



Town of Cambria 2026 Fall Newsletter
4160 Upper Mountain Road, Sanborn, NY 14132
www.townofcambria.gov ~ 716-433-7664



FROM THE DESK OF TOWN SUPERVISOR MATT FOE:

Welcome to the Town of Cambria fall newsletter, I hope you find the information we provide useful. It's been a busy summer for us here at the town. We have experienced some very unusual weather and storm events that have affected us all. Who would have thought that we would have experienced a tornado in Niagara County? Holy Wizard of Oz! We have just recently completed the process of purchasing a new excavator to replace the one that was over 25 years old and is no longer practical to repair. With the new machine we will be able to resume our ditching program after delivery and the appropriate training. We are encouraging residents who have experienced flooding to contact the highway department. They will provide you with guidance on the ditch cleaning procedure and ditching petitions. Our parks and recreation departments have done a fantastic job providing activities for our town residents. Some of the highlights have been a well-attended fishing derby, movie nights, Lego nights, and an incredible summer day recreation program. We are planning some exciting events for this fall and early winter so be sure to check in to see what's happening. From an operational basis we have been challenged by the weather and rising energy costs. Electricity has risen by almost 20%, and fuel prices are soaring to new highs. All driving the cost of doing the business of road repairs and providing services to the townspeople higher. We are committed to providing these services and will continue to do so for our residents. Shunpike Road has been completely redone and has been paved. The highway department is waiting on contractors to install the guardrails and do the line striping for the project to be completed. A big thank you to all the residents for their patience and understanding during this inconvenience. As mentioned in a previous board meeting, we are going to be accepting electronic payments for water bills. The vendor is currently working with the water department to develop the program and implement the system. We are expecting to be in operation to accept electronic payments in the 4th quarter of this year. However, if you would still like to pay your bill in person that option is still available. This effort is just one example of how we are moving forward with technology to help our community to have remote access to various documents and the ability to pay various payments. On a personal note, I am humbled and honored by the patience and support that the residents have shown over the past year. We have come a long way but there is still much to do. I appreciate everyone who has played a part in the transformation of the way the town conducts business. The formation of citizen groups to help us with various issues that were of concern has been instrumental in moving the transition forward. Together with all of your help we will continue to improve communication and transparency and regain your trust. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all. Regards Matt

TOWN BOARD

Matthew P. Foe ~ Supervisor
(716-433-7664 x119)

Louise Brachmann ~ Councilwoman
(716-731-5785)

Jeffrey S. Hurtgam ~ Councilman
(716-791-4146)

Benjamin D. Musall ~ Councilman
(716-277-5390)

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(716-433-0183)

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Debra A. Littere ~ Assessor & Tax Collector
(x122 and x118)

Justin Kroening ~ Building Inspector
(x133)

Steven M. Kroening ~ Highway Supt.
(x120/124)

Tamara J. Cooper ~ Town Clerk
(x127)

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town Board will conduct a public hearing on November 5, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Town of Cambria Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, to hear and consider any objections to the assessment roll in any of the following districts: Cambria Drainage District, Cambria Refuse District, Cambria Water District, Cambria Sewer District #1, Cambria Fire Protection District. The Town Board will consider those objections and reject, correct, amend or affirm the new assessment roll on or before December 31, 2026.

ELECTION DAY ~ NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Polls are open from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. All voting will take place at the Cambria Fire Hall, 4631 Cambria-Wilson Rd, NY 14094. Please contact the Board of Elections (716-438-4041) for an absentee ballot, to register to vote, for early polling location dates and times or visit their website <https://elections.niagaracounty.gov/>

FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC:

Saturday, December 5, 2026 9:00 am-12:00 pm

City of No. Tonawanda-Public Works Department, 758 Erie Avenue, North Tonawanda

NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED

You must pre-register at 716-439-7490 or www.niagaracounty.gov/rabiesclinic

Monthly Meeting Schedule

Please note some dates may change due to holidays.

See the website for more information.

Town Board ~ 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7:00 pm

Town Board work meeting ~

Mon. before Regular meeting at 6:00pm

Planning Board ~ 3rd Mon. of each month at 7:00 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals ~ 4th Mon. of each month at 7:00 pm

Newsletters are available online and at the Town Hall. If you would like a newsletter mailed to you, please call the Town Clerk's Office 716-433-7664 or email townclerk@townofcambria.gov to be added to our mailing list. Thank you!

