

Town Information:

Municipal Campus:
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Big Flats

Town Hall:
Monday-Friday
8am to 4pm
562-8443

**Community
Center:**
Monday-Friday
8am to 9pm
Saturday by Appt.

Office:
Monday-Friday
8am to 4pm
562-8443, ext.303

Town Court:
Monday- Friday
8:30am-3:30pm

Big Flats Town Board:

- Supervisor Edward Fairbrother
- Council Lee Giammichele
- Council Andy Gillette
- Council Bob Adams
- Council Mike Saglibene
- Town Clerk Linda Cross

• Meetings:

2nd Wednesday
at 4:30pm

4th Wednesday
at 7:00pm



What's Going on in the Town?

- * Fiber has started, you may see Todd's cable trucks going around doing installation. Look at our website (www.bigflatsny.gov) for further information



Big Flats Community Center
Open House & Information Fair

*** Thursday, June 4, 2015 * 5:00 - 7:00 pm ***

What's there to do in Big Flats?

Residents can meet representatives from local businesses, non-profit organizations, clubs, social and civic groups all in one place. Learn about events & activities, membership information, and see demonstrations of crafts & skills.

**Musical entertainment, food available,
and fun for the kids too.**

For more info call or e-mail * 562-8443 ext. 303

communitycenter@bigflatsny.gov

Patricia Hartigan-Huten, Director

2015 Summer T.A.F.F.Y.

(Town Activities For Flats Youth)

~ 59 YEARS ~

The Town of Big Flats has been providing the youth with a summer parks program for 59 years! Both the children and the counselors love to spend their days outside playing, interacting, learning, and going on weekly field trips. The culturally enriching programs brought to the parks, such as the S.P.C.A., zoo-mobile, and book-mobile add to the summer fun.

Program Dates:

July 6– August 7
9:00am ~ 2:45pm

Parks do fill quickly;
registrations accepted in person on a first come first serve basis

Registration Dates:

Only accepted in person at the Big Flats Community Center

Big Flats Residents:

Begins: Sunday, June 7th Noon—5pm

Non-Big Flats Residents: (Fee)

Begins: Saturday, June 13th Noon-5pm at a cost of: \$25 per child

\$45 for 2 (children of same family)

\$65 for 3 (children of same family)

\$85 for 4 or more (children of same family)

Registration Office Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-5pm

Wed, noon-7pm

All registrations will Require:

COMPLETE registration information

Current immunization record

COMPLETED health history

Incomplete registrations will **NOT** be accepted or held

T.A.F.F.Y. Sites

1. Big Flats Elementary School
2. Community Park
3. Hillview Park
4. Maple Shade Park
5. Pine Circle Park
6. Reynolds Park

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Blast from the past...



BOTTOM: Glenn Hall, Junie Gardner, ? Wood, Hank Ferris, Terry Friebis, Lee Markle, Tom Malinic
TOP: Jerry Brown, Buzzy Travis, Phil Jacobus, Rich Benyo, Johnny Rouse, Eddie Miller, Bobby Davies, Doug Barrett

Hope they bring back good memories...

Not all the information was known about these pictures...
Maybe you can help?



Big Flats Small Fry Football
Local 832, 1974 or 1975



Big Flats Junior Firemen, thought to be 1983



CGW Big Flats, thought to be 1974.

Library Advocates

BIG FLATS GARDEN TOUR

The Big Flats Library Advocates are excited to be holding our first Big Flats Garden Tour! The self guided tour will include ten local gardens, showcasing a variety of styles and gardening techniques.

We have received many wonderful gifts and gift certificates from our local business sponsors, which we will be raffling off - raffle tickets will be available for sale on the day of the tour. Free refreshments will be offered, and we're looking forward to a fun day!

Tickets for the tour are \$10 each. They will be available for sale at various locations, and also at the library on the day of the tour. All proceeds from the tour will support programming at the Big Flats Library.

For more information about the Big Flats Library Advocates or the Garden Tour, please email us at BFLibraryAdvocates@gmail.com. You can view our website at BFLibraryAdvocates.yolasite.com, and please "like" us on Facebook! New members are always welcome. Annual dues are \$10, and we offer both active and supporting memberships.



SUNDAY JULY 26, 2015 12:30-4:00pm

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works is gearing up for a busy spring and summer. As the hot-mix asphalt plants hadn't opened yet, we spent much of April patching our roadways with cold-mix patch material. The asphalt plants should be opening soon, so we can look forward to more permanent repairs. In addition, we are working with the City of Elmira and Chemung County to share the rental of a pothole killer truck, pictured below, to speed up our pothole repairs.



