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A message from the supervisor's office

This is my first *Snapshots* as your new Town Supervisor. We've undertaken an ambitious agenda of policy updates, infrastructure projects and operational improvements. I'm doing my best to keep you informed on all fronts. We're releasing information to the *Suburban News* weekly, I'm updating my "Town of Sweden Supervisor" Facebook page almost daily, and we're using the tried and true methods of open meetings, legal notices, our website and this newsletter. I'd like to take this space to update you on the first 10 weeks in office.

Your newly elected public officials were sworn in at a ceremony on January 2. My family (see photo at right), wife Marne; children Kevin, Grant, Maggie and Reagan; and parents Kevin and Marcy joined me as I took the oath of office from the



Honorable Dr. Donald E. Bain, President Emeritus of St. John Fisher College. Also sworn in that evening were Councilpersons Patricia Hayles and Robert Muesebeck, Clerk Karen Sweeting and Justice Anthony Perry.

Since that night, the Sweden Town Board has adopted new Rules of Procedure for Town Board meetings. I believe the new rules will help the Town Board

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Free Rabies Clinic, Saturday May 5

The Town of Sweden's annual rabies clinic for dogs and cats will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 9 am to 12 noon at the Highway Garage, 40 White Road.

For everyone's safety, children should be kept away from other pets. Dogs must be leashed and strictly controlled. Cats should be in sturdy carriers.

In order to receive a vaccination, pets must be at least three months of age. Proof of a previous vaccination is required in order for the pet

to receive a three-year rabies shot; otherwise a one-year initial rabies shot will be given at the clinic.

As the Sweden Town Board believes that the rabies clinic is an important safety program, all pet owners are welcome to take advantage of the clinic regardless of residency.

For more information about either clinic, please call Dog Control Officer Kathy Beaumont at 637-4260.

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meetings function more effectively and efficiently. I believe the rules also help all participants—board members, town staff, and the public to understand their privileges and responsibilities during meetings.

We adopted a new Emergency Closing Procedure (see the article on page 8) in the wake of severe winter weather during the first week of January.

The Town Board updated the Investment Policy and the Employee Handbook Travel Policy. We are currently reviewing the Solar Farm Law adopted last year. Deputy Supervisor Bob Muesebeck has reconvened the committee that developed the Solar Farm law to see if some minor adjustments need to be made. One of the difficulties in crafting a new law is to foresee every situation that may arise.

If we decide some changes are needed, a new public hearing will be held and those changes presented prior to being adopted into the Code. We have had two Solar Farm Companies approach the Town about possible projects although no formal application had been made as of the time I am writing this article.

The Town Board held a second public hearing on an application to rezone the land on the north west corner of Fourth Section and Redman Roads on February 13. We were not required to hold a second public hearing, but I felt that it was appropriate as Councilperson Hayles and I were not members of the Town Board when the first hearing was held. Again, as I write this article we have not voted on the application, although I expect that we will be voting in the very near future.

In 2017, the Town Board did grant a re-zoning for the Stonebriar Housing Development on Fourth Section Road. One of my first tasks as Supervisor was to negotiate with the owners for admission into the Fourth Section Road sewer district. A Public Hearing on sewer district expansion was scheduled to be held on March 13. I believe the residents will be very satisfied with the results of the negotiations—Stonebriar will assume the vast majority of the remaining debt service, lowering each existing property owner's share by nearly \$300 per year when fully assessed (2022).

Last year the Town Board hired grant writer Jay Grasso to conduct an income survey in the Town to determine eligibility for public water expansion grants. The survey results were delivered to my office in January and filed with the USDA Rural Development (see article page 5). We will be pursuing numerous grant opportunities aggressively to expand public water to those who need it.

We are taking a hard look at improving pedestrian safety on Owens Road. We may be pursuing a grant

opportunity for the installation of sidewalks and we need your support. We're also seeking a reduction in the speed limit on Owens Road. See the article on the next page for more details. In another safety effort, I have asked the Rochester Genesee Regional Transit Authority to consider moving the bus stop on Route 31 (at the end of Owens Road) to Owens Road. That request requires a lengthy review with no guaranteed outcome.

Highway Superintendent Brian Ingraham is working on a three-year capital improvement plan for Town Roads. Maintaining our infrastructure is a top priority for this administration. Once the plan is fully fleshed out and funding identified, we will keep the public informed of the sequence and scope of road improvements.

