



Town of Saratoga News

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Warm Greetings to Everyone!

The holidays of November remind us to be thankful for and appreciative of the good fortune and many blessings that each of us in our town has received over this past year. The November meeting of the Town Board was conducted on Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. In addition to the regular items of business there was a public hearing on the 2009 Town Budget.

The 2009 budget expenditures have increased \$205,093. The increase is attributable to the cost of the new town hall building and maintenance, insurance, court operation, personnel salaries, and highway maintenance and improvements costs including such items as fuel, blacktop, and salt. Projected income from mortgage tax is estimated to be down. Town taxes will increase by \$.30 to \$1.80 per \$1,000 of assessment. In spite of this increase our tax rate compares favorably to that of our neighboring towns.

The town offices will be closed Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day. In addition the Town offices will be closed November 27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Old Saratoga Reformed Church Harvest Supper

On Saturday, November 15th, at 4:30 and 6:00 pm the Old Saratoga Reformed Church will conduct their Annual Harvest Ham Dinner at the church located on Pearl Street. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 5 – 12, and children under 5 are free. The variety and quality of food cannot be beat. Take outs are available. Reservations may be made by calling 695-6187 or 695-3479.

Quaker Springs Fire Department News

Contracts for the new satellite fire station on Route 9P have been signed and construction is expected to begin in the near future. The upcoming election of a fire commissioner and district treasurer will take place at the fire house on December 9th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The annual Christmas party for children of the fire district is scheduled for December 7th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Town Hall Update

Final modifications to the new town hall will be completed in the next two weeks. The new three stop elevator has arrived and is being installed. The new appliances in the Meals on Wheels kitchen have been installed and meals are now being served in the new facility. The new emergency generator has arrived and is being hooked up. A community wide open house will be scheduled in the near future. Final details will be released as soon as they are known.

Schuyler Park News

At the town board meeting on November 6th, the Town Board declared itself as the lead agency for the development of the Schuyler Park Master Plan. The Environmental Assessment form was completed and a negative declaration was issued. Excavation to level the area where the ball fields will be located will begin shortly. A Friends of Schuyler Park not for profit organization has been formed to assist in the development of the park.

St. Nicholas Weekend Events

Numerous events are scheduled for December 6th and 7th in downtown Schuylerville. St. Nicholas will arrive at the corner of Spring St. and Broad St. at 4:15 pm on Saturday followed by a lantern walk and caroling to the village park for a tree lighting ceremony. Area businesses will be open late and refreshments will be available from numerous merchants in the village. On Sunday morning children may join Santa for breakfast at Randy's in the Dovegate Inn (reservations required). A Community Christmas Concert will be held at the Old Saratoga Reformed Church at 3:00 pm.

Town Highway Department News

The Highway Department has been busy preparing for the upcoming winter. Large quantities of sand and salt are stock piled and the snowplows are ready for action. The concrete floor has been installed on the new highway department garage. A new overhead door was recently installed on the end of the building.