

NEWS FROM THE SUPERVISOR

-I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who got out and voted this past November. By reappointment to the Office of Supervisor you've expressed a confidence not only in me, but in the entire Town Board and their efforts to make this Town a great place to live. I assure you all that we will continue to seek ways of saving your tax dollars and putting them to work in ways that benefit the Town as a whole.

-A few items the Town Board has been working on this past year include the demolition of the "Old Town Barn" site. This took a while to get accomplished but the site looks much better and with the cleanup done we now have the opportunity to look into possible uses for this property.

-The Bicentennial event was well received with a great turnout of locals as well as folks that have lived here in the past, returning to visit and enjoy the festivities. The Board is interested in continuing a remembrance of this celebration and is seeking any ideas you may have for keeping this celebration alive.

-Currently our Fire department is looking into the possibility of building a new Fire House. While they are an entity of their own, and will have to get their plans approved by the taxpayers, the Board supports the efforts of these individuals who give so much of themselves through their service to the community. Our Fire & Rescue are second to none, and deserve the recognition and support of their community.

-The Board has decided that they will hold regular Board meetings in the evening on a quarterly basis. The January, April, July, & October meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month starting at 6pm. Hopefully this will allow those unable to attend our regular meetings held on all other months (4th Tuesday@10 am), to attend and stay informed.

-As always, the Board welcomes input from the community and we encourage you to contact us if you're unable to attend Board meetings to get your questions answered or to share any ideas you may have. We wish you all the best in the coming year and look forward to serving you for many years to come.

Rodney Votra- Town Supervisor

RECREATION COMMITTEE:**NEWS FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

Happy 2015!! Along with the New Year comes the dreaded Town and County Tax. The taxes may be paid in three installments, but the first installment must be received in my office or postmarked by January 31st. After that, full payment will be required. (Installment or partial payments are not an option after that date as mandated by New York State).

We have 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 unless your taxes are escrowed (I send those automatically). 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 (9-4) (I am closed from 12-1 for lunch) and Fridays (8-12). I do check the answering machine each day when I am not in the office and will return your call if you leave a message asking me to do so. Please feel free to call to set up an appointment to do business if needed outside of office hours. (265-6180- option 1). My office sells memberships for the Parishville Sportsmen's Club for \$10 for the calendar year and I also have 2015 calendars for sale to benefit the Historical Association for \$5 each.

Connie Maguire- Town Clerk/Tax Collector

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR:

A reminder that the Enhanced Star Renewal Forms will be mailed out within the next few weeks. Please remember you must show proof of income for 2013. Those of you on the IVP program will receive a green card of proof.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

NYS law requires all dogs 4 months of age and older be vaccinated against rabies and licensed within the township. The cost of licensing for a spayed/neutered dog is \$5.00/yr. and the cost for an un-spayed/un-neutered dog is \$15.00/yr. You may license your dog for one, two or three years depending on the expiration of the rabies vaccination. Please be sure your pets avoid contact with any wild animals or any dog or cat that is loose and unknown to you. Dates may be found by calling 386-2325 or visiting the SLC Department of Health online.

Robert Phillips - Animal Control

Volunteers work diligently running wiring for the new lights being installed at the Town's Ice Rink/Pavilion. These were made possible through the efforts of the newly established Recreation Committee with grants and donations they've been able to obtain through their hard work. Some of these monies were raised through local donations as well as money in excess of \$2,500.00 from the St. Regis River Fund and a \$250.00 donation from the Parishville ATV club. In the picture are Ryan and Joey Jacot, not seen are additional volunteers Quinn Woodward and Councilwoman Kari Tremper. If you are interested in helping or have ideas, please send an email to Councilwoman Kari Tremper at kellen105@yahoo.com or drop a note to the Town Hall PO Box 155 Parishville, NY 13672- attention Kari Tremper, Recreation Committee.

