



Town of Alden

May Newsletter



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From Supervisor Rick Savage

Hopefully, as you read the Town of Alden's May Newsletter, the weather has finally turned to spring. The Park's crew has been busy cleaning up and preparing the parks for the recreation programs and general use. During the winter and early this spring, a new playground module was purchased and assembled for the Robert O. Smith Park, replacing a wooden apparatus that had deteriorated. The highway department assisted with excavation.



Final completion work on Sewer District 2 (Alaura) Drive consisting mainly of landscaping and restoration should be completed shortly.

The Town passed two local laws since the first of the year. The first was a law establishing constable positions which will allow the Town to hire appropriately trained Constables to serve as Court Officers giving them arrest powers. The second Local Law was a "Flood Damage Prevention" Law that the Town was required to adopt by the NYSDEC. This law's adoption was necessary so that Town residents who are eligible (as determined by the National Flood Insurance Program) could maintain their participation in the program, and it replaced our existing Flood Damage Prevention law.

Alden Youth Baseball's Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 4 with a parade inside the Robert O. Smith Park. The kids and coaches will assemble behind the Highway garage at 10:00 am. The day will include the parade, an opening ceremony, a Master's Chicken Barbeque (open to the public for purchase) and some ball games.

Erie County Legislator John Brusco provided the Town with a \$10,000 grant for expanding senior parking at the Community Center. We will pool our park's paving budget money with the grant to accomplish this project. The Highway crew has already excavated and prepped the area. The Town is grateful for the Legislator's assistance.

Erie County Rabies Clinic

Erie County has announced six upcoming rabies vaccination clinics offered by the Erie County Department of Health. These free clinics in May and September give family pets protection from rabies, which is a fatal disease for humans and animals. Erie County's Division of Environmental Health manages the county's rabies control program, responses to rabid or potentially rabid animals, and these free clinics for county residents. "Our department vaccinated more than 4,000 pets in 2018," said Dr. Burstein. These vaccinations protect humans and domesticated animals alike, the Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society, Medaille College's Veterinary Technology Program and the SPCA Serving Erie County are assisting in these clinics. For complete schedule visit the town website at www.alden.erie.gov.

Town of Alden on Facebook



Did you know the Town of Alden has a Facebook page? The page is updated by Supervisor Rick Savage and includes important information on Town matters. Check us out by searching Town of Alden NY on Facebook.

Erie County Hazardous Waste Collection

Erie County is announcing a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day to be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019, from 9:00am - 1:00pm at the Clarence Center Highways Department. This is the first of five collection events in 2019. Items which can be brought for disposal include: Pesticides, Fertilizers, Pool and Household Chemicals & Cleaners Oil-based paints, Spray cans Paint Thinner, Stripper and Solvents Gasoline, Kerosene, Antifreeze Mercury (thermometers, thermostats, liquid), Fire Extinguishers and Propane camping size 1 lb. cylinders. To reduce wait times, this will be a *reservation only!* event. Register at <http://www2.erie.gov/recycling>

First Concert and Car Cruise of the Year

Fat Brat

Wednesday, May 29th 7:00pm

Our apologies for the missing Senior Lunch menu, it was unavailable at press time.

Alden Senior News

May 3 – Senior Prom – open to all Alden Seniors – theme is Country Western - great fun from 6 – 9pm in the High School cafeteria.

May 8 – Member Meeting – Community Center – 1:00pm. Sign-in begins at 12:30pm. Speaker, Alden School Superintendent, Mr. Adam Stoltman.

May 13 – Member Spring Luncheon – Protocol Restaurant, 6766 Transit Rd., Williamsville, NY. Menu: choice of Stuffed Chicken, Panko Crusted Pork Chops or Open Chicken Souvlaki Salad, Minestrone Soup, Whipped Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables, Rolls, Ice Cream w/Topping, Coffee or Tea. Eat at Noon. Cost is \$21 – contact Donna at 937-6297

May 16 – Crafts with Pat – watch the Advertiser for more information.

May 21 – Executive Meeting – Community Center – 9:30am

May 22 – Member Meeting – Community Center – 1:00pm. Sign-in begins at 12:30pm. May Birthday celebrations with cake and ice cream.

- First meeting in June is nomination of officers – think about running! Second meeting is election of officers.
- Weekly activities include: Tuesdays at 12:30pm – Bingo; Wednesdays from 10:30am – 11:15am – Senior Exercise program. Come join us!!
- Note: To attend these meetings, you must be an active member of the Alden Citizen Seniors Club. Feel free to join us at any time; membership fee is \$7.

Memorial Day Observation

To many, Memorial Day is thought of as the day we begin to plant our gardens, fire up the BBQ or just hang out with family and friends. But it is so much more. Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn’t the anniversary of any particular battle.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars. For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

This year’s Alden VFW and American Legion Memorial Day Service will be held, Monday, May 27th at 2:00pm in the Alden Community Center located in the Town of Alden Memorial Park.

Alden’s Fallen Heroes

War of 1812 Moses Fenno, **Civil War** Edward Bacon, Leander Bacon, John Balcom, Joseph Baumgarden, Jacob Billiar, Aaron Colby, John P Cook, Edward Eels, Vanness Fuller, Lafayette Glass, Henry Grimes, Jacob Hagle, William Herren, Orville C Howard, Christian Imke, George W. Johnson, Richard Monroe, Edwin Morris, Charles Peck, William Putnam, Horace Rose, Henry Sadler, Reuben Sperbeck, Ralph P Stowell, Peter Swain, Wesley Thomas, Lucius Townsend, Joseph Traynor, Garret VanBrocklin, Leander Willis, Emerson York, Millard York, Samuel Young, **World War I** Elmer Bass, Henry Hodge, Lawrence Platt, William J. Staebell, **World War II** Calvin Almquist, Robert Balling, L.A. Brown Jr, Arthur Carroll, Gordon Dickinson, Robert Hahn, Laverne Harfman, Henry Heist, Howard Heist, Walter Heist, Anthony Jacewski, Henry Jerozal, Elmer J Koehler, Theodore Kowalow, Francis Malay, John Malay, Chester Malinowski, Samuel McMurray, Homer Ochs, Edward Pych, Allen Savage, Walter Schatzel, Edward Swain, Melvin Ullrich, Robert Willis, Richard Winegar. **Korean Conflict** Lester Toulmin. **Viet Nam**: Robert McCarthy, Anthony Minotti. Frank Musiek. John Strate. Gary P. Wratten. **Iraq/Afghanistan**: Brett Gorniewicz

“We come, not to mourn our dead soldiers, but to praise them”

--Francis A. Walker