

A Note from the Supervisor

Winter Newsletter

DECEMBER 21, 2011

YEAR IN REVIEW

The year of 2011 brought many challenges to our Town. We have endured flooding and destruction that was completely unexpected. The effects of this destruction will be felt for years to come. Federal aid through FEMA was denied for damages from the May flooding. Irene's damages were declared as a Federal Disaster and so there will be FEMA funds coming in for those repairs.

Along with all of the difficulties this year we did have a number of positive events in the Town. The Easter and Christmas Parties held by the Youth Commission were enormous, and were a great deal of fun for the

children and the adults. The Annual Maple Sugar Party was a packed event that was greatly enjoyed by all. The Summer Concert series provided weekly entertainment and two great fireworks displays for everyone's entertainment. The Town Wide Sale, and Fall Farm Tour drew numerous people to our area as well. I would be remiss if I did not mention the Christmas Basket Program, the Annual Christmas Bazaar and the Luncheons held for our Highway Department this year. All of these programs and events show our town to be the strong, close knit



community that it is.

All of those who donated time, food, thoughts and enthusiasm deserve a sincere thanks for their efforts to serve and better our community. We are truly fortunate to live in such a wonderful location with such great neighbors.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- January 1, 2012—Recycling Center Closed
- January 2, 2012—Town Offices Closed
- January 3, 2012 - Organizational Meeting 6:30pm
- January 10, 2012—Regular Town Board Meeting 6:30pm

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TOWN BOARD RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEERS

At the December 2011 Town Board Meeting the Town Board recognized Bob and Peggy Florance for all of their efforts on behalf of our community.

Bob and Peggy have been pivotal in the

Meals on Wheels Program which benefits so many of the people here in town.

In recognition of their efforts, not only with Meals on Wheels, but other programs and events in the town over

the span of many years, the Town Board recognized their service and prepared a Certificate of Appreciation to be presented to the couple.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Over the years the Christmastime delivery of baskets to members of the community has become an annual tradition. This year marks the 31st year of the program, which is organized and run by people in town who donate their time, baking, and efforts to make the holidays brighter for a number of folks.

A recent conversation with Evie Russell revealed the

fact that she started the program- on a much smaller scale – thirty-one years ago and has seen it grow and thrive over the years.

In 2011 over 40 baskets were assembled and delivered during early December. The baskets are dependent on the donation of baked goods and items from members of the community as well as several local business who generously



The Christmas Baskets celebrate 31 years this year.

contribute to the program each year.

Thanks to North Country Ministries and Warrensburg Central School for their donations to the Food Pantry.



GLEANNING AND FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to assist with the Town’s Gleaning Program and the Food Pantry.

The next Gleaning will be January 9, 2012 at 1pm in

the Town Hall. Gleaning is open to everyone.

This month we received two donation towards our Food Pantry. North Country Ministries donated \$50.00 towards the purchase of food. War-

rensburg Central School also made a large donation of food as well as a monetary donation to our food pantry. These donations are greatly appreciated .

ROADS & BRIDGES

The Highway Department has been very busy working on the roads in an effort to get as much work done as possible before the winter snow sets in.

Most notably is the new bridge being built at Ski Hy Road. Working

with the assistance of Warren County Soil and Water, the bridge is in the final stages of being built. This access is expected to be open in the next few weeks, and everyone is looking forward to its completion.

This is the first of

many major projects expected to be completed in the coming years.

In addition to the work on the bridge, crews are continuing to clean ditches and culverts along the roads in the town.



SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

The Town is in the process of moving to its Pay As You Throw Program for garbage disposal in the town. This program is not scheduled to take effect before February 1, 2012. The following information is to assist citizens with this transition, more information will follow as it becomes available.

First, garbage & recycling pick up will continue as normal until January 31, 2012. After that there will be no town pick up of garbage or recyclables. Residents have several options available to them. You may contract with a private company such as Ace Carting Co., or another such company that provides residential pick up.

You may also choose to use the Town's new program in which citizens will purchase garbage bags from the town hall and then bring all recyclables and your garbage to the Town's transfer station for disposal.

It is important to note

that the trash bags purchased from the Town Hall will be colored and identified as such in order to make it easy to determine that all bags in the roll off have indeed been paid for. You will not have to pay per bag at the transfer station.

There will be two bag sizes available being sold at the Town Hall. 13 and 33 gallon bags will be sold in packs of 10. The price set for a 13 gallon is \$1 per bag, and \$2 per bag for 33 gallon bags. A package of ten of 13 gallon bags will cost \$10, a package of ten 33 gallon bags will cost \$20.

A third option is to have a neighbor or other resident pick up your town trash bag and take it to the transfer station for you. Several townsfolk have expressed an interest in offering this service.

As for recyclables, the town will continue to accept the ones it currently collects, and we will be expanding to collect newspapers, magazines, and cardboard as well in our efforts to recycle more and cut



down on the waste stream. We are also looking into the possibility of offering electronics disposal for items such as computers at no cost as well.

The Town Board has been deeply concerned about the difficulties faced in recent years with dumping in our town. In response to these ongoing problems and to prevent further problems as a result of our transition to a PAYT Program, the Board has passed a Local Law with mandatory minimum fines of \$250.

Once the bags arrive and are ready for sale we will get that information out to the public. In the mean time if you have any questions please call 623-9649.

Upcoming Activities

- December 29, 2011—Highway Appreciation Luncheon 11 am
- Town Board Organizational Meeting January 3, 2012 6:30pm
- Gleaning January 9, 2012 1pm
- Regular Town Board Meeting January 10, 2012 6:30pm



