TOWN OF OGDEN 2025 SPRING/SUMMMER NEWSLETTER

Message from the Supervisor:

We're thrilled to share a major milestone for the Town of Ogden. Through years of thoughtful planning, strategic coordination, and disciplined financial stewardship, the Town is moving forward with an investment of nearly $3.5 million in key community priorities, and we're doing it without adjusting the Town's annual operating budget or increasing local taxes.

This investment is being funded entirely through a mix of state and federal grant funding, ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, private donations, sales tax revenue, and long-term Town savings. Not only are we able to avoid increasing taxes, but in some cases, we're making investments that aim to reduce our annual expenses and increase revenue.

This initiative includes exciting improvements across multiple areas of our community:
At our Recreation Center, we're finalizing designs for important renovations to expand services for our seniors, enhance nutrition programming, and ensure full ADA accessibility with updated restrooms. These upgrades will improve daily quality of life for all residents that use our facilities, but especially for our Senior and Children's Programs.

We're almost finished with the construction of our new splash pad at Pineway Ponds, a family-friendly feature that will offer a fun and inclusive outdoor space for kids and parents alike. This project reflects our commitment to safe, accessible recreation for all ages and all abilities.

Another important part of this investment is the reconstruction of the Town's fuel pump. For years, we've relied on fuel from external providers. While we continue to value those partnerships, it's important to recognize that we are charged a premium per gallon and occasionally face limited access or outages. This sometimes forces us to turn to retail gas stations at significantly higher prices. Rebuilding our own fuel pump will restore our fuel independence, lower annual costs, and enhance operational reliability.

This project will generate revenue through shared service agreements. We've already engaged inter-municipal partnerships with the Spencerport Fire District, Gates Volunteer Ambulance, and the Village of Spencerport to use the new pump. Additionally, we have started discussions with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department and Monroe BOCES #2, both of whom have expressed interest in contracting with us for fuel. Essentially, this becomes more than just a self-sustaining investment in town infrastructure; it becomes a valuable community asset.

Finally, we're excited to share that we're also investing in a new public park on Buffalo Road. This park will add valuable green space and recreation opportunities for residents in one of the fastest-growing areas of Ogden.

Each of these projects was made possible through years of strategic financial planning and the ability to leverage external funding sources. By utilizing grants, ARPA funds, donations, sales tax revenue and smart use of our own savings, we've ensured that this multi-million-dollar investment will enhance services, improve infrastructure, and support long-term growth, all without increasing taxes.

We are proud of the thoughtful, forward-looking work that went into making these projects possible, and we remain committed to transparency and fiscal responsibility every step of the way. I hope you'll keep reading to learn about the other exciting initiatives underway in Ogden.

Mike Zale
Town Supervisor

Aaron Baker
Councilman

Sal Gerbino
Councilman

Josh Hinman
Councilman

Steve Toms
Councilman

TOWN BOARD:
2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:00pm

PLANNING BOARD:
2nd Thursday at 7:00pm

ZONING BOARD:
1st Thursday at 7:00pm

CONSERVATION BOARD:
1st Tuesday at 7:00pm

DOUG CASE NAMED ACTING HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE TOWN OF OGDEN

In February, Doug Case was sworn in as the Acting Superintendent of Highways and Acting Commissioner of Public Works. With decades of experience in the DPW field, Doug has proven to be an invaluable asset to our community, having most recently served as the town's Deputy Highway Superintendent since April 5, 2021. We're thrilled to congratulate Doug on his new role!

CELEBRATING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

During National Library Week, Supervisor Mike Zale visited the Ogden Farmers' Library to join in on Mr. Steve's Storytime, and, as always, he had a wonderful time! If you haven't yet experienced one of Mr. Steve's Storytimes, we highly recommend attending. Your kids will love it!

That same week, Library Director John Cohen attended the Town Board meeting to share updates on the exciting events and initiatives currently underway at the library. To learn more about the Ogden Farmers' Library, visit OgdenFarmersLibrary.org, where you can browse their extensive book collection and explore the many programs and services they offer.

WNYVSA 42ND ANNUAL EQUIPMENT SHOW

The Western New York Superintendents Association (WNYVSA) held its 42nd Annual Equipment Show at the Ogden Highway facility on April 16. The event was well-attended, offering participants the opportunity to see and learn about a wide range of state-of-the-art equipment. Special thanks to Highway Superintendent Doug Case and his entire team for their hard work in preparing our facility for this successful, revenue-generating event.

SPLASH PAD REPLACEMENT UNDERWAY

The replacement of the Splash Pad at Pineway Ponds Park is underway. The new, inclusive Splash Pad will cover 4,300 square feet and feature 22 spray elements, including a large dumping bucket.

Funding for the project comes from town savings, ARPA funds, a NYS grant, and a generous donation of labor. The new Splash Pad is expected to open in June 2025. Stay tuned for updates on the installation, grand opening, and usage details.

