

October 2015 Issue

GROVELAND NEWSLETTER by,
Supervisor

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Hopefully this Newsletter finds everyone well. I have worked diligently to establish the 2016 Town Budget. I asked every department to be on the conservative side, so that the Town could stay under the State Tax Cap. The Town Board and I made a few changes which allowed us to stay under the Tax Cap; with these changes we were able to see a slight decrease in the tax rate. If you should have any questions on the budget please do not hesitate to either call my office at (585) 243-1750, my home at (585) 243-4066, or email me at supervisor@grovelandny.org to schedule an appointment and I would be happy to clarify things for you.

☺ We have received some good news: The correctional water line has been approved and we should see work starting on that in the spring. More information will follow in the next few months who will be able to hook into the water line. With the future infrastructure of the water line, the County highway has postponed the resurfacing of Groveland Hill Road (County Route 2) until 2017.

With winter just around the corner I would like to take this opportunity to give kudos to our highway department they had over 500 hours of overtime during the last winter season. With the upcoming winter season, to cut back on

the overtime we are planning on hiring a part-time employee to fill in for those wintery days.

Traveler’s Advisory & Travel Ban:

Travel Advisory: Roads are not closed. No unnecessary travel is advised. Travel advisories are generally issued based upon such factors as poor visibility, slippery roads, numerous accidents, blowing and/or drifting snow are on the roadways. Example: A trip which could wait until the advisory is lifted should not be made; a trip to the store for non-essential items; a trip to rent a movie, etc.

If you haven’t yet you should register your home phone, cell phone or even an email for weather alerts @ www.nyalerts.gov

Road Closings: Road closings are issued when road(s) are impassable. Often times these road(s) are barricaded, or law enforcement is physically present blocking the roadway. Individual roads may be closed due to a number of factors (i.e. an accident, blowing/drifting snow, poor visibility, etc.). You may be cited for a violation of law if you travel on a closed road.

Travel Ban: Means the roads are officially closed. Only emergency travel is allowed (police, ambulance, fire, doctors, nurses, etc.). Non-emergency travelers may be cited for a violation of law when traveling during a travel ban.

Town Board: We welcomed Bill Devine back the board in February with the resigning of Jim Love due to health Issues (happy to report Jim Love is

recuperating well) Bill was able to pick right up with his last year experience of the budget.

Please Note: There may be potential vacancies in 2016 for the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, if anyone would be interested in either of these Boards please send a letter of interest to the Town Clerks Office with qualifications.

Town Clerk: From the office of Town Clerk, Sandra Bean: Whoa where did the summer go! I mentioned the Transfer Station may go to a punch card; this has been implemented in the Geneseo office as they had utilized all their stock pile of coupons. It will be a long time before we get through our stock pile as it was printed about a year ago – it will take us about 5 years to get through our stockpile.

NYSDEC Hunting sales did have some great improvements in their software; only a few more to remedy before 2016 season. Good luck to the hunters and be safe!

Town Hall: Board of Elections has prepared a diagram for our hall to help the flow of each election district; this will help keep the flow moving and give better privacy.

Town Court: Congratulations to the Court for acquiring a JCAP Grant to update their Office. The office has been completely remodeled, and is more efficient. They are applying for another JCAP grant to

update the facilities. In the end of September, Court personnel attended annual training in Niagara Falls. They learned about any changes they may be happening regarding court proceedings.

Historian:

If you should have anything or would like information please contact me at historian@grovelandny.org.

Thanks, Phyllis

Assessor: From the Office of Assessor Tammy Baker. In the beginning of October the Assessor attended annual training, and learned of any proposals that the state may have regarding Real Property Taxation. The Assessor would also like to remind you that it is that time of year again to be renewing your exemptions. The renewals for Senior Citizens, Enhanced STAR, Agricultural and Disability will be mailed out in November. These forms must be returned to the Assessor's office no later than March 1, 2016. For anyone that may be turning 65 in the calendar year of 2016 (ex. If you turn 65 in October 2016) and your adjusted gross income is less than \$84,550 please come in and see me prior to March 1, 2016, with your 2014 income taxes so that you may sign up for the Enhanced STAR. My office hours in Groveland are Thursday's from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. The remainder of the time I can be reached in my Geneseo office at 4630 Millennium Drive, Geneseo, NY 14454. My phone number is (585) 991-5006.

