



Town of Saratoga News

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Warm Greetings !

The month of March brings us longer and warmer days, the start of spring and the eternal hope of new life and better days. The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for Monday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. Some of the items that will be covered at this meeting include: zoning officer's report, town clerk's report, supervisor's report, committee reports, building committee update, and town park updates. On Thursday, March 6th the Town Board will conduct their monthly agenda meeting at which they will review agenda items scheduled for the March 10th meeting.

At the February **Town Hall Building Committee** meeting the committee reviewed work done over the past three plus years, learned about the updated estimated cost to stabilize the basement of the current town hall, received a verbal estimate of the cost of modular construction, received detailed information about the cost to purchase the corner school, and learned about the special election referendum procedure. Questions and concerns were answered for all committee members and residents of the town that attended the meeting. Thirteen of the sixteen committee members present indicated that given all of the information, the corner school was the best option for the town board to consider. During this past month the town board has been reviewing the information and is expected to make a recommendation at their March meeting. No Town Hall Building Committee meeting has been scheduled for March.

Tax Rebate Update For Seniors & Veterans

Congress recently passed an Economic Stimulus Package that will give nearly every senior and veteran a tax rebate – meaning more money will soon go back into people's pockets. However, in order to receive the rebate, every household must file a tax return, even if you did not pay federal income taxes this year. The sooner you file your tax return, the sooner you will receive a check in the mail.

For households that receive social security or veteran benefits, but who do not normally file a tax return, the IRS has produced a special form that highlights the specific sections that need to be filled out in order to qualify for a tax rebate. You can access the form at:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/newsroom/1040a.pdf>

Tax rebates will begin to be mailed out as early as May, and it is the goal to ensure that everyone who is eligible for a rebate receives ones. If you need help obtaining the correct IRS form or have additional questions, please call Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand's office at 518-581-8247, or visit her website at www.gillibrand.house.gov.

March Tax Collection Schedule

During the month of March, Town Tax Collector James Gorham will be in the Town Hall Conference Room on Mondays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and from 1:30 pm to 4:00 p.m. Taxes may be mailed to Jim at anytime. If you have any questions for Jim, call him at 695-3644 X 18.

Quaker Springs Fire Department News

On **Sunday, March 9th**, The Quaker Springs Fire Department will conduct their annual **Corned-beef & Cabbage dinner** at the firehouse from 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.. Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling Joyce at 584-2758 or Julie at 584-3829. Takeouts are also available. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 6 – 12, and free for children 5 and under. The annual membership banquet will be conducted on Saturday, March 15th.

More Town News

The **Town Park Committee** has been busy working with the LA Group and reviewing the plans for the park. The sign was recently erected and much of the wooden debris was recently burned by the Quaker Springs Fire Department. Creighton Manning recently did a traffic study in the area to determine the safest location for an entrance to the park. The town continues to pursue grants to assist in the project.

Progress is being made on the plans for the **boat launch**. On February 15th a boat launch meeting was conducted with twelve agencies and organizations to determine how they could assist in moving this project along.

Following a public hearing, the town board approved extending the moratorium for **wind turbines**. In the next few weeks a priority effort will be made to establish the wind turbine regulation so that interested persons will be able to erect wind turbines in the town.

Town Highway Department News

The town highway department employees are commended for doing an excellent job of keeping our town roads safe and clear during recent snow and sleet storms. In their efforts to keep the roads clean they have used a larger than normal amount of sand and salt. Individual home owners and residents of the town may continue to use small quantities of the sand from the sand pile. Commercial businesses and non-residents of the town are not permitted to take sand from the pile.

New CDTA Bus Schedule

CDTA now provides regularly scheduled bus service to Victory, Schuylerville and the Town of Saratoga Monday through Friday. The bus enters the Schuylerville area at approximately 9:45 am daily and goes to Saratoga Springs via the Wilton Mall. In the afternoon it returns to Schuylerville at approximately 2:40 pm. Schedules are available at the town hall or on the internet.