

TOWN OF LIBERTY

IN NEW YORK'S CATSKILL MOUNTAINS

120 NORTH MAIN STREET



LIBERTY, NEW YORK 12754



COMMUNITY UPDATE

With excellent schools, outdoor recreation and its escalating business climate, the Town of Liberty is a great place to live, play and do business. With that, the Town of Liberty has lots of new and exciting developments happening to uphold its commitment to the community. A lot of the developments have been completed this year and others are in the process of completion. Learn more about these updates here in our Community Update!



IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE

The Town of Liberty received \$1 million in grants to upgrade the WSS water system which supplies White Sulphur Springs. Additionally, the town has received a Loomis Sewer grant of \$1.2 million for wastewater upgrades to the treatment plant. This upgrade will protect the water quality in Loomis Creek. The grants have also been instrumental in initiating the Harris Road water and sewer infrastructure study.

BUDGETS AND TAXES

The Town of Liberty is fiscally sound, and has been working with a balanced budget, with no changes in reserves. Town of Liberty taxes have stabilized, in the past four years there have been no increases in the property tax rates. Town of Liberty employees have all seen salary increases, and there have been increased ratables throughout the Town of Liberty from 2016 to 2017, seeing a standing increase of \$1.2 million.

BEAUTIFYING TOWN HALL

The Town of Liberty recently received a grant for approximately \$100,000. The grant money was applied to drainage project work, which will improve the drainage around Town Hall. Town Hall has also received a fresh new look with a newly painted exterior, as well as the reconstruction of the front porch area.

Finally, the Town of Liberty has also received a Records Grant which will be applied to the Town Clerk office to restore

the records room. The Town Clerk's Office is frequently considered the center of the Town Government.

MARKETING & BRANDING

The Town of Liberty has taken progressive steps to help market the community in an effort to increase tourism visits, home sales and new businesses. In the past two years, the Town has built a new website (www.TownofLiberty.com), has produced three videos featuring Play in Liberty, Live in Liberty and Do Business in Liberty, all of which can be found on the website. Additionally, the Town of Liberty has an advertising campaign of targeted outreach to increase new businesses, second home buyers, families and tourists to visit the Town of Liberty or to call it home.

BUSINESS FRIENDLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Town of Liberty is a business-friendly economic development center. The Town of Liberty welcomes new businesses with open arms, and has a streamlined process to help businesses through the approval process. The Town of Liberty has seen an increase in business activity in the last two years, and has worked closely with Cornell Cooperative Extension to initiate a program to assess roads in Liberty that are in need of repair for business and agricultural purposes.



LIBERTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

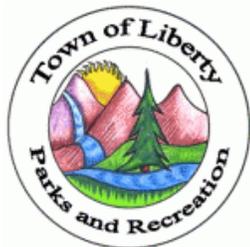


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COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS

Through the Town and Village of Liberty's joint \$15,000 municipal grant from the Sullivan Renaissance, the following plans have been made to beautify Liberty's public spaces and make them more visitor friendly:

- Created and enhanced green spaces, including plantings, flags and kiosks, including the two traffic circles that serve as gateways to Liberty
- Increased legal code enforcement of highly visible neglected properties
- Improved signage and maps for the Rail Trails, Walnut Mountain and Hanofee Parks



Just this year, the Town of Liberty was awarded a \$7,000 grant from the Sullivan County Plans & Progress Small Grants Program to install an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant Interpretive Trail. The new ADA Interpretive Trail was installed at the Lake Street entrance of Walnut Mountain Park. The trail was built in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and has interpretive signage throughout the trail, which points out different species of trees, plants, and animal habitats that are native to Sullivan County.

MEET THE TEAM

James Adam Guara - Assistant Recreations Director

James has been working as the Assistant Recreations Director for the past four years and has had the pleasure of working towards building a strong connection with community



members, the community as a whole and the local school districts. James continues to create and build programs such as Warriors Football, Kids in the Kitchen and the Engineering Club, to help foster positive relationships necessary for community growth.

Kevin Delaney - Park Supervisor

Kevin has been working for the Parks and Recreation department for five years and had the pleasure of beautifying municipal parks in the Town of Liberty. Kevin has worked with many volunteers to enhance Liberty parks such as disc golf, mountain bike, hiking/ADA trails. Kevin's goal is to only continue growth within Liberty parks.

Kathy Dworetzky - Secretary/Typist

Our newest member of the team, Kathy joined the Parks and Recreation team two months ago and has been involved in Parks and Recreation programs for numerous years. She is looking forward to helping foster community growth and development through positive interactions.

TOWN OF LIBERTY LISTED AMONG "BEST PLACES IN NEW YORK FOR HOMEBUYERS..."

LendEDU's newest report uses licensed data to analyze hundreds of New York towns based on a number of factors deemed important for homebuyers such as income and population projections. With 250 best towns listed to buy a home in New York, the Town of Liberty ranked #104. The full report and methodology can be found here: <https://lendedu.com/blog/new-york-homebuyers/>