Code Enforcement:

The Code Officer would like to remind everyone that building permits are required; especially with winter coming and those that want to replace or install a new wood stove, pellet stove or coal stove. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact him. Ron Maxwell (585) 734-0864

Ambuscade Park: Project still continues it has been stalled due to some red tape and paperwork, but the anticipation is to have everything up and running by the spring.

Lake View Cemetery:

If anyone is interested in purchasing a plot, contact Snyder Services @ 335-9820. They provide a wonderful service to the town and are very knowledgeable of the available plots.

Groveland Fire Department:

The fire chief's vehicle has been replaced. The pancake breakfasts have started and they run the second Sunday of the month From October – March, come to support the Groveland Fire Department 7:00am-11:00am at the Groveland Fire Hall. The Fire Department would like to remind you of the Annual Turkey Raffle, to be held on November 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Groveland Station Fire Hall

Groveland Highway Department:

From the office of Highway Superintendent Greg Adamson: Well it has been a busy season and most thankful for the county work despite

how long of a process it is for our community on Groveland Hill Road.

I am sad to think the start of that white stuff will be falling sooner rather than later. We will be installing the snow fence in the next month.

As I might continually repeat this information; I always find it helpful before you go out on the road in your vehicle:

- Allow extra time when the roads are snow covered or icy or if the visibility is bad
- Make sure your vehicle is in proper working order
- Reduce your speed accordingly
- Give the Snowplow plenty of space do NOT follow closely behind them as they sometimes need to back up suddenly.

Thank you!

Conesus Lake: Have you seen the sticker Conesus Lake? Get your sticker by going to their website and for all their updated Lake information by viewing the Conesus Lake Association - Laker News @ www.conesuslake.org

Points of Interest & County Level:

On November 11, 2015 there will be a commemorative 100th anniversary celebration of the Sparta First Presbyterian Church of the Town of Groveland, in Livingston County, NY, The Town will also recognize the Veterans on this day as well. The celebration will be at 11:00 a.m. at the

Sparta First Presbyterian Church, beverages and refreshments will be served.

There are several workshops that are available, and they can be viewed on the Town website under OTHER HAPPINGS PAGE. Below are just a few:

Caregiver Retreat: Saturday November 7, 2015 at Celebrate Family Church, 74 Mt. Morris Road, Leicester, NY 14481 10:00 am – 2:00 pm registration required (585) 335-4358

Stroke Basics: Recognition, Preventions and Treatment Thursday December 3, 2015 at the Noyes Hospital Conference Rooms C & D – Hospital Lower Level at 7:00 pm Pre-registration preferred but not required Call (585) 335-4249

A Day of Hearing: (Hearing Screenings) Thursday November 5, 2015 at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Avenue in the Tops Brighton Plaza 9:00am – 4:00 pm Sponsored by the Hearing Loss Association of America.

Attn: Veterans – There is a new Contact for the Veterans Service Agency Jason Skinner his contact information is (585) 243-7960 (Congratulations Frank Hollister on his retirement from the Veterans Service Agency)

Contact the Veteran Service Center @ 585.393.7348 to find out about the VA Rural Health Care Team, the Mobile

Telehealth Unit, & Canandaigua VA Medical Center.

Other questions: Angela T. Allen, LMSW Rural Health Social Worker 585-393-7989 or

http://www.canandaigua.va.gov/services/VA_Rural_Mobile_Telehealth_Care_Unit_Information.asp

- Any time you need town information check out our town website on a regular basis by logging onto www.grovelandny.org
- Thank you to each department for providing updates for this newsletter.

Acknowledgements:

Congratulations to the 2015 Recipients of the Livingston County Teen Recognition Awards:

- Michael Macauley
- Emily Watkins

Groveland 2015 Senior Citizen of the Year and 4H Volunteer of the Year:

- Ron Niedermaier

Congratulations for their accomplishments!

Sincerely,

Bill