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SAND LAKE New York

Community Newsletter October 2026

October 2026 Town Supervisors Report

We are pleased to bring you the latest updates from the Town of Sand Lake, highlighting reports from the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Town Library, and much more! Your participation and engagement are vital to the growth and prosperity of our community. Here's what's been happening:

The Town is actively working with our engineers to develop a temporary plan to reopen Glass Lake Road to one lane of traffic while we await the necessary permit approvals from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The temporary reopening would allow vehicles to safely pass through the area at reduced speeds and with appropriate weight restrictions until the permanent work can be completed. Once the required DEC permits are received, the Town will move forward with the necessary repairs to allow Glass Lake Road to fully reopen. We appreciate residents' continued patience as we work toward restoring access while ensuring the safety of the traveling public.

The Town Board adopted the 2027 Tentative Budget at its workshop meeting on Wednesday, September 30. Through careful financial planning and the development of additional revenue sources over the past several years, the Town was able to keep the proposed budget within the New York State property tax cap while continuing to maintain the same level and quality of services our residents expect. The Town remains focused on responsible budgeting, identifying new

The Town would like to give residents advance notice of a change to our winter road treatment operations. Road salt prices have increased approximately 47% compared to last year, creating a significant additional cost for the Town. To help control these costs while continuing to maintain safe winter road conditions, our Highway Department is screening additional sand this fall and will be utilizing a higher sand to salt ratio on Town roads this winter. As a result, residents may notice more sand on the roads and along the shoulders than in previous years. The Highway Department will continue its regular spring sweeping operations to clean up the additional material once winter is over. We appreciate everyone's understanding as we work to balance safe road conditions with responsible use of taxpayer dollars.

On Saturday, September 26, the Sand Lake Climate Smart Committee held a community cleanup day and collected a significant amount of roadside litter and debris from areas throughout Town. We want to thank the committee members and volunteers who gave their time to help clean up our roadsides and make Sand Lake shine. Efforts like these make a noticeable difference in our community and help keep our Town a clean and welcoming place to live.

October 2026 Town Supervisor Office Hours

M:8AM-12PM
T:8AM-12PM
W:8AM-12PM
TH8AM-12PM
F: By Appointment

Additional hours can be made available by appointment
Regards, Town Supervisor Stephen Clemens

Upcoming Events in Sand Lake

- East Bank Arts Alliance 2026 Members' Show - Founded in 2009, EBAA is a collaborative of artists from throughout the Capital District. Free reception on 10/4 from 1-4pm. Show in gallery all of Oct (gallery hours are 10am to 2pm, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday)
- Broadway Bound by Neil Simon -Part three of Neil Simon's acclaimed autobiographical trilogy that finds Eugene and his older brother Stanley trying to break into the world of show business as professional comedy writers while coping with their parents' breakup and eventual divorce. Oct 16-25. Tickets here.
- Taste of Sand Lake - Enjoy an evening of local food, live and silent auctions, music and fun at the 17th annual Taste of Sand Lake! Your sponsorship or ticket ensures that SLCA can continue providing our community with exceptional theatre, live music, art, youth programs and more. Oct 28, 6-9pm. Tickets here.
- Whispering Bones - since 2011, WB has been sharing the magic of ghost stories with audiences who enjoy an evening of spooky delight. Oct 29 @ 7:30pm. Tickets here.

Sand Lake Library:

Stop in during the month of October to add an item representing a lost loved one to our offrenda. The offrenda is meant to remember and celebrate those who are gone and will be up through Nov 2, 2026.

SLTL is looking for a few individuals who would like to be part of our team of trustees, helping to shape and guide the library's future. Please contact Mindy at 518-674-5050 if interested. And everyone is invited to contribute by completing the survey on our website.

SLTL Book Club Wednesday, Oct 7 at 7pm discussing "The Women" by Kristin Hannah.

Knit/Crochet Meet-up, Thursday, Oct 8 and 22, 1 - 3pm.

Closed Monday, October 12.

Tech Help Wednesday, Oct 14, 11 - 12. Bring your tech device and your questions.

SLTL Board of Trustees meeting, Thursday, Oct 15, 6:45pm.

Friends Fall Clothing Swap, Saturday, Oct 17, 11am - 1pm. Women's fall clothing and accessories, clean and in good condition.

with a Halloween theme.

