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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

PARADE BEGINS AT 6:30 PM



It's time for our annual Memorial Day Parade!

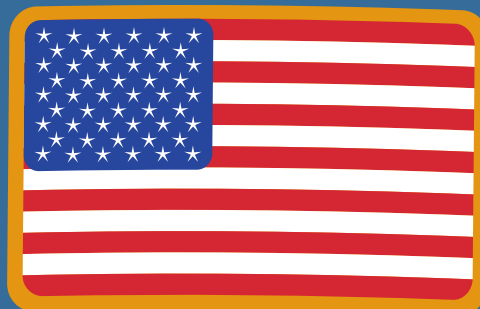
Delanson will host and the Delanson Fire Company will lead.

Please come and join us as our community celebrates and honors our veterans, highlights and updates will be posted on the village website and on Facebook.

If you would like to participate in organizing or joining the procession, please email duanesburg.parade@gmail.com or contact the Village Clerk at 518-895-2199

Line up is at 5:30 pm at 4everBods Fitness Center.

The parade begins at 6:30 pm!



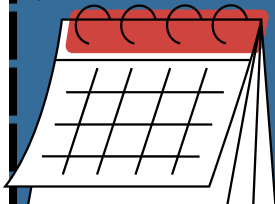
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2025 HYDRANT FLUSHING DATES UPDATE



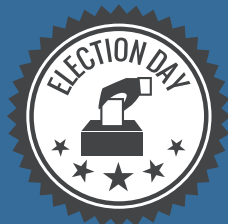
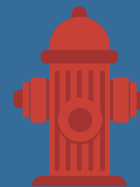
**Hydrant Flush Dates
are TBD,
pending filter bed maintenance completion.**

Water Plant Info Meeting March 10th

The Village has been working with our engineers since 2017 to scope and implement improvements to the Village's drinking water infrastructure. We would like to extend the opportunity for residents to learn about the proposed capital water project. The public information session will be held at the Delanson Firehouse.

Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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Village General Election

**Don't forget to get out and VOTE
Tuesday, March 18th, 12PM to 9PM**

**Mayor, Gayle Gifford will be seeking re-election, a 4-year term.
Josh O'Connor will also be running for Trustee, a 4-year term.**

To contact the Village office, please call 518-895-2199. If you need an absentee ballot application, please go to our website www.delanson.net or call the office.

You can also call the County Board of Elections at 518-377-2469 or go to their website www.schenectadycounty.com/boe



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH:

- 2 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8AM - 11AM
- 9 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
- 10 - INFO SESSION: WATER 6:30PM
- 10 - BOARD MEETING 7PM - 9PM
- 17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- 18 - ELECTION DAY 12PM - 9PM

APRIL:

- 6 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8AM - 11AM
- 14 - BOARD MEETING 7PM - 9PM
- 15 - TAX DAY
- 18 - GOOD FRIDAY
- 20 - EASTER SUNDAY
- 30 - WATER RENT DUE

MAY:

- 10 - GAZEBO CLEAN-UP DAY
- 11 - MOTHER'S DAY
- 12 - BOARD MEETING 7PM - 9PM
- 19 - LEAF PICK-UP
- 20 - MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
- 26 - MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE:

- 7 - VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE 8AM - 3PM
- 9 - BOARD MEETING 7PM - 9PM
- 14 - FLAG DAY
- 15 - FATHER'S DAY



YOUR CORNER OF HISTORY: HICKS SHELDON

The Albany and Susquehanna Railroad Company, being authorized and organized by the State Legislature to construct a railroad from Albany to Binghamton, built the railroad in sections.

The first section extended from Albany to Central Bridge and its engineers, seeking a favorable grade, found the desired route passed through the upper part of the Normanskill Valley which provided an improved means of transportation for this vicinity. This first section was constructed during the years 1861 to 1863 inclusive and in the latter year, transportation was established between the above mentioned points.

To best serve the needs of Quaker Street, a site was chosen for a station and other necessary facilities. A station and a freight house were erected on the east side of the highway crossing, between certain tracks existing at that time. This point was given the name Quaker Street Station.

The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company was organized and then expanded by buying or leasing railroads from Rouses Point, New York to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and extending the canal from Honesdale, Pennsylvania to Rondout, New York. The Albany & Susquehanna Railroad became the Susquehanna division of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company.

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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Every Thursday night at 6:30 pm
June through August
at the Gazebo.

Check the village website
www.delanson.net, the Post Office, or on
our Facebook page for the music schedule.



STATEWIDE BURN BAN

Open burning is NOT permitted
March 15 - May 14
In New York State.

**The Village of Delanson Law for
open burning is
extended to May 31.**

Burning of leaves and brush is
prohibited in NYS at any time.



**Welcome to new residents
of Delanson!**

WELCOME

Be sure to check in with the Village
Clerk to make sure your records are
updated and visit our website at
www.delanson.net for important
information about Village happenings.

You can also sign up for
emergency email notifications, like
water main breaks, etc.

Leaf Pick-up

Leaves must be contained in bio-
degradable paper bags, no plastic.

No contaminants, leaf bags
containing dog feces will be refused.

Please place leaf bags by the side of
the road on Sunday, May 18th to be
picked up by the Duanesburg
Highway Dept. on

Monday, May 19th, 2025.

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YOUR CORNER OF HISTORY: HICKS SHELDON (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

Later, the canal properties were sold to Samuel Coykendall, who dropped the word "canal" from the corporation title. The Schenectady and Duanesburg Railroad, built from Delanson to Schenectady connected with and became part of, the Susquehanna division of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad at Delanson. The formation of this junction brought increased activities to this point, making it necessary for more men to be employed.



