

Spring is finally here, and we can look forward to the many new activities and events we will be able to enjoy. Hopefully, COVID can be managed to allow for all activities to return.

The Town is already planning for our Spring and Summer events. The Parks Department is preparing for the Farmers Market with new times starting Thursday, May 26th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday May 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Parks Department has been advertising for PlayDay Councilors, Waterfront Lifeguards and Park Laborers. Applications are available at the Skaneateles Town Hall, 24 Jordan Street, Skaneateles, NY 13152. Please, contact Sue Murphy, Parks Manager with any questions concerning employment at 315-685-1949 or email parks@townofskaneateles.com

Amy Rolleri and her band of volunteers are set to once again bring the very popular Swap Shop to the Transfer Station. Their start date is April 23rd. Please follow the signs to the new location just beyond the recycling building. Depending on weather, they plan to open for business every Saturday well into October. This has been such a positive group, who save Town taxpayers so much money by finding new homes for many things that would have gone to the landfill. Thank you, volunteers!

In 2017 the Town of Skaneateles sponsored a grant and funding was awarded in the amount of \$314,600 that supported the development of a Nine Element (9E) Watershed Plan. This Plan is consistent with the EPA's framework to develop watershed-based plans. EPA's framework consists of nine key elements intended to ensure that the contributing causes and sources of nonpoint source pollution are identified, key stakeholders participate in the planning process, and that restoration and protection strategies are identified that will address the water quality concerns. The plans often require additional quantification of pollutant loading and estimates of pollutant reductions to achieve water quality goals than standard watershed plans. Typical 9E plans require significant modeling and data gathering through the use of an approved Quality Assurance Protection Plan (QAPP). The Department of State (DOS) and the NYSDEC work closely throughout the development of a 9E watershed plan to provide assistance as well as coordinate approval of the plan. Both DEC and DOS must approve 9E watershed plans developed through a Lake Watershed Revitalization Program (LWRP) grant. The Skaneateles Lake Association and the Town of Skaneateles provided the matching funds and Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board serves as the project administrator and with collaboration with all agencies working to protect the lake. This was in direct response to the harmful algae bloom in 2017. While this plan has been delayed due to COVID, look for public information meetings that will be held in the near future. For additional information regarding Skaneateles Lake please visit www.skanlakeinfo.org

The Town is currently working to make improvements to Austin Park and Pavilion. The Parks Department currently houses their equipment on Fennell Street, and this has made it challenging for the efficient operation of their department. The new plan calls for a utility building at Austin Park that will house all of their equipment and tools under one roof and provide a work area for

the employees. Last year, we held several informational meetings to hear what our residents would like to see incorporated at the park and how they would like to see the pavilion used in the future. Collaborating with a team of professionals, the Town Board is developing plans and we look forward in the coming months to present these for your comments and thoughts.

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