We're making tremendous improvements at the Sweden Town Park. Some of the projects were underway when I took office, like the newly opened Park Lodge. Others are in development—we plan to build restrooms between the four small baseball fields this spring; we have a \$250,000 grant for an inclusive playground in review; and we have submitted a grant application for funding for a splash park.

We are considering some improvements to the Court Room at the Town Hall to facilitate both court and board meeting functions. The public address system needs to be updated and we are also looking into a video taping system. The Town Board and I decided to move all board meetings, including workshops, to the court room to better accommodate the public and presenters.

At the Community Center, we've empowered Recreation Supervisor Jill Wisnowski and her staff to continue the successful transition of senior programming to the center. We want all residents to feel comfortable and satisfied with the programming options there.

One of my duties as Supervisor is to assign Board members to liaison roles. I made the following assignments: Deputy Supervisor Muesebeck—highway and town park; Councilperson Rich—Seymour Library; Councilperson Skoog—dog control and town court; and Councilperson Hayles—community center. I serve as the liaison to the other departments housed at the Town Hall. Prior to being sworn in as Supervisor, I met with all departments in order to get a broad understanding of their responsibilities, functions and challenges. It was quite a learning experience.

I also enjoyed tremendous learning experiences at the Association of Town's newly elected officials training in Rochester and the annual conference in New York City. Every session I attended yielded valuable information. I look forward to putting that information to use for constituents.

I am holding regular office hours at the Town Hall on Tuesday afternoons from 1–5 pm. Please call my office at 637-7588 to schedule a time as it seems that every Tuesday so far has been quite full. I encourage your participation in our Town government. Please consider attending our meetings and visit our website and social media. We also have experienced staff at all facilities to help you.

Kevin G. Johnson, Supervisor

Sweden Town Park Lodge is ready for your event!

The Sweden Town Park Lodge is now available for public use! Long on Sweden's wish list for the Park, the Lodge became a reality when the Sweden Community Foundation sponsored a grant application to the NYS Office of Parks and Historic Preservation. The \$446,145 grant award included funding for the Lodge, a small playground and a path to the canal (the playground and path are still to be completed).

Many thanks to the Foundation for its efforts to secure the grant. The Foundation also raised money to purchase all the furnishings for the Lodge—tables, chairs, appliances, picnic tables and more. The Town appreciates the assistance from Senator Rob Ortt in obtaining a \$75,000 SAM grant that helped with the Lodge construction costs.

The Town and Foundation will host an open house on Saturday, April 14 for the public to see this amazing new facility! More details to follow.

So, how do you rent the Lodge? Visit the Community Center at 4927 Lake Road, fill out an application, provide payment and a security deposit... and it's yours!

The Lodge is rented by the day; renters are allowed to use it from 8 am to 10 pm on their event date. The cost is \$175 plus a \$175 security deposit (separate checks). Once the Lodge passes a post-event inspection, the security deposit will be returned. If there is any damage or if the Lodge is not cleaned appropriately, the security deposit will be forfeited. If damage exceeds the cost of the security deposit, the renter will be billed.

Included in the Lodge rental are the use of stove, oven, microwave, refrigerator/freezer, tables and chairs, outdoor picnic tables (under the portico). The Lodge comes equipped with handicapped accessible restrooms, park-



ing and a gas fireplace.

The Lodge capacity is 99 persons indoors; larger events may make use of the covered portico complete with picnic tables. A small toddler playground and outdoor grills are planned for later this year.

Park users should note that while the Lodge may be used until 10 pm, the Park closes at dusk which means that all activities other than those within the Lodge proper must cease when the Park closes.

All other Sweden Town Park rules apply to Lodge rentals particularly those pertaining to personal conduct and the consumption of alcohol. There is no swimming in the pond, no use of fireworks, no gambling. No firearms or other weapons are allowed in the Sweden Town Park. Renters will receive a full copy of Park regulations. Lodge renters must be 21 years of age.

For questions about renting the Lodge, call the Community Center at 431-0090. Demand for the Lodge has proven to be high in the first few weeks that reservations have been available so be sure to make your arrangements early. A strict cancellation policy is in place because demand is so high.

Input sought for sidewalks and speed limit reduction on Owens Road

The Town of Sweden is seeking public support in order to pursue grant funding for a sidewalk on Owens Road from the existing sidewalk (along the west side of Lowe's) north into the Village of Brockport and south to Brockport Spencerport Road. Safety is the primary concern as pedestrian traffic has increased significantly along the heavily traveled roadway.

