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Ulysses Updates for 9/8/23

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Hello Ulysses,
See this week's updates below and enjoy your weekend!

IN THIS WEEK'S ULYSSES NEWSLETTER:

- Update from Supervisor Olson
- Special Town Board meetings
- Funding for Community Groups
- Ag District Review
- Community Beautification
- Highway Dept. Updates
- Planning Board Members Sought
- Fall Recreation Opportunities
- Dog Census

UPDATE FROM TOWN SUPERVISOR KATELIN OLSON:

After many years in school, my professional time in education, and having my own children, September always feels more like the start of a new year than January. Fresh pencils and unused notebooks shine with possibility.

I know I'm not alone in this feeling! About 25% of our Ulysses population is in the school-age range, whether they're enjoying snacks in nursery school, exploring our community through homeschooling or a private school, practicing their cutting skills in pre-k, already contemplating what amazing play will be selected for the elementary school, using a locker for the first time in middle school, gathering under the lights for the first varsity games in high school, or exploring degree options in college or a technical program. Approximately 2/3 of our under-18 population live in the Trumansburg Central School District, with 1/3 in the Ithaca City School District.

Collectively our youth reflect our hope for the future, and I wish them, their families and caregivers, and all educators a joyful start to this season!

I'd also like to extend a special thanks to the Trumansburg Central School District, especially Superintendent Kimberly Bell, the TCSD School Board, Middle School Principal Jean Amodeo, Coach Beam, and everyone in facilities for supporting youth and adult recreation and enrichment. We filled up all available space with our Trumansburg/Ulysses Summer Camp, serving 84 kiddos per week with affordable child care!

With school resumed, the TCSD fields are already very crowded with all of the school sports teams, and we are grateful for your willingness to share their limited space with the Trumansburg/Ulysses Recreation Program and all of the incredible private organizations supporting youth recreation and activities.

Kudos to the various organizations, their volunteers, and their youth for making due with less space than they need, and thank you to the coaches and families ensuring children, regardless of a household's finances, can arrange transportation to facilities outside the Town (sometimes hours away) because of limited field or recreational space in Ulysses. Your commitment to serving youth is commendable and truly appreciated!

At the Town, we're in full budget planning swing, as September is our month to lean in to prudent financial planning. (This is where my sharp pencils and fresh notebooks are put to work!) We have many meetings scheduled over the coming month, and the public is encouraged to join as you're able. Please check our meeting schedule [here](#), where links to agendas and other information will be posted as it becomes available. Our next special meeting is 9am on Tuesday, September 12, with our regular meeting following at 7pm.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETINGS:

(Visit the [calendar](#) to link to meeting details)

- September 14 – Special Town Board Budget Meeting (9am-12pm)
- September 14 – Special Town Board Meeting on Fire/EMS @ Fire Hall (7pm)
- September 19 – Special Town Board Budget Meeting (9am-12pm)
- September 21 – Special Town Board Budget Meeting (9am-12pm)
- September 29 – Special Town Board Meeting at Highway Building (8am)

FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS (Deadline today):

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.

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT REVIEW BEGINS:

From Cornell Cooperative Extension:

The purpose of Agricultural Districts is to encourage the continued use of farmland for agricultural production. The program is a combination of incentives and protections to forestall conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses. These benefits are: preferential real property tax treatment (agricultural assessment and special benefit assessment) and protections against unreasonably restrictive local laws, government-funded acquisition, construction projects, and private nuisance suits involving agricultural practices.

Tompkins County has begun the 8-year review of NYS Certified Agricultural District #2, including land in the Towns of Newfield, Enfield, Ulysses and parts of Ithaca and Danby (approximately 67,100 acres). A map of the district is available at <https://bit.ly/ag-district-map>

Municipalities and land owners within the district may propose a modification of the district by filing such proposal with the County Clerk of the County Legislature by October 10, 2023. For questions about the review process, or more information, contact

Crystal Buck at CCE-Tompkins, 272-2292, cb258@cornell.edu.

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION:

Takin Care of Tburg will hold its last Saturday work session this Saturday, September 9, meeting up at the kid's village from 9-11am to work on the flower planters and other clean up. Anyone is welcome to join for all or part of the time.

HIGHWAY DEPT UPDATES:

Clarification from last week:

Scott Stewart is the elected Highway Superintendent with a term ending on 12/31/2025.

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

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 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 or call (607)387-5767 ext. 221.

Thanks for your help!

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Best,

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