



DRYDEN TOWN NEWSLETTER

April 30, 2010

A note from the Town Hall

By Patty Millard, Deputy Town Clerk

The past couple of weeks have been very exciting. We have been implementing our Exchange Server for email and an archiving system.

For records management and access purposes, the most important feature of this new system is that it automatically retains and archives email. In the near future, we will be developing an email policy that will define how long emails are retained. The State Archives recommends email be retained for a period of six years.

A couple of other great features is that we can now share our work calendars with each other, which is a huge help in that various assistants can now make appointments for those they work for with confidence knowing they are not overbooking.

It also makes the process of scheduling our shared conference rooms easier. We have been using Google Calendar for the past year or so and prior to that, a paper calendar hanging on a wall in the Copier Room.

This new system also makes it so that we are in compliance with some recently passed legislation regarding FOIL—Freedom of Information Law.

Our email addresses have not changed, so continue to feel free to drop us a message if there is anything we can do to serve you better.



*The Town Hall at 93 E Main.
This is what the Town Hall looked
like 3 years ago today.*

Ask a Code Officer...

Have you ever wondered how high a fence can be before you need a permit? Or what the rules are on swimming pools—even some of the inflatable ones? Or how to subdivide your property?

What questions do you have that for our Code Enforcement Officers?

Submit your questions to the Zoning Department at

Zoning@dryden.ny.us. Not only will you get an answer, your question may be included in a future newsletter.

Some application forms are also available [online](#).



As of April 27, 2010, 72% nationwide and 77% of those in the Town of Dryden have returned their census forms.

Way to go, Dryden!

Go to the Town's website www.dryden.ny.us for a link showing the national and town participation numbers.

We were informed today that the Census Bureau is moving on to the next phase of collection which involves phone calls and home visits.

Zoning Ordinance Update



The Planning Board and Zoning Task Force (made up of Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Board members) has been diligently working these past months to get public input on the proposed zoning update.

Over the next couple of months, they will be reviewing and discussing the feedback received and making modifications as needed.

As always, all meetings held by the Town of Dryden are open to the public. Please feel free to come and participate in your local government at work.

A draft of the current document as well as information on the project as a whole can be found on the [web](#).

Music in the Park—Music in the Hollow



Each summer, the Dryden Recreation Department coordinates Music in the Park at Montgomery Park on Elm Street AND Music in the Hollow at the Ellis Hollow Community Center on Genung Road.

Wednesday evenings at the Park and Thursday evenings at the Hollow you can come and hear great music.

Last year, there was a farmer's market at the Park prior to the start of the music.

To see who performed last year, check out the [website](#). Next year's lineup should be published soon.

Dryden Community Garden

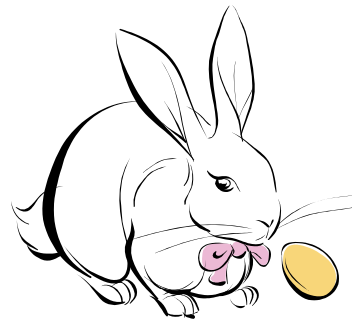


A topic of conversation recently has been the safety of our food. It wasn't that long ago that everyone had a home garden. Now, for many, their home garden is Clark's, Tops or Wegmans. The Dryden Courier published an article this past week about a new Dryden Community Garden.

As the name implies, a plot of land behind the new Town Hall building at 93 E Main St has been set aside to be used by the Community Garden group. Jean Simmons is heading this group. Anyone in the community is welcome to participate. There will be a fee of \$10 to use a 10' x 10' square. If space permits, additional spaces can be purchased.

The Ithaca Community Garden is being used as a model. The most recent meeting of the group was held on April 22nd. Watch The Dryden Community Café [website](#) for future meeting dates. If you have questions, contact Jean Simmons at jsim0146@aol.com.

Thank you!



The Town of Dryden Recreation Department would like to thank the community for the excellent turnout at our Annual Egg Hunts!

We had almost 300 teens in attendance at the first Teen Flashlight Hunt on April 2nd, and well over 100 families at the traditional children's hunt on April 3rd! It was a pleasure to share the holiday and the sublime weather with the Dryden community. We look forward to seeing everybody back in the park this summer for music and more!

From Tompkins County Solid Waste

Yard Waste, Lawn and Tree Trimmings, and Leaves.....

The Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division has instituted an \$80/ton fee at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center (RSWC) for all yard waste, including lawn and tree trimmings, leaves, and brush.

Yard waste from the RSWC is currently transported to Cayuga Compost on Agard Road in Trumansburg at a cost.

