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## Ulysses Updates for 9/1/23

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To: Google Groups <town-of-ulysses@googlegroups.com>

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Hello Ulysses,  
Please note that town offices are closed on Friday, Sept. 1 and Monday, Sept. 4.  
Enjoy your weekend!

### IN THIS WEEK'S ULYSSES NEWSLETTER:

- Funding for Community Groups
- Public Hearings & Meetings
- Help Monarch Butterflies
- Water Protection
- Highway Dept. Updates
- Links to Useful Information
- Planning Board Members Sought
- Fall Recreation Opportunities
- Dog Census

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### **FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS:**

The Town of Ulysses has limited funding for community organizations who offer services that contribute to the health, safety and welfare of town citizens. Groups that have been funded in the past have provided senior services, arts programs, recreation and more. Historically, organizations typically request between \$500 and \$5,000.

View the application and more information at <https://townofulyssesny.gov/pages/current-issues/233/funding-for-community-groups-application/>

The deadline to apply for funding is **September 8, 2023 at 3pm**. Please note that funding is not guaranteed.

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### **PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS:**

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing & meeting on Tuesday September 5th starting at 7:00 PM, please [see the agenda](#) for more information.

The public may join in person at Town Hall (10 Elm St., Trumansburg) or via Zoom at: <https://zoom.us/j/96593175470> Meeting ID: 965 9317 5470

The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public meeting on Wednesday September 6th starting at 7:00 PM, please [see the agenda](#) for more information.

The public may join in person at Town Hall (10 Elm Street, Trumansburg) or via Zoom at: <https://zoom.us/j/96162758850> Meeting ID: 961 6275 8850

The Comp Plan Steering Committee will hold a public meeting on Wednesday September 13th starting at 5:30 PM, please [see the agenda](#) for more information.

The public may join in person at Town Hall (10 Elm Street, Trumansburg) or via Zoom at: <https://zoom.us/j/94302280163> Meeting ID: 943 0228 0163

## **HELP MONARCHS ON THEIR LONG MIGRATION SOUTH:**

From NYS DEC:

[Monarch butterflies](#) (*Danaus plexippus*) begin their annual fall migration around mid-August. These butterflies are the great-great-grandchildren of the monarchs that migrated to Mexico last fall.

You can help monarchs by providing food (nectar) and keeping those areas protected:

Turn a portion of your lawn into a wildflower meadow—plant milkweed or other native wildflowers.

Delay mowing areas with milkweed until later in the fall.

Avoid using herbicides—they kill all life-stages of monarchs (egg, caterpillar, pupa, and adult).

[Report sightings of adults online](#). View a [map of the sightings](#) so far this year.

Don't know when their migration peaks in your area? Check out this [chart](#).

## **Chrysalis Stage**

Have you seen a small green pod about an inch-long? This is a monarch caterpillar after it enters the pupa stage and is now in a [chrysalis](#). If you see one, try not to disturb it. They will find a safe place—often under a milkweed leaf—to enter this stage in their development, which lasts about 9-14 days. Sometimes they will pupate hanging under eaves, decks, other garden plants, or even on window screens!

## **WATER PROTECTION IN ULYSSES**

To help protect the quality and quantity of drinking water for Ulysses residents and businesses and to plan for future needs and funding opportunities, the Town has organized a Water Source Protection Plan Committee (WSPPC). The committee is tasked with developing a Drinking Water Source Protection Plan for the Town (outside of the Village).

In support of this goal, the WSPPC will conduct a town-wide survey to compile information and identify potential threats to water quality and quantity. Look for the survey in late September.

Public engagement is a key piece of this project. Join the Ulysses Town Board meeting at 7pm on 9/26 for an overview of the project.

For more information, visit <https://townofulyssesny.gov/boards/wsppc-source-water-protection-committee/>.

## **HIGHWAY DEPT UPDATES:**

### **Debris in roadways**

Winter is upon us and with it snow and the need for plowing, shoveling, and snow blowing of driveways, sidewalks and parking lots.

