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Warm Greetings to Everyone!

The arrival of October places us in the final quarter of the year. Our energies are now divided between working on this year's business and making plans for next year. The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. Some of the items that will be covered at this meeting include: a resolution honoring Alice Smith, zoning officer's report, town clerk's report, supervisor's report, town hall building committee report, and committee reports. Bids will be opened for the purchase of sand, gravel, fuel oil, and diesel fuel. The Town Board Agenda meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 pm. The town offices will be closed Monday, October 9th in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.

Following last month's public hearing on the Adult Use Business Law, some changes have been added. These include making the application a \$1,000 annual renewable special use permit and adding cemeteries to the list of uses from which the adult business must be separated.

The Town has recently been informed that we received a Legislative Grant from Senator Bruno's office in the amount of \$15,000. The grant money will be used to purchase and install a new emergency power generator for the Town Highway Department garage. We have developed a tentative 2007 town budget and will be reviewing it closely for needed adjustments.

Quaker Springs Fire Department Fall Smorgasbord

On Sunday, October 22rd, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm the Quaker Springs Fire Department will conduct their Annual Fall Smorgasbord at the firehouse located on Blodgett Road. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6 – 12, and children 5 and under are free. The variety and quality of food cannot be beat. Take outs are available. Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling 584-2758 or 584-3829.

Schuyler House Candlelight Tour

The annual Candlelight tour of the Philip Schuyler House will be conducted on Saturday, October 14th from 6-9 pm. Costumed guides will describe the Schuyler family and the house furnishings. Visitors can enjoy light refreshments and period music in the colonial kitchen. Plan to arrive early to avoid long lines. Visitors that arrive after 8:00 pm may not be able to receive a full tour.

Saratoga Lake Association News

Judge Nolan has ruled in favor of the SLA, SLPID, and Towns of Saratoga and Stillwater. Judge Nolan annulled the 2005 resolution of the City of Saratoga Springs that accepted the FEIS and adopted a SEQRA finding statement relative to the city's plan to develop Saratoga Lake as a source of water. We are very pleased with this decision. The SLA will conduct their next meeting at 7:00 pm on October 18th at Panza's Restaurant. The official website of the association is www.saratogalake.org. This site is a source of detailed information about events and activities taking place at the lake.

Town Highway Department News

The Highway Department has been busy resurfacing Condon Road and shortly will be repaving Bryant's Bridge Road. Bryant's Bridge is scheduled for completion by November 27th.

Surrender Week

Surrender Week is a series of events planned from October 10th through the 17th to commemorate the seven days that British General John Burgoyne's troops were encircled in Old Saratoga and forced to surrender. Surrender Week is sponsored by a number of organizations including the Fort Hardy Committee. The American victory at Saratoga is recognized as the turning point of the American Revolution. There is a series of events listed on the calendar. For information call 695-4159 or visit surrenderweek.blogspot.com. Highlights include the Candlelight Tour of the Schuyler House on Saturday from 6 to 9 pm and the Surrender Ceremony on Tuesday at Noon at Fort Hardy bandstand. The ceremony will include the 4th grade students from the elementary school. New this year are guided tours of the Marshall House where the young Baroness Riedesel spent the siege. Tours are by reservation only and may be made by calling Town Historian Sean Kelleher at 583-0506.