TAMARA J. COOPER, TOWN CLERK: The Town Clerk's Office is often considered the "hub" of the Town Hall. Some of the things our office processes are dog license payments, water bill payments, scheduling & payments for Community Room rentals, scheduling & payments for the Town Park including shelters, field rentals and memorial trees. Do you need a NYS hunting or fishing license? Come on in! We sell licenses Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-3:30 pm. The Town Clerk's Office also handles the issuance and renewal of handicap tags; please remember to bring in your NYS driver's license with your application/renewal letter. We are also responsible for all vital records for the Town of Cambria. Getting married? Please call 716-433-7664 to schedule an appointment for a marriage license. Please see our website for more information about getting married in NYS. According to Article 7 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, ALL dogs 4 months of age and older must be licensed within the town in which they reside. Licensing ensures that all dogs have been properly vaccinated against rabies and is necessary to protect both you and your neighbors. Payment methods we accept cash, check, money order or credit card (there is a convenience fee to use credit cards).

Residents of Cambria, please take note that the New York State Vehicle and Traffic and Highway Laws prohibit the cross-plowing of snow, i.e., pushing, plowing or snow blowing snow from driveways and/or property onto a public highway, road, street or shoulder, as doing so creates a potential hazard. Repeated violations of the above may subject residents to traffic tickets and fines. Thank you for your cooperation.

CAMBRIA TOWN PARK: The Town of Cambria Park is open all year round. The walking and bike paths will be cleared of snow. Ice patches will be treated with pet friendly ice melt but always watch for trouble spots. The ice rink will be available for skating when weather permits (please share ice time). The comfort station will be open only during daylight hours when the park is open. Shelter reservations for 2027 will be accepted beginning January 1st, 2027. Dog owners: Please remember there is a NYS leash law, you **MUST** always have your dog on a leash when walking inside town park grounds and be in total control of your pet. It is also the pet owner's responsibility to pick up after them and dispose in the dog stations. Signs are posted and the park is regularly patrolled. As we expand the park bike path, it will remain closed until safe to use. To keep our park looking great please clean up after using it. **Please remember the park is closed from dusk to dawn.**

COMMUNITY ROOM RENTALS: The Town of Cambria Community Room is available for Town resident's to rent. This space is great for family parties, bridal showers, baby showers and birthday parties. Please contact the Town Clerk's office for available dates. The cost is \$100.00 per date; residents only can apply, payment and application must be received within 2 weeks of booking the room to keep your reservation. See the website for updated rules and regulations. *Please note the Community Room is not available from mid-June through mid-August when the Recreation Day program takes place. PLEASE NOTE ANIMALS ARE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE THE COMMUNITY ROOM.*

DEBRA A. LITTERE, ASSESSOR : DID YOU KNOW... if you reside in Cambria, are 65 years of age or older, and your total household income is less than \$34,400 (2025 Income tax return needed), you may be eligible for an additional exemption on county, town, or school taxes. Please contact our office for more information. **Veteran Exemption News...** The State continues to fine tune the parameters to the disabled Veteran's exemption. **New this year.... The State of New York continues to make changes to the STAR program.** We have been informed that the **state** will be determining the Enhanced STAR exemption eligibility for those who are currently receiving the Basic STAR exemption, via your State Income Tax return. This means that if you are turning 65 in 2027, the state will notify us to apply the Enhanced exemption for School tax purposes. No need to bring your information to us for Enhanced STAR purposes. For more information, please visit www.tax.ny.gov/star or call 518-457-2036. **The Townwide Assessment Equity Project for 2026 is complete, and believe it or not, SALES of houses in the town are still higher than assessed values!** What does that mean for you? Well, if you were to put your house on the market, you should expect to sell for a value close to the assessment. As we continue Assessment Equity for the town, we are appreciative of the understanding and recognition of fair and equitable assessments from the residents of the town. This will continue to achieve a realistic value of your property, with maximum exemption value, and the lowest tax rates possible.

