



# THE MALTA TIMES

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Dear Malta Residents:

There are a couple of important items I wish to share with you in this newsletter.

1) PLEASE RESPOND: Many of you will soon be receiving an automated phone call (robo-call) from the Town of Malta. This will occur in early September and is developed by Malta's committee to study the feasibility of water and sewer in our town. The recorded phone call will give specific instructions on how to log on and complete a very brief, confidential/anonymous online survey. The committee, chaired by Councilman Warner, is anxious to get as much feedback as possible from as many residents as possible. The committee has deliberated and studied this important topic for several months and desperately needs your responses to determine the level of public support for sewer/water as they already know there's a serious need. So, PLEASE HELP by responding. Thank you.

2) The next item is about the intense concern that many residents of Malta and neighboring townships have over New York State's planned "retirement" of the Nelson Avenue Extension Bridge over the Northway. That bridge is not actually in the Town of Malta but rather within the boundaries of the city of Saratoga Springs. However, the bridge is considered by many to be a vital link between our town and Saratoga, especially for those who live between the western side of Saratoga Lake and Route 9. A number of folks throughout this area of our county (including Saratoga Springs, Schuylerville, Stillwater, Mechanicville, Wilton, Milton, and beyond) have expressed strong opposition to the State's plan to eliminate that bridge. Some of the concerns include: health and safety (use by emergency vehicles), evacuation planning, anticipated continued population growth and expansion throughout Malta and Saratoga County in general, relief of traffic congestion for locals during racetrack season, SPAC performances, sailing activities and regatta races on Saratoga Lake and/or temporary detours in the event of Northway or Route 9 emergency closures. Although NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) officials recently stated the bridge will not be immediately dismantled (within the next two to three years), there will be a gradual reduction in the weight classification of the bridge. The Town of Malta recently passed a resolution supporting a petition to replace rather than remove the bridge. Many other Townships, as well as the County, have similarly done so. Regardless, this will continue to be a "hot" issue. The State DOT will be hosting an "informational meeting" on the topic some time (not yet determined – TBA) this fall. For your information, Malta has also filed a number of other requests with DOT to lower speed limits on various roadways including Route 9 "downtown" area, Raylinsky Road, Round Lake Road, Miller Road, Ruhle Road South, Route 67 and Route 9P.



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Community Center**

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11:30AM-1:30PM  
MALTA VETERANS  
RECOGNITION  
LUNCH**

Message From Supervisor DeLucia Continued....

3) Update on Fire Inspections – This past January (2016) we learned that the town was way behind in its responsibility for completing fire inspections of businesses, residents and vacant buildings. We quickly implemented a proactive plan to catch up on the properties that were not inspected. The Town Board immediately funded, recruited and hired two highly-trained, certified fire inspectors. Simultaneously, our full-time Code Enforcement Officers/Building Inspectors (both of whom are fully licensed/certified to conduct fire inspections) were re-directed to deal with this newly discovered, more urgent priority. Obviously, some of their regular duties had to be postponed in order to assist with completing fire inspections. A hearty thank you to the residents who patiently endured our necessary re-allocation of inspectors' resources. I am happy to inform you that the plan has been very effective and we are well ahead of schedule in catching up with the required inspections.

4) Animal Control – Although the Town has two part-time “Animal Control” officers, they are in practice, and more accurately, “Dog Control” officers. They are NOT, by NYS law, permitted to handle wild fauna (chipmunks, squirrels, skunks, foxes, raccoons, woodchucks, etc. etc.) Additionally, they are not supposed to deal with cats because NYS laws mandate that cats are allowed to roam/wander freely. The specific laws governing the practices, licensing and policies of our “Animal” Control Officers are delineated under NYS Encon regulations and the Department of Agriculture and Markets. The title of “Animal Control” versus “Dog Control” was appropriately decided years ago by former Town Boards in order to most accurately match which title classification (via civil service regulations) best suited Malta's needs/preference. I hope the information provided here clarifies any confusion regarding the rules and regulations by which the Town's animal control officers must abide.

This is the Town's final newsletter of the year. As summer comes to an end and we enter the beautiful colors of autumn, I extend to you, on behalf of the Town Board and all of the dedicated staff, our gratitude for your support, cooperation and positive input.

Best wishes for a safe, healthy and productive fall and winter.

*Vincent R. DeLucia, Malta Supervisor*

## **MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN JOHN HARTZELL**

### **MALTA 5K RACE SAVE THE DATE – SEPTEMBER 10**

With fall weather right around the corner, it's already time to start your yearly training regimen for the 2016 racing circuit.

