

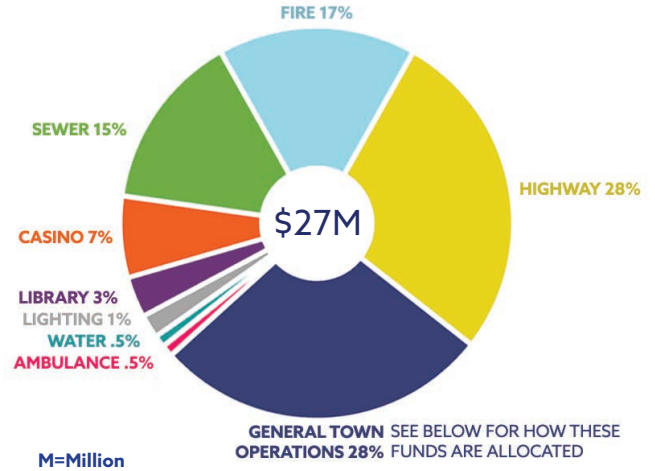
THOMPSON TOUCHPOINT



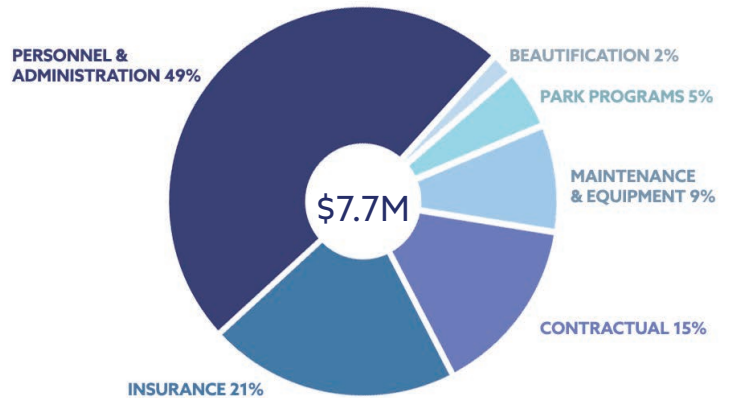
FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK BILL RIEBER

It's time to review the 2024 budget! The Thompson budget calls for a decrease in the tax rate for our operating funds for the ninth consecutive year. We will also meet the tax cap. Most line items were adjusted for routine increases, however we allocated more investment in youth/family activities and parks. The NYS Health Insurance plan did surprise us with heavy increases which we will most likely cover with fund balances. The tax levy for planning, zoning and building department functions is \$0, and has been for years. Thompson taxes have dropped 20% since 2016. We are happy to provide quality services to Thompson taxpayers, at reasonable costs.

HOW THE \$27M TOWN APPROPRIATIONS ARE BUDGETED



BREAK DOWN OF GENERAL OPERATING FUNDS



NUMBER OF TOWN DISTRICTS

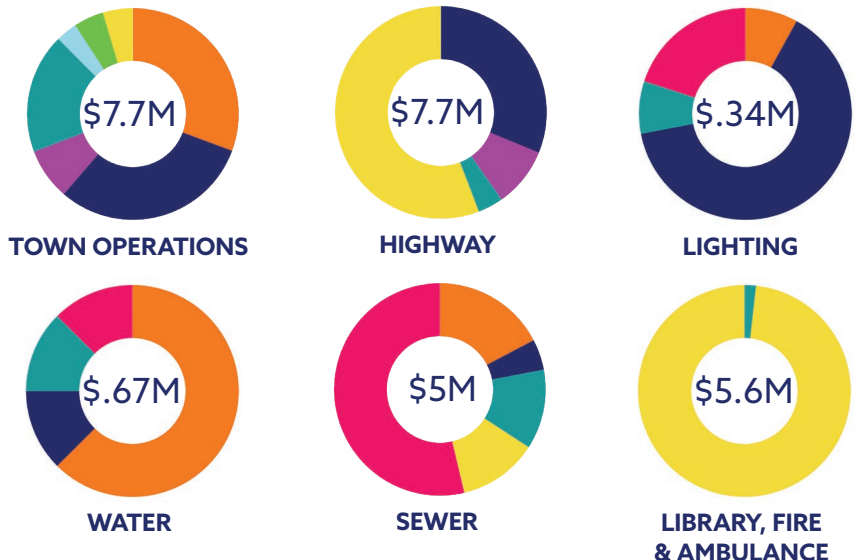


ABOUT TOWN DISTRICTS

Taxes and user fees are paid by property owners who reside in the affected district. For Fire, Ambulance and Library, the taxes received are passed onto the appropriate district.

