



DRYDEN TOWN NEWSLETTER

June 30, 2010

From the Desk of the Town Supervisor

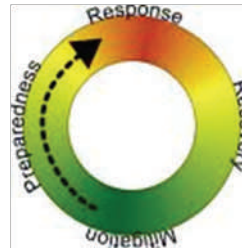


Almost daily I hear comments regarding the oil gushing into the Gulf of Mexico. How could this happen? How is it possible that the company was unprepared to deal with this? How could this drilling have been approved without an emergency response plan?

All this has made me think more about emergency preparedness. Once in a while I swap out a few gallons of water stored in my cellar for fresh ones, check that my canned goods are within their “sell by” dates and resupply my first aid kit. Is that really all the emergency preparedness I need?

In February after a workshop entitled “Managing Emergencies in Tompkins County,” I came back to the office, pulled the *Town of Dryden Emergency Preparedness Plan* from the shelf and blew off the dust. It includes four pages of instructions and five pages of telephone numbers. The next to last instruction is: “This plan will be reviewed at least annually.” Still, the list of phone numbers starts with Supervisor Schug – three supervisors ago. It’s definitely time for a review. In addition to the Emergency Preparedness Plan, we have a Hazard Mitigation Plan, a Virgil Creek Dam Emergency Action Plan, a Hazardous Materials Incident Emergency Response Plan and others, all somewhat outdated.

These plans are a solid foundation to build on. The hazards we know we need to prepare for include weather related events like flooding, windstorms, snow and ice storms, and earthquakes. Non-natural hazards include terrorism, trucking and air traffic accidents, spills of toxic materials and brush fires. In the coming weeks, I’d like to recruit a small group to review the existing plans and update necessary information. The Hazard Mitigation plan includes a very specific action plan. Details which have been accomplished should be documented so we can focus on the rest in our planning for next year. If you might be interested in participating in this review group, please email me at supervisor@dryden.ny.us.



Public Information Session - zoning ordinance

At 7 pm on Thursday, July 22nd, at the Dryden Town Hall at 93 East Main Street, Dryden, NY 13053, will be the next Public Information session in the ongoing work of updating our zoning ordinance. Keep an eye on the Town’s website as the next draft will be available within the next week or so.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to email Dan Kwasnowski, Environmental Planner, at dank@dryden.ny.us or Patty Millard, Recording Secretary for the Planning Board at patty@dryden.ny.us and your comments and questions will be forwarded to the Planning Board.



The Town Hall at 93 E Main.

This is what the Town Hall looked like 3 years ago.

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?

NYSEG checking power lines

Helicopters will be in the area the week of July 5th. NYSEG issued a press release with details. A link to it is on the main page of the town’s website.

The Town History Corner

by Harry L.D. Weldon, Town Historian

The 600 is a place in Dryden's Town, it is a large tract of land with white pine and hemlock very near the Town of Caroline's border line in the most western corner of Tompkins County and adjuncts to the Town of Richford in Tioga County.

Parts of this corner even have overlapping survey boundaries from mapping done in the late 1790's of the Massachusetts Ten Towns. These 600 acres, which is not generally well known these days, but many years ago it was a center for some Tompkins County lumber industry.

The approach to the 600 in those days, as well to today's deer hunters, is best made from Caroline Town side. The Flat Iron Road, so named because its lie with Route 79 and the Harford Road, shows as a triangle on maps making the print of a flat iron.

A study of 1866 Gazetteer or atlas indicates that there were two saw mills along a tributary, originating in the 600 (acres), of Six Mile Creek through Slaterville. Records indicate that there was a saw mill along the tributary creek as early as 1808 at a spot still known as Bottom Mill.

The names of places in this area strike of some of those found in many mountainous areas, such as the Adirondacks and the Catskills. These colloquial names are strictly local in sound, yet are of the character of undeveloped lands that were given to such in the early days of settlement. There is Sodom in a secluded area at the north end of a valley between two hills within the 600. And there is Cannon, to the east of the 600 with a road leading to the log cuttings.