It is that time of year when residents clean out their yards and landscape. To assist, we completed our annual spring brush pick-up the week of April 20th. Our crews recently reinstalled the yard-waste dumpster at the Town complex, conveniently located between the DPW building and the Community Center. Use of the dumpster is limited to grass and leaves – for more information, please see the Town's webpage at <http://www.bigflatsny.gov/public-works-dpw/pages/organic-dropoff>. We have also been sweeping roadways, and turned our attention to sweeping the neighborhood development areas in late April and early May. In early April, we began the mowing and repairs of drainage swales throughout the Town. As of last year, we have contracted

with the Soil and Water Conservation District to provide summer mowing of our swales and drainage areas. This contract provides annual savings in excess of \$10,000 to the Town. Also in April, our Parks crews began prepping sports fields for spring time usage. We have been cleaning fence lines, rolling the fields, repairing fencing, and have now turned our attention to preparation and tilling of infield areas for the ball fields. Our certified sprayer will also be spraying for weed control, helping to keep the fields in prime condition. With spring comes a return of residents to our many parks. We have opened the restroom facilities in the parks with restrooms, making your visit to the Big Flats park system more enjoyable.

For more information about our parks system, or directions on reserving a pavilion for special events, please visit our webpage at <http://www.bigflatsny.gov/public-works-dpw/pages/parks>.

Our 2015 Road and Highway Program will be released soon – like 2014, we have an aggressive schedule, and plan to rehabilitate many Town roads. As always, please feel free to stop in the office and talk with any of our employees.

We are all happy to help you with any questions about the DPW, water system, or our parks and facilities.

You can also visit our DPW webpage at <http://www.bigflatsny.gov/public-works-dpw>.

DOG CONTROL IN BIG FLATS

The Town of Big Flats is contracted with Southern Tier Dog Control located at 245 Sawdey Rd
Horseheads, NY 14845

If you need any assistance with dog control please call (607) 259-7123

Email- southerntierdogcontrol@gmail.com

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Big Flats Community Center

Contact Information

- ◆ Community Center office 607 562-8443 ext 303
- ◆ Website: www.bigflatsny.gov
- ◆ Facebook: Like us at 'Big Flats Community Center'



Private Parties Welcome.

Having a birthday party, giving a baby shower, planning a wedding reception or family gathering? The Community Center is ready and available to meet your needs. Reservations available Mon-Fri 8am-9pm and Saturday by appointment. Call the Center office for more details. Check out events and activities on the monthly flyer, available in the front lobby, on the website, and facebook.

FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MUSEUM LOCATION - 258 HIBBARD ROAD, BIG FLATS- Join us May - September, 2nd Saturday of each month from 8AM to 10AM for the best pancake breakfast around the area. It is held at our pavilion and the cost is \$6.00 each. All the pancakes you can eat (plain or blueberry) real Maple syrup, eggs, sausage, fruit, juice and the great company of your neighbors. We are also open each Tuesday from 9AM until noon.

1812 HOUSE (Fairview Manor) – ROUTE 352 (RIVER ROAD)

By Sylvia M. Radford

Clark Winans came in 1788, and by 1812 he undertook the building of a stylish house fronting off the Bath-Great Bend Turnpike (Route 352). The bricks were burned on the premises and were laid up 3 deep in the exterior walls and reared into four chimneys. Random, wide local hard pine boards became flooring. Many parts of the house were shipped in because Winans apparently spared nothing when building his pride.

Below are some interesting facts and legends concerning the house.

1.) During the Civil War this house became part of the Underground Railroad and was an important station on the slaves route to freedom. Local legend maintains a half mile tunnel was constructed from the house to the river. Common sense refutes that notion. The spring flooding would bring the waters right back to the house. Under the kitchen fireplace is massive footing made of fieldstone. This reinforcing support conceals a small underground room dug just outside the foundations. The escaping slaves would be hustled into the kitchen and helped through the secret passage in the cold fireplace and down into the cave.

2.) During the late 1800s, a story goes that a family of culture had moved into the house. Their neighbors watched as a large packing crate which might have contained a piano was carried in. The new people kept to themselves. The contents of that crate had been taken to the kitchen where they disappeared into the fireplace passage. In the cave room they assembled not a piano but a printing press. The Federal Agents were aware of a printing operation in the valley, but visits to the 1812 house revealed an ever-present fire in the kitchen fireplace. On warm days the fire was not lit, and the Federals solved their case. Somehow the gang eluded the government and set up their operation on an island nearby in the Chemung River. Finally they were chased to Avoca.

