

## News from the Desk of Supervisor Yendell

**2014 Budget:**The Town budget for 2014 falls within the tax cap that was set by the Governor. Our tax levy is up \$23,295.00. The major increases were in the area of Workers Compensation Insurance of \$3,359.00; our central computer system needs a major \$10,000.00 upgrade and our highway budget is up \$11,000.00. The end result of these increases will be an increase of approximately 10.5 cents per \$1,000.00 dollars of assessed value. Last year we were able to keep the town wide tax rate flat at \$2.99 per thousand dollars of assessed value. This year the rate will be \$3.09. The town outside village rate last year was \$4.61 and this year's rate will be \$4.72. The fire taxes that will be added to the town outside rates are \$.62 cents per \$1,000.00 for town residents. The residents in South Lima chose to have the Lakeville Fire Department provide their fire protection; their rate will be \$.95 cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

**November Elections:** We would like to thank the staff at Genesee Community College for opening their doors to 1290 Lima residents for the November 5<sup>th</sup> elections. The campus center has been a terrific addition to our community. We received many positive comments about the facilities at the campus and the hopes that we would be able to have future elections there.

**Volunteer/Community Leaders:** We are grateful to many volunteers from the community who share their time and professional talents to help us enhance our community and achieve goals with limited budget. While it is not possible to recognize each of these generous individuals in this space, we would like to extend much-deserved appreciation to Bev Gillette for her exemplary efforts to organize and manage the Lima Farmers Market for 10 years. The Lima Presbyterian Church hosts the market, community sponsors underwrite the market making it possible for vendors to participate without the weekly fees associated with most markets, and this year's market drew a record number of regular vendors. This is a welcome event that brings neighbors together downtown every week, from June to October.

Are you ready to lend a hand? We are always looking for new volunteers and currently have openings on the Board of Assessment Review, Park Committee, Historic Preservation Committee and our Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps.

**Shared Use Pathway:** We are working to extend safe pedestrian access beyond the Village with a shared use path that will initially run north to Gale Road and the Genesee Community College Campus, and eventually to the Village of Honeoye Falls. Although our first application for funding to support this project just missed the cut, we learned a great deal from the process and will continue to work on this goal. We are grateful for the support extended by

our neighbors, the Town of Mendon and the Village of Honeoye Falls, and to Fran Gotcsik for sharing her time and professional expertise to prepare the initial grant application.

**Shop Local:** Have you seen the ads on Channel 13 promoting shopping locally in Lima and Livingston County? Joining with the larger “Shop in Livingston” campaign, the Town and Village boards each invested \$250 for 100 TV spots to promote Lima. We hope this will attract holiday shoppers who are looking for unique gifts to our downtown businesses and eateries. You can help by shopping for gifts in Lima and all of Livingston County! A portion of every sales tax dollar collected in Livingston County comes back to the town and village of Lima and your local purchases help achieve healthy, vibrant downtowns in our communities.

**Lima Website:** Stay up to date on Town and Village happenings. We regularly post news and meeting minutes at [lima-ny.org](http://lima-ny.org). Visit this month to view Lima’s TV ad if you haven’t seen it yet.

**Please have a safe and Happy Holiday Season and remember to drive safely in the winter weather.**