

Town Information:

Municipal Campus:
476 Maple Street
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?

- Be sure to check the event calendar on page 11 to see what's going on
- If you have any events planned in Big Flats that are open to the public let me know

THE TOWN OF BIG FLATS 9TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 24th

Noon– 2:00 p.m.



“Favorite Soup” and “Anything Pumpkin” Cook/Bake off



Cake and pie wheel

Temporary Tattoos

Face Painting

Sand Art

Pumpkin Decorating

and more

Big Flats Fire Department

Horseheads Masonic Lodge

Chemung County Sheriff's Department

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Music By: Marc Chevalier and Dean Goble



For more information please contact the Youth Department at 562-8443 ext. 307

From the Animal Control

As required by Article 7 of the New York State Agriculture and Marketing Law any dog sheltered in New York MUST be licensed in the town they are sheltered in.

You must supply information about your dog, an updated rabies certificate, and proof of spayed/neutered of the dog (feel free to print off the form from our website using the Government tab to Town clerk to dog licenses)

The licensing is due on a yearly basis, it is due the same month you originally licensed the dog. The Clerk's office will send a renewal form at the beginning of that month and you have till the end of that month to pay without penalty. If the licensing is not renewed by the 15th of the next month, a delinquent list is given to Animal control which may result in a fine for failure to license.

The Clerk's office also does engraving of tags for \$2.00

This helps to get your dog home to you if it gets out

You can purchase a replacement tag for \$4.00

Contact the Clerk's office at 607-562-8443 ext 201/202 with any questions.

Southern Tier Dog Control at (607)846-3640/(607)259-7123

Southern Tier Dog Control will now board your dog(s) for a day or a week, call for more details



Senior Sewing

The "Sewing Girls" as they call themselves meet every Wednesday morning at the Community Center from 9am- noon. This group of ladies enjoy spending time together sewing and catching up. They worked hard at making small flannel blankets for the Arnot Ogden Hospital's Neo-Natal unit, along with blankets for the children at the Glove House. Some other projects they work on are quilts, table runners and wall hangings.

These ladies would like to invite any sewers, beginners or advanced to bring their own projects in and join them for a fun morning of sewing and socializing.

Submitted by Karen Estep



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From the Community Center



Thank you!

Thank you to all that participated, volunteered and attended the 1st Annual Open House & Information Fair on June 4, 2015. The Town of Big Flats truly is a wonderful place to live, work and play! Looking forward to seeing you all next June for the 2nd annual Open House !

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.

Contact Information

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



Did you ever think....

Those flower beds are beautiful at the Town Hall complex....

It's thanks to the GREEN thumb of Patricia Schichtel

Pat painstakingly takes care of the shrubbery, plants and flowers which colorfully dot the complex. Often, while driving past the Town Complex you'll see Pat hauling her wheel barrow around overfilled with dirt and plants. She plants, trims, thins, clips, and cuts all the plants and flowers until they bloom and blossom into gorgeous plants with beautiful flowers. Pat mulches everything so the grounds always look neat when you drive past.

We'd like to thank her for all her hard work in making the complex grounds look so full and colorful.

Our Big Flats Complex, although it's beautiful as is, would be rather bland in appearance without the years of dedication and hard work from Pat Schichtel.



From the Water Department

The Big Flats Water department has been very busy this year accomplishing goals that were set forth for 2015.

The Water Department is implementing new billing software which will save money on our annual support fees and give us access to the latest in software technology. Our software was last updated in 1998 and served its original purpose, but as the department has grown and mandates have been handed down by the Department of Health and other agencies, the new software will make it easier and more efficient moving forward.

The Town of Big Flats no longer has four separate water districts. As of July 1, 2015 we have consolidated Water Districts 1, 2 and 3 into one district called Water District 5. Water district 4 still remains as a stand-alone district. We also have extended the borders in Water District 5 to include residential neighborhoods that will benefit from being included when and if they decide to be supplied with municipal water.

