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**Ulysses Updates for 9/22/23**

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Fri, Sep 22, 2023 at 4:19 PM

To: Google Groups &lt;town-of-ulysses@googlegroups.com&gt;

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

**IN THIS WEEK'S ULYSSES NEWSLETTER:**

- Update from Supervisor Olson
- Route 96/Perry City Rd. Road Closure
- Water Source Protection
- Water District 3 Delinquent Notice
- TCAT Service Reduction
- Suicide Prevention
- Dog Census

**UPDATE FROM TOWN SUPERVISOR KATELIN OLSON**

Beyond a date on the calendar, the nip in the mornings is the best sign that fall has arrived in Ulysses. September is my favorite month!

Another traditional sign of fall is elections!

Residents of Ulysses are going to have the great pleasure of participating in a special election to determine whether or not the community agrees with the Town Board's decision to purchase 30 acres for the future development of recreational space. A petition ([available here](#)) was submitted to protest the purchase of the land, which is triggering this special election.

More information about the location and date of the special election will be determined in October and shared with the public in many ways, including our [website](#), our new [Facebook page](#), and local news.

The Town Board unanimously supported the acquisition of the land for many reasons. Some of reasons include:

--Recreation is recognized as one of the best investments a community can make in the health and well-being of the public. [It is proven to help improve physical and mental health and strengthen communities.](#)

-- Parks are commonly owned by towns without burdening the taxpayer. Nearby towns of Enfield, Hector, Newfield, Lansing, and Ithaca all appropriately own, develop, operate, and manage parks without overburdening their taxpayers.

--Parks are similar to libraries---everyone is welcome, regardless of their ability to pay.

---The need is well known! The beautiful facilities at the Trumansburg Central School District are

overburdened by more demand than there is space. This fall alone, there are 192 7th-12th graders participating in school-sponsored sports. School programs (rightly) take priority over the Trumansburg/Ulysses Recreation Program (serving upwards of 600 youth and adults with nearly 1400 registrations in 2023 to date). Additionally, there are hundreds of youth who each year participate in local recreation programs that serve as feeders for our school teams and provide critical services to our youth. These programs are competing for and using less space than they need in order to accommodate as many different programs as possible.

--The Town has a once-in-a-lifetime ability to make its first (since 1794!) public park purchase through the use of federal funds and money that have been saved over time to invest in recreational space. These federal funds must be committed by 2024 and purchasing recreational space is an approved use of the funds.

--The public will have the opportunity to decide how best to use the land to serve the community. Playground? Baseball diamonds? Walking trail? Dog park? Community garden? The community planning process would determine what would best serve Ulysses. There are no fixed plans to build any predefined vision.

--Trumansburg Community Recreation, an established not-for-profit led by our community residents, is willing to work collaboratively with the Town to secure outside development funds to invest in the space. They can serve as a "Friends" organization to support the park financially and help write grants to pay for the development, offsetting costs to the taxpayer.

--Many, many other options for land have been explored, going back to at least to the 1990s, possibly even earlier. None have worked out. This is the closest Ulysses has come to owning its own recreational space.

---The size of the land (30 acres) is comparable to other communities that offer a variety of recreational uses in their public parks.

---The value of the land was determined by an independent appraiser, and \$7000/acre is significantly less than other land currently available for sale. The Town is not allowed to pay more than what is determined by a fair market evaluation.

--The land can be held as a Town asset until funds are raised to develop it in a safe, environmentally appropriate manner. If the project fails to raise funds, the land could be sold and the investment returned.

Democracy will have its day!

The public will get to decide whether to support or deny the acquisition of land to form Ulysses' first public park. More information, including opportunities to attend a public education session, will be shared throughout this fall.

Regardless of whether you support or oppose this land purchase, I encourage you to get involved, get educated, and make your voice and opinion heard!

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**ROUTE 96/PERRY CITY ROAD CLOSURE:**

You may have noticed that the NYS Dept. of Transportation (DOT) is replacing a culvert near the

intersection of Route 96 and Perry City Rd. This has resulted in a detour of Route 96 traffic. Drivers are asked to be mindful of following the speed limits and pedestrian activity on side roads that may be used more heavily during this time.

The closure is expected to be in effect for at least 30 days. We will continue to share updates as they are received.