Halloween Diamond Art Magnets Wednesday, Oct 21, 6 - 7pm. Adults and teens.
Citizen Preparedness Training, Thursday, Oct 22, 11 - 12. Get ready for winter emergencies.
SLTL Friends Meeting, Tuesday, Oct 27, 6:30pm.
Qi Gong Thursday, Oct 29, 9:30 - 10:30. This is before library hours, so call to let us know you are coming.
Plus weekly Monday Mah Jongg 5:30 - 7:45pm; Tuesday Kids LegoManiacs 3:30 - 6pm; Wednesday Preschool Storytime, 11am.

See full list of programs at sandlaketownlibrary.org. Call 518-674-5050 to register.

Sand Lake Historical Society:

Upcoming Presentations

Please note: all presentations are open to the public and free to SLHS members.
A $5 donation is suggested for non-members
Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom at Sand Lake Town Hall
8428 NY 66, Sand Lake, NY

October 13, 2026

7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom at Sand Lake Town Hall

October 13's Sand Lake Historical Society program visits with Times Union crime podcast reporters Jessica Marshall and Patrick Tine as they walk us through their research into the 1908 murder of Hazel Drew. A nine-episode podcast from 2025, *The Girl in the Pond*, unravels the life and death of a Sand Lake resident. Did she have a secret life? Was she spurned by a lover? Who do they think did it? Come and find out.

Sky High Activity Center:

Something for everyone of every age at SHAC In October! Visit SHACCENTER.ORG for more information about everything including:

We are collecting new socks, hats, gloves and mittens for Doors of Hope during the month of October

NEW! SHAC After School Drop-In Program - Grades 6-8 & High School
Fall Session Oct 13-Nov 12 - School Days 2:30-5:00pm - $15 per day - Bus Service available

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Finish the outdoor pickleball season strong at our Pickleball Tournament - Oct 3rd - Round Robin, 2-person teams, 8 teams in each of 2 levels. Intermediate starts at 8:30. Novice starts at 11:00. Fun and friendly - call Karl Michael at 518-265-4446 to register.

DIY Halloween Costume Workshop - Oct 3rd 11am-1pm

Do you have a child with a super specific idea for a Halloween costume and you are not sure how to even get started? Or you just want to try to save money and use something you already have instead of buying something you know will just be donated?
Join resident costume making guru Pam Tatar and shop our Creative ReUse Center with her help. She will help make your ideas a reality!!

SHAC is the place to be in October. We have Toddler Foam Ball and Foam Ball for Adults weekly instruction. We have a free guitar instruction class starting on Oct 5th with Averill Park resident Robyn Sheldon. We will have cooking class, baby and me movement classes, cookie decorating, whole body yoga, tai chi, mah jongg, bridge, Mexican train dominoes, open art studio, ping pong and more. We just need you!

Don't forget our Annual Family Fall Fun Day on Oct 24th - 11am to 5pm. Food trucks, Sheriff's car seat check, child id, safety information, crafts, activities, tarot readings, trick or treating, costume contest, and a Needoh raffle.

October 2026 Town Clerks Report

Medical Transport for Seniors: Available by Rensselaer County. Call as soon as you schedule the appointment. Call Donna @ Unified Family Services (Dept of the

Hunting Licenses: We are in full swing issuing Hunting Licenses and trying to stay abreast of the new regulations. Regular hours are Mon-Fri 9:00 – 4:00. Call me if you can't make it during those hours and I will assist you in getting your license.

Sand Lake Dog Park: The Dog Park Committee will have a booth with great raffle items at the upcoming Canine Carnival sponsored by The Hound House and Lulu's Groom Room. All proceeds will go to the Dog Park Fund. The chain link fence needed is expensive. Currently I have collected over $10,000, but we need more. Come and support us on October 24th 10:00 – 2:00. The event will be held in the parking lot of St. Henry's Church on Old Route 66 in Averill Park.

Elections: Election season is upon us. Early voting begins October 24th and we have Applications here in my office. To expedite the process, you can also go directly to the Board of Elections at 116 Pinewoods Avenue, Troy, NY, complete the Application and they will give you your ballot and you can vote at that time.

Support Sand Lake's Dream of a Dog Park

The Sand Lake Dog Park Committee is excited to announce plans for a new fenced, off-leash dog park. This space will provide a safe and clean environment where well-behaved dogs can enjoy exercise and play without impacting people, property, or wildlife. The dog park is part of the larger Sand Lake Improved Parks Project (SLIPP). We expect to start construction on the dog park in the summer of 2026. More info on timing to follow.