The Town last did a water meter upgrade and change out in 1998 and the current meters are no longer as efficient as they once were. The Town has hired National Metering Services, Inc. to install new multi-jet meters that will provide us with a radio read system sometime in the fall of 2015. This project will take a great amount of coordination between National Metering, the Water Department and its customers.



The NEW meters

The new meters will save us a lot of manpower and time because they will be radio read meters instead of manual read meters. The water department normally has two men reading meters, each spending at least five days each month or ten days total, a month. With the new radio read meters we should be able to reduce that to one guy reading meters a few hours a month. The labor savings is significant in itself but we also will reap the benefit of being able to spend our time better maintaining the system.

Another project we are looking to accomplish in 2015 will be the installation of a pump station that will allow us to be connected with the Elmira Water Board. The pump station will benefit the Town by acting as a redundancy system for emergency purposes in the case we could not run our pumps. The Elmira Water Board has offered to supply the town with 115,000 gallons of water per day at no cost during the months of June, July, August and September. They currently flush a similar amount at that location during those months. This pump station will also help with the issue of the amount of water that the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) allows us to withdraw from the aquifer. Exceedances of this permitted amount would violate the terms of our SRBC agreement and could lead to significant fines.

The Water Department looks forward to maintaining and supplying our customers with the highest quality of water and services for years to come.

Are you looking for a fun, safe group to get your son/daughter in?

www.girlscouts.org



Girl Scouts.

www.scouting.org



These two groups will help your child grow as individuals as well as teach them the importance of team work. Each organization has many activities for your child to participate in, and they will have a great time doing it.

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From the Department of Public Work

The Department of Public Works has experienced a busy spring and summer. We have been diligently patching roadways, using hot-mix asphalt in some locations, and spray-applied asphalt mix in other areas. The spray-applied mix is easily distinguished by its light gray color. We anticipate longer lasting patches with the cost-effective spray material, applied by a "pothole-killer" truck. In addition, numerous cross-pipes and driveway pipes have been installed, ditches have been cleaned, and trees have been trimmed. Several of our oil and stone treated roads have been completed, and we have finished our "mill and fill" paving jobs in numerous Town neighborhoods. We started our full-depth reclamation project on Eacher Hollow Road July 20th. Utilizing a shared services agreement, Steuben County ground the existing roadway, injecting asphalt emulsion into the reclaimed sub-base. The emulsion serves to strengthen the sub-base, creating a longer lasting roadway. Work will be completed on Eacher Hollow later this summer.

We are approaching the time of year when residents complete fall cleanup of their yards and landscape. As a reminder, the yard-waste dumpster is available 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>. While the Town does not provide a fall brush pickup service, residents are eligible to drop off brush (for a small fee) to Black Gold on CR10 – South Corning Road.

The DPW received its new Street Sweeper earlier this year, and recently completed the initial sweeping of the neighborhood development areas. Our new sweeper provides more incremental control of the broom settings, allowing for longer life of the brush bristles. Sweepers are an expensive investment for the Town, generally costing over \$200,000 while providing a service life of about 7 years. Sweeping is important to remove accumulated winter debris from the roads, preventing it from reaching our drainage systems and Town waterways.



The DPW is excited to announce the Town's latest Parks Project – the construction of a new playground at Community Park Extension. The playground will be conveniently sited close to the pavilion and the park restrooms, while providing easy access for children attending their sibling's ballgames! Work on the playground is expected to begin later this summer. 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>. In another cost saving move, the DPW will be installing new exterior lighting at the Town Complex this summer. These lights will be modern, energy efficient LED fixtures, providing a 4-year payback, and a savings of almost \$250,000 over 15 years. We further intend to replace lights in the Town Board Meeting Room with cost-effective LED fixtures this summer. 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>.