VETERAN'S INFORMATION: The Town will be hosting a Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11, 2026, more details coming soon. For more information about this event please contact Corrine DiNieri at 716- 433-7664 x 129 or cdinieri@townofcambria.gov. **Did you know....** The Niagara County Veteran Service Agency is available to assist veterans and their families. Please contact the office directly 716- 438-4090 or email veterans@niagaracounty.gov to see what services are available for you and your family. You can also register for the Thank a Vet program and view the list of participating businesses on their website: www.niagaracounty.gov. Don't forget to contact the Assessor's Office to see if you qualify for the veteran's exemption, call 716- 433-7664 x122/135 or email dlittere@townofcambria.gov for more information. We humbly thank you for your service.



DEBRA A. LITTERE, TAX COLLECTOR : The 2027 Town and County Tax collection season will begin on Monday, January 4th, 2027. Collection days will be Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays (excepting holidays) until Monday, February 1st, 2027, from 9:00-Noon & 1:00 – 3:30pm, for payment without penalty. From February 3rd through March 24th, 2027, payments will be accepted on **Wednesdays ONLY** from 9:00 – NOON! The **LAST DAY FOR COLLECTION** is WEDNESDAY March 31st, 2027, from 8:00 – Noon & 1:00 – 3:30pm. For your convenience, there is a drop box at the front door of the town hall that is checked every day, and at the **close of collections** on deadline days. If paying through your bank, please ensure enough processing time, as most banks send out payments on a weekly basis, and regardless of the date on the check, it is the postmark or date received that is valid. **Receipts** ... if you would like your receipts emailed to you...please email your request to dlittere@townofcambria.gov, and we will be happy to email your tax receipt. This will provide ease of retrieval at tax time, especially for escrow accounts! Otherwise, you may look up and print your Town and County tax receipts online: <http://egov.basny.com/cambria>. **Please consider adding a current phone number to your check or payment stub to facilitate communication regarding payment issues!**

The school district tax bills have been mailed to taxpayers. The following is a list of the various School Districts and Tax Collector's telephone numbers:

Starpoint	(716) 210-2313
Wilson	(716) 751-9341
Newfane	(716) 778-6858
Niagara Wheatfield	(716) 215-3027
Lockport	(716) 439-6744

Unpaid school tax bills will be re-levied onto the 2027 Town and County tax bill.

If your taxes were in escrow, and you have paid off your mortgage, please notify the Assessor's office at 433-7664 ext. 135. **It is the responsibility of all landowners, including those who own vacant land, to advise the Assessor's office, in writing, of any changes of address.**

JUSTIN KROENING, BUILDING INSPECTOR: Summer 2026 brought lots of changes to the Building Department. Everyone has been patient with us as we learn our new roles and work on updating department processes. Justin Kroening is the new Building Inspector with assistance from interim Inspector Chris Jordan and Melissa Germann is the new Building Department Clerk, Planning/Zoning Clerk. Make sure your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarms are functioning by testing them once per month. Both alarms should be battery-operated or have a battery back-up, and batteries should be changed once per year. You should have a separate alarm for each to prevent these separate emergencies. ***Updated building permits and Planning Board and Zoning Board forms will be on the Town's website soon!!!*** The Building Department hours are Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm. Appointments are encouraged as field inspections are also conducted during these hours. Applications requiring Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals review, and approval must be submitted to our office by the second-to-last business day of the month to be placed on the following month's agenda. As a final reminder, please include digital copies of all items submitted to the Building Department, Planning Board, or Zoning Board.

Cambria Town Court – Court is held the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Tuesday monthly

Justice Amel S. Jowdy Jr. Clerk – 716-433-3088 x 1

Justice Amel S. Jowdy III Clerk – 716-433-3088 x 2

Please see the website www.townofcambria.gov/justice for office hours and court forms.

WATER DEPARTMENT: WATER METERS. We are continuing to make progress replacing water meters throughout the town. The older meters continue to accurately measure your water consumption; however, they may not be transmitting the usage to us. Therefore, if your meter is older, you aren't being charged for your water consumption, only the minimal cost to have the meter in your home. Please call us to schedule a meter install if you notice 0 (zero) consumption on your water bill. There is no cost to the homeowner for the new meter or installation.



