



Town of Groveland

November 2019

Supervisor:

William E. Carman

Deputy Supervisor:

Bill Devine

Additional Board Members:

Steve Atterbury
Amy Phelps
Ron Niedermaier

Town Board meetings

are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, 4955 Aten Road. All meetings are open meetings, and the public is encouraged to attend.

Our Lake View Cemetery has burial plots for sale. Contact Joe Snyder for prices and plot location @ 585-335-9820

Groveland Supervisor

PHEW...Elections are over, well at least for this year!!! You are all lucky enough to have me represent you for another four years. I am truly honored to serve our community and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. The voter turnout for Groveland was impressive. Thank you for all your support and congratulations to the winners. The proposition on the election ballot to switch the elected Highway Superintendent to an Appointed position was turned down. Congratulations to Mark Caldwell.

We will have a Justice starting January 1, 2020. Welcome to newly elected Mark Bean to the position; I wish him success. Join me in wishing the Honorable Jenean Love enjoyment in her retirement.

The second annual County-Wide cleanup was held on April 28th was a huge success scheduled here in Groveland. Pete Dolan organized, planned and recruited help and it showed as the turnout was tremendous. A much-needed job as there was a dump trailer load of garbage collected. Thank you to Pete and all the volunteers that helped make it a huge success.

By the time this reaches your home it may be Veterans Day or a few days past. I encourage you to thank a Vet for their service; the sacrifices those who served our country are commendable and I cannot thank you enough for your service.

Ambuscade & Building Improvements

Ambuscade Park is finally moving forward with the help of Genesee Valley BOCES Building Trade. They have gotten a large portion of the structure up. BOCES has been instrumental in our vision to get this much needed building completed while keeping to our budget. Hopefully by spring it will be ready for unveiling.

Councilman Bill Devine has put some talent into making signs

Did you Know....
Town Clerk's office
takes credit cards; there is a
fee!

Town Clerk/Collector office
updated hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
from 9am-4pm
Wednesday 12pm-4pm
Friday 9am-1pm
585-243-1750 office
585-243-3810 fax
www.grovelandny.org

Recycling and Transfer
Station

Warner Road open on
Wednesdays 4:30P.M. -7:00P.M.
and Saturdays 9:00A.M. -
1:00P.M. Residency stickers for
2020 are \$25.00 and punch
cards are available at the Town
Clerk's office for \$20.00
(subject to change)

for the inside and outside of the town hall, and for the Ambuscade Park. Bill's donation of his time and materials is generous and well done. When you stop into the town clerk's office there are four departments that share space in the same office and we finally got a fresh more separated stations that makes it a little more functional for each of us. A huge thank you goes out to the highway crew, Kim and Keitha for making it happen.

Town Water

The new water line is installed to the Groveland Correctional Facility. Despite the facility has not hooked to the water; it is available to those residents on the direct line by contacting the Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority at 585-346-3523.

We held a town hall meeting on August 20th to see who was interested in getting public water down their roads. The interest was positive which is why the town board and I agreed to have an Income Study performed by G&G Municipal Consulting. They will go door to door to obtain household income. This will determine if the town will qualify for special grants to defray the cost of water main service to the resident. If you missed the meeting it is not too late to see if your house falls in the potential water line districts by calling Eric Weiss with Clark Patterson Team @ 585-402-7529.

My condolences to the family of Jim Merrick who passed away November 5th. Jim was a public servant who served as Groveland Town Supervisor for 22 years and Livingston County as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 15 years. I had the pleasure of working alongside him for a few of those years. May he rest in peace.

Bill Carman – Town Supervisor

Groveland Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Hello from the town clerk's office. What a great 2019 we have had, our office has attended training in Syracuse, NY learning about changes our residents may experience in 2019 and how our office can prepare for the changes. Some of those changes include a new system for processing hunting licenses from DEC with the anticipated roll out in 2020, changes to the STAR program and legislation changes that affect municipalities.

Transfer station residency stickers for 2020 season will go on sale beginning December 2, 2019. Residency stickers along with punch cards are available for purchase through the town clerk's

Seniors!

Meet and greet with other seniors every 2nd Wednesday at the Groveland Federated Parish for a 12:30 luncheon.

Contact the Parish for more info or to be placed on the Parish newsletter via email @ 60c.dennison@gmail.com

If you have road questions contact the highway department directly @ 585-243-2970

Groveland Fire Department
Pancake Breakfast has started but you only have five more chances:

They are the 2nd Sunday
November 10
December 8
January 12
February 9
March 8

You can't beat the price and chance to see your neighbors!

office. The residents now have the ability to pay fees at the office using a credit or debit card, please ask the Town Clerk for details. If you have questions after business hours most information can be found on our website at

www.grovelandny.org

I wish everyone a great 2020, and I look forward to seeing you at the office.

Kimberly Burgess
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Groveland Town Court

The Groveland Town Court continues to be one of the most active and highest volume Courts in Livingston County. We handle a steady flow of cases involving Motor vehicle law, Criminal Law, and Civil cases.