The sidewalk project could be a joint opportunity with the Village of Brockport in order to continue the sidewalk into the Village from Owens Road at State Street and/or South Avenue. Supervisor Kevin Johnson has spoken to Mayor Margay Blackman about the possibility; and it was a concept discussed with the Village by the previous Town Supervisor. In order to pursue the funding, the Town needs to gather community support.

In addition, following several requests by residents, the Town of Sweden is seeking a speed limit reduction on Owens Road. Once an official recommendation is filed by Highway Superintendent Brian Ingraham, the Sweden Town Board may pass a resolution requesting the reduction. New York State will make the determination with input from Monroe County. The speed reduction request is part of a two-prong approach to improving pedestrian safety on Owens Road.

Residents may submit letters of support for either or both potential projects to: Supervisor, Town of Sweden, 18 State Street, Brockport, NY 14420 or call 637-7588 for more information. The sidewalk funding application is due soon so time is of the essence.

Assessment notices have been mailed to all property owners

The Town of Sweden is in the midst of a thorough assessment update this year (taxable status date March 1, 2018). Please note that an assessment notice has been mailed regarding every tax parcel in the Town of Sweden, including the Village of Brockport. The notices went out at the end of the last full week of March—if you have not received your notice by the time you read this newsletter, please contact the assessor's office immediately at 637-8683.

Many property values have changed during this assessment update; some have been lowered; some have been raised; very few have remained the same. As your new assessor last year (2017 roll), I made very few changes during the transition period. This year, I have been notified by the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS) that property values are trending upward in Sweden and I need to make changes in order to keep our roll certified at 100%.

It is vital that the Town maintain an accurate and equitable tax roll. Assessments are the tool with which tax levies are divided among properties so that all property owners pay their fair share, and only their fair share.

The assessments I establish are used not only by the Town of Sweden for its tax levy, but by all taxing authorities here—Monroe County, Brockport Central Schools, the Village of Brockport and the Brockport Fire District.

Assessments do not determine the taxes that are levied by a local government. The governing boards of each entity determine the tax levy when they make decisions about which services to provide. Assessments have nothing to do with budget decisions.

If you are satisfied with your property's tentative assessment, you don't need to do anything. Those of you with questions or who disagree with the tentative assessment, should schedule an informal conference with me. These

informal reviews are scheduled in 15 minute intervals. Some examples of information that is helpful for a property owner to bring to a review are:

- A recent listing of the property showing the asking price, time on market and offers made
- A recent sale of the property (copy of contract, closing statement and appraisal)
- Recent sales prices of similar properties in the neighborhood
- Photographs showing problems with the property or items the owner wishes to have considered
- Any additional information that would help establish the property's current value

Please note that only the property owner or someone with a letter of authorization from the property owner may participate in a review. If we do not come to an agreement over your assessment during the informal conference, you are entitled to file a grievance with the Board of Assessment Review. The Board meets on the fourth Tuesday in May which this year is May 22.

Applications to appear before the Board of Assessment review will be available after May 1. The tentative assessment roll will also be available on the Town's website at www.townofsweden.org after May 1.

We have lots of good information about the assessment process on the Town website (select departments, then assessment). Information is also available on the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Service at www.tax.ny.us. We look forward to completing a fair and equitable tax roll for Sweden taxpayers.

Tammy Baker, IAO Assessor

Darla Emmerson, Assistant to the Assessor

Household waste collection date set

The Monroe County Department of Environmental Services and the Town of Sweden, Hamlin, Clarkson, Parma, Ogden and Village of Spencerport, Hilton and Brockport will hold an appointment-only Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the Town of Ogden Highway Garage on **Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 7:45 am to 12 noon.**

Up to 30 gallons of the following materials will be accepted per appointment at no charge:

- oil-based and latex paint (1/3 can or less of latex paint can be disposed of in the trash and will NOT be accepted. Discard the paint can lid, add kitty litter, mix, let dry and place in trash).
- wood stain and preservatives

- automotive fluids (antifreeze, brake, power steering and transmission)
- pesticides and fertilizers
- flammable products
- household cleaners
- driveway sealer
- pool and photo chemicals
- rechargeable Ni-Cad and button batteries
- mercury thermometers/thermostats
- syringes/sharps (safely packaged)

Waste from businesses will not be accepted. Appointments for this collection can be made until June 16. For residents of Sweden and Brockport, call the Sweden Town Hall at 637-2144 or go on-line to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/

Water Expansion Study being prepared by MRB Group

The Sweden Town Board has commissioned MRB Group, the Town engineer, to prepare a study of all areas of the Town not currently served by public water and not studied in the last water study (2013). The purpose of the study is to develop cost estimates for bringing water to all the rural areas of the Town in order seek funding opportunities from various agencies.

