



Town of Cambria 2025 Fall Newsletter

4160 Upper Mountain Road, Sanborn, NY 14132
www.townofcambria.com ~ 716-433-7664



FROM THE DESK OF TOWN SUPERVISOR MATT FOE:

As the seasons change, so too does our town. Here in Cambria, we're experiencing a changing of the guard. On September 1, 2025, I was appointed as the new supervisor. I've now taken the helm, and I'm honored to serve our community.

We would like to thank Jon MacSwan for his many decades of service to the citizens of our Town. We wish him good health and happiness as he enjoys his much-earned retirement.

The Town Board has heard the call from the citizens for more transparency and we aim to be more transparent going forward. We are entering a new era of communication due to social media. This requires us to be more innovative. Our methods of communication need to be updated.

In the next few months, we hope to bring significant change to community engagement. We are moving forward with recommendations that have been suggested by the Town residents. Hopefully we will be able to reestablish trust and demonstrate transparency by working together.

We are excited about this new adventure with an increased commitment and focus on trust between our great Town and its great citizens. As we move forward, let's strive to work together for the common good of all of us.

"No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it."

-Source Unknown

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.com to be added to our mailing list. Thank you!

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)

Randy M. Roberts ~ Councilman
(716-433-0183)

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Debra A. Littere ~ Assessor & Tax Collector
716-433-8161 (x122 and x118)

James P. McCann ~ Building Inspector
716-433-7664 (x126)

Steven M. Kroening ~ Highway Supt.
716-433-7664 (x120)

Tamara J. Cooper ~ Town Clerk
716-433-7664 (x127)

Cambria Town Court

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

Justice Amel S. Jowdy, Jr
(716 - 433-3088) x139 (Clerk)

Justice Amel S. Jowdy, III
(716 - 433-3088) x144 (Clerk)

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town Board will conduct a public hearing on November 6, 2025, 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, 2025.



ELECTION DAY ~ NOVEMBER 4, 2025

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.niagara.ny.us/>

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 \$33,700 (2024 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. **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 2026, the state will notify us to apply the Enhanced exemption for School tax purposes. For more information, please visit www.tax.ny.gov/star or call 518-457-2036. **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. For the town to maintain its 100% equalization rate, we will be undergoing a **Townwide Assessment Project** for 2026. This will continue to achieve a realistic value of your property, with maximum exemption value, and the lowest tax rates possible. 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.



DEBRA A. LITTERE, TAX COLLECTOR : The 2026 Town and County Tax collection season will begin on Monday, January 5, 2026. Collection days will be Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays (excepting holidays) until Monday, February 2nd, 2026, from 8:00 am-Noon & 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, for payment without penalty. From February 10th through March 24th, 2026, payments will be accepted on Tuesdays ONLY from 8:00 am -NOON! The **LAST DAY FOR COLLECTION** is Tuesday, March 31st, 2026, from 8:00 am-Noon & 1:00 pm-3:30 pm. 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.com, 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. NOTE: School taxes ARE NOT paid at the Town Hall. Please contact the school district directly for questions about your bill or payment. 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) 778-6855
Niagara Wheatfield	(716) 215-3027
Lockport	(716) 439-6744

Unpaid school tax bills will be re-levied onto the 2026 Town and County tax bill.

PLEASE NOTE: If your taxes were in escrow, and you have paid off your mortgage, please notify the Assessor's office at 716- 433-7664 ext. 122. 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.

FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC:

Saturday, December 6, 2025 9:00 am-12:00 pm

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

NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED



STEVEN KROENING, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: As summer wraps up, we have completed the resurfacing of Cambria Road, Northway/Southway Drive and cross culvert replacements on various roads. We are currently working on cleaning road ditches as well as some main field ditches. Brush pickup resumed in September and will continue until October 30th. Please be reminded that we **DO NOT** pick up brush that has wires, rocks, roots, concrete, poison ivy, or dirt in it. 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 State Road pickup. 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, 2026. There is no parking permitted on Town roads between the hours of 1:00 am and 7:00 am. 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. Wood chips are available for pickup, please call in advance if you need chips loaded. The town will hold a tire drop off on October 18th from 8:00 am to noon at the town's municipal building. Proof of residency is required. Limit of 8 car or pickup tires per household. Tractor/Semi tires and tires on rims will **not** be accepted. We are here to assist you in any way that we can. If you have any questions or concerns, call 716-433-7664 ext. 124 or visit our website.