Runners and sports enthusiasts can register in advance for the **Malta Business & Professional Association (MBPA) 5K** to be held on **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**.

The 5K will begin at 8:30 am at Hudson Valley's TEC Smart in the Saratoga Technology + Energy Park with routes through Luther Forest Technology Campus. Advance registration is \$25. Runners can also register for \$30 on the day of the event, starting at 7:30 am. For more information you can visit [www.facebook.com/malta5k](http://www.facebook.com/malta5k) or [www.malta5k.com](http://www.malta5k.com) to register yourself or your team.



Last year's race raised over \$35,000 to support Malta's emergency first responders and the Saratoga Rural Preservation Company. Sponsors are now promoting the race to build a team that will participate in this year's event.

Consider this a “friendly corporate challenge” where we can all meet, network, run, jog or walk, and do some good for our community. This is a great, fun-filled, family-oriented community event, and is expected to be even bigger than the 850 runners and walkers who finished the 2015 race.



### **MEET & GREET THE MALTA TOWN BOARD**

**Date: 3rd Saturday of each month**

**Time: 9:00am - 11:00am**

**Where: Malta Community Center  
1 Bayberry Drive**

Each month a Town Board member will be available to meet and greet Malta residents. Stop by to discuss what's on your mind or just say hello!

## **MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN ASSESSOR, RAE-LYN DUSSAULT**

### **2017 Reassessment Update**

Our planned 2017 Town-Wide Reassessment Project will commence this August, 2016. The initial data verification phase includes the mailing of approximately 6,300 property inventory surveys to property owners. We are requesting property owners to notify the assessment office, if changes in property inventory data are required. If the inventory is correct, then no further action is required.

The valuation phase, which includes field review of the property values, will be conducted by the Town Assessment staff along with GAR Associates LLC. The valuation phase will begin in September 2016 and is scheduled for completion in March, 2017. All vehicles used during field review will be clearly marked with the Town of Malta logo and reviewers will have proper identification on them at ALL times.

Change of Assessment Notices will be mailed in April, 2017. This notice will inform property owners of their new preliminary assessed value. If you agree with the new value, no further action is required. If you disagree with the new value, the notice will instruct you on how to schedule an informal review. If you attend an informal review appointment, you will be notified, by mail, of any change in value during early May, 2017.

The Tentative Roll will be filed on May 1, 2017, followed by the regular grievance process. **Formal Grievance Day is May 23, 2017.**

It is our intention to make this process as fair, open and transparent as possible. If you have any question, please feel free to call us at (518) 899-2584.

### **NEW BUSINESSES WELCOME TO MALTA**

Gateway Dermatology	2891 Route 9
Fantastic Sam's	1105 Ellsworth Blvd.
Sports PT	4102 Ellsworth Blvd.
Morgan Management LLC	Parade Ground Village
Clean Concepts – Aesthetic Arts Training Studio	2381 Route 9
North Country Early Childhood Center of Malta	2381 Route 9
The Floor Store	7 Kendall Way
Yarbrough Solutions Worldwide	100 Saratoga Village Blvd. Suite 12

## **MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN HISTORIAN, PAUL PERREAULT**

### **The Year Without a Summer**



2016 marks an unusual anniversary for Malta. Known as “The Year Without a Summer” or even “Eighteen Hundred and Froze to Death”, 1816 had one of the most unusual weather patterns in recorded history. The problem started on the Island of Sumbawa, in the Indonesian archipelago when Mount Tambora erupted on April 5, 1815. It was the most explosive eruption in the last 10,000 years, ejected about 25 cubic miles of debris. Dust was thrown into the high stratosphere, where it could circle the globe for several years and reduce incoming sunlight by reflecting some of the sun’s light back into space.

Throughout Western Europe and most of North America spring never came but instead snow and cold weather persisted throughout the summer. In our area, frost was reported on numerous days in June and snow actually fell in early July and on two occasions in August. An Albany resident wrote that “frost killed most of the fruit trees and corn and vegetables crops were injured.” and he worried that the recently sheared sheep might die of the cold.

Our ancestors were, for the most part, subsistence farmers and able to survive for a year on short rations. However, when the planting season of 1817 came there was little seed to plant crops. The need must have been quite urgent because the Town Board authorized a 50% increase for the Overseer of the Poor, from \$50 to \$75. The need did not immediately diminish and the following year the unheard sum of \$550 was authorized. At the same time, School Inspectors were being paid 25 cents a day. The need was truly great but so were the sacrifices made by those citizens who were able to help their neighbors.