Date	Billing Item	Current Reading	Prior Reading	Consumption	Amount
1/21/2026	WATER				11.10
	Total Current Charges				11.10

SELLING YOUR HOME? Please contact us prior to the closing date so we may schedule a **compliance inspection (716-433-7664 x 114)**. The Town of Cambria Water District Rules and Regulations states that all water service must be equipped with a double check valve. Failure to schedule the compliance inspection may delay your closing date.

Effective February 13, 2025, the Town of Cambria will charge a **\$300.00 (surcharge)** when the annual tax roll is made for anyone that has a past due water bill over **\$100.00**. Payments can be made at the Town Clerks office Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, by mailing them to the town hall or use the drop box for after-hours payments.

STEVEN KROENING, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: As summer wraps up, we have completed the Shunpike and Diller Road projects, as well as cross culvert replacements on various roads. We are currently working on cleaning road ditches and some main field ditches. Brush pickup resumed in September and will continue until October 30th. We **DO NOT** collect brush mixed with wires, rocks, roots, concrete, poison ivy, or dirt. Limbs should be stacked butt end towards the road and piled low on road right of way, please do not stack piles next to signs, mailboxes, telephone poles, etc. No pickup on State Roads. We do not pick up leaves. Beginning November 1st, the Town of Cambria's Winter Parking Ordinance will take effect and remain until April 1, 2027. There is no parking permitted on Town roads between the hours of 1am and 7am. Please be sure to keep vehicles off the roadway during these hours so we can plow for the morning commute. This will be especially important in any subdivision where plowing is already a challenge. Electronic Drop Off is on Monday's from 8am to 2pm Please note that you must sign in at the Highway Clerk's office before disposing of your electronics. The Highway Clerk's office is located inside the municipal garage. Items that contain freon are **not** acceptable. A list of acceptable items can be found on our website. Wood chips are available for pickup, please call-in advance if you need chips loaded. We are here to assist you in any way that we can. If you have any questions or concerns, call 433-7664 ext. 124 or visit our website.

TIRE DISPOSAL: The town will hold a tire drop off event on Saturday October 17th from 8am to 12pm at the Municipal garage. Proof of residency is required. Limit of 8 car or light pickup tires per household. A permit is not needed for car and light tires. **Limit of (4)**

Oversized Tractor/Semi tires per resident/farm. You must obtain a permit from the Highway Clerks office to dispose of oversized tires at this event! Oversized tires will not be accepted without a permit! One permit per resident! (Residents with multiple address's only allowed one permit.) **NO** tires will be accepted on rims. In addition to the tire disposal, electronic recycling and mulch will also be available at this event.



CORRINE DINIERI, RECREATION DIRECTOR: Fall is here, and we have lots of fun ahead at the Town of Cambria Recreation Department! Summer Recreation was another wonderful success this year! I truly love spending time with all the kiddos, and I am so thankful to have such an amazing staff who help make our program possible. At this time, I do not have any openings for employment, but if positions become available, I will post them on our Facebook page. Our annual Halloween Event will be held on **October 4 from 12:00–4:00 PM at Cambria Town Park**. This is a FREE community event with fun for the whole family! We will have a petting zoo, Blaster Ball, food trucks, bounce houses, a costume contest, kid-friendly vendors and much more!! On **November 11 at 11:00 AM**, we will hold our Veterans Day Ceremony in the Community Room. We are honored to recognize and thank our veterans with special guest speakers and Boy Scout Troop 8 joining us. Then, get ready for some Christmas magic! Our Christmas Event will be held on **December 12 from 5:00–8:00 PM at Cambria Town Park**. Santa will be joining us, along with carriage rides and plenty of festive family fun! We are also planning LEGO Nights, Movie Nights, winter activities, and more throughout the season. To stay up to date on upcoming programs and events, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at cdinieri@townofcambria.gov. I look forward to seeing everyone this fall and winter!

GAIL REINBIRD, TOWN HISTORIAN: Discover tales of kidnapping, secret journeys, hardships, heartbreak, and humor at the Mount View Cemetery on Upper Mountain Road in Pekin, N.Y.! As part of the America 250 events, 26 cemeteries in Niagara and Erie County will be participating in the “Tombstone Trail Tours” in conjunction with Concordia Cemetery Association of Erie County. Selected gravesites will be marked. Information and maps will enable visitors to take self-guided tours. Concordia has a full list of sites and events on their web site. There's a box located on the fence near the cemetery entrance that contains flyers with a map and information on how to take the self-guided tour.

