

Dear Richmond Residents,

The Honeoye Leaders Council was created to open up the lines of communication within the town and has another meeting planned on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at the Town Hall. All of the area's not-for-profits are invited to attend to brainstorm with the group ideas for the community and concerns. Bring your calendars to share any events you have planned, and remember to advertise your events on the town's events calendar ([bit.ly/RICHcal](http://bit.ly/RICHcal)). To submit a nonprofit community event, email our Webmaster at [webmaster@townofrichmond.org](mailto:webmaster@townofrichmond.org).

It has been a busy summer within our Sandy Bottom Park. A public informational meeting was held for the Mill Creek Streambank Mitigation Project. The project will recreate wildlife habitat, stabilize the creekbanks and slow down erosion. This project is a partnership between the Town of Richmond, Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District and US Fish & Wildlife. The Town of Richmond and Ontario County Soil & Water District have applied for a 2018 WQIP grant to partially fund the first phase of the project. The first phase of the project starts at the East Lake Road bridge and goes to the west just past the first large curve in the creek. US Fish & Wildlife has most of the engineering work for in-stream structures done for the town and has secured partial funding for implementation. Another information meeting is being planned later in August, in Naples to see the in-stream structures installed in Naples Creek in action.

Due to the infestation of the Ash Borer Beetle in our ash trees at Sandy Bottom Park, the Town of Richmond with the help of the Parks and Recreation Committee has inoculated two Ash trees for shade on the beach and near the shuffle board court. Another informational meeting will be held Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am until noon at the Town Hall to discuss the removal of the Ash Tree Forest within Sandy Bottom Park to reduce risk of injury to the public and infrastructure within the park. There will also be information about the replanting grants applied for and upcoming replanting events; we will be looking for volunteers.

Sunset Trail, from Main Street just west of the 20-A bridge to the park, is a wetland trail. The Town has been working with DEC and Ontario County Soil & Water since January to secure the necessary permits to maintain the trail. These permitting agencies advised the Town to apply for the permitting after the spring flooding eased. Hill and Valley Riders has also submitted plans to maintain and replace the bridges along the trail. The DEC is experiencing a back log of the permitting process this season; however, we expect the permits any time now. Sunset Trail is dry now and will get much-needed attention as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Caroline Sauers