Today Malta residents show concern for needy neighbors by contributing food donations to the Food Pantry at the Community Center. Non-perishable products are needed throughout the year, not just during the Holiday Season, and may be dropped off at the front desk from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Friday and on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am until noon.

### **Malta in World War I**

2017 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary of America’s entry into World War One. To commemorate Malta’s role in that conflict, I am collecting information about Malta residents who participated, either in the armed forces or in a civilian capacity. Pictures, family reminiscences, diaries, or mementoes would be helpful and appreciated. I may be reached at 899-7286 or [historian@malta-town.org](mailto:historian@malta-town.org).



### **Upcoming Program**

#### **September 8 6:30pm**

On Thursday September 8, the Town Historian will be speaking about the **One Room School Houses of Malta** at the Malta Branch of the Round Lake Library located at the Malta Community Center, 1 Bayberry Drive. The program begins at 6:30 pm.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, Roger Crandall**

### **Clean Streets = Clean Streams**

Storm drains provide routes for rain water and snow melt to flow away from our streets and prevent flooding and potential ice conditions. Help us keep our storm drain clean. Do not place brush, leaves or snow on the road pavement as these materials will add pollution to our waters, and block drains and cause flooding and ice conditions. If you do notice a blocked basin, please notify the Highway Department.

### **Be Prepared, Be Aware and Be Patient**

Before it snows, remember last years' problems and try to tackle them in advance. If you do your own snow removal, have your tools and supplies handy. Shovels, snow blowers, calcium chloride, rock salt and sand should be ready before the season begins. If you hire someone for your snow removal, make those arrangements early. It can be difficult to hire someone during a storm.

Make arrangements to have adequate food supplies on hand. Keep flashlights, a battery powered radio and emergency equipment on hand in case of disruption in the power supply. This way you can avoid going out on the roads during a storm or during the cleanup in the aftermath of a storm.

There is a shed with salt/sand mix located toward the back of the Highway Garage parking area. You are welcome to bring a bucket and shovel to take what you need (residents only).

Area news media will announce approaching storms and will disseminate information on school closings and meeting cancellations. They will also note road closings or re-routings.

Please do not go out during or immediately after a snowstorm unless it is truly necessary. Crews have many hours of hard work to complete their snow clearing operations. Less traffic on the roads means that we will be able to clear the roads more quickly and completely. Under the best of conditions, it takes us at least 4 hours from the time it stops snowing completely, until our snow removal operations are over.

Remember, whether it is your driveway for which you are responsible, or the miles of roads for which we are responsible, snow removal is an arduous and time consuming task. Please understand that the Highway Department cannot engage in snow removal of anyone's private property (driveways, entrances, mailboxes, sidewalks, etc. – they are the property owners responsibility).

### **Questions & Answers**

#### ***Why should I not throw snow back into the street?***

It is a violation of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law. Snow thrown back onto the roadway may freeze causing hazardous road conditions. You may cause injury to family, friends or neighbors.

#### ***I cannot shovel my driveway because I am elderly or disabled, what should I do?***

Make arrangements with family, friend, neighbor or contractor to do this for you.

#### ***Why do the plows put snow in my driveway?***

This is not intentional! Snow, like water, will follow the path of least resistance and when there is an opening on the side of the road the accumulated snow on the plow will deposit there.

### **Before the Snow Falls**

Beginning as early as September the Highway Department begins preparing for the winter months by reviewing snow removal routes and servicing equipment. This continues through November while the Highway crew removes dead trees and dangerous limbs from our right-of-ways.

The late fall and early spring are critical times because the same equipment is used for other seasonal jobs and the focus can change in short notice for snow removal.

The Highway's salt storage is stockpiled with 750 tons of salt, 3,000 gallons of enviro-brine and 6,000 gallons of liquid salt brine which are contained in storage tanks. In order to be properly prepared for inclement weather during the snow season, daily weather conditions are continuously monitored via satellite. Daily weather reports from NYS are also received throughout each day.

The salt brine mix is a new method that Malta and some other area towns are utilizing to be proactive as it jump starts the melting process. This mixture is applied to the main Town owned roads prior to a storm. The brining serves two purposes: it prevents the snow from bonding and compacting to the pavement and it keeps traffic moving safely during the initial phase of the storm.



### **When the Snowfall Starts**

An important step in dealing with the snowfall is street salting. The snow removal starts when frozen precipitation begins falling and continues until the streets are clear. We have seven plow routes with two men in each truck. It takes approximately four hours to complete one run. Of course this time per run depends on driving conditions and amount of snow that is falling per hour.