UTILITY COMPANIES

National Fuel	800-444-3130
NYS Electric	800-572-1131
NYS Gas	800-572-1121
National Grid	800-867-5222
Verizon	800-837-4966
Spectrum	855-225-7898
Town of Cambria (Water)	716-433-7664 x114

PUBLIC SAFETY

Niagara County Sheriff's Department
5526 Niagara St Ext, Lockport, NY 14094
716-438-3393

New York State Police
6566 Dysinger Rd, Lockport, NY 14094
716-434-5588

HOLIDAYS-TOWN HALL CLOSED

2026

Columbus Day	Mon., Oct 12
Veteran's Day	Wed., Nov 11
Thanksgiving	Thurs., Nov 26
Day after Thanksgiving	Fri., Nov 27
Christmas Day	Fri., Dec 25

2027

New Year's Day	Fri., Jan 1
Martin Luther King Day	Mon., Jan 18
President's Day	Mon., Feb 15
Good Friday	Fri., Mar. 26
Memorial Day	Mon., May 31
Juneteenth (Observed)	Fri., Jun 18

FIRE COMPANIES THAT SERVE THE TOWN OF CAMBRIA

Please check their websites or Facebook pages for more information about their events, hall rentals, fundraising or becoming a member.

Cambria Volunteer Fire Co.
4631 Cambria-Wilson Rd.
Lockport, NY 14094
716-434-8948

Pekin Fire Co.
3024 Upper Mt. Rd.
Sanborn, NY 14132
716-731-4777

Sanborn Fire Co.
5811 Buffalo St.
Sanborn, NY 14132
716-731-4616

TOWN OF CAMBRIA COLLECTION 2026

WEEK A
RECYCLING

WEEK B
RECYCLING

 **HOLIDAY** NO COLLECTION - PICKUP FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK WILL BE DELAYED BY ONE DAY

800-330-7107 toll free • 716-754-8226 local

www.moderncorporation.com

CS@Modern-Corp.com

CONTACT



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2026 HOLIDAYS

With Service Interruption

- **New Years Day**
January 1st
- **Memorial Day**
May 25th
- **Independence Day**
July 4th
- **Labor Day**
September 7th
- **Thanksgiving Day**
November 26th
- **Christmas Day**
December 25th

BULK COLLECTION:

Three (3) bulk items
on assigned bulk
weeks

BULK COLLECTION DAYS

WEEK A	WEEK B
1/15	1/22
2/12	2/19
3/12	3/19
4/16	4/23
5/14	5/21
6/18	6/25
7/16	7/23
8/13	8/20
9/17	9/24
10/15	10/22
11/12	11/19
12/17	12/24

OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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REFUSE INFORMATION: Garbage day is **Thursday** (unless the following holidays occur during the week: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day). Pick-up will be on **Friday** those weeks. Recycling Day is every other Thursday. See the **Town of Cambria Collection calendar** on the town's website for the recycling day in your neighborhood. Too much garbage for your tote? We have options: Purchase 5 sticker tags for \$25.00 (cash only) this will allow you to put 5 extra bags at the curb. Bags tagged for collection cannot exceed 30 gallons in size or 40 pounds in weight. Request an additional garbage tote: \$85.00 one-time fee plus an additional \$30.00 annually.

Damaged Tote? If your garbage or recycling tote is damaged, please reach out to us at 716-433-7664 x114 or email us at water@townofcambria.gov. We will arrange to have your tote either repaired or replaced. Garbage and recycling totes remain with the property when you sell your home. Check out our website for more refuse and recycling information or call us at 716-433-7664, ext. 114.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING: For Town residents **ONLY**. Drop off is **MONDAY'S ONLY FROM 8:00 am - 2:00 pm**. Items that contain freon are **not** acceptable. The list of acceptable items can be found on our website. Please call 716-433-7664 x124 with any questions and be ready to provide proof of residency when you check in at the Municipal Building.