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Town Passes Local Law and Resolution in Support of Agriculture

Agriculture Committee

On April 9th the Town Board passed a resolution establishing and making appointments to the first Town of New Baltimore Agriculture Committee. The committee will be co-chaired by James Van Slyke and Theodore Flegel. Committee members are Ross Burnell, Maggie Zacek, and Robert Van Etten. There are two alternate committee seats to be held by Liz LoGiudice, and Edgar Van Slyke.

During the long process of updating the town's comprehensive plan it was made clear that the town's residents highly value our tradition of agriculture and the rural character that it provides. The Town Board determined that in order to preserve and promote agriculture in the town that it would be necessary to establish an Agriculture Committee. The committee's responsibility will be to advise the Town Board, Town Planning Board, Town Zoning Board, and Town Historian as to what is necessary to strengthen, protect, and otherwise promote agriculture in our community. In addition, the committee can act in an advisory capacity as to how town residents can support the business of farming and help protect our farmland.

Right to Farm Law

On April 9th the Town Board enacted local law #5 designating New Baltimore as a Right to Farm Community. The purpose and intent of the new law is to recognize that farming is an important enterprise and an important industry that enhances the town's economic base, the natural environment, and the quality of life.

The law is intended to strengthen our farming community by limiting the circumstances under which farming may be deemed to be a nuisance and to allow agricultural practices inherently necessary for the business of farming

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Jim Van Slyke and Ted Flegel, Co-chairs of New Baltimore's First Agricultural Committee

Board Considers the Benefits of Agricultural Preservation

At the Town Board meeting on March 12th, Councilman Kuenster made a presentation about the importance of family farms in small rural towns such as New Baltimore, particularly in the face of outside residential development pressures. Not only are they our connection to our past, he pointed out, they also provide the natural beauty that makes our community such a desirable place to live and farmland that is lost to residential development is forever gone.

Financially, lost farmland has been shown to increase resident's property taxes. A residential property demands \$1.30 in town services compared to that of a \$1.00 for a farm.

Councilman Kuenster also pointed out that farms are small businesses that are owned and operated locally, keeping dollars earned and spent in the community.

In passing laws making New Baltimore a Right To Farm Community and

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News and Issues

Town Board Adopts Local Laws 3 and 4

The Town Board has recently adopted Local Law 3 of 2007, which provides for a change in the review and approval process for Special Use Permits. Under the Town's Zoning Laws, there are certain uses which are only allowed in specific zones by Special Use Permits. These permits are granted when the approving body finds that the proposed use will not be injurious to the area.

Historically, the Zoning Board of Appeals has been responsible for the review and approval of applications for Special Use Permits. However, since most Special Use Permit applications pertain to commercial uses that also require site plan review by the Planning Board, the Town Board has decided to streamline this process by changing the responsibility for the review and approval of Special Use Permit applications from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Planning Board. This change was accomplished by the adoption of Local Law 3 of 2007.

By taking this action, the Town Board will allow an applicant who seeks a Special Use Permit for a commercial operation (where a Special Use Permit is required under zoning) and who will also require site plan approval will be able to go to the Planning Board for both approvals. This will allow for one public hearing to be held (instead of 2) and will make the environmental review process easier for the town and for the applicant. The public will continue to be involved in the review process through the public hearing that will still be required.

Pursuant to a mandate from the State of New York, the Town Board has adopted Local Law 4 regarding the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Most of the provisions of Local Law 4 have been in effect in the Town of New Baltimore

since the 1980s, but some updates have been included. In this Local Law, the Town Board has attempted to clarify the requirements for building permits. Building permits are required for the construction, enlargement, alteration, improvement, removal, relocation or demolition of any building or structure or any portion thereof, and the installation of a solid fuel burning heating appliance, chimney or flue in any dwelling unit, but there are EXEMPTIONS WHERE BUILDING PERMITS ARE NOT REQUIRED:

- Structures that are less than 144 square feet
- Construction or installation of nonresidential farm buildings, including barns, sheds, poultry houses and other buildings used directly and solely for agricultural purposes
- Repairs and alterations to existing buildings that do not impact load bearing walls or structural beams and do not change required exits or the removal of required fire protection systems.
- Demolition of a building whose location is greater than 100 feet plus the height of the tallest part of the building from any property line, active right-of-way or easement
- Installation of swimming pools associated with a one- or two-family dwelling where such pools are designed for a water depth of less than 24 inches and are installed entirely above ground
- Installation of fences which are not part of an enclosure surrounding a swimming pool
- Painting, wallpapering, tiling, carpeting, or other similar finish work

Local Law 4 includes the documents that must be submitted with the Building Permit application and the various inspections during construction which must be conducted by the Building Inspector which are now included in the application packet that is available at the Town Hall.

Local Law 4 also provides, pursuant to State Law, that commercial buildings must be inspected for fire safety at least

every three years, with larger places of assembly being inspected annually.

These local laws are available for review on the town website.

County Government Report

County Legislator Jim Van Slyke announced the following accomplishments from the Greene County Legislature:

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event: Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 8 AM to 2 PM Greene County Highway Department, 67 Scott Lane, Athens. (see article page 7)
- The County has decided to dedicate 20% of proceeds from In Rem foreclosures to fund Greene County Youth Programs. Athens Generating Company, L.P. contributed an additional \$50,000 for this important plan to engage our youth with worthwhile activities during the summer months.
- The County has worked out a cooperative agreement with county businesses to share employment information. This win-win plan will allow legislators to forward any job opportunities that become available to the public and county businesses will be able to hire local residents.
- The County Legislature passed local law one which prohibits alcohol consumption by minors on private property.
- The County has adopted a resolution to distribute mortgage tax revenues to the towns and villages of Greene County. New Baltimore's share of these revenues is \$47,890.