REVENUE SOURCES FOR TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

- Casino Funded
- Mortgage Tax
- Fund Balance
- PILOTs
- Grants
- Property Taxes
- Interest, Fines, Fees, Bail
- User Fees





More Opportunities for Community Fun

We're excited to share even more events and programs for all ages through our Thompson Parks & Recreation Department. Now in its second year, the Thompson Youth Program continues to expand opportunities for youth - including sports leagues from basketball to flag football, skiing, as well as bus trips to NYC (pictured above is the 2023 trip to see the Lion King on Broadway). Check out the full listing of upcoming programs on the next page and be sure to check our website for new events as we announce them.

Finalizing the Thompson Comprehensive Plan

Throughout 2023, the Town Comprehensive Plan Committee met to gather community input and craft a framework for how the Town should develop for the future. The committee will submit a draft plan to the Town Board for review in spring 2024 and will hold a series of public hearings before formally adopting the plan. The final plan will lay out goals, objectives, and strategies for managing growth throughout the Town.

New Playground and Dog Park at East Mongaup River Park to Be Built

Thanks to a Community Impact Grant received from Sullivan 180 in 2023, the Town will be working with Assemblywoman Gunther's office to administer a DASNY grant to develop a dog park and an ADA-accessible playground at the East Mongaup River Park. While the majority of funding will come from grant sources, the Town will use some Park Fee funds they have been collecting from developers in the Town. *This playground will allow residents to use the playground even when the YMCA summer camp is in use!*

Wrapping Up the LED Lighting Project

In 2024, we will conclude the LED Lighting Project. Since the project's start, we have installed over 800 LED lights throughout the Town, reducing our carbon footprint and implementing an online system for outages and on-going maintenance.

More Updates to Water & Sewer Infrastructure

The Town has acquired over \$43.7 million in grant funding for much-needed updates to our water and sewer systems, which will total \$65 million. We will continue to make improvements to these systems in 2024. These funds include money received through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to leverage existing grant funds and to reduce the overall Town costs. These funds will go towards Consolidated Harris Sewer District Modifications & Upgrades, Emerald Green WWTP Upgrades, Kiamesha Lake WWTP Upgrades, and the Sackett Lake Sewer District Inflow & Infiltration Study.

Ongoing Beautification Efforts

Keep an eye out this spring as we beautify the Route 42 corridor with hanging baskets and banners! The NYS DOT Route 42 Exit 105 interchange upgrades will continue to be implemented throughout 2024. The plan calls for banners and hanging baskets to be placed on the 37 new light poles installed along the roadway. In addition, the two traffic circles will be landscaped, resulting in a beautiful corridor to welcome residents and visitors to the area. This is also part of the Grow the Gateways project, which prioritizes beautification of entryway areas into Thompson.

Ready for the Roads Ahead!

The Town invests in our highways and roadway infrastructure to keep them in the best condition. Our infrastructure continues to be maintained in a timely manner by the Highway Department.

Digitizing Court Records

This year, over a million records will begin to be scanned from the Court Department, including all criminal and civil cases. Recently, our Planning Department underwent the digital archival process, and the benefits have been tremendous. Digital archiving the court records will clear up storage space and scans will be indexed for easy retrieval when documents are needed.

SPRING INTO FUN WITH THESE PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

The following events are scheduled to run through February, but many will be extended! Always [check the Town Facebook page](#) for weather-related cancellations.



THURSDAYS 4-PM AT HOLIDAY MOUNTAIN

Holiday Mountain at 99 Holiday Mountain Rd. in Monticello

Youth age 5-18 who reside in Thompson and pre-register can ski or snowboard for free at Holiday Mountain until all spots are full. Space is limited. Free equipment rentals included. Lessons cost extra. Youth who are beginner skiers or snowboarders must be accompanied by an adult. Enrollment in the free Youth Program is required. See below!



