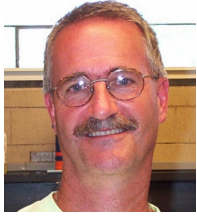


# Happy Retirement



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“SAY IT AIN’T SO”. A very valuable asset to the Village of Mt. Morris is ending his career. Chet Canary has been with the Village since 1981 as Wastewater Operator. Prior to that, he was Water/Wastewater Operator at the Groveland Correctional Facility. The original plant in Mt. Morris was constructed in 1971.



A major upgrade to the facility was completed in 2001. The plant with a flow of just under a half million a day, is now comprised of primary and secondary clarifiers with a trickling filter, anaerobic digesters, solids management is done with a belt press and composting. Chet maintains high standards with operations and has been one of the pioneers in composting. He does it all. One of his other jobs is driving school bus each and every morning. Bus Driver Chet is now driving the grandchildren of the children he chauffeured from home to school for the past thirty years.

He and Linda were married in 1972, have raised

four children and are awaiting the arrival of their first grandchild. Life is about to get real good. Like most of us, he works at playing golf, running for exercise, some fishing, and a vegetable garden for relaxation. His comment is “very good at growing weeds”. Chet has no plans except relaxing, taking it one day at a time, however, he will continue to be Chet, the school bus man.

Chet Canary has special meaning to NYRWA. He served on our Board of Directors for seven years. Like the TV commercial, quiet but when he speaks, everyone listens. Sound advice and proper direction is what Chet gave to the staff and members of NYRWA. Visiting Mt. Morris won’t be quite the same. Please plant the rows straight, hit it long, catch the big one, and in the first page of the grandparents manual it states, “spoil them before returning to the parents.” From now on, that will be the Chet and Linda requirement, enjoy, relax, you deserve it! From the staff at NYRWA, kick back, have a cold one and watch the little one grow. We cannot say THANK YOU enough. ♠