### **When the Snowfall Continues**

When two or three inches of snow have accumulated and more is predicted, snow is more economically removed by plowing rather than salting. If the storm continues in intensity, the trucks remain in the same pattern until the storm abates, at which time, the trucks begin to "widen out" all roads by pushing the accumulated snow back to the curb line and clearing intersections. The crew works around the clock to keep the roads open and passable during snowstorms.

### **After the Storm is Over**

We continue to monitor all roads for icy spots and areas where winds blow snow back in to traffic lanes.

The Town will inspect catch basins

Residents are responsible for keeping fire hydrants clear in front of your property.



#### **Christmas Tree pick-up will end on JANUARY 9**

If you miss this deadline you are welcome to drop them off at the Highway Garage to the side of the gate.

## HOW CAN RESIDENTS HELP DURING A SNOWSTORM

- ◆ Reduce your speed and drive cautiously.
- ◆ Remain off the roadways during snow storms unless absolutely necessary.
- ◆ Park vehicles in driveways and off the roadway. Vehicles left parked on roadways create a hazard to other drivers and delay highway crew's efforts to plow the roads. You also run the risk of your vehicle being towed during a storm along with a fine of \$100.
- ◆ No street parking from November 1 to April 1.
- ◆ Move basketball hoops, garbage cans, landscaping, rocks, sprinkler heads, etc. off the road right-of-way. **The Town WILL NOT be responsible for replacing or repairing any objects left within the right-of-way and there are no exceptions.**
- ◆ Do not plow, blow or throw snow back into the road or on other peoples' property (NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law)
- ◆ Storm events are normally forecast 2 to 3 days in advance so please make every effort to gather whatever supplies you and your family will need. For example: gas, food, water and medicine to last 2 or 3 days.
- ◆ **BE PATIENT...**The Highway Department will get to your area and make every effort to plow all roadways as quickly as possible.

If you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to call us at 899-2818. Please keep in mind that we are out on the road often and our secretary is part time so, if you get the answering machine, PLEASE leave a message with your phone number and we will return your call as soon as possible.

You can find all this information on our website at [www.malta-town.org](http://www.malta-town.org)

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WINTER HOURS

October thru March  
Monday thru Friday  
7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### **Hints for plowing your driveway**

\* If at all possible, leave a strip of snow at the edge of your driveway. This will block some of the snow from entering your driveway when the plow widens the roadway. Finish clearing your driveway entrance AFTER the final widening pass of the Town trucks has been completed.

\* Situate your mailboxes further off the road so they are less likely to get hit.

\* Make the opening of your driveway from the road as wide as possible

\* Clear about ten feet over and at least one foot in from the road on the left side of your driveway so that most of the snow from the plow is deposited before it reaches your driveway.



When plows will be out during trash pick-up day **PLEASE** place buckets at least two feet from the edge of the road. Waste removal trucks can reach at least three feet.

## MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

**Town Clerk- Patricia Ruggles**  
**Deputy Town Clerk- Jennifer Holmes**  
**Part Time Deputy Town Clerk- Jennifer Lanahan**

The Town Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday 8am-5pm.

We are here to happily assist with many of your daily and important needs:

- \* Marriage Licenses
- \* Dog Licenses
- \* Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- \* Vendor Permits
- \* Voter Registration Forms
- \* Certificates of Residency
- \* F.O.I.L. Requests
- \* Public Notary
- \* Applications and Membership Tags for East Line Romp & Play Dog Park

### **Have you licensed your dog?**



Your pet is part of your family. Licensing your pet acts as a form of insurance enabling us to act quickly to contact you if your pet becomes lost.

New York State Law requires that all dogs 4 months of age or older that reside in the state for more than 30 days must be licensed annually.

Be a responsible pet owner and stop by the Town Clerk's office and license your dog.

A \$5.00 late fee will be added to a dog license renewal if one month late.

A \$5.00 fee will be applied to any dog that is not licensed.

**More pets licensed = more pets reunited with owners**

Check out the Animal Control page on the Town website for more information or call 288-5061 or 376-8035 and leave a message.

### DOG LEASH LAW

**As of May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 a dog must be on a 6 foot leash while on public property or on private property that is not owned by the dog owner (without approval of the land owner).**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR, Audrey Ball**

**MALTA COMMUNITY PARK**

Planning for the renovation improvements at the Malta Community Park started on July 28 when the public met to discuss recommended improvements and provide input. Many of the improvements regarding the access, signage, and storm water improvements may be able to be completed in-house. Others, such as improving the ball-field, may have to be contracted out.

An exciting, new concept is emerging for this park as a nature play facility. Existing structures will remain and not be affected by this planning. Nature play gets children outdoors and engaged with nature in a managed or modified outdoor environment.