TUESDAYS 6-8PM

Rutherford Elementary at 26 Patricia Pl. in Monticello

Any boy or girl of elementary school age who resides in Thompson can join this FREE league for all skill levels held indoors. Instruction will be provided! Parents must remain with their child/children.



*ADULTS ONLY! TUESDAYS 6-8PM

Monticello High School at 39 Breakey Ave. in Monticello

Pickup games for adults are held every Tuesday from 6-8pm. All experience levels are welcome. No need to pre-register, just drop in and play ball. Please bring your own paddle and ball/s!



SATURDAYS 9AM-12PM THROUGH MARCH

Rutherford Elementary at 26 Patricia Pl. in Monticello

Any boy or girl of elementary school age who resides in Thompson is invited to join this fun league for all skill levels. Instruction will be provided! Parents must remain with their child/children until noon.



SIGN UP FOR OUR YOUTH PROGRAM...IT'S FREE!

Last year, Thompson Parks & Recreation Department launched the Youth Program. It provides youth under 18 who reside in Thompson with access to events and programs - most of which are FREE! Enrollment in the Youth Program is required to participate in Thursday Night Lights. To enroll, scan the QR code or visit: www.townofthompson.com/youthprogram



Welcome Sandra Croissant, New Town of Thompson Dog Control Officer!

We are excited to announce that Sandra Croissant will lead Thompson's Dog Control Department. Sandra is a lifelong Sullivan County resident and has been a friend to animals - both wild and domestic - her entire life. In addition to serving as the Dog Control officer, Sandra is licensed to rescue and rehabilitate orphaned, injured, and displaced wildlife. Here are a few friendly reminders from Sandra about dog-related issues in Thompson:

Ask Your Vet to Microchip Your Dog!

This is Sandra's top advice for dog owners. When she finds a loose or lost dog, she scans the dog for a microchip. A microchip is a very small chip embedded in the dog's skin in a virtually painless procedure by a vet. The chip contains the owner's address and phone number. Sandra reminds you to ensure your phone and address are up to date if you currently have your pet microchipped.

The Importance of Licensing Your Dog/s

Every Thompson resident must get a license from the Town for each dog they own. If your dog is spayed or neutered, it's only \$8 per dog. If your dog is not fixed, it's \$16 per dog. These are annual fees. Proof of rabies vaccination is needed before administering your dog license. Sandra reminds

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Visit M-F 8:30-4:30 at 4052 Rt. 42 in Monticello

residents that the key benefits of licensing are 1) Keeping everyone safe from rabies, a deadly disease, and 2) if your dog is found by Dog Control, and is licensed with the Town, you'll get your dog back faster! If it's unlicensed, the Town must acquire proof of rabies and ownership which takes longer.

What to Do When You See a Loose or Lost Dog

Please, don't approach the dog. Call 845-791-6465 and provide the exact location where you spotted the dog and provide a description of the dog. Leave a message if it's outside Town hours and Sandra will look for the dog as soon as possible.

Where Lost/Loose Dogs Go

Sandra takes the dog to the Town kennels, which are heated, secure, and comfortable. The dog will get access to food, water, and medical attention if injured. The dog is held for 7 days. If no owner comes forward, we bring the dog to one of several local shelters that the Town has a contract with, where the dog is put up for adoption.

If You See or Suspect Dog Abuse

Dogs are required to have access to food, water, and adequate shelter and to be treated humanely. If you see or suspect that someone is neglecting or harming the dog, report this immediately! Animal abuse cases are handled through the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and you can also call the State Police and the SPCA to report the incident. There is also a Sullivan County animal abuse registry you can check at <https://sullivanny.us/Departments/Sheriff/AnimalAbuserRegistry>.

Lost or Found Dog in Thompson
Call 845-791-6465

If you Suspect or See Animal Abuse
NYS Police | 845-292-6600
SC Sheriff | 845-794-7100
SC SPCA | 845-796-3120

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