



# Town Times

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## Upcoming:

**\*Please check website  
and/or facebook for  
updates!**

July 16<sup>th</sup>: Residential  
Tire Collection Event –  
Town of Manchester  
Highway Facility

September 10<sup>th</sup>:  
Household Hazardous  
Waste Collection  
Event – Town of  
Bristol Highway  
Facility

September 17<sup>th</sup>:  
Residential Tire  
Collection Event –  
Town of Richmond  
Town Hall

Visit  
[OntarioCountyRecycles.org](http://OntarioCountyRecycles.org)  
for details on events  
and preregistration



## this issue:

- Business Highlight: Ports Cafe
- Updates from Departments & Committees

## From Supervisor Mark Venuti

Hello Town Residents and Friends,

Happy summer. I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather and getting outside as much as possible. The town's Kashong Conservation Area, bike park, box field and community garden are being enjoyed by many.

If you get the local news, you have heard the Town of Seneca is polling its residents to obtain their views on the future of the Ontario County landfill. The landfill is county owned but operated by a company based in Vermont, Casella Waste Systems. Because the landfill is in the Town of Seneca, it obtained a host agreement with Casella that has brought it over \$2 million per year since 2003. The county also receives over \$2 million per year under its agreement with Casella. The contract with Casella expires at the end of 2028, and the currently permitted space at the landfill is expected to reach capacity at the same time.

Most of the waste brought to the landfill comes from outside of Ontario County and includes contaminated soil, sludge and asbestos besides the variety of trash you discard at home. As a member of the county's Planning and Environmental Committee I have been working to make sure the landfill is properly closed when the contract expires at the end of 2028 and to move us to practices that reduce the amount of trash thrown away. Ontario County and the Town of Seneca have benefitted from landfill money. But many of us, especially from the Geneva area, have had our safety, health and enjoyment of the outdoors compromised without compensation. We have had more than our share of trash trucks and noxious odors. Enough. It is time to move on from the business of importing waste and its excessive generation. If there must be landfilling, let someplace else take a turn. 2028 will not conclude our landfill experience. Ontario County will have to manage this small mountain range of waste indefinitely.

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## From Supervisor Mark Venuti (cont'd)

Part of the solution locally is to have a Resource Recovery Park developed where most of what is currently discarded can be recycled and reused. The town will be looking into establishing a park for this area to prepare for a more responsible waste management approach. I ask town residents to support this effort, work on sustainable practices in your own lives and businesses (check the town's web site for our programs), and make it known to the Ontario County Board of Supervisors you do not support expansion of the landfill and continued importing of waste beyond 2028.

### Business Highlight: Ports Cafe

#### Celebrating 25+ Years in the Town of Geneva

It all started in 1994, when Seneca Marketplace expanded their business and opened a seasonal roadside food stand. Ports Cone & Grill offered a menu of house ground hamburgers, hot dogs, french-fries, homemade onion rings and ice cream.

Realizing the need for additional dining options in the Town of Geneva and with the continued support of the community, eventually Seneca Marketplace was repurposed into a year-round restaurant.

Ports Cafe humbly served its first meal in December of 2000, offering a simple menu, local beer, and wine by the glass. More recent renovations included adding a full-service bar, new restrooms, and an all-season patio room. Ports Cafe serves dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Check out their website at: [Portscafe.com](http://Portscafe.com)

"The Economic Development Committee highlights a Town business each quarter. Please contact Committee Chair Bob McCarthy with suggestions for businesses to focus on in future editions."

## Communications Committee

- From Kim Aliperti, Committee Chair

The Town Communications Committee continues meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, check the website for any changes. We continue to keep the website and social media sites updated and continue work on the quarterly newsletter. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 2nd.

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## Photos from the Garden

The Community Garden at Town Hall is thriving this year!



## Stay Informed!

Email users, give us your email address and we'll include you on periodic messages about important town and area events. Send an email to [supervisor@townofgeneva.com](mailto:supervisor@townofgeneva.com) to sign up! Your email address will never be shared with others, and you can be removed from the list at any time by hitting the unsubscribe button at the bottom of town messages.



## From the Town Clerk's Office:

The first day to buy your 2023 Hunting Licenses is Monday, August 1, 2022.

### Reminder: Geneva Lake Friendly Living Educational Series & Lake Friendly Living Questions

The Town of Geneva Sustainability Committee, in partnership with the City of Geneva Green Committee, has begun a series of educational events on Lake Friendly Living. Topics include: Eco lawn care, composting, rain barrels, and others as requested.

To view recordings of past events or to submit a Lake Friendly Living question please visit the town's website. These questions do not need to be specific to an upcoming program. We want to help with any questions or concerns you have when trying to be more eco-conscious!

Did you know?!



If you are 65 and older and would like to use the facilities of the Geneva Family YMCA without a membership, the town pays the Y a sum each year for seniors to obtain a punch card good for 12 visits to the Y to use the facilities and participate in Y programs. Just contact the Y and tell them you are a town resident and would like a card, and off you go.

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