From the DEC

- Licenses go on sale August 10th, 2015
- Hunting and trapping licenses run from September 1st– August 31st
- Fishing licenses run year to year (starting from date purchased)
- Turkey hunters will only receive 1 fall turkey tag
- DMP's will be available August 10th– October 1st (Lottery style)
- Lifetime license holders should receive their annual tag prior to September 1st



Stop in the Clerk's office and Linda or Tammy will be happy to help you

Mon - Fri. from 8 am - 4:00pm

News from the Big Flats Library Advocates

Our first Big Flats Garden Tour was a success! Everyone had a fun time, and we netted close to \$1500, which will be used to support programming at the Big Flats Library.

Many thanks go out to the gardeners and volunteers for their time and dedication. And thanks, also, to our many local businesses for their monetary and gift donations. We all worked together to make the tour a great Big Flats event!

The Library Advocates group is always looking for new members.

Please visit our website at BFLibraryAdvocates.yolasite.com, or email us at BFLibraryAdvocates@gmail.com.

See you at the Library!



Big Flats Business Association's
Appleumpkin Days
 Saturday September 19
 and
 Sunday September 20
 The Big Flats Business Association
 invites you to celebrate Autumn.
 Many of our member businesses
 will have special sales this weekend.

Join us Saturday & Sunday for a fall harvest celebration of savings at these participating Big Flats Business Association Members.
<http://sites.google.com/site/appleumpkindays>

Big Flats Appleumpkin Days is the perfect opportunity to come out and see all that the Town of Big Flats has to offer. Visit <http://sites.google.com/site/AppleumpkinDays> or www.BigFlatsBusinessAssociation.com or call (607) 733-9063 for more information and to learn what each business has planned for the weekend.

*Saturday, September 19th and
 Sunday, September 20th
 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

The Big Flats Business Association encourages you to "Shop Local" during Big Flats Appleumpkin Days, a fall harvest celebration held at a variety of business locations in the Town of Big Flats. This year's event will be bigger and better than ever with these businesses participating: Amish Workshop, Antique Revival, Cottage Gift Shop, Crystal City Wedding and Party Center, Gabe's Grille, Maple Valley Farm Market, Oldies But Goodies, Pets in Paradise Pet Sitting, Shear Knowledge, Special Event Network, Ted's Produce & Flower Market, The Dairy Barn, The Witch's Stitches, and Willowcreek Golf Club. Activities throughout the weekend vary from business to business and will include special discounts and sales, prize drawings, refreshments, and food available for purchase. Additionally, a children's coloring contest is also planned and 30 craft and product vendors will be set up outside the Cottage Gift shop.

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.

