

Ontario Supervisor Column: June 2018

There's no such thing as a summer vacation when you're the Town Supervisor. We're kicking summer off with a bang over in Ontario; here are the latest developments and happenings in our town.

Emergency Notification Measures: Following the boil water advisory a couple of weeks back, we received both positive and negative feedback about the town's emergency notification measures. Though multiple media news outlets ran the story, and information about the advisory was posted on the website and my Facebook page, some residents believe these measures were not enough. Many inquired about a robo-call system, that would automatically notify residents in an emergency.

Right now, I'm working with George Bastedo of Wayne County Emergency Services to set this service up for Ontario residents. Through this system we can send out a burst alert to cell phones in the area. In addition, I also encourage residents to sign up for Smart911. Smart911 is an add-on to the burst service to ensure all residents, no matter where they are, receive emergency notifications. All residents need to do is tell the app their address, and they will be notified anytime an emergency occurs no matter where they are.

Town Cleanup and e-Waste: Our Town Cleanup and e-Waste event was a smashing success. It was the first Cleanup our town held in over three years, and thanks go out to the many men and women from the Highway and Parks depts. who sacrificed their Friday and Saturday to help. What was staggering to us was the amount of television sets we collected: 250! The cleanup was so successful that we are considering a similar event for hazardous waste collection. I encourage residents to share their thoughts on this at our upcoming town board meetings or stopping by my office.

Sign Code: The Town Board and I continue to work towards a finished sign code. This is a very time consuming complicated task and we are nearing the finish line.

Solar Code: We recently held a public hearing regarding to Local Law #2, which pertains to the Town Solar Code. The goal is for small residential use to have the building inspector issue a permit and not have to go to the zoning board.

Website and Social Media: Some of you may have seen the new types of content we've been experimenting with on my social media page. My daughter Stephanie Robusto has helped put together informational videos regarding our town Boat Launch and Parks updates, while my Confidential Clerk Joshua Faulks has implemented graphics for departmental and meeting updates. He is also working with our historian Liz Albright to provide fun facts about Ontario's history on Fridays. As for the town website, mark June 11 on your calendars: that's when the new website will launch!

Memorial Day: I had the honor of participating in Ontario's annual Memorial Day Parade this year, and was happy to see so many of Ontario's patriotic citizens sporting their red, white, and

blue. There's a plethora of content on my social media page regarding the parade, and I encourage you to watch it!