

Update from Town of Lima Supervisor Pete Yendell

I am pleased to announce that four exceptional students from our community have been honored as recipients of 2014 Livingston County Youth Awards: Jared Adams, Oliver Hanson, Corinne Mosher and Mikayla Roof. I would like to extend congratulations to each of these students for their significant accomplishments and contributions. I would also like to express sincere appreciation to the individuals at the Honeoye-Falls Lima School District who invested their time to nominate these deserving individuals. Honorees were recognized at a dinner hosted by the Livingston County Board of Supervisors on April 30.

In other news, Lima's Town Board met recently with the Village Board to discuss collaborative opportunities with potential for operational and cost-saving efficiencies. Although Governor Andrew Cuomo's emphasis has brought such efforts into the spotlight recently, the Town and Village of Lima have long since implemented many shared service arrangements which are just gaining consideration elsewhere. A summary of both existing arrangements and opportunities identified for additional sharing is available on the Town/Village website, lima-ny.org, in the March 29, 2014 Town/Village Board Minutes. Agreement was reached to undertake a formal analysis of shared service opportunities if study funding can be obtained from the NYS Department of State's Local Government Efficiency Program.

The past winter kept our plows on the road more than usual, and we are grateful for the expressions of appreciation received from the community regarding the excellent work performed by Lima's highway crew. Road safety is our paramount priority and our five member crew is on call 24/7 to maintain safe driving conditions at all times.

Town Clean-up Days are scheduled for May 2 & 3. Drop-off permits are required and may be obtained from the Town Clerk. There is no added charge for this service which is paid for with local tax revenues.

The Town is responsible for maintaining four of Lima's early cemeteries. In an effort to safeguard grave markers, many of which are in fragile condition, new mowing standards will be implemented this year. All areas near gravestones will be hand-mowed with equipment that is equipped with special bumpers to protect gravestones. To accomplish this work within existing budget, mowing and trimming will be undertaken only during alternate weeks for most of the season, with extra service during periods of heavy growth and in preparation for Memorial Day. We are pleased to welcome Lima resident, Norm Stratton, who accepted a position to complete this work for the 2014 season.

Lima's historic Town Hall requires yearly assessment and maintenance investment. Priorities for this year include installation of a new lift for accessible access to the lower level and recoating of the metal roof. The lift has been out of service for a few months. We used this time to evaluate options for the installation of an elevator to provide accessibility to all floors. Regretfully, the very substantial investment required, particularly given the anticipated level of use, was well beyond our present budget means. We also plan to invest in insulation at the Court House to remedy ice problems and improve heating and cooling efficiency.

In closing, I would like to invite residents to visit our website, lima-ny.org, for updates on Town and Village news and helpful information. We welcome your suggestions and participation at meetings at all times.