JAMES E. STRATES – SON, E. JAMES STRATES AND THE SHOWS

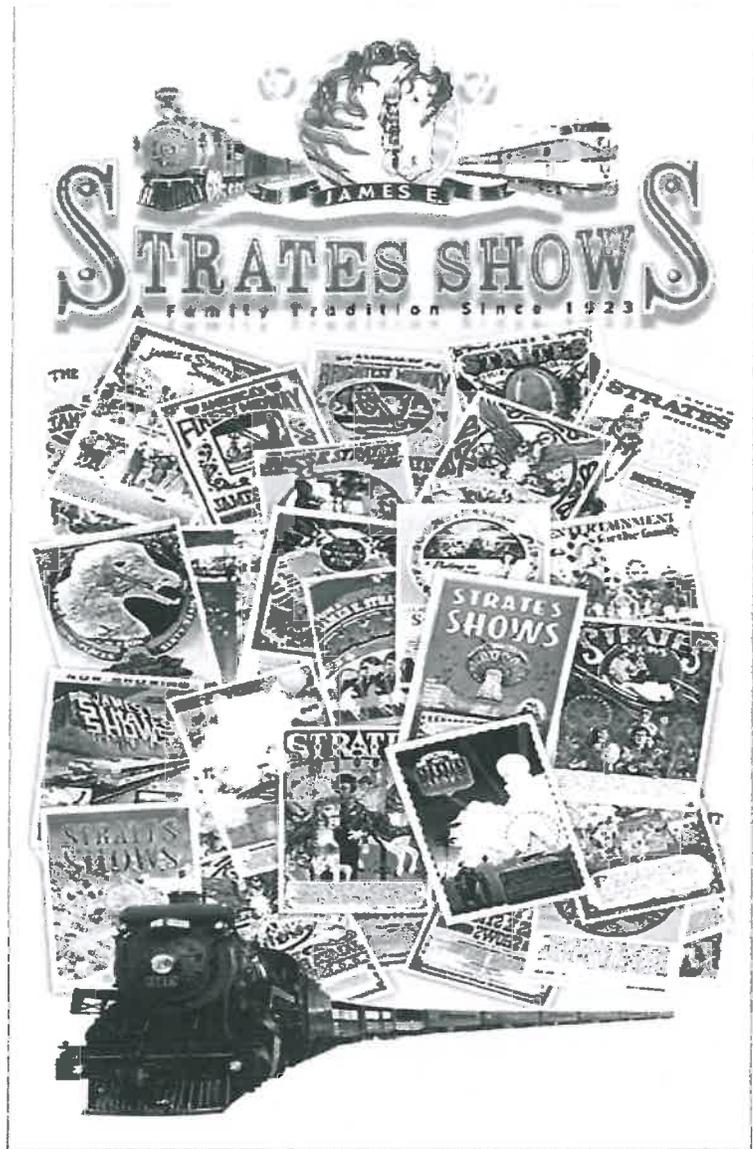
Did you know?

Strates shows has a history dating back to 1923, when James E. Strates a Greek immigrant, began his first show. He came to America in 1909 landing in Lovell, MA and then relocated to Endicott, NY. There he learned to wrestle at the local YMCA and worked odd jobs. In 1919, he joined a carnival athletic show as a wrestler taking on all challengers. After he acquired the Southern Tier Shows he changed the name in 1932 to the James E. Strates Shows.

James bought a farm just west of the hamlet of Big Flats and called it "Birchland". The name was painted on one the barns. His son E. James Strates was born and raised in Big Flats.

The James E. Strates Shows started out in Horseheads, NY and Mr. Strates continued to build and manage the carnival until his death in 1959. His son, E. James Strates took over as president and CEO, following his father's footsteps by continuing the growth of the operation. Currently E. James operates the show with his five grown children.

Under E. James leadership, the show transformed from the era of "girl shows", sideshows and traveling animals to today's family oriented carnival. STRATES SHOWS is America's only railroad carnival. It travels the United States during a seven month season, transporting personnel and equipment with 61 rail cars and 34 trucks. Traveling with the show are some 400 employees and families who operate the 100 rides, games and concessions. The crew that is on the train can unload all of the equipment on these cars in about 18 hours.



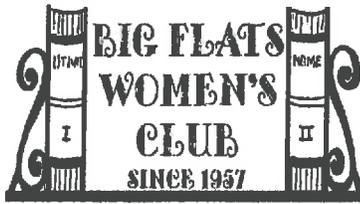
The **Bright Red Bookshelf** provides **FREE** books for children.

Look in the outer lobby of the Community Center.

They accept book donations in the center's office.

There is an adult book exchange in the outer lobby as well.





It is with great pleasure that we announce the recipient of The Big Flats Women's Club 2015 College Scholarship is Ms. Danielle Fuller-Sincock. Danielle and her family were invited to a dinner in her honor as the Women's Club celebrated in presenting her this award. The Club feels very strongly that Danielle will be as successful in her college career at Binghamton University studying Pre-Med and Biology, as she has been in her Horseheads High School career and in her personal life. Her attention to community service and strong recommendations from her teachers impressed the Selection Committee.

