



VILLAGE OF BROWNVILLE Fall Newsletter 2025

The Village is in an exciting new phase of community development, with several major water, wastewater, and infrastructure projects underway, made possible through years of planning and coordination between Village leadership, engineers, and New York State funding partners. We are pleased to share updates on this work.

WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES PROJECT: Construction has begun to replace mains, hydrants, and service lines that were first installed in 1922. This also includes building a new 500,000-gallon water tank, and installing upgraded transmission lines and electrical systems. Once finished, these improvements will strengthen the Village's drinking water infrastructure, provide for better fire protection capabilities, and result in a reliable system that will serve residents for decades to come.

WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT: Upgrades at the treatment plant are under construction now and scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. These upgrades include the addition of disinfection to the treatment process to meet more stringent treatment requirements, and replacement of aged and outdated equipment and controls. Additionally, a major collection system rehabilitation is planned for 2026 to reduce excess stormwater entering the system, extend the life of equipment at the treatment plant, restore the system's reserve capacity, and keep the Village in compliance with environmental regulations. They will also lower the risk of costly emergency repairs and help reduce operation and maintenance costs.

FUNDING SUCCESS: The \$30 million in planned improvements are mostly funded through over \$6.3M in grants and \$23M in long-term, interest-free financing. 5 million in additional grant requests are also currently under review. If awarded, these funds will further reduce the portion of costs covered locally and help ensure the most affordable path to upgrading our systems.

BROWN MANSION PROJECT: Over \$700K in grants have been secured for Brown Mansion renovations, plus \$1.18M in pending requests. Renovations include accessibility enhancements, renovation of currently unutilized interior spaces, renovation of the bathrooms, replacement of windows and the heating system, historic preservation work, and restoration of the covered porch at the back of the building.

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYSDOT) WORK: In addition to the new bridge crossing that opened late last year, the NYSDOT completed sidewalk replacement work along Main Street to improve walkability along the Main Street corridor and brought sidewalk ramps into full compliance with accessibility standards. They are also planning work on Bridge Street which involves removing the original bridge crossing and replacing it with a utility bridge to support water and sewer piping that crosses the river.

While construction may be inconvenient, these once-in-a-generation projects will improve the quality and reliability of our water and wastewater systems, enhance safety, and preserve valued community spaces for the future. Join us at monthly Village Board meetings to stay informed, ask questions, and share feedback as we move forward.

Wishing you a safe and joyful fall and holiday season!

Fall clean up: Saturday, October 11th, 2025

Items must be placed curbside by 7am. Four yard limit (approx. 6' X 6' X 3'). Tied bundled bags or cans ONLY.

NO CARDBOARD BOXES OR RECYCLING. All items, such as carpet and lumber, must be cut and tied in 4ft lengths and not exceed 50 lbs. Everything must be either bagged or put into receptacles. Please do not place any items curbside until the night before clean up days. **NOT EXCEPTED:** Cardboard, recycling, tires, batteries, metal, brush, stone, mattresses, computers, television's & electronics. Electronics, rechargeable batteries, leaves & branches can be disposed of at the Town Transfer Site. Please stop by the Village Office to obtain a FREE dump pass for Village residents.

Free Hazardous Waste Collection Day: October 11th, 2025 from 8am-12pm

Collection site is at the Jefferson County Highway Dept. located at 21897 County Rd 190, Watertown.

Visit the website for a complete list of acceptable items: www.NorthCountryRecycles.org or call: 315-786-6900.

Christmas Tree Pick Up: Thursday, January 8th, 2026

Village Taxes:

The last day to pay your Village taxes is October 31, 2025. After this date, you can pay your taxes at the Jefferson County Clerk's Office. • Late Payment/Tax Penalties are as follows: September: +7% • October: +8%

Office Closures:

The Village Office will be closed Monday, September 15th – Friday, September 19th due to the clerks attending training. Check payments may be placed in an envelope and left in the drop box located at the Brown Mansion's front door. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CASH.** A full list of upcoming office closures is available on our website: ww.villageofbrownvillenyc.gov.

Village Police Officer: Please welcome Dennis O'Brien as our new Part-Time Village Police Officer.

If you have a complaint or problem and need assistance from the police department, please call the non-emergency dispatch number and the closest on-duty officer will be dispatched to the problem. Jefferson County Dispatch: 315-786-2601

Snow & Streets:

NYS law prohibits residents from plowing snow and ice into or across streets. This action is potentially dangerous to pedestrians and motorists. Sidewalks are plowed as a courtesy to our residents. Please keep them free of debris, including trash receptacles. Sanding sidewalks is the responsibility of the homeowner. There is NO overnight parking on the streets beginning November 14th until April 14th.

Brownville Glen Park Library: Librarian, Donna Raines • 315-788-7889

Located at the Brown Mansion: 216 Brown Blvd., Brownville • Outside drop box available to the outside left of the building. New hours (Starting October 1st): Tuesday: 10am-5pm • Wednesday: 10am-6pm • Friday: 10am-5pm • Saturday: 9am - 12pm Books, audio books, computer, copier and fax machine use, chrome books and DVD's available. Basketballs and soccer balls are available to sign out during business hours.

MAYOR, PATRICK CONNOR: 315-408-6044 • **DPW SUPERINTENDENT, BILL PICKETT:** 315-778-9631

VILLAGE OFFICE: 315-782-7650 • **OFFICE HOURS:** 9AM-3PM • Clerk@VillageOfBrownvilleNY.com

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Village Board meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the Village Office (216 Brown Blvd).