One account reports of a magnificent growth of white pine and hemlocks (of virgin growth) and further states that these monarchs of the primeval forest were as much as five feet in diameter and reached skyward well up to hundreds of feet.

Typical of the period, logs were hewed-split in measured sizes with use of an "up-and-down" saw. Many of these mills were steam powered, especially those that were located well within the lumbering areas, such as the second mill.

The 600 mill produced lumber that was desired by settlers as well as entrepreneurs. In those days, many a fortune was made harvesting the "wooden gold sticks."

Old timers still living tell of being in crews that harvested parts of this stand with two man "push-pull" saws and dragging the logs with horse or mule teams to waiting portable saw mills. Others relate of doing this with gas operated chain saws and dragging the logs with a diesel powered tractors (i.e. log mules) to waiting tractor- trailers for transport to distant saw mills and industrial factories.

It was a number of years ago while deer hunting on Hammond Hill off the Irish Settlement Road, when it was one of those days that the fish weren't bitin' (I mean the deer were in hiding). Due to a heavy fog, I decided to follow the 600 Road from that (north) end on foot!

It seemed like that it took forever to walk to the other (south) end of the full length of the 600 (acres) Hundred Road, but I did it— I walked on historical paths of those grand old loggers!

MONTHLY MEETINGS



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

Planning Board, 3rd Thurs.
@ 7 pm

Conservation Board, Last Tues. @ 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals, First Tues. @ 7:30 pm

Recreation Commission, 3rd Wed. @ 7 pm

Youth Commission, 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

Technology Committee, Last Thurs. @ 2 pm

Loans & Grants Committee, Last Thurs. @ 3 pm

Finance Committee, Last Thurs. @ 4 pm

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

Bolton Point Customers



Did you know you can enter your water meter reading on-line?

The process is simple, easy and not only saves you times but saves postage!

Or you can call 607-277-0660 anytime.

Do you have a phone number or e-mail address you'd like updated on your water/sewer account? Updates can be made either way!

www.boltonpoint.org

<http://boltonpoint.org/submitmeterreading.html>!

From Tompkins County Solid Waste

Recycle at your Community Event!

Tompkins County Solid Waste can help you recycle at your public event. Borrow up to 20 free bins and signs. Call 273-6632 to reserve your bins today. Remember to ask about our event recycling guide.

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CONTACTS: Nicole Stumpf, Assistant Recycling Specialist, Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division
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Recycling and Solid Waste Center and Curbside Recycling Pick-up Schedule during Independence Day Holiday

The Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division (TCSWMD) Office will be closed Monday, July 5th in observation of the Independence Day holiday and will re-open on Tuesday, July 6th.

Tompkins County Recycling and Solid Waste Center will be open on Monday, July 5th.

There will be no interruption in curbside recycling collection. Pick-ups will occur as normal.

For more information, Contact: TCSWMD www.recycletompkins.org 273-6632

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From The Dryden Recreation Department

Music in the Park and Farmer's Market Kick off June 30, 2010 6:30 at Montgomery Park! Music in the Hollow starts up July 6, 6:00

Movie in the Park will be held at **Ellis Hollow Community Center** August 18th at Dusk!
How to Train Your Dragon!

Line ups and band descriptions below and at www.dryden.ny.us/recreation

MUSIC IN THE PARK, WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8:30 MONTGOMERY PARK DRYDEN VILLAGE:

June 30: Fall Creek Brass Band (High School and College students, ranging from funk to rock, reggae to New Orleans Brass)
July 7: The Blind Spots (Five piece rock band featuring electrifying lead singer Maddy Walsh)
July 14: Hall Pass (A Dryden Favorite! Blues and Jazz Cover Band)
July 21: Nate & Kate (Kids show, fun for the whole family)
July 28: Travis Rocco (Acoustic/funk/pop all mixed in for a great show)
August 4: Jazz Happens (Jazz Standards sure to please any crowd)
August 11: Alice Dietrick (Country queen closes the season)