In January, consultant Jay Grasso completed a Household Characteristics Survey that determined that the median household income in areas of the Town without public water is \$45,000. That is significantly below the USDA Rural Development poverty rate eligibility ceiling

of \$45,505. The Town is waiting to receive confirmation that the USDA has certified the survey results. Being below the poverty rate ceiling makes the Town eligible for a variety of grants and low interest loans for public water expansion projects.

The MRB Group study is expected to be complete in May. The Town will spend the summer months preparing grant applications for submission late summer/early fall. Residents will be invited to participate in the process and the Town will keep the general public up-to-date on progress through this newsletter, the Town website, press releases and meetings.

The Town thanks all the residents who participated in the survey—there were 356 responses, representing a 58.2% response rate (minimum required was 38%). Citizen involvement is vital to the entire process.

2017 Building Department Statistics

The Town of Sweden's building department issues permits for residential and commercial construction projects, pool, sign and accessory building installation. The department also issues plumbing, fill, operating, conveyance and burn permits. The following is a summary of the permits granted in 2017 compared to 2016:

	2016	2017
Building permits	104	113
New 1,2,3 or 4 family homes	11*	10*
New commercial/industrial	3	2
Residential additions	17	15
Commercial additions	8	12
Pools	10	16
Sheds, decks, etc.	65	58
Permanent sign permits	14	12
Temporary sign permits	35	27
Burn permits	10	4
Fill permits	3	1
Operating permits	23	27
Conveyance	1	0

*Four-unit homes were built in 2016 and 2017; each unit received a separate building permit.

Permit applications can be found on the Town's website at www.townofsweden.org. Choose Permits and Licenses from the tabs on the left side of the home page. Permit applications are also available at the Building Department at the Sweden Town Hall, 18 State Street. For more information about permits or questions regarding a potential future project, contact Planning, Building, Zoning Department Coordinator Phyllis Brudz at 637-8684.

2018 Spring pick up is April 30—May 4

The annual Sweden spring pick-up (for residents outside of the Village of Brockport) will be held April 30—May 4. Debris should be placed at the curb by 7 am Monday, April 30, but not prior to Friday, April 27.

Materials must be separated into homogeneous piles such as metal, lumber, brush, etc. Refrigerators and other appliances that contain freon must have the freon removed by a certified technician. Otherwise, a fee of \$17.50 must be paid at the Sweden Town Hall, 18 State Street prior to pick-up.

There is a limit of one dump truck load per house or property owner. Tires are limited to four per household. Refrigerator/freezer doors must be removed. No off-site material, refuse from contractors or commercial sites is eligible for pick-up. Loose drywall or building materials should be bagged. Brush and wood should be cut to a maximum of eight-foot lengths and piled parallel to the road.

NO electronics will be picked up. Please take personal electronics to Sunnking, 4 Owens Road. See article explaining this change on page 7.

The following items are not eligible for this pick-up: paint cans, fuel tanks, oil, drums, wire fence, garbage, batteries, cardboard, chemical/liquid wastes, tree stumps (over 200 pounds), industrial/commercial wastes, or bagged leaves. Arrangements for these items should be made with commercial haulers.

No items should be placed against light poles, trees, sign posts or the bottom of ditches. The Town of Sweden reserves the right to reject debris that is not in accordance with these regulations. Only one pass will be made per road. The highway crew will not return for a second pass. For additional information, please call the highway department at 637-3369.

Spring awakening is just around the corner

Spring is caused by the changing orientation of the Earth's axis relative to the sun. As the axis of the Earth increases its tilt toward the sun, warmth and the length of daylight rapidly increases. The biological indicators of spring include the emergence and blooming of a range of plants, that special smell of soil as the micro flora flourish and the changing activities of many animals. Spring is not always determined by a fixed calendar date. Sometimes it rushes over the land like an incoming tide only to retreat and stay hidden awhile longer.

Spring is always an awakening and exciting time of rebirth. It is a time to appreciate the Earth, the wonder of nature and the interconnectedness of all the complex species that inhabit this incredible planet.

