

## Updates from the Town of Ulysses

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Good afternoon, Ulysses,  
Read on for important information compiled for you from Town of Ulysses staff...

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### **TOWN OF ULYSSES NEWS:**

#### **Town and County Tax Deadline February 28th**

2019 Town and County taxes are due tomorrow, February 28th. Payments made on or before the 28th include a 1% penalty. Payments can be made in person at Town Hall from 8am-4pm, online (fee applies, see link below), or postmarked on the 28th. The penalty goes up to 2% + \$1 on March 1st. The final day to pay tax bills is April 1st. Find your tax bill or make an online payment at <http://www.ulysses.ny.us/departments/dept-clerk/clerk-tax/>.

#### **Copies of Tax Bill Receipts**

Need a copy of your Town and County Tax bill receipt as you prepare your tax return? You can view and print your tax bills from the past several years at <http://www.ulysses.ny.us/departments/dept-clerk/clerk-tax/>.

#### **Wintertime request from the Highway Department:**

Our Highway crew is hard at work keeping the roads clear of snow and ice. As a reminder, please do not plow snow into or across roadways. If you plow your own driveway or have it plowed, the snow needs to remain on your property. Also, please keep your garbage and recycling containers out of roadways and far enough back from the road so that plows will not hit them. For questions or concerns, contact the Ulysses Highway Dept. at (607)387-6230.

#### **Parking at Town Hall**

Please note that the Town of Ulysses does not own the parking lot on the north side of the building (behind the How Sweet It Is ice cream building), and it is not plowed regularly. You may use the lot across the street from the town hall or the lot behind the town hall for town hall business.

#### **Sign up for Swift911 to get emergency updates from the town**

The town has implemented Tompkins County's Swift911™ alerting system.

Swift911™ will allow us to alert residents by text, e-mail and phone with emergency messages for things like floods, fires, water emergencies, road closures, missing persons, evacuation orders, and weather emergencies.

Sign up in one of these ways:

\* Text "Swift911" to "99538". You will receive a response with a link for the Swift911™ Public App within your app store. This app is free and available on most Apple, Android, and Windows smartphones. Once the app is installed, simply follow the instructions to provide your information.

\* Go to <https://mp.swiftreach.com/>

### **TOWN AFFILIATES:**

### **Jacksonville Park community meeting**

The Jacksonville Community Association (JCA) and the Town of Ulysses applied to partner with a Cornell University Graduate School of Landscape Architecture program called Design Connect. Design Connect will seek community input to design improvements to the park at 3037 Swamp College Rd. There will be two meetings to gather community input, and a third to present their final product. Design Connect will also explore funding resources, such as state and local grants.

The public is invited to the first input meeting on Saturday, March 2nd from 3-5pm at the Jacksonville Community United Methodist Church at 1869 Trumansburg Rd. For more information, contact JCA president, Pete Angie, at [peteangie5342@yahoo.com](mailto:peteangie5342@yahoo.com).

### **TOMPKINS COUNTY:**

#### **March 1 deadline to apply for Enhanced STAR Property Tax exemption**

The Enhanced School Tax Relief (STAR) program provides a property tax exemption to homeowners age 65 and older with incomes of \$86,300 or less.

The deadline to apply is **March 1, 2019**.

Income must be verified to participate, by completing the Income Verification Program (IVP) form. Those who already receive the Enhanced STAR exemption but are not enrolled in the IVP must renew their application for Enhanced STAR; fill out a separate form for enrollment in the IVP; and submit it to the Tompkins County assessor by the March 1 deadline.

Link to forms here: [https://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current\\_forms/orpts/rp425e\\_fill\\_in.pdf](https://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/orpts/rp425e_fill_in.pdf)

Please contact the Tompkins County Assessment office at (607)274-5517 or 128 E Buffalo St., Annex Building C, Ithaca, NY 14850 with any questions.

#### **Information from the Tompkins County Department of Social Services Regarding March SNAP Benefits**

The US Department of Agriculture will issue March 2019 Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits early. This is to mitigate any difficulties that people may experience due to the early disbursement of February SNAP benefits due to the federal shutdown. For March, no matter what a recipient's normal pick up date, SNAP benefits will be made available as of March 1st.

Tompkins County DSS anticipates that, after this, April benefits will be issued on the usual schedule; however, the department will continue to inform the community if any future changes are anticipated.

Currently, nothing else about SNAP has changed. All program requirements remain in place.

Any recipients who have questions or concerns should contact Tompkins County DSS at 274-5201.

### **NEW YORK STATE DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION:**

#### **Free tree and shrub seedlings available for qualifying land owners**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced a new Trees for Tribes Program initiative, "Buffer in a Bag," designed to help increase riparian buffers throughout New York State. Qualifying public and private landowners may apply for a free bag of 25 tree and shrub seedlings for planting along streams, rivers, or lakes to help stabilize banks, decrease erosion, protect water quality, and improve wildlife habitat. Visit DEC's website for more information about the Buffer in a Bag application process and requirements. Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on April 3, 2019. General questions about Buffer in a Bag may be directed to [treesfortribs@dec.ny.gov](mailto:treesfortribs@dec.ny.gov). For more information on the Trees for Tribes Program and its tree planting activities, visit DEC's website.

### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **FREE SMOKE ALARMS**

The American Red Cross is offering free smoke alarms to residents in need. E-mail [smokealarms.st@redcross.org](mailto:smokealarms.st@redcross.org) or call (607)785-7207 for more information.

#### **UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:** (All are open to the public and meet at the Town Hall)

All town meetings are held at the town hall at 10 Elm St., Trumansburg, unless noted otherwise.

For agendas and other meeting information, click on the event on the calendar here:

<http://ulysses.ny.us/calendar/?category=Government>

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Forward this message to anyone else that you think would be interested. We'd love to connect with more residents. To send questions or comments, or be removed from this list, please e-mail [clerk@ulysses.ny.us](mailto:clerk@ulysses.ny.us).

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Best,

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