
Octoberfest - TBD

## 2020-21 Fiscal Year Approved Budget

The Village of Fairport is pleased to present the 2020-2021 Adopted Budget to our residents. The Village continues to be fiscally conservative in its approach to facilitating services in a manner that has met or exceeded its goals and desires to achieve a sustainable and service-oriented organization. This was an extremely difficult budget process with the current coronavirus pandemic negatively impacting the financial markets and revenue streams at all levels of government throughout the country.

COVID-19 Budget Impacts - The largest revenue impact to our budget is the anticipated reduction in sales tax which makes up approximately 25% of all revenues. We are projecting a 10% reduction in sales tax and still may require some mid-year reductions in expenditures should our projections not materialize. We are anticipating increased NYS employee retirement system rates associated with the market losses and the impact on the overall retirement system.

With that said, the Village Board reduced expenditures in all departments and eliminated cost of living salary increases throughout the organization. To further reduce the impact of required tax increases this year, the Board allocated almost \$250k in fund balance (savings) to assist with the projected budget shortfall.

Taking into consideration these variables, the Village tax rate will unfortunately increase by 6.57% for a rate of \$7.34 per 1,000 of assessed valuation. The tax levy, or the amount of revenue raised by taxes alone, increased by 6.70% or \$195,831. The overall budget increased by a nominal 2.27% or \$153,506.

As you can see, the tax levy increased more than the total budget increased. This is due to all other revenue streams, outside of Village taxes, not materializing at the same rate as expenses. The major factor with this budget is due to sales tax revenues decreasing significantly, therefore property taxes having to make up the difference.

For the average single-family homeowner in the Village, the average tax bill will increase by \$150.07 based on an assessment of \$199,498 for the fiscal year commencing June 1<sup>st</sup>. Should your assessed value be higher or lower, the average increase will fluctuate accordingly.

The Village continues its robust capital program and the residents will see new streets, sidewalks, a train viewing platform and considerable improvements to the canal bank west of the liftbridge and its surrounding area as part of this budget. We are pleased to adopt a budget that is representative of the services and expectations that our community deserves while providing a competent budget that promotes integrity and fiscal restraint. Should you have any questions regarding the Village Budget or would like additional information, please contact the Village Manager's Office at 585-421-3201 or visit our website at [www.village.fairport.ny.us](http://www.village.fairport.ny.us).

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 223-0316

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**Board Meetings**  
 (Held in Village Hall)  
 Village Board  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every  
 month at 7:00 PM

Planning Board  
 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every  
 month at 6:00 PM

Zoning Board  
 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every  
 month at 6:00 PM

Historic Preservation  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every  
 month at 6:00 PM

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Christine Parsons  
*Editor*

## Fairport Planning & Development Projects



### ***A COMMUNITY LIKE NO OTHER!***

Many desire to live or build their business here. There are many projects underway some under review, others in the development stage, but all are great examples of our vibrant community On The Rise!

**High Street:** Townhome-style apartments scheduled to be constructed welcoming six families.

**Parker Street:** Will offer new condominiums on the canal to three new homeowners.

**Hulburt Road:** Boasts three homes to a new subdivision.

**Roselawn & West Avenue:** A single family home was completely renovated along with two additional multi-family structures. This site will welcome seventeen (17) families to reside at that location.

**O'Connor Road:** Corning Tropel has proposed an expansion to their thriving business.

### **Tax Collection Season 2020-2021**

- ◆ Tax Bills will be mailed out on June 1, 2020.
- ◆ Full payment is due on **July 1, 2020**. No partial payments are allowed.
- ◆ Beginning July 2, 2020, a 5% penalty will be applied, with an additional 1% for each month beginning August 1, 2020.
- ◆ The Village will accept payment in the following ways:
  - By E-Check, Credit or Debit Card thru the online payment portal found on the Clerk-Treasurer's page of the Village of Fairport Website
  - By Check via mail to Village Hall (receipt date determined by U.S. postmark)
  - By Check only in the Village Drop Box located in front of Village Hall
  - By Check via mail to our Bank's lockbox in Binghamton NY
  - By Check, Cash, Credit or Debit Card at the Village Office (Monday-Friday 8:30AM– 3:30PM)
- ◆ If you **Do Not have escrow** and have not received your tax bill by June 5, 2020, please call our office at (585) 421-3204 or (585) 421-3203.

(585) 223-0313 www.village.fairport.ny.us



## Evolving Electric Vehicle Community

Fairport is now known as the first “Evolve NY Electric Vehicle Accelerator Community.” The designation signifies a partnership between New York Power Authority (NYPA) and the Village of Fairport to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) and ultimately integrate EVs into the village’s infrastructure, community and culture. The aim of the project is to both support Fairport’s goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in its community and to be the first green community example of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s Green New Deal, the Governor’s nation-leading clean energy and jobs agenda announced in January 2019 that puts New York on a path to carbon neutrality.

The Village now has 27 Level-2 EV chargers installed in 5 parking lots for public use through a NYSERDA grant. EV Connect is recording and analyzing the data collected from the chargers through a partnership with NYPA. The chargers can be operated by either using the EV Connect application on smartphones or users can order an RFID card from the EV Connect website to charge their electric vehicles. Since November 2019, the chargers have eliminated the use of 650 gallons of gasoline which equates to the prevention of 5,777 kilograms of greenhouse gas. 166 unique drivers

have used the chargers for a total of 875 charge sessions.