*George H. Park owned this farm in the mid 1800s and his son, Robert Park, took over running the farm from his father. As with most farms in this time era they grew tobacco. It also supported a dairy herd at times.

*For many years during the mid 1900s the farm was owned by out of the area landlords and they leased the farm to be run by others. All the large barns burned in the late 1950s. The house was deserted for some years and had seen many floods. It was starting to look derelict.

*The house was painstakingly renovated in the 1960s by James Von Jameson.

*The house was again hit by the 1972 flood.

*Mr. Von Jameson has passed away and the house has been sold (2015).

At one time the house sported a front porch



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE 2015 GRADUATES



BEST WISHES

Big Flats Water Department News

The Big Flats Water Department has a busy year ahead so I would like to give everyone an overview of our plans.

After many months of research and a couple of site visits we have decided to purchase new billing software. The software we currently use was purchased in 1998. Although it served its original purpose, we have found software that accomplishes what we need today at a very good price. The new software will be implemented late spring and early summer.

Currently the Town of Big Flats is going through a Water District extension project. This extension project will bring in many properties throughout Water District 1, 2, & 3 that are currently considered Out of District. It will also extend Districts to the Town line when applicable. We have included some properties in this extension that have a water line in front of or adjacent to their property, and are receiving a benefit (fire protection, water availability.) Due to the benefits, customers in these areas will now assist with debt payments, if any, that their District is currently paying on a yearly basis through the County & Town tax bill. At this time only Water District 3 is paying debt. Some properties will be brought in to District without having a requisite water line available. For these people this is an administrative move that will pay off later should the water lines be extended. For now there is no cost if there is no water line available to these properties.

With the assistance of Hunt Engineering, the Town is looking into consolidating the current Water Districts 1, 2, and 3 to form one district called Water District 5. The consolidation of the districts will allow the water department to provide a long term, safe, reliable and economical water supply for the customers within the districts. In order to accomplish this it will be important for the Water Department to look into implementing new water rates for its customers. Town of Big Flats water customers have not had an increase in their water rates since 2000; it is very important that we look into protecting our most valuable asset, your Water Department and its infrastructure. We will host public meetings in the near future, allowing us to gain valuable input and feedback from the customers. The changes in 2015 will allow us to move forward by providing everyone with the service and product to which they have become accustomed.

We look forward to a busy but exciting 2015.



Save money, time and stress on your way to work. Sounds too good to be true? What's the catch? There is none! The Town of Big Flats is proud to support 511NY Southern Tier Rideshare, a new program to promote carpooling in the region. Residents who live or work in Chemung and Steuben Counties can register in the **FREE**, easy-to-use, online ridematching system at www.SouthernTierRideshare.com. Or, you can call 511 and say "Rideshare" to speak with a customer service representative, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, except holidays. When you sign up, you'll join other riders and drivers in a secure database. You'll find people with similar travel and work schedules, who are looking to carpool – just like you! Why share a ride? Here are a few good reasons:

- Save money,

- Decrease vehicle wear & tear

- Enter a raffle to win a \$25 grocery gift card

The more people who register in the system, the better are everyone's chances of finding others to share rides to work and other destinations. Ridesharing is flexible and you can carpool as often as your schedule allows – it's your choice. Visit www.SouthernTierRideshare.com and start carpooling today!

511NY Southern Tier Rideshare is supported by Chemung and Steuben Counties, the New York State Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration to provide free commuter and traveler information.

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PARKS IN BIG FLATS



The Town of Big Flats has a wonderful community park (off of River/Main Street and State Route 352) with many rentable pavilions. But how many of you realize that there are many residential parks throughout the town with pavilions just as wonderful to visit as the community park. The pavilions within the residential parks contain one or two picnic tables, however the pavilions are not rentable, they are first come first serve. Each residential park contains at least one piece of playground equipment for the children to play on. The following pictures and descriptions tell what you can find at each residential park.

Barnes Hill Park (picture to your right) is located at the end of Woodland Way Horseheads, 14845. This park includes a pavilion, picnic table(s), charcoal grill, and playground equipment



Pine Circle Park (picture to your left) is located on Pine Circle Extension Horseheads, 14845. This park includes a pavilion, picnic table(s), charcoal grill, playground equipment, and a basketball court



Hillview Park (picture to your right) is located on Greenwood Circle Big Flats, 14814. This residential park contains a pavilion, picnic table(s), charcoal grill, playground equipment, a basketball court, and a tennis court.