Many of Earth's valued species' (both flora and fauna) very existence is in jeopardy often times due to human activities. The major causes of biodiversity decline, with a human footprint, include habitat conversion and urbanization resulting in habitat loss, habitat degradation and habitat fragmentation; overexploitation of natural resources; agricultural production; GMO seeds; disruption of the nitrogen cycle producing acid rain; ocean and lake acidification; the introduction of invasive exotic species; and pollution of the soil, water and air from a multitude of sources. Climate change is also a factor, whether its cause is human, as some believe, or due to natural atmospheric circulation regimes.

Pesticides and herbicides are unique among environmental contaminants because when released into the environment the adverse ecological effects range from long-term effects to short-lived changes in the normal functioning of an ecosystem. Currently, more than one billion pounds per year are used in the United States with 5.6 billion pounds used globally. They have high biological toxicity both acute and chronic and by definition are toxic chemical agents and should be used sparingly and knowledgeably. The declining bee, butterfly and bird population have in part been linked to the use of these agents.

While spring is often thought of as a time of flourishing life, life can be difficult for the many little critters that share our world. Their winter stores of food have been depleted and many of their food sources have been destroyed or have not yet matured. With declining habitat, supplying water, food and shelter can support the birds, reptiles and mammals that live in your area. Landscaping with native species (food and shelter), planting nectar-rich flowers, limiting chemical use to confirmed need only, and a small garden pond or water source can be a life line an help to restore biodiversity to your neighborhood.

The Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District offers a yearly Conservation Tree, Shrub and Plant Pro-

gram at reasonable prices and include native species. Details are available at www.monrecountyswed.org or a brochure can be picked up at the Sweden Town Hall.

Kathy Harter, Chairperson

Environmental Conservation Board

Open burning prohibited

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) reminds residents that with warming temperatures and dry conditions, residential brush burning is prohibited March 16 through May 14 across New York State.

New York prohibits residential burning during the high-risk fire season to reduce wildfires and protect people, property, and natural resources. The ban has been extremely effective in reducing the number of wildfires.

Violators of the state's open burning regulation are subject to both criminal and civil enforcement actions, with a minimum fine of \$500 for a first offense. To report environmental law violations, call 1-800-TIPP DEC (1-800-847-7332), or report online on the DEC's website at www.dec.ny.gov

If you have any questions, please contact the DEC or the Town of Sweden Building Department/Fire Marshal at 637-8684.

Medical Loan Closet no longer housed at Sweden Town Hall

Citing a lack of space for records retention, the Sweden Town Hall staff that has voluntarily operated a medical loan closet for many years has decided to no longer be a repository for medical equipment.

Members of the town clerk, tax receiver and building departments have made arrangements for the durable medical equipment to be given to other loan closets in the area. The clerks have compiled a list of alternative loan closets for residents to use:

Hamlin Lions Club 964-5442 or 733-8459

Exempts Building, Lake Road, Hamlin

Brockport Exempts Club 637-5580 or 637-5857

West Avenue, Brockport

Masonic Service Bureau 671-9730

979 Bay Road, Webster

Regional Center for Independent Living 442-6470

497 State Street, Rochester

From the desk of the town historian

As April with its Earth Day and Arbor Day celebrations approaches, it seems like an appropriate time to reflect on the history of trees and our land use in this region. As one forester, Paul Johnson said, "Trees are key to health, happiness and safer communities."

Historically this area was once heavily forested. There were no vast areas of open fields nor acres of pasture for cattle, horses or sheep. The changes began in the years after the Revolutionary War which experienced unprecedented cultural and environmental change. The post revolutionary settlers brought "dramatic environmental change as they replaced the Indians on the land." Susan Fenimore Cooper observed that, "The white men came to plant a home and it was then that the great change began: the axe and saw, the forge and the wheel were busy from dawn to dusk, cows and swine fed in thickets, whence the wild beasts had fled, while the ox and the horse drew away in chains the fallen trunks of the forest. The tenants of the wilderness shrunk deeper within its bounds with every changing moon..."

The Iroquois economy had been subsistence agriculture supplemented by hunting and gathering. The settlers used the land more intensively because they came in greater numbers and sought to have enough to sustain their families and to have a marketable surplus. The Indians needed the extensive forests for hunting, as well as fields in which to grow vegetables, legumes and grains. The settlers, in contrast, except for the corn and potatoes, sowed seeds of rye, wheat and flax, cleared away most of the forests and destroyed the wild animals to make the land more productive and safer for their animals. The settlers radically changed the land's wild diversity and simplified the ecosystem.

