

Monthly Supervisor's Report: June 2015

The latest updates from the desk of Richmond Town Supervisor Ralph Angelo:

Flood Recovery

Our community continues to work on restoration efforts following a flood event that took place on Sunday, June 14th, producing approximately 3 inches of rain between State Route 20A to the southern town line.

Our appreciation goes out to the Richmond Fire Department and our town Highway Department for working through the night to direct traffic, pump basements, and clear roads. In a preliminary damage assessment, the Ontario County Emergency Management Office identified four structures within the town of Richmond that were significantly damaged or condemned. Additionally, five municipalities reported significant damage to 76 roads, with most damage occurring within the town of Richmond.

As of June 16th, the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has determined that statewide damages of about \$6 million do not meet the minimum threshold for a state of emergency to be declared so that FEMA funds can be released (\$27.3 million). Town officials are currently in discussions with state legislators to try to identify funding sources that will help our municipality to cover the cost of the labor and materials required for emergency highway cleanup, as well as ongoing repairs to the town's drainage system. These conversations include communications with U.S. Congressman Chris Collins' office, as well as personal visits from NYS Senator Rich Funke.

Information and resources on flood cleanup and potential sources of aid can be found on the Town of Richmond's [Flood Recovery web page](#).

Highway

We extend our gratitude to the Towns of Gorham, Seneca, Canandaigua, West Bloomfield, East Bloomfield, Phelps and Victor; along with the City of Canandaigua, the New York State Department of Transportation and the Richmond Fire Department. Each of these municipalities or organizations dispatched crewmembers to assist Richmond's Highway Department with emergency flood cleanup. Special thanks goes out to Victor Town Supervisor Jack Marren, Chairman of the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, for coordinating this mutual aid.

Work remains to be done on roads throughout our community, with shoulder repairs and several culvert replacements scheduled to take place over the next few weeks. Motorists are encourage to be alert for flaggers and road closures, as well as cones marking unstable areas.

Representatives from Chatfield Engineers and the Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District met with Richmond Town Board members and Highway Superintendent Tom Fleig on Wednesday, June 24th to look over areas on Curtis, Howcroft and Canadice Lake Roads where damage may require costly repairs. The town will need to evaluate its highway budget and determine whether additional sources of funding can be obtained before a repair plan can be finalized.

Additionally, work on a large culvert replacement project on Abbey Road that was scheduled to begin in mid-June was delayed due to the heavy rains and flooding. The contractor is now scheduled to start work on Monday, July 6th.

Law enforcement officials are currently investigating graffiti damage to road signs on Simmons Road.

Parks & Recreation

As of Saturday, June 20th, Sandy Bottom Beach is now open for swimming. Swim lessons are scheduled to begin on the first Tuesday in July. Visit our [Parks & Recreation pages](#) for more information on enrolling in swim lessons, and beach availability during this time.

Additionally, a boating advisory that limited watercraft to speeds of 5 mph on Honeoye Lake due to high water levels and floating debris has been lifted as of Thursday, June 25th. A listing of the most current boating regulations that apply to Honeoye Lake is available on the Honeoye Valley Association website.

Lake Quality & Weed Harvesting Program

Ontario County is scheduled to begin aquatic weed harvesting activity on the week of July 6th. The goals of this program are to reduce "nuisance vegetation" that impedes recreational use of the lake, and to remove phosphorus associated with excessive plant growth from the lake environment. Phosphorus feeds algae and affects overall water quality conditions.

Waterfront property owners should be receiving a communication from the county on how to mark water lines extending into Honeoye Lake to prevent damage from the harvesting equipment. If you require assistance with this process, please contact the Ontario County Planning Department at (585) 396-4458 by July 3, 2015.

For more information on the program, visit the [Honeoye Lake Info page](#).

Status of Water Projects

- **East Lake Road:** Our Town Attorney and Special Counsel are continuing to work on obtaining easements through Eminent Domain proceedings. Chatfield Engineers is working on final plan revisions in anticipation of receiving the

remaining easements. The NYS Department of Health has issued a verbal approval for the use of in-home booster pumps for 10 properties on the east side of the road. An engineering amendment has been submitted for additional services provided by Chatfield, including work on easements and the relocation of a water storage tank.

- **Ashley/White Road:** Chatfield is continuing to address comments and questions submitted by agencies that have reviewed the project plans.
- **Big Tree Road:** Chatfield has continued to support residents' efforts to identify any potential funding sources that could make a project feasible. Based on the current funding picture, the Town Board is not pursuing a vote at this time on a potential water district.

Holiday Observance & Commencement

The Town of Richmond's annual fireworks display is scheduled to take place at dusk on Friday, July 3rd at Sandy Bottom Beach. The park will close at 5 pm for the setup of the fireworks. Lakefront property owners are also invited to place flares at the waterfront for the Ring of Fire around Honeoye Lake.

Community members are also invited to attend a Fourth of July parade at 11 am on Saturday, July 4th, beginning at the United Church of Christ and ending at the gazebo in front of the Richmond Town Hall. The parade will be followed by a short ceremony and performance by the Honeoye Community Band.

Congratulations to all Class of 2015 students who are graduating from Honeoye Central School on Friday, June 26th! We are proud of your accomplishments, and wish you success in all your future ventures.