Our Court Clerks Deb Coburn, Eileen Blake, and Terri Rider have been busy with running the day to day business of the Court. This summer and fall, they have attended many training sessions in anticipation of the changing laws and procedures in 2020. We are fortunate to have talented and dedicated court clerks who professionally handle our Courts many responsibilities. Town Justices Jenean Love and David Livingston remain busy with the many responsibilities the Town Court presents. Both Judges have completed their required training for the year. Please congratulate Judge Love on the completion of her 12th year as Groveland town Justice, she plans to retire at the end of this year. Groveland Court has been one of the most respected Courts in Livingston County during her years of service. Judge Love holds Court the 1st Wednesday of each month. Judge Livingston holds Court the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Court begins at 6:00pm and is open to the public. We welcome all Groveland neighbors to visit and watch your Town Court in session.

Groveland Highway Department

First, I want to thank you for support being the Acting Highway Superintendent since February and looking forward come January to officially serve as the Highway Superintendent. This is my first attempt of informing you of our progress. My hope is to give you a look into the window of our past summer, maybe more info than you needed.

In preparation of converting the dirt road to stone oil we used 6500 yards of gravel on Swan Hill Road tree removal, with

Geneseo-Groveland Emergency Food Pantry

Please consider donating to the food pantry. So many of our neighbors are in need and the pantry is bare.

We have a drop box in the town hall or can be taken directly to:

The Presbyterian Church
31 Center Street Geneseo

Contact Betsy Matthews, 585-243-1141
or bsewnsow@yahoo.com

Groveland Fire Department Annual Turkey Raffle is November 23rd @ 7 pm

Get your sponsor sheet from
the Town Clerk's office
\$10.00 Per Turkey/Ham

ditching and with time and material the cost was just under \$192,000 and this hasn't even gotten to the stone and oil part which is scheduled to do in 2020. Surface treatment with oil and stone in 2019 completed 8.25 miles at a cost of just under \$138,000. Other work accomplished was the profiling (milling of old blacktop) on the lower end of Adamson Road that came in at \$47,300 and mix pave (mixing gravel with oil) on Groveland portion of Warner Road at \$17,000. All these projects are a portion of our workload and with a great crew, town board budgets (you taxpayers) and more importantly with NYS Capital Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS). Our crew spent time working for the county specifically on Groveland Hill Road and roadside mowing; this generates revenue for the town. We have ordered a new 2020 Peterbilt 10-wheeler snowplow truck. We haven't purchased one since 2005. With all the same specs it is a \$100,000 more than and now costs \$223,000. Thank goodness for good budget planning. As summer ends, we are already in mode for winter preparation of the plows and hauling salt and sand. If you are contracting with a snow removal a polite reminder it is illegal to push driveway snow into the roadways.

In close I would like to acknowledge the hiring of Tanner Harvey and Joe Jerome who have been a great asset to our crew who have all been incredible this year with the heavy workload. Thank you, John, David, Scott, Tanner, Joe, Art and Marc (cemetery caretaker) for all the dedication and hard work.

Our winter hours begin December 1st of five 8-hour days. If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call at 585-243-2970.

Mark Caldwell

Groveland Assessor Office

Please Note that the Board of Assessment Review will meet on May 27, 2020, between 4 and 8 pm.

Hopefully by now those of you that receive an Agricultural Land Exemption have gotten a "green" renewal letter from the office. Just a reminder it is due back no later than March 1st, 2020. Those of you that have received a yellow/gold Exemption form also need to have that back by the first of March as well. Any questions please call me @ 315 420 1467...ANYTIME!

The last newsletter had a trivia question; and it asked who penned; "the ...difference between a tax assessor and a taxidermist; is the taxidermist only tax's your skin!", that was Mark Twain – Congratulations to Nancy Scheidt for the correct answer.

Check out Livingston County
Museum Programs upcoming
topics on their website:
www.livingstoncountyhistoricalsociety.com



Here is the question for this article;
The **most famous variant of the death and taxes quote** comes from Benjamin Franklin, who touted the phrase after the signing of the Constitution of the United States. In this case, it is commonly written as "*Nothing is certain but death and taxes,*" but the full quote from Ben reads like this:
*"Our new Constitution is now established and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except **death and taxes.**"*
– Ben Franklin

Who stated: Death and taxes may be inevitable, but they shouldn't be related.

Please email me your response if possible. First one to email me the correct answer gets a \$25.00 gift certificate to one of our local establishments.

Good Luck! Only one winner!

Dan Stanford
Assessor
Cell 315 420 1467

Groveland Code Office

It is the time of the year for wood and pellet stoves being used. Permits are required for installation of these stoves.

This is a timely reminder that smoke detectors are required in every bedroom and on every floor. Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors are required on every floor, also. With daylight savings time ending, it is a good time to check the batteries in any detector you may have in use.

If you have any questions on whether a permit is required, just email me or call with your questions and I would be glad to answer them. My email is codeenforcement@grovelandny.org or you can reach me by phone at (585) 447-1358.

Ron Maxwell
Code Enforcement Officer