

## Central County News

### TROY

## Replacing 8 Miles Of Water Lines

Submitted by the Office of Mayor  
Madden

The city of Troy officially broke ground on Monday, May 10 on phase one of a multi-year project to replace 8 miles of water transmission lines between the Tomhannock Reservoir and the City's Water Treatment Plant. According to Mayor Patrick Madden the goal of this major water infrastructure project is to preserve the reliability of the water supply for another 200 years.

During Phase 1 of the project, two 36 inch diameter pipes totaling 43,000 linear feet will be installed. Construction is anticipated to take between 18 and 24 months. Funding for the project comes from a \$10 million Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grant (IMG) and \$29.34 million short-term market-rate financing from the Environmental Facilities Corporation. The piping that is being replaced is over 100 years old.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mayor Madden said "I want to thank our partners on the City Council for their support, and the Department of Public Utilities for their work to make this project a reality." Also in attendance was State Senator Daphne Jordan, who said "today's a great day for Rensselaer County and



A look at some of the replacement piping to be installed as part of the water infrastructure replacement project. Photo provided.

the City of Troy. This groundbreaking for the Troy waterline is about real solutions and showing how government can work well, work together and work effectively to get the job done for the people."

Besides providing drinking water to about 50,000 Troy residents, the Troy Water System also serves about 85,000 people in Rensselaer, Saratoga and Albany counties. Included in these communities are North Greenbush, Brunswick, Schaghticoke and Poestenkill. Monday's ceremony coincided with the 55th anniversary of the opening of the water treatment plant in May of 1966.

### BRUNSWICK

## Brittonkill School Budget Set

The proposed 2021-22 School budget for the Brunswick Central School District (Brittonkill) will go before voters on Tuesday, May 18. The spending plan totals \$26,809,812, which is an increase of 2.43% over the current year's budget. If approved, it will hike taxes by 2.75%, which is at the district's tax cap.

Most know the state tax cap is 2%, but it is actually determined by a complicated formula, so the actual number is often lower or higher. Brunswick CSD has stayed at or below the tax cap since its enactment.

### Grafton Summer Program

The Grafton Youth Commission will again conduct a Summer Youth Program from August 2 through 27. Join up for crafts, games, music and more. Free lunch and snacks. All COVID-19 protocols will be in place. Please contact Noelle at 518-269-8988 to sign up. The deadline is May 15.

### Grafton Peace Pagoda Flower Festival

The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 23 from 11 am to 1 pm. This is a celebration of the birth of Buddha and all living things. It takes place in front of the Pagoda. The ceremony this year is limited to drumming and prayers. Visitors will be pouring sweet tea on Buddha's head for the blessing of all life. Due to the continued COVID-19 concerns, please wear a mask and bring a blanket, cushion or chair to choose a socially distant spot.

## Take Me Out To The Ballgame



On Sunday, May 2, Brunswick Youth Baseball officially opened its 2021 season, with ceremonies at the Hoosick Road (NYS Route 7) field. This included a presentation of a Rensselaer County Legislative proclamation, made by legislator Dan Casale. Accepting the presentation were League President Matt Perfetti (left) and Vice President Justin Ashe (right). Mr. Casale also threw out the first pitch of the season, but instead of singing "Take Me Out To The Ballgame," he was playing a little "chin music." He reports the pitch was high and inside. Photo provided.

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