Wooden teepee made out of branches  
(Image 6)



They contain natural elements designed to allow children to climb, run, build, play in the dirt and enjoy nature in its natural state. These features can be accomplished through a volunteer effort. A young man has already stepped up to provide a teepee and stepping stones. If you have a talent and would like to assist, please contact us. Watch for the next public meeting announcement sometime in September.



**OCTOBER 4, 2016 AT THE MALTA COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Malta Career Expo & Job Fair features local employers, on the spot interviews, resume critiques and skills building break-out sessions free to job seekers and veterans.

If you are a business; the day is filled with opportunities to network with area employers, promote your company as a "best of" employer and participate in workshops about the latest in digital recruiting, panel discussions of best hiring practices and other unique surprises. Not just your typical "job fair", not your usual trade-show. A hybrid of both, with a bit of flair to make any human resource or hiring professional GLAD they came. Vendor booths, catered lunch, speakers and gifts! Now, THAT's hiring done right. Have questions about the job fair? Contact the Ballston Journal online.



**Saturday, September 10  
(Rain Date: Sept. 11)  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Shenantaha Creek Park**

In its 28<sup>th</sup> year of food and fun, this festival has something for everyone. There is a large tent for businesses and not-for-profits to advertise or sell their wares. A second tent hosts food and entertainment. Throughout the grounds are petting zoos, pony rides, bounce houses, demonstrations and so much more.

Join the fun on Malta Community Day and enter our annual Scarecrow decorating contest. This years theme is "Myths and Monsters". All area residents, organizations, and businesses are invited to enter a scarecrow of their making and challenge last year's winners. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place are awarded in children and adult categories. Scarecrows are on display in our Scarecrow patch from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Entry forms can be obtained at the Malta Community Center and also on line at [www.maltaparksrec.com](http://www.maltaparksrec.com).

Entertainment by:

10-12:00 pm  
**Keller & Cannon  
Musical Duo**

12:30-1:30 pm  
**Spotlight on Malta  
Variety Show**

2-4:00 pm  
**The Reverberators**



**Parking /Shuttle Bus Information**

**New this year**, parking and the shuttle bus is available at the Chango School to accommodate the south end of the Town and the Malta Community Center for our residents living on the north end of town. Busses run from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please park and ride the shuttle bus as there is limited parking at the Shenantaha Creek Park.

## Emergency Preparedness Are You Prepared?



The time to plan for an emergency is now, before a disaster or emergency happens. Have you assembled a disaster supply kit? Do you know where to tune for weather and disaster information? Do you know what to do in an emergency? The Town has assembled information at the Town Hall and on the Town's web site to assist you in how to better prepare for an emergency.

Did you know the Town has three emergency warning sirens: one is located at the Malta Community Park on Plains Road, the second is located at Shenantaha Creek Park on East Line Road and the third is located at the Town Complex on Route 9. The emergency warning sirens will activate and continuously sound in the event of an emergency. They will alert Town residents of an impending danger, allow them to take appropriate emergency precautions and serve as a reminder to turn to WGY AM and 101.3 FM (the Town's designated emergency stations) for further information.



**A test of the emergency warning sirens  
has been scheduled for  
10:00 am on Thursday October 6, 2016.**

The sirens will activate and sound for approximately 60 seconds. Proximity to the sirens and other factors will determine whether or not they are readily heard by particular sections of the Town. These sirens are only one means of communication.

Weather radios and the television are also good sources of information related to storms and emergencies. Local television news services also allow viewers to register to receive notification of school/business closings and/or severe weather alerts. We encourage our residents to register with a local news service to be alerted to our ever changing weather conditions.

Additionally, Town residents should visit the Town web page at [www.malta-town.org](http://www.malta-town.org) and on the home page click on "Notify Me". This section of the Town's web page enables Town residents to register and to be notified of various matters including emergency alerts. These alerts would be sent by e-mail and text to the residents that have subscribed. The Town will also use Twitter and Facebook as additional means of notifying the public.

Please keep in mind that emergencies can occur at any time on any date. The Town will make its best efforts to notify the public of these emergencies, but some occur without sufficient time to provide notice. Therefore, it is imperative that all Town residents be prepared and develop their own emergency preparedness plans for their families. To start your family's plan today, log on to [www.malta-town.org](http://www.malta-town.org) under the Resident Help Center click on "prepare for emergencies."

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE & COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

by Charles Weintraub (EPC Chairman & CERT Team Leader)

Winter will be here before you know it and it probably won't be as easy as last year's. If we get a "snowmageddon" type storm will you know what to do? Are you prepared?