MUSIC IN THE HOLLOW: 111 Genung Rd, Ellis Hollow Community Center, Ithaca, NY

All shows are from 6:00 to 8:00 PM EXCEPT Saturday, September 5th which is from 5:00 to 7:00 PM

SATURDAY JUNE 19: The Common Railers (During the Annual Ellis Hollow Chicken BBQ!) Folk, Bluegrass and Americana

TUESDAY JULY 6: Ithaca Concert Band (large Ithaca Community Band)

TUESDAY JULY 13: Joe Crookston and Peter Glanville (Acoustic)

TUESDAY JULY 20: The Lost Sailors (Greatful Dead Cover Band)

TUESDAY JULY 27: Hobson's Choice (All American Rock 'n' Roll)

TUESDAY AUGUST 3: Larry Stamatel (Acoustic)

TUESDAY, August 10: Arco Iris (Beautiful South American Music)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5th: The Smoking Loons (5:00-7:00 PM) Upbeat Strings



We are proud to have WVBR as a sponsor.

FROM THE CODE OFFICE

by Kevin Ezell, Code Enforcement Officer

In May, there was a Final Action Hearing for the International Code Council on many of the codes that New York State uses as their Building, Construction and Fire Safety codes with some modifications. This hearing was held in Dallas and I was privileged to be able to attend. The hearing spans an entire week and the work being performed are by volunteers supported by paid staff. As a member of ICC we get up to four voting members.

The process for this hearing is that you have proponents of a code change proposal give their reasons and arguments for two minutes each and then you have opponents have two minutes to present their arguments. Each of the "sides" then also have 1 minute in rebuttal and re-rebuttal. Add three or more people into each section and you get some idea of the length of time each code change proposal may take. A vote is then taken by all of the voting members present and then that goes into the next code; that code is the 2012 edition. I was there for only three days of the 7 days and voted on about 240 such changes.

This may sound boring to some of you, but you learn more at these hearings than you do by just enforcing the Code. You also meet other members and staff to share about problems and answers that you have in your jurisdiction. The schedule is somewhat grueling in that it starts at 8:00 AM sharp and goes to 6:00 PM if there is not many controversial items. You do get a couple of breaks and a lunch break for an hour, but otherwise, you are pressing through. I have been at ones that went on until 10:00 PM at night before the splitting of the hearings into two sections.

The Code Development Process was broken into two different sections so that you only go through about half of the code change proposals. This original process took two weeks and the membership complained that they could not be away from their jurisdiction that long. The ICC Board of Directors appointed a committee to review the process and presented this new way for the 3 year cycle of code development.

Should there be any people that want to know about this process or need more information about the "Codes" in general, please call us or stop by the office. It is best to make an appointment but you can stop by if you would like. You can also look on the website at www.iccsafe.org. The office is open from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM and the number is 844-8888, option 2. And as always, "Build it Sound and be Safe".

Information please

On the Town's website, www.dryden.ny.us, there is a link to a page with Local Information. If you know of a local organization or a business that you would like to share information about, please check out that page.

The link is:

<http://dryden.ny.us/local-information>

If there are things out and about the town that you would like to see mentioned either in our newsletter or on our website, please don't hesitate to let us know.



Open Gate Garden Tour

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Saturday, July 17, 2010

Tickets \$5-gets you into 5 private gardens! You can also enjoy oil paintings, ink and graphite drawings, copper garden art, unique nature-inspired jewelry, pottery, jazz music and more!

Start at George St. parking lot anytime from 9-noon to buy tickets and pick up your map/brochure. You can take a free shuttle to the gardens, or walk/drive/bike there on your own!

Tickets available until Friday July 16th at the Dryden Village Hall, Dryden Agway, Dryden Wine & Spirits, Back to Basics and the History House.