

**NEWS FROM THE SUPERVISOR**

It has been a busy fall here at the Town Hall. By far the biggest challenge this year has been the budget- with a lot of ingenuity and hard work by Town Bookkeeper Cindy Wray, Deputy Supervisor Shirley Robinson, all board members and input from all the elected and appointed officials, we were able to hold a very tight line on the budget. Pat Remington did his usual fine job with the highway budget and good weather in November really helped save highway funds. We also received more sales tax revenue than we anticipated and the Governor restored our CHIPS money that he had threatened to take away. The good weather in November allowed us to roll Highway Department money over to next year. With the economic picture appearing to show signs of improvement, we should be able to hold the line on taxes in upcoming years and offer all the services we always have.

The new Town Barn is under construction and is coming along very well. Good weather in November and early December was a big boost. We have many options open to us as far as the old barn is concerned and we will be exploring them in the next year.

The last year has been one of the bleakest in our nation's history with record unemployment and businesses closing everywhere. We are confident the country will pull out of this recession and will be stronger for it and the Town of Parishville will hold on and tough it out like only the North Country People can.

Thank you and Happy New Year. *Jerry Moore*

**NEWS FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

As I write this note, tax bills are being mailed from the Canton Real Property Office. We have installed a drop box on the side door of the Town Hall facing the Am Vets if you wish to drop off your tax payments and or water bills instead of mailing them. I also would like to let you know that as usual, I only send receipts for tax payments if the box is checked that you would like to receive one. This saves the town the cost of paper, ink and stamps if a receipt is not needed or wanted. My hours for the tax collection season will be Monday (9-5), Tuesday and Thursday (9-3) (I am closed from 12-1 for lunch) and Fridays (9-12). My office also sells memberships for the Parishville Sportsmen's Club for \$10 for the calendar year. I also have cookbooks for sale to benefit the Historical Association for \$10 each. Happy 2010! *Connie Maguire- Town Clerk/Tax Collector*

**NEWS FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Just a reminder that winter is here and will be here for quite a few weeks to come. Please remember that there is no parking on the streets within the hamlet to allow for proper snow removal. Also, please allow more time to get to your destination and drive safely.

**NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR**

Happy New Year to Everyone from your Town Assessors.

For the past several years your assessors have been collecting the required data, area by area, for each property in our township and we have quite a few areas left to do. This requires us to measure and collect data on each structure and to have a recent photo. As you might expect, it is quite a bit of work to collect all of the data required by the State. So, if you see us in your neighborhood, you'll know what we are up to. For an update on the National Grid Lawsuits- the Town has hired an appraiser from the Buffalo area to aid in our quest to win these lawsuits. If we lose, this would be a very big loss to our tax base and could have a significant impact to all taxpayers in our township.

Assessor office hours- Tuesdays 2pm-4pm Call 265-2131 option #7 during office hours or to leave a message

*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. Please be sure to provide your outdoor pets with adequate shelter in these cold winter days or you may be subject to a fine or removal of your pet. Also, be aware that dogs at large chasing deer will result in a court appearance ticket for the owner and possible destruction of the dog by a police or DEC officer.

*Submitted by Robert Phillips- Animal Control Officer*

### **NEWS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT**

This is taken from the Land Use and Development Code for the Town of Parishville:

#### **Sec.-3.01. Permit Required.**

No use or structure shall be established or erected on land developed until a permit has been issued by the Code Enforcement Officer, who shall issue such permits in accordance with this local law. Permit applications shall be obtained from and filed with the Town Clerk.

The following categories of work will NOT require Building Permits:

(A) construction or installation of one story detached structures associated with one- or two-family dwellings or multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) which are used for tool and storage sheds, playhouses or similar uses, provided the gross floor area does not exceed 144 square feet ;

(B) installation of swings and other playground equipment associated with a one- or two-family dwelling or multiple single-family dwellings;

[C] installation of swimming pools associated with a one- or two-family dwelling or multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) where such pools are designed for a water depth of less than 24 inches and are installed entirely above ground;

(D) installation of window awnings supported by an exterior wall of a one- or two-family dwelling or multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses);

(E) installation of partitions or movable walls or book cases less than 5'-9" in height;

(F) painting, wallpapering, tiling, carpeting, or other similar finish work;

(G) installation of listed portable electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation or cooling equipment or appliances;

(H) replacement of any equipment provided the replacement does not alter the equipment's listing or render it inconsistent with the equipment's original specifications;

(I) repairs, provided that such repairs do not involve:

(1) the removal or cutting away of a load bearing wall, partition, or portion thereof, or of any

structural beam or load bearing component;

(2) the removal or change of any required means of egress, or the rearrangement of parts of a

structure in a manner which affects egress;

(3) the enlargement, alteration, replacement or relocation of any building system;

(4) the removal from service of all or part of a fire protection system for any period of time.

CEO hours- Monday and Thursday- 4pm-6pm- Please call 265-2131 option #6 with questions or to set up an appointment. Messages are checked daily.

### **Misc. News and Information**

**Town Website:-" [www.parishvilleny.us](http://www.parishvilleny.us)"**

#### **2010 Census**

The United States Census Bureau would like to announce that it is currently hiring for positions as census takers (also called enumerators), office clerks and other positions to help with the 2010 Census. Conducted every ten years, the Census determines such things as the number of congressional seats for each state in the House of Representatives and the distribution of almost 400 billion dollars of Federal money. Census testing is currently being conducted throughout St. Lawrence, Franklin, Lewis and Jefferson counties. This can be a great way for you to make some extra money and help out your community. If you are interested in working on the 2010 United States Census, please call 315-779-6500 to schedule an appointment to take the Census exam.

#### **The 2010 United States Census- Make a Difference- Be Counted**

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.