

This is a trial run for a quarterly newsletter to let the townspeople know what is happening in our town. If there is something you would like to see in the next issue in January 2010, please let me know how we can improve. Connie Maguire- Town Clerk- 265-6180

NEWS FROM THE SUPERVISOR

This is important for all residents of Parishville. The topic is the Governor's "Open Spaces Program". The Governor's Plan outlines the acquisition of thousands of acres of private land by the DEC and Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Much of this land is not just forest land anymore, but includes lake front property, property in the Thousand Islands and River Front property on the St. Lawrence. Slated for takeover are parcels in St. Lawrence County, Fort Drum area and Tug Hill and working forest lands within the county. The Town Board of Parishville is against such land acquisitions without having a voice in this process. I have written a letter to Governor Paterson protesting the tactics used by the State to circumvent the Town's legal veto and acquire land with no thought given to local people. I will keep you informed of future developments.

NEWS FROM THE TOWN BOARD

Recognition

The Parishville Youth Sports group ran two great programs at the Parishville Park. The T-ball/baseball program in the spring and Soccer in the summer. Both programs are open to children ages 4- 12 years of age, grades level from head start through 6th grade. Both programs have participation levels of 130 to 150 children. The Parishville Youth Sports group is run by Tammy Sullivan, Tammy Snell and Nikki Phippen. These women do an awesome job of organizing and promoting these programs. For a small fee all the children receive a T-shirt and picture. The programs are run very smoothly and there is plenty of fun to go around.

Another program that was added this year to promote healthy living was the Parishville Fun Run Series this year. It was a 10 week program of Fun Runs, different run lengths for each age group. These were totally free with a free Popsicle going to each individual that crosses the finish line. These runs were open to all age groups. The Fun Run Series was sponsored by the Eat Well Play Hard Program and Potters Industries. The series was run by Lisa Gray and Amy Mitchell. We are all very lucky to have these dedicated individuals running these wonderful programs. These programs make Parishville a great place to live and raise children.

Update on the Transfer Station

If you have visited the transfer station lately, you have seen a size limit change for a \$1 bag of garbage. This is due to the increase in costs of garbage disposal and recycling. The Town of Parishville Transfer Station is a service which the town provides. It is only available to the residents of the Town of Parishville. The town does not break even on this service. It costs the town upwards of approximately \$50,000 a year. We are lucky to have this service; very few towns provide this type of service. We are looking at ways to reduce the cost of this service to the Town. So please keep in mind, recycling costs less than garbage disposal. We still want you to use the transfer station. Burning garbage is unhealthy to our community and illegal. We will keep you posted on our options for reducing the Transfer Station costs to the town.

NEWS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Hunting season is fast approaching and the new licenses for 2009-2010 are on sale now. The newest change besides the increase in price for all licenses is the change in the age for a Senior Hunting license.

The age is now 70 to receive the reduced price for a hunting license. The reduced price is now \$10.00 instead of \$5.00. A Lifetime License for anyone over the age of 65 is \$50.00 if purchased by September 30, 2009 and is money well spent. This will ensure a sportsman license every year for the rest of your life as well as a free DMP application every year. The DMP *applications* are now \$10.00 for everyone not holding a Lifetime License regardless of age. Lifetime Licenses are available at any age and the prices are as follows until September 30, 2009: (0-4 yrs of age- \$300.00), (5-11 yrs of age- \$420.00), (12-64 yrs of age- \$600.00). Please feel free to call the Town Clerk's Office if you have any questions and I will be glad to try to answer them. I will be open to sell hunting licenses from 6-8 pm on these 3 dates: Sept. 22, Oct. 13 and Oct. 20. My office hours after Labor Day will be: Mon (9-12, 1-5), Tues. (9-12, 1-3) Wed. (closed), Thurs. (9-12, 1-3), Fri-(9-12). Please feel free to call or leave a message to set up an appointment if you need to come to the office other than these times. 265-6180- option 2 then option 1

Submitted by Connie Maguire- Town Clerk/Tax Collector

NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT

The Town's water system has been functioning well this year. Following the installation of (2) new submersible pumps (02/09) in the pump house, a significant reduction in electrical consumption has been noticed. Coming up in the fall of 2009 hydrant flushing and valve exercising will be happening, along with several extensions being added to hydrants. This will aid in snow removal and lessen the chances of hydrants being frozen in during the winter months when needed.

Submitted by Jeff Woods- Superintendent of Public Works

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

As you may have seen in the paper recently, National Grid has filed law suits against every property that they own. Eleven of these properties are in the Town of Parishville, where they are asking for a total reduction in assessed value of just over 3 million dollars. It seems that since Niagara Mohawk has become National Grid, all of their properties have suddenly become worthless. We are working with the Town Attorney to fight off this large reduction.

Other than sales and new construction, we will be working in the Coulon Drive area in the next several months.

Submitted by Assessor Chairman- Ron Ferguson

NEWS FROM THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

A reminder that New York State law requires all dogs 4 months of age and older need to be vaccinated against rabies and licensed within the township. The cost of licensing for a spayed/neutered dog is \$5.00 per year and the cost for an unspayed/unneutered dog is \$13.00 per year. You may license your dog for one year, two years or three years depending on the expiration date of the rabies vaccination. The last rabies clinics offered by the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department for this year are as follows: Sept. 17 @ Canton Human Services Center from 2-4 pm- Sept. 17 @ Winthrop Tri-Town Community Center from 6-8 pm- Oct. 15 @ Canton Human Services Center from 6-8pm. Please call 386-2325 for clinic information and/or verification.

Submitted by Robert Phillips- Animal Control Officer

NEWS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

This item is important to all who are not on the Parishville Water Supply. If you plan on building a residence or other facility that uses potable (pure/drinkable) water and you will need a well drilled for this source of water, four things are required; 1.) You will have to obtain the services of a licensed (NY

State) well driller. 2.) You and he will decide where you want the well (checking all distances from lot lines, septic field, drive-ways, roadways, etc.). 3.) Assuming water can be obtained at the chosen site (no bedrock, no loose sand, gravel, etc.), the location will be sent to Albany and the site recorded. 4.) Assuming good luck on a source of water, a draw-down could be performed at the well head. This too will be recorded in Albany. The state is trying to evaluate the amount of ground water available (it is not infinite), throughout the State. All new wells require a building permit from this office.
Submitted by Richard Rodenhouse- Code Enforcement Officer

Misc. News and Information

Town Website:-” www.parishvilleny.us”

Cookbooks are on sale at the Town Hall for the benefit of the Parishville Historical Association. The cost is \$10 per book. Contact anyone from the Historical Association or Town Clerk’s Office to purchase one. They make a great gift.

Engraved bricks are still on sale for the Riverwalk Project. They are \$60 for a 4” x 8” brick and \$80 for an 8” x 8” size brick. Contact the Town Clerk’s office to purchase one or call Connie Harper at 265-3726.