This annual \$500 scholarship, sponsored by the Big Flats Women's Club, has been created to assist a graduating senior girl from the Big Flats area in the pursuit of a college education. The Big Flats Women's Club, created in 1957 has a long history of sponsoring civic and community projects in the Big Flats area and supporting the local public library.

In the attached photo, Big Flats Women's Club President, Bobbie Vence is pictured awarding Danielle her scholarship check.

STORMWATER COALITION'S 2015 News...

We all know that picking up pet waste is a gross task and while it can be tempting to leave your pets waste in a public park or a neighbor's yard, it is YOUR responsibility to PICK IT UP!

While scooping poop can be a chore, please promptly pick it up and dispose of it using bags that you have from home or bags that are provided at many parks and public sites; simply tie and toss the bag into the garbage. At home, it is suggested that you double bag dog waste or kitty litter (yes, this includes cat owners), tie securely and place into your garbage. You could always opt for the "pooper scoopers" available at local pet stores to make it even easier. When pet waste is left behind on the sidewalk or lawn, it can easily wash into storm drains and ditches. From there it can move straight to local lakes and rivers, carrying harmful bacteria with it. Contrary to what most pet owners believe, pet waste does not just go away or fertilize the grass. Pet waste carries bacteria, viruses and parasites that can threaten the health of humans and wildlife. Pet waste also contains nutrients that promote weed and algae growth making swimming and recreation unappealing or even unhealthy. Pet owners play a big part in helping to keep our neighborhoods and waters clean, healthy and pollution free.



Please join us in our efforts to LEAVE NO PILE BEHIND and pick up after your pet.

Submitted by Toni Gardner





Youth Employment Services

What it is

Y.E.S. operates year-round as a job referral service for teens, ages 14–21 who are looking for work, and individuals, business, or groups who need work completed. Some of the most frequently requested jobs are: lawn care, childcare, domestic chores, painting, pet-sitting, and snow removal.

How it operates

When a potential customer calls, a teen member of Y.E.S. will be contacted with the information. If interested, the teen worker will then contact the customer directly for more specific directions and information. Before doing the work, make sure you discuss and agree upon a wage. You must keep the Y.E.S. office informed of your decision, so the director will know if the customer has been able to have the job completed. A follow-up letter will take place after completion of the work to thank them, make sure everything was satisfactory, and inquire if they could use more help.



Becoming a registered Y.E.S. worker



In order to become eligible for a potential job, the following steps must be completed.

- Complete application: Download and print the application from the website, including two references that will be contacted before a youth is eligible to work.
- Working papers: if you do not already have them, your school counselor, office secretary, or nurse can provide them for you.
- A parental waiver and release form: Page 3 of the application is a waiver and release form that must be signed by a parent/guardian (for anyone under 18) and returned to the Y.E.S. office (Youth Department) at 476 Maple street Big Flats, NY 14814.
- A personal interview with the Y.E.S. Director: You can schedule an appointment by calling (607) 562–8443 x307

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2015 SEPTEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 Fireworks at Airport 9:30 p. m
6	7 CLOSED 	8	9 Town Board meeting 4:30	10	11	12
13 Grandparent's day	14 Community Jam 6-9	15	16	17	18	19 Pancake Breakfast Appleumpkin Days
20 Appleumpkin Days	21	22	23 Town Board meeting 7:00	24	25	26
27	28 Community Jam 6-9	29	30			

2015 OCTOBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 CLOSED 	13	14 Town Board meeting 4:30	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24  Fall Festival
25	26 Community Jam 6-9	27	28 Town Board meeting 7:00	29	30	31  Happy Halloween

2015 NOVEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Set your clocks back 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Community Jam 6-9	10	11 CLOSED 	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Town Board meeting 4:30	19	20	21
22	23 Community Jam 6-9	24	25	26 CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving 	27 CLOSED	28
29	30					

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- I would like to have the newsletter emailed to me
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