WATER DEPARTMENT: **Thank you** to the residents who contacted us to replace your aging water meter. We are making great progress replacing meters throughout the town. The older meters continue to accurately measure your water consumption; however, it may not be transmitting the data to us. Therefore, you are not being charged for your water consumption, only the minimal cost to have the meter in your home. If you have received a hangtag on your door, please call us to schedule a meter replacement. It takes approximately 30 minutes and there is no cost to the homeowner. We are systematically reaching out to various residences that need replacements. Keep an eye out for a hangtag on your door. Just a reminder that if you are **selling your home**, please contact us prior to the closing date so we may schedule a **compliance inspection**. 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 will charge an additional **\$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. Please note: Water bills are due by the end of business on the due date printed on the bill - no exceptions—late fees will be applied.



WATER BILLS: *We are now accepting credit/debit cards **IN PERSON ONLY** for water bill payments - there is a convenience fee to use a card that goes directly to the credit card vendor.*

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). The Town is working on changing its website to a ".gov"- stay tuned!

Monthly Meeting Schedule ~ Please note some dates may change due to holidays.
See the website for more information.

Town Board ~ 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm
Town Board work meeting ~ Monday before Regular meeting at 6:00pm
Planning Board ~ 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm
Zoning Board of Appeals ~ 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

TOWN OF CAMBRIA COLLECTION 2025



WEEK A RECYCLING
WEEK B RECYCLING

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

OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Check the website in January for the 2026 collection calendar.

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

www.moderncorporation.com

CS@Modern-Corp.com

CONTACT



BULK COLLECTION:

Three (3) bulk items on assigned bulk weeks

BULK COLLECTION DAYS

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

REFUSE INFORMATION: If you sell your home, the Garbage and Recycle Cart is to remain with the property. The Town's policy is one (1) garbage and (1) recycle cart per household. Garbage pick-up is on Thursdays. Recycling pick up is every other Thursday. Modern Corporation picks up the trash & recycling. All items (garbage, recycling & large item) **must be curbside by 6:30 am**. Modern will ONLY pick up Garbage & Recycling Carts that have the Town Logo and Numbering System on them. If you have more waste than what will fit inside your cart there are options. You may purchase sticker tags at the Town Hall, these tags will be sold per sheet for \$25.00. At this time we can only accept exact change CASH. NO checks or credit cards will be accepted. If you need more consistent capacity, you may request an additional cart for \$85, plus an annual fee of \$30 on your water bill to pay Modern for handling the extra cart. Please see the town website for details on the Refuse and Recycling Info as well as the current Recycling Map and pick up schedule or call 716-433-7664 x 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.

COMMUNITY ROOM RENTALS: The Town of Cambria Community Room is available for Town resident's to rent: **please note the room is for non-profit use only.** 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.*

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 2026 will be accepted beginning January 1st, 2026. **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. To keep our park looking great please clean up after using it. **Please remember the park is closed from dusk to dawn.**

JAMES P. McCANN & DEPUTY INSPECTOR MATTHEW COOPER, BUILDING INSPECTORS: If you plan any projects this fall season, we welcome you to check with our office to see if a Building Permit is required. Building Department hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Appointments are **strongly encouraged** as field inspections are also conducted during these hours. Please check our webpage at www.townofcambria.com/building-inspector as it contains permit applications and helpful information. Thank you, and have a great rest of the year!



Your Local Representatives

Legislator David E. Godfrey, 10th District
Email: David.Godfrey@niagaracounty.com (716)-751-9606
Assemblyman Hon. Angelo J. Morinello, 145th District
Email: morinelloa@nysassembly.gov (716) -282-6062
State Senator Hon. Robert G. Ortt, 62nd District
Email: Ortt@nysenate.gov (716) -434-0680



CAMBRIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

4153 Lower Mt. Rd., Lockport, NY 14094



All events are free and open to the public. The presentations are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm with meetings held afterwards. For more information check our Facebook page Cambria Historical Society and Museum.

VETERAN'S INFORMATION: The Town will be hosting a Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11, 2025, more details coming soon. For more information about this event please contact Corrine DiNieri at 716- 433-7664 x 129 or cdinieri@townofcambria.com.

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.com 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- 433-8161 x122/135 or email dlittere@townofcambria.com for more information. We humbly thank you for your service.



