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Sodus Village Earns

NYS Climate Smart Community Bronze Level Certification

Governor Kathy Hochul recently announced that the Village of Sodus has earned the prestigious Bronze Level of Certification in New York State's Climate Smart Communities Program. The honor recognizes eight years of hard work in which the Village has implemented policies that save money while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and making the village more climate resilient. The next measure of the village's on-going success will be the Silver Level of Certification.

The certification process is voluntary for municipalities who have pledged to be Climate Smart Communities. After being designated five years ago by the state as a *Clean Energy Community*, the village wanted to challenge itself to achieve the next level of fiscal responsibility and sustainability. Highlights of the village initiatives recognized by the state were its implementation of:

- a climate smart advisory board,
- a system to track and reduce village energy usage over time,
- LED streetlighting,
- LED lighting systems at the Sodus Municipal Building,
- new policies for solar permitting and new construction energy efficiency,
- a process to develop on-going climate action planning.

These highlights are a few examples of well over thirty Climate Smart Community initiatives that the Village of Sodus has completed to build a sound foundation for its sustainable and fiscally responsible future.

Update on Elmwood Avenue Rehabilitation Project

This project was initially planned to consist of three phases:

Summer 2022 – replace residential water services

Summer 2023 – mill existing street surface/place new surface

Summer 2024 – replace sidewalks and signs

Two things have happened that have caused a delay in this project:

1. We were hoping to reuse the existing curbing with minimal repairs. We discovered while replacing the water services that the curbs are too far gone to be saved. We will, therefore, completely remove existing curbs and replace them with gutter curbing. This will improve drainage, but at a substantial increase in cost.
2. Rochester Gas and Electric approached us about replacing their gas main under the street surface. They do not know when this work will take place, but we do not want to move forward with our project until their gas main work is complete.

If RG&E finishes this summer, we will begin work on the gutter curbing and drainage. We will maintain the street surface as best we can in the meantime, to minimize any inconvenience to residents and visitors to the neighborhood.

The new schedule for the four-phase project is now:

Summer 2022 – replace residential water services

Summer 2023 – replace gas main & services/begin drainage

Summer 2024 – complete drainage/mill & resurface street

Summer 2025 – sidewalks and signage

Juneteenth Celebration

The First Annual Sodus Juneteenth Celebration will take place from 1 - 5 pm on Saturday, June 17, 2023, on Main Street in the Village. This event will be a celebration of the cultural diversity that makes Sodus such a unique place to live, work, and grow. There will be food, fun, live entertainment, family activities, and opportunities to meet your neighbors.

Farmers' Market Returns Wednesdays

The Farmers' Market returns to Sodus behind the Methodist Church on Main Street. Opening Day is Wednesday, June 14, 2023. The Market will continue every Wednesday, from 2:30 – 6 through mid-October.

Town-Wide E-Waste Recycling Event

We will be accepting E-Waste items **this Saturday, June 3rd**, for recycling at the Village DPW barn at 39 Gaylord Street from 10 am – 1 pm. Items will be accepted free of charge, but reasonable limits apply. Must reside or own property within the Town of Sodus, including the Villages of Sodus and Sodus Point. See <https://www.villageofsodus.org/ewaste-recycling> for a list of acceptable items.

Village of Sodus Receives Nearly \$45,000 to Install Eight New EV Charging Ports

The Village has received \$44,560 from RG&E and the NYS DEC for four new electric vehicle charging stations. Two stations (4 ports) will be installed at the municipal parking lot and the other two will be installed at the Village DPW barn on Gaylord Street. The existing charging station at the municipal building will be removed and replaced. There will be a minimal charge for the use of the new stations, and they will be open to the public. Installation is expected to take place by the end of summer.

Work to Begin on Orchard Terrace Remediation Project

Last year, we scraped the ditch along the north side of Orchard Terrace in an attempt to improve the flow of stormwater runoff. This year, we will do the same on the south side of the street. We will revisit the north side of the street and make further adjustments, including replacing problematic culvert pipes. Once we can keep runoff away from the edge of the pavement, we will patch and enforce the edges of the street surface and cover everything with a smooth and even layer of blacktop.

This is not a permanent solution for Orchard Terrace, but it will improve conditions while slowing down the inevitable decay of the street while we look for funding sources to do the work that really needs to be done.

Help Us Improve Our Community

Last summer, we put together an impressive grant application for the NY Forward program. Although our application was not successful, it serves as a road map for where we can take our village.

Mayor Englert will be convening a new NY Forward Grant Committee in June to revisit and strengthen our application, so we are ready to submit it in the fall.

If you are interested in taking part on this committee, please call the Village at 315.483.9821 or send an email expressing your interest to sodus.davide@gmail.com.

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