Maple Shade Park (picture to you left) is located at Algonquin Drive Big Flats, 14814. This residential park contains a pavilion, picnic table(s), charcoal grill, playground equipment, and a basketball court.



Reynolds Park (picture to your right) is located on Groff Rd. Horseheads, 14845. At this park you will find a pavilion, picnic table(s), a charcoal grill, playground equipment, and a



Harris Hill Manor Park (picture to your left) located at the end of Palisades Blvd Elmira, 14903. This park has a pavilion, picnic table(s), charcoal grill, playground equipment, and a basketball court

Golden Glow Park (picture to the right) is located on Bennett Road Pine City, 14871. This park contains a pavilion, picnic table(s), playground equipment, a basketball court, along with a large field that contains rugby goals, you can also use that area for baseball, softball, lacrosse, or soccer games with your friends



Fawn Acres (picture to your left) is located on Meadow Drive Big Flats, 14814. This park has playground equipment, and a basketball court.

From the Supervisor

2014 was a busy year with many changes and projects. I want to personally thank every Town employee and the Town Board for all their help. Many new projects and procedures were implemented in 2014 for savings as the sales tax formula will be changing over the next four years. Our DPW did an amazing job last year repairing and repaving our highways. 2015 has started off with more initiatives to save tax dollars and to make the Town of Big Flats more efficient. Some of those are the I86 Project to help entice businesses to come to Big Flats, we also have more shared services to make us a more efficient government agency. DPW did a great job keeping our roads clean and safe over the winter.

The Department of Public Works has several major projects with a large paving program set, They're several improvements to the water system and major improvements happening in our Town Parks. The Town Assessor was able to retain a 100% equalization rate again for 2015 maintaining our Star program and without any increase to the overall assessed values. The Town Board reinstated the Parks and Community Center committees to receive more input from the constituents in Big Flats.

The Town's newspaper, thanks to Tammy Stein, will be published four times a year informing the people in Big Flats about what's going on in the town.

Our Youth program remains strong thanks to Marge Tremaine and her group. She has started several new and exciting programs for the youth in Big Flats.

I want to thank Linda and Al Redner for all they did for the senior bus trips. They have stepped down and a new group has taken over. Thank you for your help, Mary Lee Fairbrother, Donna Wren, and Marge Flynn.

Again thank you for all that you do to make Big Flats a great place to work and live.



Are you looking for something to do on Sundays at 1:00? Take some time to go to an amazing baseball game.

The Challenger Division is a program for mentally and physically challenged youths, ages 4-22 (If currently enrolled in school), that allows them to enjoy the game of baseball. In addition to the baseball experience, there are proven therapeutic and socialization benefits of participating in sports, the strengthening of their self-esteem, the opportunities to mainstream into other divisions of play and the discipline of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play which are hallmarks of the Little League program. Teams consist of 15-20 players (maximum). The Challenger players wear the same uniforms, shoulder patches and safety equipment as other Little League players. Playing with the same equipment on the same fields, Challenger Division players learn not only the fundamentals of baseball, but also how it feels to be just like other children pulling together as a team, being cheered and earning awards for their achievements.

The games consist of 1 or 2 innings in which each player is given equal opportunity to bat and play in the field each inning. The player has the option to hit off a tee or be pitched to by a Coach. There are no strikeouts and no one gets thrown out. One swing or 50, it's "batter-up" until there's a hit! It doesn't matter if one team has more players than the other because no one - least of all the kids - is keeping score. Players are paired with a "buddy," helping them swing the bat, make their way around the bases or field the ball. Teamwork and success replace the competitive element found in other Little League divisions for all players, regardless of ability or "challenge."

Most important is that Challenger Division baseball is fun for players and parents!

Call Tammy at 562-8443 ext. 202 for the schedule

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2015 JUNE						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Community Center Open House	5	6
7 Resident Registration for TAFFY	8	9	10 Town Board Meeting 4:30	11	12	13 Non-Resident Registration For TAFFY
14 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21  FATHER'S DAY	22	23 Senior trip	24 Town Board Meeting 7:00	25 Community Days	26	27 Horseheads Graduation Pride Ride/
28	29	30				Fireworks at Airport

2015 JULY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Town Hall Closed	 Independence Day
5	6 T.A.F.F.Y starts	7	8 Town Board Meeting 4:30	9	10	11
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19	20	21	22 Town Board Meeting 7:00	23	24	25
26 Garden Tour	27	28	29	30	31	

2015 AUGUST						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Last day of T.A.F.F.Y	8 Kids with Cancer Fundraiser
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