Hilltoppers: 40 Years Old and Still Very Much Alive

According to records recently discovered, the Parishville Hilltoppers Senior Citizen Club began meeting in 1974. Velma Holt was President in 1975. Others mentioned in 1975, 76 and 77 that many will remember include Alton and Catherine Moses, Mary Katner, Thelma Forrest, Scott and Catherine Cook, Gladys Garlough, Velma Campbell, Bessie Duffy, Doris Cox, Parepa Earle, Lyle Hart, Miriam Delong, Elizabeth Perry, Kathryn Snell and from later meetings in the 90s folks like Marie Smith, Hilda Moses, Merle and Iris Wickwire and Maggie Leathers. Most meetings mention the dances which have always been a highlight of the club, as well as trips to Erie Canal Village, Shelburne Museum, etc. Today's Hilltoppers Club continues to provide the activities and trips that the members have always enjoyed. Their last event was their Holiday Luncheon and Dance on December 7th at the Parishville Fire Hall. The group sponsored 6 other dances during the 2014 year, held their annual Jamboree, organized and held a dinner for the Town's Bicentennial Celebration in July, participated with the Colton group in attending a Upper Canada Playhouse performance, and went on several bus trips with the Brasher Falls and Canton groups. Members also attended the County May Fest in Massena and the Senior Picnic in Madrid as well as the Seniorama in August. The club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Parishville Town Hall with a Pot Luck luncheon at 12:00 Noon. Each member brings a dish to pass and their table service. The monthly meeting begins at 1:00 pm. Dues are only \$5 a year and membership is open to those 50 and older. The group began to discuss plans for 2015 at their December meeting and will continue this discussion at the January 13th meeting. If you aren't already involved, attend the next or a future meeting and help to plan the dances, trips and other programs for 2015 and perhaps join the group in their activities and events in the future.

A big thank you to the Town of Parishville for their long time support of the Hilltoppers Senior Citizen Club. Minutes from 1977 indicated that the Town provided \$1,000 for the club. In 2015 the Town continues to have a budget line item to assist with senior programs. It is nice to know that the senior population is valued.

From the Office of Code Enforcement

*A reminder to everyone that building permits are required by law for additions, garages, all structural work, decks, pools, stoves, chimneys and if you are performing renovations of 50% or more on the inside of your home. Out buildings and sheds 144 sq./ft. or larger must have a permit. If you build without a permit you may be fined up to \$500.00.

*In 2013 the Town passed a law that all rental properties must be inspected by the Code Officer once every 3 yrs. or whenever a new tenant assumes occupancy.

*With the heating season in full swing, be aware that smoke detectors are only good for 7 yrs. while CO2 alarms are only good for 5 yrs. Ron Ferguson - CEO

News from the Historian

I'd just like to remind everyone that I'm available for historical & genealogical inquiries throughout the winter months. I'm also happy to show anyone through the museum by appointment, with the understanding that there is no heat in the building. Please feel free to contact me any time @ 315-265-4232 or josephm73@yahoo.com.

Joseph McGill - Historian

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

PATRICK REMINGTON

I'd like to remind everyone that the winter season is now upon us. Plowing, road maintenance and keeping our sidewalks clear have once again become the priority at the highway department. We work very hard and many hours during the winter months in an effort to provide safe travel through our community. In order to better help us, we'd like to remind you that plowing snow across the highway is not only illegal, but creates a serious safety hazard for travelers. We do our best to keep the sidewalks clear of snow and appreciate your help by avoiding parking vehicles on sidewalks or roadways this time of year. We'd like to wish everyone a Great New Year. Thank you... Pat

From the Parishville Transfer Station

I wish to thank those of you that are co-operating with the rules and regulations of the Transfer Station. By emptying and breaking down cardboard boxes we are seeing a reduction in transporting containers. If we can crush large plastic items such as milk cartons, soap jugs, etc. we will see a transportation reduction there as well.

The following updates UN-acceptable items for the glass and plastic container, **Per Casella Waste Management:**

No vinyl siding or vinyl trim. No house shutters or plastic fencing. No plastic, corrugated or PVC piping. No 5 gallon oil, chemical, or driveway sealer buckets. No gas cans (plastic or metal) or other contaminated cans. No plastic furniture of any kind. No plastic toys, games, or sports equipment. No plastic drums or misc. containers. These items now go in the trash compactor. Tin cans can go in the metal bin.

As always, thank you for your continued co-operation.

Larry Page -