

**Northport Village Corporation**  
**Village Agent Report**  
**September 14, 2025 Board of Overseers Meeting**

**Recent activities**

- In the process of getting estimates for digging up roots at the round circle at Bayview Park where the tree that was planted a few years ago that is dying. The plan is to dig it all out, put down black plastic material for a year and then proceed to plant a new tree and grass in the future.
- Worked with our Lifeguard, Danielle Hicock, on closing down the Lifeguard service for the season. Her last day of work was August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Thanked her for her dedicated work this year. She advised me that she did not think she would be able to come back next year, due to her college commitments, but she would talk with some of her friends and people she knows to get in touch with us if they are interested in possibly Lifeguarding for NVC in 2026.
- I would like to thank Walter Hickman and Steve Kazilionis for their dedicated and devoted project of fixing the speed sign at the Community Hall location.

**Wharf and floats**

- Wharf: Dallas Fields Dive Service completed the major brace work on the wharf. Remaining repairs will be made in the summer. Weather has not cooperated with scheduling needs.
- Floats: The Lifeguard called me to the Boat Float in the late August. There was a problem, there seemed to be a large board protruding out from under the float on the side of the float where the boats come and go. Upon my arrival and inspection, it appeared to me that she was seeing the skids that are the bottom of the float, that allows us to drag it up and down the beach, were out of place. Art Hall came to help and together we tried to move it out of the way, using a rope and a dinghy. We were able to remove it so it was no longer a hazard. It will be something we will have to deal with and repair when we take it out of the water a bit later in the fall.
- As a reminder, all boats have to be off the boat float by the end of day, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in preparation of the floats to begin to come out of the water on October 14<sup>th</sup> for the 2025 season. If there are any unforeseen storms between now and then, this could result in an earlier removal of the floats.

**Utilities**

- I still have 1 more new water service to be installed on Bluff Rd. As of today, we have installed 6 new water customers in service.
- Fixing water service/connections and reconfiguring required plumbing and meter set up in several cottages' remodels have been completed.

- Fixed several small water leaks. In the process of fixing a slightly bigger water leak. There is an old seasonal water line that needs to be replaced. Working on getting an estimate to get these summer water services replaced and brought up to date to try and avoid these small inconvenient water leaks.
- Worked on the ongoing water leak that has been elusive. At one point while looking for the leak, we had people from Houlton with RCAP, from Portland with RCAP, from Water Quality in Wiscasset, 2 people from EJ Prescott Co, showing us leak detection equipment, and another leak detection company from Boston, MA that brought his equipment as well to try and find the leak. Spent a lot of time looking for this elusive leak – it's like looking for a needle in a haystack.
- Sewer maintenance work and Dig Safe requests are still ongoing.
- Worked with plumber and excavation contractor several different times on a sewer lateral to a house that has not been used in several years. The Sewer lateral had to be brought up to code.
- Worked on a sewer lateral with a contractor and an excavator contractor on a sewer lateral for another house that needed to be replaced and brought up to code since it hadn't been used in several years.
- Worked with excavation contractor at the NVC Treatment Plant to raise all the sewer covers up to ground level. There are 32 sewer covers in all. They are now all accessible for sewage pump outs and cleanings.
- Working on 4 Sewer applications and 4 water applications for new services.

## Roads

- We have completed the Pleasant St road project that was planned. Everything looks good.
- We completed the Ruggles Park project near the Kayak area that had been planned.
- We started the project that was planned for the center street in Ruggles Park but it has been put on hold as of this time, due to the severity of the drought in our area.
- The Town of Northport is going to grind and pave the entire length of Broadway, from Bay St. to Bayside Rd. I also met with the paving contractor in going over the raising of sewer and water risers on Broadway. This project is now nearing a start time.
- Property owner complaints about water runoff from village roads: Whenever I have an opportunity, I advise property owners building new structures or doing major remodels to build their foundations higher than the crest of the road grade to avoid flooding. Property owners who ignore this advice then complain that runoff from the road floods their property and they want the village to do something about it.

## Miscellaneous

- I continue to talk or meet with Town Administrator James Kossuth on a regular basis about items that impact the village.

- The Town of Northport is having a “Touch a Truck Palooza” event with the Northport Fire Dept and other entities, for the purpose of showing the public why the Town of Northport needs to include the Fire Dept’s needs in the new Town Office Building plans. This will be on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 2-4pm at the Northport Town Office location.
- I continue to field calls from private contractors working throughout the Village on current and planned projects in the Village, and deal with various villagers with issues they want addressed.
- My cell phone is also my personal phone. **If you have my number, do not give it out to anyone. The Village office phone is the right number to use for Village business.**

**Village project/needs with future budget**

**implications** • Sander: We are planning to replace sander in 3 years.

- Community Hall: We are missing some of our wood/metal tables and a couple of plastic tables have been “donated.” Our tables are really showing age and wear and need to be replaced. Propose to include for 2027 budget.
- MMA Risk Management recommendations: I am still getting estimates and scheduling work that can be accommodated in the current budget.
- Roads/storm drainage: Area in front of mailboxes at Merithew Square to North Ave and down North Ave to the new hot top needs to be hot-topped, and another storm added. The project needs to be engineered to decide how to handle storm runoff. Lower Clinton Avenue from Merithew Square down needs curbing or storm drain to handle water that is currently washing out the embankment at the bottom of the street.

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