Homes were built for the railroad workers, and several businesses opened up around them, including a coal business owned and operated by Mr. Hicks Sheldon. Mr. Hicks Sheldon was well known throughout the county and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all. In 1870, Mr. Sheldon purchased a large quantity of property along the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad. At that time, the section of Railroad was known as Quaker Street Depot and only contained a small station and freight house (photo on page 3). Due to his activity and enterprise, the small village expanded to several stores and places of business that ultimately led to the construction of many beautiful residential homes many, of which still stand today. He was widely recognized as the founder of the to-day village of Delanson. Original articles and photos can be found at www.delanson.net.



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CALL for VOLUNTEERS

The Delanson Fire Department, the Village Planning Board, the Village Zoning Board and the Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance Corp (DVAC) all need volunteers!

- Call Fire Department Chief, Kevin Morrison at 518-657-9273 to discuss becoming a member.
- For the Board positions, please call the Village office, 518-895-2199.
- For the Volunteer Ambulance, please contact DVAC, 518-895-2200.

There is great satisfaction in volunteering.
Why don't you give it a try?

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join the Delanson Volunteer Fire Company on the first Sunday of the month from 8:00 am - 11:00 am for freshly made pancakes and sausage,

Come on in and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and delicious breakfast served by Delanson's finest!

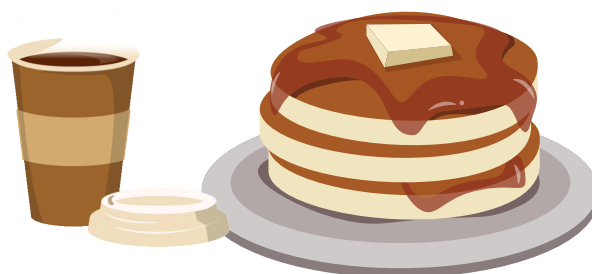
A Message From the Delanson Fire Co.

The members of the Delanson Fire Company would like to thank everyone for their support of our calendar fundraiser. Our first year was an enormous success thanks to the support of many local businesses and the community.

We plan to produce the calendar annually going forward and will begin to work on the 2026 edition this spring. If you are a local business owner and would like to advertise with us in 2026, please reach out to fundraising@delansonfire.org to reserve your spot.

The Delanson Fire Company is always looking for new members. No experience required. There is a role for everyone at the Delanson Fire Company. Young men and women ages 12-17 are eligible to be Junior Firefighters. Reach out to contact@delansonfire.org or stop in Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. to learn more.

Visit our website www.delansonfire.org and follow us on Facebook @Delanson Fire Company, Inc. to stay up to date on current events!



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LEASH LAW IN EFFECT

Please Pick Up After Your Pet.



Please keep in mind that if you are spotted not cleaning up behind your pet, you are in violation of your community's guidelines and could be cited and fined as such.

All dogs in the Village of Delanson must be licensed and confined to the owner's property unless properly restrained by collar and leash. To prevent property damage and possible harm to other pets and residents, dogs running at large are prohibited by Village Law. This measure may also keep your pets from being hit by a train or vehicle or worse carried away by a wild animal. Fishers, bears and fox have all been spotted in the area. PLEASE KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE.

To license your dog, call Duanesburg Town Clerk, Jen Howe at 518-895-8920 x102 or email her at jhowe@duanesburg.net.



DELANSON'S ANNUAL VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE



The highly anticipated Delanson Village-wide garage sale will return for 2025!

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

8AM-3PM

RAIN OR SHINE!

If you live outside the Village and would like to participate, there are four spots available on Main Street.

Contact the Village Deputy Clerk, Sharlene at 518-895-2199 to reserve your spot. All spaces are reserved on a first come, first served basis.

The Delanson Fire Department will sell breakfast sandwiches.

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WATER PLANT INFORMATION SESSION MONDAY MARCH 10, 2025

Dear Residents:

Greetings! The Village Board would like to take this opportunity to update you regarding the status of the Village water system. As you are likely aware, the Village has been working with our Engineers since 2017 to scope and implement improvements to the Villages drinking water infrastructure. These improvements are not only intended to improve water service for the end-users, but to also address State and Federal mandates that have been placed on the Village water system.

Please recall that in 2017, the Village received an Administrative Order from the US Environmental Protection Agency and New York State Department of Health Department for violation of quality standards for certain constituents that are present above the allowable levels in our drinking water. You have received notices in the past regarding these violations and the presence of Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids in our drinking water that are commonly referred to as "Disinfection By-Products". The Village Board has worked diligently for the last seven years to secure grants and other subsidized financing to offset the costs of capital improvements necessary to comply with the State and Federal mandates.

The Village recently applied for and was awarded a grant from the NYSDOH to make the necessary improvements to the Village's drinking water infrastructure. Although we have received a very favorable grant equivalent to 60% of the total anticipated capital project cost, the remaining debt service will need to be absorbed by the water system end-users. Currently, the proposed capital project debt service at the conclusion of the project is anticipated to increase the quarterly water rate by approximately \$130 per quarter.

As water system customers ourselves, we do not take this rate increase lightly, and it is our intent to continue to work to reduce the anticipated capital project costs. That said, the Village will ultimately be left with some form of debt for the proposed capital project, and we are bound by the USEPA and NYSDOH to move forward with the proposed project to comply with the State and Federal mandates.

We would like to offer residents the opportunity to learn about the proposed capital project, learn how your water rates will be impacted, and understand the value of completing the proposed upgrades to our water system infrastructure. To assist with this effort, the Village Board and our Engineers will be holding a public information session at the Firehouse on March 10th at 6:30 pm to present the proposed project and answer any questions you may have. Additional meetings may be scheduled if needed. Our regular board meeting may be delayed until the conclusion of this public meeting session, but not beyond 8:00pm.

We look forward to seeing you and answering any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Gayle Gifford, Mayor
Village of Delanson