BUFFALO ROAD PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

We've officially begun the development of a new town park at 3975 Buffalo Road. This 41.5-acre town-owned parcel, located in the southeastern part of town, offers green space and wetlands, making it an ideal spot for a community park. We're excited to announce that the town has been awarded two separate grants for Phase 1 of this project: a $75,000 State & Municipal Facilities Capital Program Grant and $634,171 from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation.

We're currently finalizing a park design that will feature a disc golf course, restrooms, pickleball courts, and walking trails. We look forward to sharing more details soon!

FUEL STATION NEARS COMPLETION; COVERALL STRUCTURE NOW IN USE

Progress has moved quickly, and the new fuel pump outside the Highway Facility is nearly complete. By reestablishing our own fuel pump, the Town is achieving fuel independence, ensuring reliable and cost-effective access to fuel for essential operations such as snow removal, road maintenance, and emergency response.

Additionally, work has been completed on the Coverall structure, which serves as a storage area for the Highway Department. Going forward, it will be used to store topsoil

and keep materials dry, as well as to park equipment under cover, protecting it from inclement weather. Both projects are being completed with the help of the Highway Department crew, resulting in significant labor cost savings for the Town.

UPDATE FROM THE OPD

The members of Ogden Police Department are proud to serve our community with dedication and professionalism. As the weather warms, we're excited to deepen our connection with you. Our patrol fleet is getting an upgrade with new e-bikes, making it easier to access parks, trails, and busy areas. In the coming months, we'll be participating in the No Empty Chair Campaign to promote teen driver safety, as well as Buckle Up New York.

We'd like to extend a special congratulations to Investigator Ryan Sherman on his recent promotion. We also want to thank and congratulate Officer Marc Lawrence, who was recognized by the Monroe County STOP-DWI & Traffic Safety Program for his outstanding DWI enforcement efforts in 2024.

With summer just around the corner, we're looking forward to several community events and hope to see you there.

OGDEN'S MAGICAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Ogden's inaugural Magical Holiday Celebration and Christmas Tree Lighting was a tremendous success! Families came together at the Ogden Community Center to enjoy holiday games, music, food, crafts, storytelling, a special visit from Santa, and the highly anticipated tree lighting ceremony. The event combined elements from the Town's Santa's Magical Express Parade and the Tree lighting ceremony.

The next edition of this festive celebration, which will take place on Friday, Dec. 5th. Be sure to mark your calendars! We can't wait to share more details about this event soon!

LOCAL HISTORY SPOTLIGHT

Several new historic roadside markers have recently been installed throughout the Town of Ogden. One is located in Adams Basin at the corner of Washington Street and Canal Road, commemorating the schoolhouse built there in 1838. Over the years, the building has served various purposes and is now used by the Town Historian for records storage and office space.

Another marker has been placed in front of Ogden Town Hall on Ogden Center Road. This sign highlights the historical significance of the area, known as Ogden Center, which was once a thriving hub where many of the town's early milestones occurred. As development gradually shifted 1.5 miles north toward the Erie Canal, the Village of Spencerport emerged and was officially incorporated in 1867.

Additional historic markers are planned throughout Ogden, thanks to the efforts of Town Historian Jesse Diehl.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT: August 14th

Enjoy a free outdoor movie under the stars, hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department! A community favorite, this fun-filled evening features local food trucks serving up tasty dinner and dessert options starting at 6:30 p.m. Don't forget your blanket or lawn chair!

PINEWAY PONDS PARK 5K: September 27th

Proudly sponsored by the Ogden Parks and Recreation Department and the Kiwanis Club of Spencerport, this family-friendly, certified 5k course begins at Pineway Ponds Park. The route takes you over two bridges, through village and town roads, and finishes back at the park with a celebration at the finish line! Whether you're running your first 5k or aiming for a personal best, this event is for everyone. A portion of this year's proceeds will benefit Girls on the Run of Greater Rochester. Register online at runsignup.com!

HIGHWAY RECYCLING EVENT: June 7th

On Saturday, June 7th, the Town of Ogden will host its annual community recycling event at the Ogden Highway Facility from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event will feature an Electronics Drop-Off, hosted by Sunnking Sustainable Solutions, a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, hosted by Monroe County, and a Document Shredding Event, hosted by Shred-it. Appointments can be made by calling (585) 617-6160 or (585) 617-6161. For more details about the items that will be accepted, visit the Town's website.

MOBILE DMV UNIT: 3rd Wednesday of the Month

The Monroe County Mobile DMV Unit is at Ogden Town Hall every third Wednesday of the month from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM in the Large Board Meeting Room. DMV staff will assist with most services, though Real IDs, Enhanced Licenses, and Permit Testing are unavailable. No appointment needed, just drop by!

BRUSH, STUMP AND LEAF COLLECTION

The Highway Department has started its annual brush, stump, and leaf pickup! As residents begin their spring cleanup, remember to check the schedule to see when crews will be in your neighborhood. You can find the full schedule on the Town's website at Ogdenny.gov, under 'Resident Services' and the 'Highway Department' page.