Location: At the Sand Lake Walking Trails on Eastern Union Turnpike

Follow our progress on our Facebook page: Sand Lake Dog Park

PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION

THANK YOU

YOUR SUPPORT

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk 518-674-2026 Ext.122

Sand Lake Employment Opportunities

Parks Maintenance Worker: The Town of Sand Lake Department of Public Works is seeking a Parks Maintenance Worker to assist with the upkeep of our parks, trails, and recreational facilities. Responsibilities include mowing, landscaping, general groundskeeping, cleaning, and supporting seasonal projects and community events. Applicants should be able to work outdoors in varying conditions, and capable of performing physical tasks. Prior maintenance or landscaping experience is helpful but not required. $18-$24/hour.

Convenience Facility Attendant : The Town of Sand Lake is seeking a full or part time Convenience Facility Attendant. The position performs a variety of routine laboring duties involving disposal of refuse, the separation of recyclable materials, and other functions related to the Transfer Station, including assisting customers.

Essential Duties: 1. Knows, understands, and implements the Transfer Station's operating rules and procedures. 2. Assists residents in the appropriate placement of refuse and recyclable materials.

neatness of the entire facility; sweeping and cleaning of office and bathroom areas. 4. Checks and issues permits for use of the facility by the public; records purchase and receives money. 5. Assists in all matters related to the operation of the Transfer Station. Pay Range $18-$24 per hour.

Planning Board Member: The Town of SandLake is seeking applications for Planning Board members. The PlanningBoard meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 P.M.
The Planning Board acts within the limits of the Planning and Zoning regulations as stated in the Code of the Town of Sand Lake and the laws of the State of New York.

The duties are to review:

- Subdivisions
- Site Plan Review Applications for Commercial Use and Telecommunication Facilities
- Special Use Permit Applications for Residential, Commercial and Telecommunication Facilities
- Boundary (property or lot) Line Adjustments
- Scenic Preservation Zone Applications (Improvements within 100 feet of any lake or stream in Town)
- Sign Permit Applications.

The Planning Board also may make recommendations to theZoning Board of Appeals for Area and Use Variances. The Planning Board also may make recommendations to the Sand Lake Town Board on Rezone Applications.

Planning & Zoning Clerk : The Town of Sand Lake is seeking a qualified individual for the part-time position of Planning & Zoning Clerk, working up to 20 hours per week.

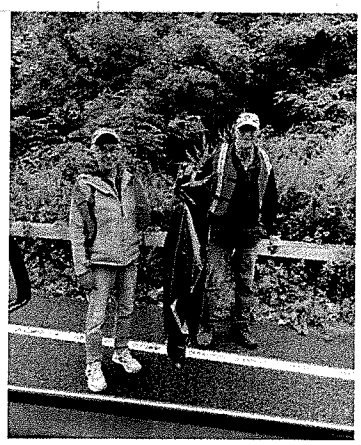
functions and assists residents, applicants, Town staff, and members of the Planning and Zoning Boards. Responsibilities include receiving and organizing applications, maintaining files and records, assisting with meeting preparation and correspondence, responding to general inquiries, and helping ensure applications and supporting materials are properly processed.

The ideal candidate will be organized, dependable, detail oriented, and comfortable working with the public. Strong communication skills and proficiency with general office and computer applications are preferred. Experience in municipal government, planning, zoning, building, or a related administrative position is helpful but not required.

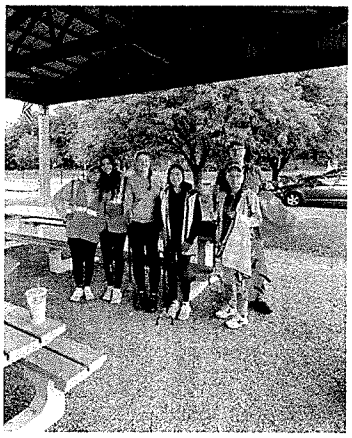
This position offers an opportunity to work directly with residents, businesses, professionals, and Town officials while supporting the planning and development process within the Town of Sand Lake.

Interested candidates should submit a resume and letter of interest to the Town of Sand Lake Clerk.

Climate Smart Committee Cleanup Photos







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