"By rooting out, eating out or shouldering aside native plants, brining in weed seeds and microbes, they changed

the land". One European visitor wrote, "Over our heads stretched a vast dome of vegetation. Below this thick veil and amid the damp depths of the forest, there lay one vast confusion of chaos. Trees of all ages, foliage of all colours, plants, fruits and flowers of a thousand species, entangled and intertwined. Generations of trees succeeded on another through uninterrupted centuries and the ground is covered with their debris. Amid them a thousand plants press in their turn towards the light." There were thick forests of pine, beech, birch, hemlock and oak trees. Passenger pigeons, soon to be extinct, frequented the dense hardwood forests of upstate New York. These deciduous forests were looked upon as commodities of lumber, timber, firewood and potash. Settlers competed to obtain the best lands for their economic gain. Environmental considerations did not exist. Now with some greater awareness, we are trying to reforest and to save our land and our environment.

Kathy Goetz, Historian

Town of Sweden

Tax Receiver update for 2018 town/county

The third installment of 2018 town and county taxes is due March 31. The final installment of the season is due April 28. Please be sure to let us know if you have satisfied a mortgage or if you have changed your mailing address. For more information regarding the town/county tax season call 637-2145.

Kathleen Bahr-Seever, Tax Receiver

Highway department has mailbox replacement/repair policy

The New York State Attorney General's office has opined that mailboxes are placed within the highway right-of-way under an informal license. As such, the highway department has no legal liability for replacement and/or repair due to snow removal operations. As a courtesy, the Town of Sweden Highway Department will replace mailboxes that have been damaged or destroyed during the winter months as a result of plowing operations. Mailboxes, and posts if necessary, will be replaced with a standard rural mailbox and wooden post.

Many residents have opted to purchase specialty boxes, which cost substantially more than a standard box. If one of these types should happen to need replacing, the highway department will be glad to perform the installation, provided that the resident supply the replacement mailbox. Those arrangements can be made by calling the highway department at 637-3369.

Electronics should be recycled at Sunnking on Owens Road

Town of Sweden residents may dispose of electronic waste—free of charge—at Sunnking Electronics, 4 Owens Rd. Brockport. This coupled with the fact that the Town has to pay to dispose of electronics dropped off at the Town Highway Garage has led Highway Superintendent Brian Ingraham and the Sweden Town Board to eliminate electronic drop-offs at the highway garage. The service is still available for free for residents at Sunnking (and more conveniently); it also eliminates the tax burden on taxpayers for the fees charged against the Town for disposal. For more information about Sunnking, call 637-8365 or visit sunnking.com



Souper Bowl is a winner at the Sweden Clarkson Community Center

The first annual Souper Bowl was held at the Sweden/Clarkson Community Center on January 27. Hosted by the Sweden Senior Association, Inc., the event was a fundraiser for groups that produce quilts and clothing to those in need, as well as the Sweden Senior Singers. About 40 volunteers served the 120 soup tasters. The tasters each cast a vote for their favorite soup.

Participating restaurants included: Abe's Restaurant, 58 Main BBQ & Brew, Lifetime Assistance Food Service, Brockport Diner, Golden Eagle Restaurant, Madeleine's at Heritage Square, Coleen's Kitchen, Grinds 122 Café, Millhouse Family Restaurant, Farmers

Table/Partyka Farms, Java Junction, The Red Bird Café, Fazool's Casual Italian Kitchen, Jimmy Z's and Two Brothers Family Restaurant.

Winners were: 1st place, Java Junction for its Hungarian Mushroom Soup; 2nd place, 58 Main BBQ & Brew for its Tomato Tortellini Soup and 3rd place, Farmers Table, Hamlin for its Vegetable Beef Barley Soup.

Other businesses that made donations to the event were Wal-Mart, Wegman's, Dunkin Donuts, Tim Horton's, Kirby's Farm Market, Bill Gray's and the Elderberry Club.

Emergency closing policies for town facilities adopted

The Sweden Town Board has adopted closing policies for each of its public facilities. In the case of a weather event or other emergency, closures of the Sweden Town Hall (18 State St.), Sweden/Clarkson Community Center (4927 Lake Rd.), Sweden Town Park (4745 Redman Rd.) or Sweden Highway Garage (40 White Rd.), will be noticed on the Town website, www.townofsweden.org. The following media outlets will be notified: *Suburban News*, Spectrum

News, WHEC 10, WHAM 13 and WROC. Information will also be posted on Town's social media as appropriate. When possible, signs will be posted on entrances to effected buildings and voice mails will contain closure information.

Sweden/Clarkson Recreation Department game and/or event cancellations due to inclement weather, are found on the weather hot-line at 431-0085.

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