

THINGS TO KNOW

Spafford and 911

When you have an emergency and dial 911 in the Town of Spafford, your call is received by Onondaga County Emergency Communications Center in Onondaga Hill. They will route your call to the appropriate dispatch center. In the case of fire and medical related emergencies, Onondaga Fire Control dispatch then notifies via pager, cell phone text and siren the Borodino and Spafford Fire Departments. Our volunteers get the call and respond to their respective fire stations. These people then respond to your residence with the equipment appropriate to the nature of your emergency. In the case of medical issues, an ambulance is also simultaneously dispatched to your location. These respond from Skaneateles (SAVES), or Marcellus (MAVES). Having enough volunteers is critical in keeping this system functioning smoothly. Please consider joining the fire department!

Reflective House Number Signs

Red and green house number signs are available for \$10; (hardware is available for additional \$3). The numbers are reflective and help first responders find your residence quickly. See the town clerk or a fire fighter to get one.

Recycling and waste transfer

On Saturdays, and during summer months Wednesday evenings, you can bring your trash and recycles to the transfer station on Stanton Road. There is an annual charge for use of the transfer station. The 2019 fee is \$30 and is payable to the Town Clerk. The access permit is valid for one year from the month of purchase. Blue bins for recyclable items are available at the Town Hall. **Electronics, hazardous materials, yard waste and construction/demolition debris are not accepted.** Items with Freon or other coolant require an additional \$10 fee prior to drop off. Each permit holder may drop off a total of eight (8) tires each year on specified days. Scrap metal is accepted on a schedule which is available, along with the full list rules, on the Town's website and at the Town Hall.

Hunting and fishing

NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation hunting and fishing licenses are available from the Town Clerk's office.

Dog Control and Licensing

NYS requires all dogs be licensed by the municipality in which they reside. 2019 dog license fees in Spafford are \$7.50 for spayed/neutered dogs; \$15.00 for unspayed/unneutered dogs. Senior citizens receive a 50% discount on dog license fees. The Dog Control Officer does not handle cats or wildlife concerns. There is no leash law in Spafford. There is a Nuisance Dog Law, the text of which can be found on the Town's website.

Building & zoning

The Town's Zoning Code and Sub Division Regulations are posted on the Town's website. Permits are required for construction and/or demolition activity within the Town. Commercial use (to launch barges or boats for shoreline work) requires an Operating Permit. Short term (temporary) rental properties are required to register annually with the Codes Office.

School districts serving the township

Skaneateles Central School District, Marcellus Central School District, Homer Central School District, Tully Central School District.

Swimming and boat launch

Skaneateles Lake access: Borodino Landing is found at the end of Bockes Road. The width of the public area is limited to the road width; the properties on either side are privately owned. The public area is available for swimming and fishing. Commercial use by contractors for work on land or water on Skaneateles Lake and its watershed is regulated by the Town and requires an Operating Permit.

Otisco Lake access: Otisco Lake Causeway, at the intersection of West Valley Road and Churchill Road, is owned by Onondaga County Water Authority. The NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation has plans for a boat launch just south of the Causeway with parking for fourteen (14) vehicles. There are no amenities planned for the site.

Nature Preserves

Otisco Lake Preserve – Willowdale Road, flit.org/otisco

Hinchcliff Family Preserve – Covey Road, flit.org/hinch

High Vista Nature Preserve – Vincent Hill Road, flit.org/highvista

Cora Kampfe Dickinson Conservation Area - Skaneateles lakeshore, flit.org/cora

Central New York Land Trust – High Hickory Preserve, <https://cnylandtrust.org/preserve/high-hickory-wildlife-sanctuary/>

Cemeteries & grave plots

There are three (3) active cemeteries in Town: Borodino Cemetery on East Lake Rd; Spafford Cemetery on Cold Brook Rd (between St. Rte 41 and Willowdale Rd) and Cold Brook Valley Cemetery on Cold Brook Rd near Allen Gay Rd. Plots may be purchased through the Town Clerk's office. Each plot is 4' x 10' and accommodates one casket or two cremations.