The Town of Malta – with assistance from the Town's Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – is presenting **PrepareAthon for Winter Storm Safety** on **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm** at the Malta Community Center.

Representatives from our local fire departments, law enforcement agencies, ambulance, CERT and others will be providing information that will help residents be better prepared in the event of a major storm. Much of this information is useful for general emergency preparedness year-round.

Open to Malta residents only, this free and very informative event will fill up quickly as everyone will want to get the benefits provided. In addition to valuable information, we will be distributing free "Go-Bags" to the first 100 people who attend (one go-bag per family). Our go-bags are backpacks with emergency items such as: an AM/FM radio, an emergency blanket, flashlight, batteries, food, water, and more.

In today's world, emergency preparedness is an everyday need and not something that "you will get around to when you need it." At that point it might be too late. Knowing what to do saves lives – and it could be yours and your family's lives that are saved.

To register for this event or for more information please call the Community Center at (518) 899-4411.

*Funding for this event was generously provided by the GLOBALFOUNDRIES/Town of Malta Foundation, Inc.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE MALTA OPEN SPACE, AGRICULTURE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

### Focus on Farms and Open Spaces Double M Western



In 1966, Ronald and Kathy Martin bought property on Route 67 in the Town of Malta. Along with a business partner, they started "Horses Bought and Sold". This August, their family will celebrate fifty years in business at the same location.

From the original "Horses Bought and Sold", both the business and the Martin family have grown and changed with the times. Ron and Kathy's sons and daughters-in-law now run four related businesses on their 36 acre property. The **Double M Rodeo** grew out of the horse selling business, and although the Martins no longer sell horses, the rodeo is still going strong today. Son Wayne Martin and his wife Cindy are in charge of the rodeo, which runs every Friday and Saturday night from early July to early September. When the weather cooperates, the rodeo may host as many as twenty thousand visitors over a typical summer season. According to Wayne Martin, the Double M Rodeo is the largest on the east coast. Riders and ropers from Maine to Texas travel to Malta to compete here. There are competitions for youngsters too, including barrel racing, where children from ages three to eighteen can show their skills.



The Martins still have a few horses of their own, but the livestock you are most likely to notice in the pastures along Route 67 are some interesting-looking cattle. This herd of about twenty-five head are roping steers used for the rodeo events. The Martins use Corrientes, a small, agile breed with stamina, heavy horns, and a gentle disposition. These characteristics make the Corriente an ideal animal for rodeo events.

In addition to the rodeo, Wayne and Cindy Martin also run the **Double M Western Store**, which carries a wide range of boots and western wear, along with ladies fashions and accessories. See more at their website: [www.doublemwestern.com](http://www.doublemwestern.com).

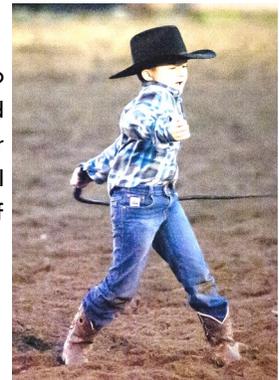


Just across the parking lot, brother Leo Martin and his wife Jennifer run their two business: **Double M Haunted Hayrides** and the **Back on the Rack Consignment Boutique**. In late September, the hayrides will begin and will run through Halloween. Started twenty-six years ago, the hayrides typically attract ten to fifteen thousand visitors over their fall season. The Haunted Hayrides also offer a number of attractions along the route. You can learn more at their website: [www.doublemhauntedhayrides.com](http://www.doublemhauntedhayrides.com).

*Back on the Rack Consignment Boutique* now operates where the Martin family formerly sold tack, equipment and supplies for horse care. But with growth and development in Saratoga County, fewer families have the land to keep a horse or two, and there is less demand for saddles and brushes. Jennifer Martin has designed an attractive store for that space that meets the needs of both bargain shoppers and those who wish to sell their lightly worn fashions.

In rapidly growing areas like Malta, it has become harder for farmers and ranchers to make a profit from their land without selling out to developers. Agritourism (activity that brings visitors to a farm or ranch) has increasingly become an answer for some farmers.

The Martin family, with their rodeo and haunted hayrides, has found creative ways to use their farmland profitably while still preserving open space for all of us to enjoy.





## **LIBRARY VOTE - NOVEMBER 8**

As you probably know, the Round Lake Library serves the entire Town of Malta and operates in 2 locations: *Clark House in the Village of Round Lake* and the *Malta branch in the Malta Community Center*. Hundreds of registered voters have already signed a petition to place this referendum on the ballot in November.