Article 1219 of New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law makes it illegal to plow, shovel, or blow snow into a street or highway. This law also covers other items likely to pose a hazard to motorists, including glass, nails, wire, cans, etc. Fines for a first offense include up to a \$150 fine and/or 15 days in jail, plus applicable surcharges. This law also stipulates that anyone that places or permits to be placed upon any highway any material which interferes with the safe use of the highway shall immediately remove the same or cause it to be removed. This includes snow! If you are a homeowner and you hire a person to plow your driveway, and you permit him/her to plow the snow into the road, you could be cited under this law.

### **Brush & Yard Waste Drop Off:**

Town of Ulysses residents may drop off their brush and yard waste (not stumps or logs) at the town highway garage at 3888 Colegrove Rd. No contractor refuse, please.

Department hours are:

May 1- Sept. 30: 6am-4:30pm, Mon-Thurs.

Oct. 1-April 30: 6am-2:30pm, Mon-Fri.

Scott Stewart is the elected Highway Superintendent with a term ending

For more information, contact the Highway Dept. at (607)387-6230.

### **USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS:**

Get off social media and go down the municipal rabbit hole with these links 😊:

- [Laserfiche](#) is the town's electronic repository for permanent documents including budgets and minutes.
- Check the [Tompkins County Clerk database](#) for land records (deeds, easements, etc.) & public court filings (DBAs, judgements, etc.)
- [Town & County tax and property information](#)
- [School tax information](#)
- [Town zoning map](#)- see what uses are allowed on your property
- [Database of all town laws](#)
- [Trumansburg Free Press](#)- digitized editions from 1880-1980
- [NYS Committee on Open Government](#)- open meetings law & FOIL advisory opinions

### **PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE NEEDED:**

The Town of Ulysses is seeking applicants to fill 1 member (5-yr term) plus 2 seats for alternates on the Planning Board. Alternate terms last for 1 year and are a great way to learn about the board. Alternates are expected to attend all meetings but will only vote when a quorum is needed.

Some of the duties of the Planning Board include:

- The review of, and issuing decisions on, various land use permits including site plan review and special use permits
- The review of, and providing recommendations to the Board of Zoning Appeals on, variance applications
- The review of, and providing recommendations to the Town Board on, the Town's broad planning goals, policies and long-range plans, such as the [Comprehensive Plan](#), rezones, and [zoning code](#) revisions.

The Planning Board typically meets once a month at 7pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month, and periodically on the 3rd Tuesday as needed. Questions can be sent to [Town Planner Niels Tygesen](#) and/or [Town Supervisor Katelin Olson](#)

If you or someone you know is interested, please submit a [volunteer application](#). The positions are appointed by the Town Board.

### **FALL RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES:**

Programs are filling up quickly!

The following programs are offered this fall through the Town of Ulysses Recreation Program. For more information, <https://townofulyssesny.gov/departments/departments-recreation/> or to register, visit <https://ulysses.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

For Adults:

- Yoga (NEW)

- Basketball
- Indoor soccer
- Volleyball (recreational)
- Volleyball (competitive)
- Pickleball

For youth:

- Cross Country
- Soccer clinic
- Tennis clinic

### **DOG CENSUS- STILL TIME TO LICENSE YOUR DOG:**

The town is conducting a town-wide dog census and needs your help...

- **If you DO NOT have a dog**, please respond at <https://forms.gle/PmQ49SPsvESGZind9> so that we can eliminate you from our mailing list.
- **If you DO have a dog that does not yet have a license**, complete the form at [https://townofulyssesny.gov/\\_cms/docs/Dog-license-form-2022.pdf](https://townofulyssesny.gov/_cms/docs/Dog-license-form-2022.pdf) and return along with rabies/spay information.

Any dogs found to be unlicensed after the census period will be assessed **a \$25 fee** in addition to the usual licensing fees. For information, contact the clerk's office at [ulysses.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:ulysses.clerk@gmail.com) or call (607)387-5767 ext. 221.

Thanks for your help!

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Best,

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