GAIL REINBIRD, TOWN HISTORIAN: You may not have heard of her, but local author Helen Fuller Orton wrote 35 books. She began writing for young children and later wrote historical/mystery books for young teens. Many of her stories reflect what 1920's farm and school life was like in Niagara County, especially, Cambria. Helen Fuller was born on November 1, 1872, on the small Fuller farm located on Town-line Rd. between Pekin and Sanborn, on the Cambria side. She was the daughter of Merritt and Lucy Fuller. Both of her parents were teachers, and she was home schooled until around the age of 8. She then attended "a little red schoolhouse in Pekin" and also went to the school that was on Grove Street there. Later, she attended Lockport High School, where she focused on English Literature, Latin, and history. She was in the graduating class of 1893. Helen became a teacher at the old Clinton Street Elementary School in Lockport for 2 years and remained living on the Fuller family farm until she was 23 years old. She met and married Jesse Orton, a law student. He was born in 1870, the son of John B. and Sarah C. Orton. Helen and Jesse moved to Michigan when he became an economics instructor at the University of Michigan. It wasn't until her 4 sons were raised that she started her writing career. Her first story was written in 1920 and called "How Rover Got the Cows Out of the Corn". The stories recalled many memories she had of growing up in Cambria on the Fuller farm. This was followed by 4 more collections of books for young children. Helen then began writing historical/mystery stories for older children, many that used real historical events as part of the narrative. Helen died unexpectedly in Jackson Heights, Queens, N.Y. on Feb. 16, 1955. She was a member of the N.Y. State Historical Association, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Authors League of America. She is buried at Mount View Cemetery on Upper Mountain Road in Pekin, near Orton family members. She shares a headstone with her husband, Jesse (died 1956) and infant son, Phillip H. Orton (March 9-April 20, 1909). She was survived by her husband and four sons, Malcom F., Lawerance M., Douglas T., and Robert M. Orton. She also had 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. The Fort Niagara Gift shop sells copies of "The Gold Lace Coat" for \$7.95 plus tax. The Niagara County History Center has "The Treasure in the Little Trunk" on sale for only \$4.00, just in time for the Erie Canal celebrations.

CORRINE DINIERI, RECREATION DIRECTOR: I had another successful summer camp, now year two under my belt! My staff was amazing this year, and we received so many compliments from parents. I truly look forward to summer each year and spending it with your kiddos. Thank you for making it such a rewarding season. Can't wait for Summer 2026! Sign-ups will open again in March during office hours, so plan accordingly. Last year we filled up by day 2 of sign-ups. Don't miss your chance! Please note: there will be a **significant** price increase from previous years. This will allow us to include all trips and extras in the cost up front, so everything is covered for your child. Please email cdinieri@townofcambria.com or call 716-433-7664 x129 with questions about events and programs. Information will also be posted on my TOWN OF CAMBRIA RECREATION DEPARTMENT Facebook page.



Halloween Fall Fest: Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Cambria Town Park. Join us for an afternoon of free family fun! Enjoy seasonal activities, games, and community spirit. Additional activities will be available for a small cost, including face painting, blaster ball, and target practice.



Veterans Day Celebration: Tuesday, November 11, 2025. We invite all veterans and community members to join us with light snacks and drinks. This will be a combined indoor/outdoor event, weather permitting. RSVP will be required. Invites will be sent out in October.



Christmas Celebration: Saturday, December 6, 2025. Celebrate the holiday season with festive activities and community cheer! Sign-ups open on November 1, 2025; watch our for details. SPOTS ARE LIMITED.



Winter Day Camp: (Coming Soon!) Plans are underway for a Winter Day Camp! Dates and times will be announced on our TOWN OF CAMBRIA RECREATION DEPARTMENT Facebook page once finalized.

DIRECT LINKS TO HELPFUL WEBSITES

Niagara County DMV: https://www.niagaracounty.gov/departments/m-r/motor_vehicle_office/index.php

Niagara County Free Rabies Clinics:

https://www.niagaracounty.gov/departments/a-f/environmental_health/rabies/rabies_clinic.php

Erie County Free Rabies Clinics: <https://www3.erie.gov/envhealth/rabies-vaccination-clinics-pet-health>

New York State DEC: <https://dec.ny.gov/>

Modern Corporation: <https://moderncorporation.com/>

Niagara County Board of Elections: <https://elections.niagara.ny.us/>

Niagara County Division of Environmental/Solid Waste: <https://www.rethinkyourwaste.com/>

HOLIDAYS-TOWN HALL CLOSED

2025

Columbus Day	Mon., Oct 13
Veteran's Day	Tues., Nov 11
Thanksgiving	Thurs., Nov 27
Day after Thanksgiving	Fri., Nov 28
Christmas Day	Thurs., Dec 25
Day after Christmas	Fri., Dec 26

2026

New Year's Day	Thurs., Jan 1
Day after New Year's	Fri., Jan. 2
Martin Luther King Day	Mon., Jan 19
President's Day	Mon., Feb 16
Good Friday	Fri., Apr. 3
Memorial Day	Mon., May 25
Juneteenth	Fri., Jun 19
July 4th (observed)	Fri., Jul 3

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

CAMBRIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

4631 Cambria-Wilson Road
716-434-8948

Meat Raffle ~ November 8, 2025
Doors open 6:00 pm,
Raffles at 7:00 pm
Check their website or Facebook
page for more information about
events, hall rental, becoming a
volunteer or membership.



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3024 Upper Mountain Road
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information about events, hall
rental, becoming a
volunteer or membership.



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6:00 pm with first game
at 7:50 pm.

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