Cayuga Compost accepts yard waste directly from landscapers and large yard waste haulers. These haulers can bring their grass clippings, tree trimmings, brush, yard trimmings, and pallets to Cayuga Compost. The fee at Cayuga Compost is \$40 per ton with a \$10 minimum charge for anything less than 500 pounds. Cayuga Compost will not accept anything in plastic bags, treated or painted lumber, and railroad ties. Small haulers or homeowners can call Cayuga Compost at 351-2173 for information about using their facility.

Residents or small businesses looking for more information about composting onsite should contact Cornell Cooperative Extension's Compost Education program at 272-2292.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Town Board, 2nd & 3rd Wed. @ 7 pm

Planning Board, 3rd Thursday @ 7 pm

Conservation Board, Last Tuesday @ 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals, First Tuesday @ 7:30 pm

Recreation Commission, 3rd Wednesday @ 7 pm

Youth Commission, 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

Technology Committee, Last Friday @ 9:30 am

Loans & Grants Committee, Last Friday @ 10:45 am

Finance Committee, Last Friday @ 12 am

We also strive to keep a complete list of meetings on the Town Website at: <http://www.dryden.ny.us/calendar/>

Community Centers

It appears we will be hearing from the Bethel Grove Community Center again in the near future.

Dryden Community Café

1 West Main St, Dryden Village
www.drydencafe.org

Ellis Hollow Community Center

111 Genung Road
www.ehcc.clarityconnect.com

Varna Community Center

943 Dryden Road
<http://www.lightlink.com/vca/>

Etna Community Center

Main Street, Etna
Lower Creek Road

The Town History Corner

By Harry L.D. Weldon, Town Historian

Many years ago in the Town of Dryden, NY there lived a man who was constantly “tweaking” things—always looking for the better way of getting the job done and to make life easier.

Elisha and Elizabeth (Smith) Albright were married there about 1818. Elisha had been to Dryden a year or so before where he had worked for his older brother-in-law, John Hiles, in a saw mill at the foot of Dryden Lake.

With a four-month old baby, they arrived with all of their possessions, including 60 dollars of specie (i.e. coin), having driven a one-horse wagon all the way from Belvidere, NJ. They set up residence in a log house on a north knoll opposite where the Assembly of God Church is now located. Later they moved to a plank house near the north outskirts of the village and then moved once again to a farm in the same area.

Another child was born in 1823 and on June 23, 1831, Andrew Albright. Then in 1832, Andrew’s parents purchased a homestead farm three fourths of a mile from the “Dryden four corners.” Here more children were realized for a total of eleven to be reared on what was at the time considered to be one of the best farms that had been developed from the wilderness in all of Tompkins County, NY.

This farm was noted for fruit as well as its grains and butter production. They raised a strain of Windsor Steele apple, which was much sought after by locals. Strong handed (i.e. hands and back) farming was the course of the day for the Albright family, although labor saving devices were not discouraged. The men of the farm developed an ingenious waterpower system to ease the work of threshing.

Andrew was one of the younger children and thence had the advantage of common schooling and stayed on the farm until he came of age. During this schooling, he developed the tenacity to look beyond the drudges of “strong handed” farm work.

As time passed, he tried his hand at inventing things. One such invention was a patent wagon brake, which was of “zilch.” One day while he was driving a horse wagon, it occurred to him that the use of hard rubber for the wagon-horse harness trimmings might be a better solution. Experts convinced him that this was impracticable and that it would be impossible to use rubber in such a manner. Undaunted, like any true inventor, he set out to prove them (i.e. the experts) wrong and achieved success and the desired result. However, like most inventors it is difficult to reap the rewards of their accomplishments. As soon as his ideas were made known, others would contest and not having funds to fight a legal battle he would lose out. However, his father saw the merits of his inventions and did support his efforts with the Goodyear brothers (of the Goodyear Rubber Co.) to win a final success.

Andrew became a successful businessman in his own right and acquired a number of patents. In later years he made the good folks of the Village of Dryden a gift of the original fountain between the two churches at the four corners. The one there now is a replacement (The original having been sold for scrap to “fight the axis” in World War Two).

In October 1978, Mr. Albright married the widow Mrs. Almira Strong. Throughout his life and marriage he continued to tinker, always making things better with a “tweak here and a tweak there.”

See the Annual Report of the List of patentees of inventions, designs and reissues of 1867, entries #72,106 dated Feb. 12, 1867 for “covering harness trimmings with vulcanized rubber” by Albright, Andrew, Dryden and #64,419 dated May 7, 1867 for a “Mode of coating wood with rubber and gutra percha” by Holmes, K W, McGrawville and Albright, Andrew, Dryden.