Hartland Happenings....

Quarterly News from your Town Water and Highway Departments

Garbage and Recycle Cart Placement Guidelines

As you place your garbage and recycling carts at the roadside every Thursday, please remember that it’s winter time and the snowplow needs lots of room to clear your road! The typical plow truck takes up the entire width of the driving lane – from the centerline to the white edge line – and then the plow wing extends about 6 more feet across the road shoulder. While we realize that Modern Disposal asks that carts be placed “within 5 feet of the roadside,” it is best during the winter months to place them 5 feet from the pavement edge or line the carts up even with the front of your mailbox. Please do not place them on the white line or close to the driving lane. Please remove empty carts the same day after pickup!

Electronic Waste Recycling

The Highway Department will collect e-waste on Tuesday, January 28, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the garage on Ridge Road. After this one, there will be no more monthly collections until the big 2-day event sometime in May. Stay tuned for dates to be announced.....
Mailboxes Damaged During Snow Removal

During the winter months the Highway Department will occasionally receive calls regarding damage to mailboxes, either from snow plows directly or from the force of snow being thrown by the plows. Remember, snowplows can hurl hundreds of pounds of snow in one pass! If damage is, indeed, caused by snow removal, **it is not done intentionally**, but is an unfortunate consequence of snow removal.

In the event that a box or post is actually hit by a plow blade, we will repair or replace it with a standard metal box. The town will not replace any fancy mailboxes, posts or paper boxes of any kind.

If the force of the snow off the plow knocks the box from the post, we will re-attach it if possible. If not, we will, as a courtesy, place a temporary portable box so the resident can receive mail. It is the owner's responsibility to repair or replace the mailbox and post.

When done, you may call the Highway Department to have the temporary box picked up.

If you have a decorative, expensive, or otherwise extraordinary mailbox, please consider removing it during the winter months and temporarily using a simple metal box mounted directly on top of a treated 4 x 4 post.

No Overnight Parking

Town Code prohibits parking on roadsides from November 1 through April 1 from 2 a.m. until 7 a.m. and any other time when it would hamper snow removal operations. A violation may result in traffic tickets, fines and/or towing at the owner's expense. The complete text of the law is available for review in the Town Clerk's office.

Please slow down and move over when you see a plow coming toward you!

Are you pushing snow across the roadway?

NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law and NYS Highway Law prohibit depositing any snow upon the highway or its shoulders. This practice is against the law and dangerous to the motoring public. When clearing your driveway of snow, please keep it on your own property. If you must push snow across the road, please clean it off the road and shoulder afterwards. If your driveway is plowed by a private contractor, both you (as the property owner) and the plow operator may be ticketed and fined. Snow should be pushed to the left side of your driveway (as you are facing your house) so that when the Town plow goes by, it will minimize the amount of snow going back into your driveway.

PLEASE NOTE: The Town DOES NOT pick up brush from the roadside.