

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

As the flowers bloom and temperatures rise, I look forward to enjoying the beautiful spring and summer days ahead under blue skies. At Ogden Town Hall, we have been busy as always with a wide range of initiatives that you will read about throughout the rest of this newsletter. In this letter, I would like to specifically focus on the Town's plans to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding. In honor of this historic milestone, the Town of Ogden is proud to host several opportunities for residents and visitors to come together in celebration.

To begin, the Ogden and Spencerport Historians will host a final **Patriot Remembrance Ceremony this spring on Saturday, May 30, 2026**, at 1:00 p.m. at Colby Street Cemetery. This ceremony, one of several held over the past year, will include a graveside tribute honoring Patriot Ephraim Colby and recognizing his service and legacy. To learn more about Ephraim Colby or any of the patriots honored through this remembrance series, I encourage you to visit the town website or contact our Town and Village Historian's Offices.

We are also launching a **Townwide Decorating Contest**, inviting residents and local businesses to showcase their creativity and patriotism. Participants are encouraged to decorate their homes, yards, porches, or storefronts in honor of the semiquincentennial, helping create a festive atmosphere throughout the community. Awards will be presented in four categories: Most Patriotic, Most Creative, Community Spirit, and Best Business Display. Interested residents and businesses can enter the contest by emailing cbarnes@ogdenny.com and Historian@Ogdenny.com with their name and address.

All of this will lead up to our signature **America 250 at Pineway Ponds Park celebration on Thursday, July 2**. Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. and will feature a free evening of patriotic fun, including live music, food trucks, games, community vendors, and activities for all ages, all capped off with fireworks at dusk. Winners of our townwide decorating contest will also be recognized during the event. It promises to be a memorable evening, so be sure to bring your family and friends and join us in celebrating our nation's founding.

Our team has put a great deal of effort into planning this event, and we are grateful for the many sponsors and vendors helping make it possible. I look forward to celebrating with our community. Visit our Town website to learn more!

Please read through the rest of this newsletter to stay informed about what is happening in the Town. On the back, you will find a list of other important upcoming dates. Wishing you a wonderful spring and summer season!



Mike Zale
Town Supervisor

Aaron Baker
Councilman

Sal Gerbino
Councilman

Josh Hinman
Councilman

Steve Toms
Councilman

Town Board
2nd and 4th
Wed. at 7 PM

Planning Board
2nd Thurs. at 7 PM

Zoning Board
1st Thurs. at 7 PM

**Conservation
Board**
1st Tues. at 7 PM

ANNUAL NYSAOT TRAINING

Town officials attended the New York State Association of Towns (NYSAOT) Annual Meeting and Training in NYC this February. The three-day conference provided valuable insights and tools to better serve our community. We also recently welcomed NYSAOT Executive Director Chris Koetzle to Town Hall to discuss critical issues impacting Ogden and municipalities statewide.



CHIPS FUNDING ADVOCACY RALLY

Ogden leaders and officials from across the region gathered at the Ogden Highway Garage for a press conference highlighting the importance of CHIPS funding for local road maintenance ahead of State budget negotiations in Albany. CHIPS provides critical State aid that helps towns and villages maintain infrastructure.



NEW BUSINESSES OPEN IN OGDEN

Several new businesses have recently opened in the Town of Ogden, including Daya Urgent Veterinary Services on Spencerport Road and



Books and Crannies located on South Union Street. We appreciate their investment in our community and thank them for bringing such wonderful additions to our town. Please join us in welcoming them and wishing them success!



REMEMBRANCE AT FAIRFIELD CEMETERY

Community members gathered at Fairfield Cemetery to honor patriots Charles Kimball and Elder Daniel Brown and reflect on their lasting contributions to local history. Visit our website to learn more about these two patriots, or contact the Town or Village Historian's Offices for additional information about our town's history.



SENIOR EXEMPTIONS PRESENTATION

Staff from our Assessor's Office gave a presentation at the Ogden Senior Center on senior exemptions, reviewing available property tax exemptions and explaining how and when to apply. For questions about assessment-related information, call (585) 617-6107 or visit our website for a list of helpful resources.





OPD WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS

New part-time officers recently joined the Ogden Police Department (OPD). Officers Shannon Brett and Sean Ancker bring extensive law enforcement and public safety experience. Officer Brett is a retired law enforcement investigator and D.A.R.E. instructor, while Officer Ancker has been active in the fire service and the U.S. Coast Guard since 2014.

STOP DWI & TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARDS

OPD Clerk Stephanie Ruffino and Officer Carlos Ortiz Speed were recognized at the Monroe County STOP DWI & Traffic Safety Annual Awards. Officer Ortiz Speed was honored for his 2025 DWI enforcement efforts, and Clerk Ruffino was recognized for her ongoing contributions to traffic safety initiatives. Congratulations and thank you to both for their continued dedication!



COMMUNITY DONATION DRIVES

Thanks to the generosity of our community, donation drives at Town Hall have been very successful, including collections supporting the Ecumenical Food Shelf, local veterans in need, and the Westside Pet Food Pantry in partnership with the Ogden Farmers' Library. Stay tuned for information about our next donation drive!