Through a partnership with NYPA, EPRI, NYSERDA, and the Fairport Municipal Commission, a research project will soon begin which will study ways to improve operational efficiency and reliability of the electric grid using Demand Response technologies. Throughout the one-year study, there will be various scheduled Demand Response Events. These events will encourage users to conserve energy during times of high energy usage. This is a highly effective strategy that yields increased customer energy usage awareness, load reduction and engagement with the utility. There will be a total of 50 chargers provided for the study and will be shared between municipal fleet, single-family homes, and multi-unit dwellings.

Fairport Municipal Commission has added a fully electric Chevrolet Bolt to their fleet. The Bolt is rated to get 250 miles on a full charge which has helped Fairport to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions as the vehicle is used by the meter department to read all 17,000 electric meters.

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### Fairport Farmer’s Market

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the opening of the 2020 Fairport Farmer’s Market will be delayed until Saturday May 23rd. Frederick May will be returning for his 30th year as Market Manager. We are working to provide a safe space for both vendors and attendees. Following NYS regulations/guidelines, fresh produce and food products will be available to residents and visitors. There will be signs helping to navigate the entrance and exit of the market with updated rules that comply with COVID-19 regulations. For more information visit the Village of Fairport Website.

### Take Heed of Pollutants in Storm Drain

Storm drains lead directly to nearby waterbodies, so keeping lawn and yard care by-products and pool, fountain and spa discharges out of storm drains will reduce the amount of pollutants entering our local waters. As you perform your household chores, following the guide below will help improve and protect our local water quality.

#### Lawn and Yard Care

- ◆ Mulch your leaves. Mulching returns nutrients to the soil and saves the time and work needed to rake and dispose of leaves.
- ◆ Sweep up lawnmower clippings from your driveway and adjacent roadway to prevent them from entering storm drains.
- ◆ Never dispose of yard waste in a storm drain. Keeping storm drains clear of leaves and debris, will help reduce localized flooding during rainfalls.

#### THE DRAIN IS JUST FOR RAIN



#### Household Hazardous Waste

- ◆ Dispose of old or unwanted fertilizers, pesticides, pool chemicals and other household hazardous waste properly, such as at Monroe County’s Ecopark.

Call (585) 753-7600 (option 3) or go to <http://www.monroecounty.gov/hhw> to schedule a drop-off appointment.

State law requires that fertilizer landing on impervious surfaces, such as driveways, roadways and sidewalks be immediately cleaned up and applied to the lawn or containerized.

State law prohibits the application of fertilizer on lawns between December 1 and April 1.

## 2020 Refuse Collection Schedule

For more information regarding the Village's Refuse Collection Program: Call the Department of Public Works (585) 223-9500

### Regular Refuse Collection Days

Monday	Main Street	Monday
Parce Ave		High St
Wednesday		Monday
W. Church St.		E. Church St.
Tuesday		Thursday

### Special Refuse Collection Days

Holiday	Thursday Residential & Friday Commercial
Commercial Refuse/Recycle	Friday Residential Recycle Holiday Pickup
Special - See Notes	

APRIL 2020						
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JULY 2020						
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OCTOBER 2020						
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DECEMBER 2020						
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**Holiday Collection Schedule:** If a holiday occurs Monday - Thursday, refuse will be collected one day later than the scheduled collection day following the holiday unless otherwise noted.

**Fourth of July:** Commercial refuse and recycling collection scheduled for Friday, July 3rd will be collected on Thursday, July 2nd. Residential recycling scheduled for Friday, July 3rd will be as scheduled.

**Labor Day Friday:** Commercial refuse and recycling collection scheduled for Friday, September 4th will be collected on Thursday, September 3rd.

**Thanksgiving:** Thursday residential refuse collection scheduled for November 26th and Friday commercial refuse and recycling scheduled for November 27th will be collected Wednesday, November 25th.

**Christmas:** Commercial refuse and recycling collection scheduled for Friday, December 25th will be collected on Thursday, December 24th.

**New Years Day 2021:** Commercial refuse and recycling collection scheduled for Friday, January 1st will be collected on Thursday, December 31st.

**Bulk Refuse and Yard Waste Collection:** From April - November bulk waste is collected every week. From December - March bulk waste is collected as weather and operations allow. No contractor debris will be collected and bulk waste piles should not exceed 4 ft. high by 4 ft. wide by 8 ft. long.

**Leaf Collection:** Leaf collection starts in mid October through December or until the first significant snow falls. After this date leaves are collected as weather and operations allow. Small leaf piles should be containerized.

## 2020 Village Hall Closings

**May 25 Memorial Day**  
*Impacts Collection of Residential Garbage*

**July 3 & July 6 Independence Day**  
*Impacts Collection of Residential & Commercial Garbage*

**September 4 & 7 Labor Day**  
*Impacts Collection of Residential & Commercial Garbage*

**October 12 Columbus Day**  
*Impacts Collection of Residential Garbage*

**November 11 Veterans Day**  
*Impacts Collection of Residential & Commercial Garbage*

**November 26 & 27 Thanksgiving**  
*Impacts Collection of Residential Garbage*

**December 24 Christmas Eve**  
*Closed at Noon*

**December 25 Christmas**  
*Impacts Collection of Commercial Garbage*