The referendum would increase the annual funding from the Town to the library by \$48,000 per year. If approved, these funds could only be used for operations, such as keeping our book collection and technology current, improving and expanding programs and services to the public and paying staff. If the voters agree, the taxes for the support of the library will only increase by approximately 3 cents per thousand of assessed value.

For example: if the assessed value of your house is \$150,000, your current tax will be increased by \$4.50 per year. If your assessed value is \$200,000 the increase would be \$6.00 per year. This amount will not increase unless and/or until another proposition is passed by the voters in the Town of Malta.

It has been 5 years since the last vote to fund the library, and the library board of trustees believes this increase will carry the library for at least another 5 years. The library is a very popular community resource. This vote will allow the library to keep and improve the collections, programs and services used by the residents of the Town.

The vote is **Tuesday, November 8, 2016** at your usual polling place.

If you would like additional information, visit [www.roundlake@sals.edu](mailto:www.roundlake@sals.edu).



NOTE: This proposition is on the back side of the ballot, so remember to turn your ballot over in order to cast your vote on this issue.

**Clark House Branch**  
**899-2285**  
**31 Wesley Ave, Round Lake**

**Malta Branch**  
**682-2495**  
**1 Bayberry Drive, Malta**



**[www.roundlakelibrary.org](http://www.roundlakelibrary.org)**



malta league of arts



**THE MALTA LEAGUE OF ARTS AND THE WORLD AWARENESS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM PRESENTS:**

### **ARTS ATTITUDES-- "YOUNG ARTISTS AROUND THE WORLD"**

*As Picasso said "It took me .....a lifetime to draw like a child"*

**LOCATION:** HISTORIC ROUND LAKE AUDITORIUM  
2 Wesley Avenue, Round Lake, NY

This multicultural, family event for all ages will include activities for children as well as an exhibition of award winning international youth art from the World Awareness Children's Museum's permanent collection.

ADMISSION TO THE EVENT IS **FREE** AND CHILDREN SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

#### **EVENT SCHEDULE:**

**THURSDAY, SEPT 15 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**  
OPENING RECEPTION (punch and desserts)

**FRIDAY, SEPT 16 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
OPEN TO PUBLIC AND GROUP TOURS

**SATURDAY, SEPT 17 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

10:00 Making Japanese Fans

11:00 Mono printing

1:30 Storytelling

3:00 Collage making

There will be an Activity Station with international clothing and Open Art Studio

**SUNDAY, SEPT 18 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Check the **Malta League of Arts** Facebook page for any updates or changes.

The World Awareness Children's Museum inspires, collects and shares international cultures through the universal language of art. Their collection has grown to over 8,000 pieces of international youth art from 82 countries.

The Malta League of Arts is dedicated to the principal and fundamental importance of artistic and cultural expression in all forms. Thus, through nurturing and encouragement of all artists we seek to enrich our community and its citizens.

## **TOWN HONORS WILLIAM (BILL) SHAW AT THE SARATOGA COUNTY DECEASED VETERANS PROGRAM CEREMONY**

At the September, 2016 County Board of Supervisor's monthly meeting, the Town Supervisor will honor one of our Town's long-standing volunteer and veteran at their meeting as part of the County's Deceased Veteran Program Ceremony.

William (Bill) Shaw was a member of The Special Category Army with the Air Force (SCARWAF) from 1951-1953. He served his Country proudly and honorably as a Corporal in the Korean War and received the Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal.



Bill was also a dedicated volunteer to the Town as a longtime member of the Malta Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Assessment Review, Emergency Services Committee and the Veterans Committee. Bill was a dedicated volunteer for over 50 years on the Malta Ridge Fire Department serving as Chief as well. He was also a board member on the Ballston Spa School District and Malta Rotary for many years.

The Town recognizes, honors and thanks Bill Shaw, and expresses to his family and friends our great pride; and extends our gratitude for his patriotic defense of freedom and service to our Country and to the Town of Malta.



## **MALTA VETERANS RECOGNITION LUNCHEON**

**Thursday, October 13, 2016**

**11:30am - 1:30pm**

Malta Veterans, their families and friends are invited to join us at the Malta Community Center for a buffet with refreshments and cake.

Sponsored by the Town of Malta and the Malta Veterans Committee.

### **Fee:**

- Free to Malta Veterans with proof of military service
- \$20 per person for family and friends

**Registration required by October 11, 2016  
Seats are limited so register early!**

Veterans...Need transportation?

Call 899-4411 by Friday, October 9 to arrange for transportation.