P&R COMMUNITY UPDATES

Renovations are underway at the Community Center, including a new kitchen and updated locker rooms being converted into accessible restrooms and office space. These improvements will support the future relocation of our Nutrition Program to the Town Hall campus. We appreciate your patience as this work is completed. Work is also underway in our parks. The Pineway Ponds Park basketball courts have new hoops and fencing, with resurfacing planned once weather permits. Congratulations to our 2025-26

Preschool graduates as they head off to kindergarten! Registration is now open for the 2026–27 school year. Our Summer Activity Guide is available now, with registration underway for programs all summer long. View the full guide at www.ogdenparksandrec.com



STORMWATER WETLAND INFORMATION

Stormwater wetlands help remove pollutants from runoff and reduce flooding during heavy storms. They require minimal maintenance, though the Town may occasionally remove sediment or brush to maintain proper drainage. These areas are designed to appear natural rather than manicured. Visit the Stormwater Management page on our website for more information.

BUILDING SEASON PERMIT REMINDER

Building season is here! Many projects in the Town of Ogden including sheds, pools, fences, and decks require permits whether you hire a contractor or do it yourself. NYS codes have recently changed so be sure your project is safe and compliant and note that Town and Village codes may differ. For details visit OgdenNY.gov under “Permits & Guidelines” or call (585) 617-6195.

1ST ANNUAL COPS & BOBBERS FISHING DERBY

Cast & connect with OPD Officers!



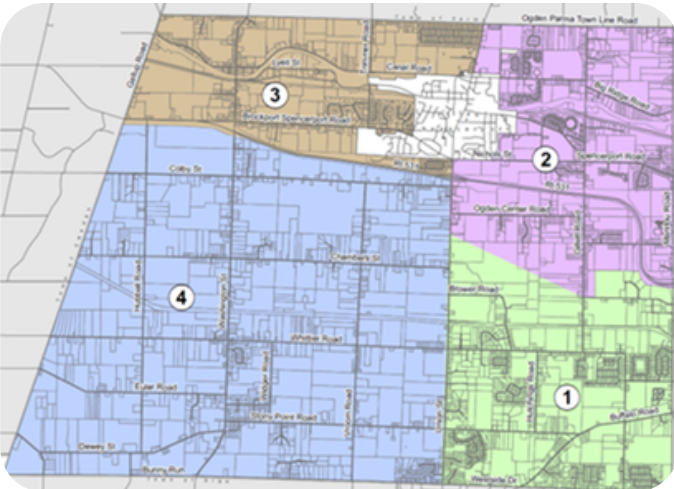
Saturday, May 30th | 10:00 AM - Noon
Spencerport Depot & Canal Museum



Join us for this family-friendly event that brings youth and OPD officers together for a morning of fishing and fun along the Erie Canal. Registration is required at www.ogdenparksandrec.com. Visit our website for more information.

BRUSH COLLECTION & 2026 ROAD WORK UPDATES

The Town's brush collection program runs April through October on a four-quadrant schedule; residents can find their pickup week and full program rules on the Town website. Please note: brush and trees removed by contractors will not be collected, as contractors are responsible for removing and disposing of all materials. The 2026 road work schedule will be announced soon. Please check the Town website for the latest updates.



LIBRARY SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT

The Ogden Farmers' Library is developing a new five-year plan and is seeking public feedback on its operations. All users are invited to share their thoughts to help shape this long-range plan. Upcoming forum dates are May 30 and July 15 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM at the library.



MONTHLY MOBILE DMV SERVICES

The Monroe County Mobile DMV Unit is at Ogden Town Hall every third Wednesday of the month from 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM in the Large Board Meeting Room. No appointment necessary.

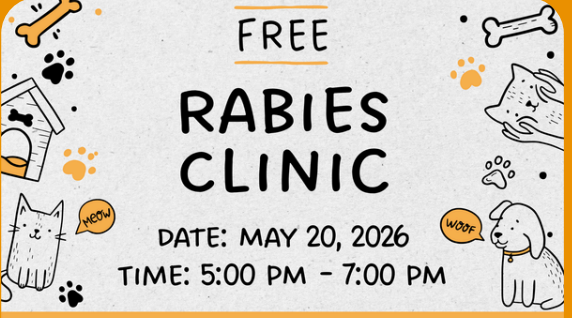


FREE

RABIES CLINIC

DATE: MAY 20, 2026
TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

OGDEN HIGHWAY BUILDING | 2432 S. UNION ST.



The Town of Ogden is proud to partner with the Monroe County Department of Health and Stoney Pointe Pet Hospital to host a drive-thru Rabies Vaccination Clinic. Pre-registration is required. To register or for questions, call Animal Control Officer Ambrose at (585) 617-6190.

Town of Ogden's Electronics Drop-off, Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off & Document Shredding Event

Saturday, June 13, 2026 | 8AM - 12PM



ELECTRONICS DROP-OFF
Hosted by Sunnking Sustainable Solutions

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF
Hosted by Monroe County



DOCUMENT SHREDDING
Hosted by Shred-it

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL: 585-617-6160 OR 585-617-6161

2026 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT & LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Stop by Ogden Town Hall for the 2026 National Night Out on August 4 from 5:30-7:30 PM! Tour the police station, enjoy the bounce house, meet OPD officers, and grab free food and ice cream. We hope to see you there! Also, the Law Enforcement Torch Run returns on June 5 as officers participate in the 40th anniversary event supporting the Special Olympics. Visit <https://www.lettr.org/> to learn more.

