

February 2016 Issue

GROVELAND NEWSLETTER by,
Supervisor
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Hopefully this Newsletter finds everyone well. So far we have had a pretty mild winter, I am sure not complaining. By now everyone should have received their Town and County tax bills; the tax rate was higher than anticipated. This was because we had not factored in the workman's comp and charge backs from the county. These figures are arrived at after we submit our budget to the county, and they do not affect our overall tax cap. Speaking of the tax cap you may have received a check from New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, if you have the STAR exemption. This check was for any increase in taxes for those taxing jurisdictions that stayed below the Tax Cap for 2015. Speaking of the Tax Cap we have been informed that the tentative tax cap is going to be "0". I have received inquiries on the mandates to the county budget. Below is a sampling

Community Colleges - \$2,150,000
Public Defender - \$652,246
Assigned Counsel - \$40,000
Conflict Defender - \$175,000
Probation - \$1,168,736
Jail - \$4,610,901
Pre K Special Ed - \$1,362,650
Early Intervention - \$243,414
Board of Elections - \$602,294
District Attorney - \$859,881

SUB TOTAL = \$11,865,123

DSS alone - \$15,490,167

These two pots combined eclipse the entire County tax levy.

This does not include the non-DSS portion of the NYS Retirement System

expense, which is in the millions of dollars -- nor any other mandated areas; and there are more.

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.

☺ The correctional water line is still a work in progress and some of you may have received a letter in regards to the water. More information will follow in the next few months who will be able to hook into the water line. The prison will be supplied with the water first then they may start the residential hookups. With the future infrastructure of the water line, the County highway has postponed the resurfacing of Groveland Hill Road (County Route 2) until 2017.

Speaking of highway work I would like to inform you that the DOT has proposed milling and resurfacing work to be done this summer from the 390 exit at 408 and 63 to the Wyoming County Line.

I would like to remind you of the following even though it has been a mild winter.

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. An often time 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/drifted 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.

Disaster preparedness: With winter upon us and the occurrence of natural disasters, I would like to remind you that you can reference the newsletter on the website for September 2014, on how to prepare in case of an emergency.

The Town has purchased a car for employee use for official town business. This was done so that the Town could have a cost savings on employee mileage reimbursement.

Town Board: Election has brought us new Board members; we welcome Bill Devine who was appointed last winter to fill the unexpired term of James Love and Steve Atterbury, as we say goodbye to Ron Niedermaier and thank him for his services.

Town Clerk: From the office of Town Clerk, Sandra Bean: A New Year is upon us and wishing I could get caught up with all my friends but soon enough as the tax collection season keeps us busy. Our office has improved the office hours; Monday – Friday 9-4 p.m. except Wednesday's office hours are Noon-4:00 p.m. A reminder there is a mail drop box on the front door at the town hall if you are looking to drop checks to have transfer station coupons or dog licenses to be mailed back. Recycling tickets and residency stickers had no change in the pricing in the sticker or tickets. We still have a large stock pile and have not converted to the punch cards as Geneseo has.

Their volume of residents is much larger than Groveland's and no sense of wasting the cost of what is already printed.

In case you stop by the office and my car is there I may not be there since the town has purchased a vehicle from surplus to cut mileage reimbursement expenses along with wear and tear on employee's vehicles.

Most of our information is located on the town's website @ www.grovelandny.org

Town Hall: Excuse our dust while we are updating the facilities, Thanks to our court for receiving another JCAP Grant. Everything should be updated by the time the Primary election in April.

Town Court: Congratulations to the Court for acquiring another JCAP Grant to convert part of the Town Hall to accommodate for a jury deliberation room/ attorney-client room and inmate holding room. Also part of the grant was to update the existing restroom to comply with New York State ADA compliance.

Historian: If you should have anything or would like information please contact the historian at historian@grovelandny.org.
Thanks

Assessor: From the Office of Assessor Tammy Baker. The Assessor would 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 were all mailed out last fall. 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 here 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 town anticipates having some work done in the near future barring any more red tape issues.

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 pancake breakfasts are still running they are 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 is having a Family Getaway Raffle to be held at the April 2016 open house, tickets are \$5.00 apiece. You may contact a Fire Department Member for tickets and more information.

Groveland Highway Department: From the office of Highway Superintendent Greg Adamson: Well it has been seasonal warm winter, which so far has been nice; even if we did get seasonally cold weather last week and quite a bit of snow accumulation on Tuesday the 16th.

The Town has traded for a new Pickup truck which is currently in use; we chose the grey as the resale value is much higher than the red one. Last Spring the Town had purchased a new grader from the Military; now we are in the processing of bidding out for a new dump trailer. This winter the highway has been able to get a lot work done in the shop and tree trimming.

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: We would like to remind owners of the potential storm water runoff and how it can be a threat to water quality. What can you do to limit runoff and protect water quality? Some helpful ideas in decreasing this threat would be to have a rain garden, rain barrels, shoreline/streambank buffer, disconnected downspouts, all this information was in the “Laker News” winter 2016.

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

Board of Elections:

There will be a Presidential Primary April 19, 2016 the possibility of a Federal Primary Election (if needed) June 28, 2016 Voting will be from Noon-9pm

Wadsworth Library: The library has numerous events throughout the year. You may want to view the calendar on their website www.wadslib.com

Points of Interest & County Level:

Livingston County Dog Control now has a Facebook page, you can find out information and pictures of the dogs they have at the shelter.

Livingston County Sheriff Thomas J. Dougherty is sponsoring a Firearms Safety Course. Registration forms are available online at <http://www.livingstoncounty.us/index.aspx?NIID=86>, or in person at the Sheriff's office, 4 Court Street, Geneseo, NY.

There are several dates being offered the fee is \$25.00, must be a resident of Livingston County and 18 Years of age.

Must pre-register, the course will be held at Gypsy Lane, Mt. Morris, NY

Taste of Livingston County, April 5, 2016
At the Genesee River Restaurant, Mt. Morris, NY for tickets call (585) 243-7300 or go on line at www.gvhp.org

Some Winter-time Swim-time: Below is a partial list of local, low-cost swimming to enjoy!
Geneseo Central School, Early Bird Lap: Mon-Fri 6:00am-7:30am, Recreation Swim Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00pm-8:30pm
SUNY Geneseo, Recreational Swim: Mon-Fri 12:00pm-1:30pm & 3:00pm-6:00pm (Aquatic Center also offers Water Aerobics, Parent and Child Classes, Preschool Aquatics and Swim Lessons.
Dansville Central School, open swim Mon, Wed, & Fri 6:20am-7:20am, swim lessons available.

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

- I would like to send my condolences to all who have lost a loved one or dear friend in the last year. “Although it’s difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.”
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- 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.



I'd like to take this opportunity to extend “Milestone” Birthday Wishes to:

Mary Spencer
Happy 102nd Birthday on 05/18/2016
Louise Hainsworth
Happy 101st Birthday on 06/10/2016

Sincerely,

Bill