## **MALTA VETERANS APPRECIATION PROGRAM (MVAP)**

We find that our veterans typically will not ask for help. If you know of a veteran/family who needs anything such as shelter, renovations to their home, food, help with benefits, etc., you can anonymously share their name and contact information so we may reach out to them.

The MVAP is a group of volunteers dedicated to helping our Malta veterans live a full and productive life. Their services can range from building a handicap ramp, renovating living quarters or driving a veteran to their doctor's appointments.

The MVAP is looking for volunteers and donations. If you would like to be part of this community reach-out program, please call Renee Farley at 577-8863 or Dave Wallingford at 584-9137 or email them at [MVAP@gmail.com](mailto:MVAP@gmail.com)

## September 5—Labor Day Concert

FREE GENERAL ADMISSION

Navy Band of Northeast Ceremonial Band & Rock Band. Rhode Island Sound.

Saratoga Performing Arts Center

Gates Open 12:00pm

Show promptly starts 2:00pm

Sponsored by:

Saratoga County Board of Supervisors

Saratoga County Veterans Peer Connection

### Message From the Malta Health Officer, Gayle Buckley, M.D.



The autumn months and cooler weather does not stop the bugs, ticks and mosquitoes that are still active. Use of lawn and garden sprays will reduce the ticks and discourage mosquitoes. Applying insect repellent to yourself when outside in the evenings or in the woods will help reduce insect bites.



You should check your body daily for ticks. If one is found, remove it with a tick puller or tweezers and place it in a container and call your health care provider.

The NYS Health Department is reporting that ticks are carrying not only Lyme's disease but other tick borne illnesses.

Food safety is a high priority. Raw foods and poultry should be rinsed before cooking. Keep foods at the proper temperatures to avoid spoilage. It is recommended to have separate cutting boards for raw produce, meats and fish. Also, raw dough has been shown to carry E. Coli.

Fall is preparation time for the upcoming winter months and bedding down the yard and garden for winter. Seal up openings to keep mice and other animals out. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors should be checked to make sure they are in working order. Furnaces and hot water heaters should be checked and serviced if needed prior to the heating season. It is also recommended to check for opening that will allow rodents and other animals access to the house or apartment.

## FORMER TOWN SUPERVISOR, PAUL SAUSVILLE RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Former Town Supervisor Paul J. Sausville was presented with a plaque and recognized by Malta Town Board members, and the Nigro Companies, for his many years of service to the town at a ceremony held Wednesday morning, July 6. The ceremony was held in the Nigro Companies' newly renamed "Paul J. Sausville Gazebo" to honor the 40 years Sausville spent working to improve the town of Malta.

Sausville equated the gazebo to a symbol of the quality of life in Malta, and thanked the Nigro Companies for choosing Malta as a location for their business.

*"I spent 40 years volunteering my time with the town of Malta and also as an elected official, and in some way, the gazebo represents all of the volunteers beside just me over the last couple of hundred years since the town was founded"* said Sausville.



Left to Right: Darren O'Connor, John Hartzell, Tim Dunn, Nancy Sausville, Paul Sausville, Vince DeLucia, Maggi Ruisi, Craig Warner  
Photo by Bob Conner

Sausville retired at the end of last year after 10 years as town supervisor. Before that, he served as a councilman, Planning Board Chairman and chairman of other committees.

*"Paul, all the positive things that you said about the town, remember, for the past 40 years you had a lot to do with it,"* said current Town Supervisor Vincent DeLucia.

DeLucia also thanked the Nigro Companies, and Mr. Sausville's family for "loaning him" to the town of Malta.

Sausville was accompanied to the event by his wife Nancy, his daughter and their granddaughter.

Article courtesy of O. Nadel, The Ballston Journal



Left to Right: Vince DeLucia,, Paul Sausville, Steve Powers (Nigro Companies)  
Photo by Olivia Nadel

## PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE\*

**Town Board** meetings are held the first and third Monday of the month 6:00pm

**Planning Board** meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

**Zoning Board** meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm

**Historic Preservation Review Commission (HPRC)** meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00pm

(Check the website prior to each meeting for the agenda)

## TOWN BOARD MEETING DATES

Meetings are held first and third Monday of the month at **6:00pm** in the Town Hall (except when Monday is a holiday)

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
September 19	January 9
October 3	January 23
October 17	February (tbd)
November 7	March 6
November 21	March 20
December 5	April 3
December 19	April 17

**\*All meetings are held at the Malta Town Hall and are open to the public.**

*\*all dates and venues subject to change*

### **'NOTIFY ME'**

Sign up on the "NOTIFY ME" section of the Town website to receive notifications and information relating to the Town of Malta

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