### **WATER SOURCE 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. Additional information can be found on the [WSPPC webpage](#) of the Town's [website](#), under "Boards and Committees".

### **ULYSSES WATER DISTRICT 3 DELINQUENT BILLS:**

If you are a Town of Ulysses [Water District 3](#) customer and have an outstanding balance older than Aug. 1, 2023, that amount will be relieved onto your 2024 Town & County tax bill if not paid by Oct. 1. For more information, contact the Town Clerk's office.

### **TCAT SERVICE REDUCTION:**

TCAT has implemented emergency service cuts for Mon.-Fri. service due to a lack of road-ready buses as well as chronic driver shortages. Weekend service will operate as scheduled for the [fall service](#) period.

Locally, the 7:42 a.m. outbound trip starting from Green St. Station and the 8:15 a.m. inbound trip starting from Compass Manufactured Home Community has been eliminated from **Route 21 (Trumansburg/ Commons)**.

For more information, visit <https://tcatbus.com/tcat-cutting-service-on-several-routes-effective-9-14-23/>

### **"HOW HEALTHCARE HELPS PREVENT SUICIDES"-A COMMUNITY TOWN HALL EVENT**

In honor of National Suicide Prevention Month, Tompkins County Whole Health (TCWH) presents "How Healthcare Helps Prevent Suicides," in partnership with [Tompkins County Suicide Prevention Coalition \(TCSPC\)](#).

The community town hall event will discuss local efforts to implement the "Zero Suicide" model for improving healthcare support for at-risk individuals. It will take place at the Greater Ithaca Activities Center (GIAC) at 301 W. Court Street (Ithaca) on Thursday, September 28th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The event will feature panel discussions about why suicide is a public health challenge and how the ["Zero Suicide" model](#) is used by healthcare systems to prevent suicide deaths. It is free to attend and is open to the public.

Presenters and panelists include: TCWH's Mental Health Services; Cayuga Health System; Cayuga Medical Associates; Guthrie Medical Group, Cortland; Cornell University; Ithaca City School District; Alcohol and Drug Council; U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; Suicide Prevention & Crisis Service (988 Call Center);

Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services; Smile Through the Storms; and The Sophie Fund.

For more information, visit <https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/community-announcement-how-healthcare-helps-prevent-suicides-community-town-hall-thurs-sept-28-gjac>

### **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,

**Carissa Parlato, CMC (Certified Municipal Clerk), RMC (Registered Municipal Clerk)**

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**David Means** <popmeans@yahoo.com>

Fri, Sep 22, 2023 at 7:21 PM

To: "Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk" <ulysses.clerk@gmail.com>

Hi Carissa, Attention Ulysses Town Board : Land for a park is a great idea but I strongly feel it should be within walking distance of the village of Trumansburg, (1 mile or less) Such places would be land that Grassroots' might be willing to donate, or land that Compass Trailer Park among others might be willing to make a deal on.

Thanks for your efforts on this project ! David Means

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**Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk** <ulysses.clerk@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 10:26 AM

To: Ulysses Supervisor <ulysses.townsupervisor@gmail.com>, "Michael T. Boggs" <mtb4@cornell.edu>, Rich Goldman <goldman.ulysses.ny.us@gmail.com>, "Mary M. Bouchard" <mmb16@cornell.edu>, Liz <ejweatherby925@gmail.com>, David Means <popmeans@yahoo.com>

Hi David,  
Thanks for your feedback.

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**Rebecca L. Schneider** <rls11@cornell.edu>

Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 11:32 AM

To: "ulysses.clerk@gmail.com" <ulysses.clerk@gmail.com>  
Cc: "Rebecca L. Schneider" <rls11@cornell.edu>

Good Morning Carissa,

I am putting together a presentation from the Water Committee to the Town Board.

Can I please get a clean copy of the Town Logo to include in the talk?

Thanks!

Rebecca

Rebecca Schneider

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*Stay safe, healthy, and hopeful.*

[www.SustainableWaterResourceManagement.info](http://www.SustainableWaterResourceManagement.info)

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Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 11:49 AM

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**Rebecca L. Schneider** <rls11@cornell.edu>  
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Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 11:51 AM

Thanks!!

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**From:** Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk <ulysses.clerk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2023 11:49 AM  
**To:** Rebecca L. Schneider <rls11@cornell.edu>  
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