

**Memorandum**

Date: May 17, 2023

To: Town Board

From: Ray Burger, Planning Director

Subject: Planning Department Update

**Application materials** and other documents for some of the items below can be found at:

<http://dryden.ny.us/>

Send public comments to [planning@dryden.ny.us](mailto:planning@dryden.ny.us) with project address in the subject line.

**Proposed Amendment to Zoning Law Regarding Billboards:** A Local Law amending Section 270 of the Town Code will be introduced at the May 18 Town Board meeting. This amendment establishes a Billboard Overlay District in two areas along Route 13 where the adjacent zoning is Industrial. Regulations for this overlay district allow for electronic billboards with limits on the spacing from intersections, residences and other billboards. A public hearing will be scheduled for the June 15 Town Board meeting.

**Community Development Block Grant application:** There will be a public hearing at the Town Board meeting on May 18 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Town of Dryden’s community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. One proposed project is to extend wastewater infrastructure in the Hanshaw Road neighborhood.

**Amending the Town Zoning and Subdivision Laws:** The Town released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to find a consultant to help us examine our existing code and propose modifications. The deadline for proposals is June 30 with the intent to contract with a firm by August. This effort will be led by the Planning Board as requested by the Town Board.

**May is Building Safety Month:** We encourage everyone in Town to join us in our commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by the Town’s Code Enforcement Officers. For information, including safety tips, go to the Town’s website at:

[https://dryden.ny.us/?page\\_id=103](https://dryden.ny.us/?page_id=103)

**Planning Department activity for TOWN in April**

Dwelling Units: 1  
Building permits: 22  
Zoning permits: 12  
Special Use Permit Reviews: 0  
Site Plan Reviews: 0  
Variance reviews: 1  
New businesses: 0  
Fire safety inspections: 7  
Building inspections: 32  
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 10  
Subdivisions: 0  
Violation notices: 3  
Complaints: 11  
Fire calls: 0  
Training hours: 18

**Planning Department activity for VILLAGE in April**

Dwelling Units: 0  
Building permits: 4  
Zoning permits: 3  
Special Use Permit reviews: 0  
Site Plan Reviews: 1  
Variance reviews: 0  
New businesses: 0  
Fire safety inspections: 2  
Building inspections: 3  
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 0  
Subdivisions: 0  
Violation notices: 0  
Complaints: 9  
Fire calls: 0