



# Town of Saratoga News

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## **Warm Greetings to Everyone!**

Once again the summer has flown by and it does not seem possible that September has arrived! September will be another busy month filled with town activities. The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 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, town hall building committee report, public hearing on the Saratoga Rowing Association regatta permit applications, recognition of Bea Brownell on the celebration of her 100th birthday, and committee reports. The Town Hall Building Committee will not meet this month. The Town Board Agenda meeting will be held on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The town offices will be closed Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Beginning Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, the Town offices will be open daily Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Town Board continues to work on the new town hall project. Conversations are occurring with Sonny Bonacio and Larry Novak regarding the former school at the corner of Spring and Broad Street in Schuylerville. It is now apparent that we will not meet our original goal of presenting a building proposition to the voters at the November general election. We need additional time to review alternatives and schedule meetings with residents of the town to share with them the details of the project. A special vote by the town residents will be required before any action can occur.

We have conducted our first budget workshop and are off to a great start. Our goal is for no increase in the current town tax rate.

The initial clearing of the old Champlain Canal Towpath from Wilbur Road south to the Town of Stillwater town line has been completed. Numerous species of wildlife can be seen in the old canal. The next step in the project is to have a formal survey of the land completed and add amenities such as benches and picnic tables.

The town board has received communications regarding concerns at the intersection of Wilbur Road and Route 32. This has been referred to the NYS Department of Transportation for their review.

## **NIMS Update**

Jim Miers, NIMS (National Incident Management System) Emergency Management Coordinator for the Town of Saratoga, recently attended a Reverse 911 training class conducted by Paul Lent Director of Saratoga County Emergency Services. The Reverse 911 will allow the Town to notify all of its residents in case of a natural or man made disaster. The program will also allow the town to contact individual areas of the town if the emergency should be site specific. Areas as specific as an individual road or household can be notified. This system is not intended for non-emergency use. If you have any questions about the Reverse 911 system, please contact Jim Miers at 378-2886 or 695-4377.

## **Town Park**

The newly formed Town Park Committee has conducted three meetings during July and August. The park is to be located on 27 acres of land located on state route 29 across from the Farmer's Daughter. The Town of Saratoga plans to enter into a joint venture with the Town of Northumberland and the Schuylerville Central School District. Lourie Griffen and Dan Gale are serving as the co-chairpersons of the committee. At the first meeting the group walked the area to get a feel for what the land is like and what possibilities might be achieved. At the second and third meetings the committee discussed visions for the park, traffic concerns, environmental concerns, and possible contractual configurations. The town attorney is investigating contractual possibilities. Proposals for the cost of environmental investigations are being obtained from firms that perform that service. The next meeting is scheduled for September 25th at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

## **Dog Control Officer Information**

Recently there have been a number of dog related incidents in the Town. If you have a dog related problem call Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer, at 587-0792 or 793-5485. If he is not available contact the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department or the Saratoga County Animal Shelter.

## **9-1-1 Information Verification**

Town residents can now call 884-4769 to verify that the 9-1-1 information in the County Emergency Service Computer System is correct. Everyone is encouraged to call to be sure that the information is correct.