Legislator Jim Van Slyke is a member of the following committees: Finance, Highway, Government Operations, Public Safety, Youth Committee as well as the committee to oversee the Court House renovation.

Bennett Re-elected to Assessors' Association

New Baltimore Town Assessor Gordon Bennett was re-elected to a one-year term as President of the Greene County Association of Assessors. Gordon is shown here at the swearing in of officers on May 15th at Falveys' Restaurant in Acra, NY. From left: Gordon Bennett, Peter Hotaling, Vice-President (Assessor Town of Cairo), William Quick, President of the New York State Assessor's Association, and Janice Hull, Treasurer (Assistant Assessor Town of Cairo).



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to proceed uninhibited by any unwarranted interference. Farming is inherently a financially precarious business and nuisance lawsuits can be ruinous. Our rural communities are experiencing accelerated development and an influx of new homeowners, many of whom know little about rural life. The Right to Farm Law provides guidelines for mediating disputes and for conflict resolution. To that end, local realtors will be notified by the town, that they are required to inform prospective purchasers and occupants of property in or within 500 feet of an Agricultural District that certain activities related to farming can produce noise, dust, and odors.

Aside from extending some measure of protection to our farms the law

Town Board Adopts Comprehensive Plan

In the culmination of a nearly four-year process which began with a survey sent to town residents, on March 12th, the Town Board adopted the Town of New Baltimore Comprehensive Plan. The plan updates the town's original comprehensive plan which had been prepared in 1974.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee was appointed by the Town Board in September, 2005, and held monthly meetings for one year to prepare the Comprehensive Plan Update, based on the Vision and Goals Statement that had been prepared by the Citizens Planning Advisory Group during 2004 and 2005. The Comprehensive Plan Committee, co-chaired by Supervisor David Louis and Councilmember Arlene McKeon, included town residents Eugene Albright, John Cashin, Paul Court, Jr., Warren Curtis, Lee Davis, James Eckl,

Barry Guptill, Meave Tooher, Alta Turner and Louise Warner.

The town hired Elan Planning and Design, Inc. to provide guidance and expertise during the process of drafting the update. After the update was prepared, the town held two public hearings, both of which were well-attended and at which few objections were raised.

The update includes strategies aimed at addressing the goals of preserving and protecting the rural character and environmental quality of the town; promoting and encouraging business development which is consistent with the rural and historic character of the town and that contributes to the town tax base.

Those who would like to see a copy of the adopted plan can visit Town Hall at 3809 County Route 51 in Hannacroix during regular business hours or visit the town's website at www.townofnewbaltimore.org.

establishes that the town values agriculture through it's actions and that will enable the town to pursue funding and grant opportunities related to agriculture and farmland protection in the future

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establishing an Agriculture Committee, the Town Board has begun pursuing some of the goals outlined in the Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted at the March 12th meeting.

Rising fuel costs and food safety issues are affecting the price and quality of our mass-produced food and they are likely to get worse. Because of this, Councilman Kuenster also stressed the importance of supporting and promot-

ing local food production so that town residents will be able to purchase fresh, locally raised meats, produce, and value added products. As one option, he suggested the formation of a town CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). The ultimate goal is a year-round local market and restaurant located in the town.

He pointed out the ideal location of New Baltimore, with its own Thruway exit and proximity to urban centers, allowing the farmers to sell their goods regionally and added that without our farms we lose our uniqueness and without our farms we become just another suburb with rising taxes and little character.

News and Issues

Town Board Report

The Town Board has met in regular monthly meetings held on March 12th, April 9th and May 14th. A Public Hearing regarding the reappointment of the Sole Assessor. Here is a summary of the actions taken at these meetings:

March 12th

- The Town Board adopted a Findings Statement for purposes of the environmental review of the proposed Town of New Baltimore Comprehensive Plan, as required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.
- The Town Board adopted the Town of New Baltimore Comprehensive Plan, completing a nearly four year process to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan that had originally been prepared in 1974.
- The Town Board adopted a Resolution to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Elan Planning and Design, Inc. to provide professional consulting services to enable the Town Board to proceed with the implementation of the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan as they relate to drafting revisions to the Town's major subdivision, site plan and zoning laws to be consistent with the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan in these areas. This work will be overseen by members of the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, and all proposed revisions will be discussed at a public information meeting later this year, and will be subject to the normal public hearing requirements before they are considered for adoption as local laws by the Town Board.
- The Town Board adopted Local Law 3 of 2007 to amend the Town Zoning Law to change the responsibility for the review and approval of special use permits from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Planning Board.

April 9th

- Following a Public Hearing, the Town Board adopted Local Law 4 of 2007,

providing for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

- Following a Public Hearing, the Town Board adopted Local Law 5 of 2007, to be known as the Town of New Baltimore Right to Farm Law.
- The Town Board adopted a Resolution establishing the Town of New Baltimore Agricultural Committee. This Committee include at least three members who are engaged in the business of farming or related agricultural industries, and is charged with the responsibility for advising town government and town residents regarding how best to support the business of farming and the preservation of farmland in the Town of New Baltimore; the Agricultural Committee will be co-chaired by James Van Slyke and Ted Flegel, and will include Ross Burnell, Maggie Zacek, Robert Van Etten, and alternate members Liz LoGuidice and Edgar Van Slyke.
- The Town Board authorized the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Town of Coxsackie and Ravena Rescue Squad to change the ambulance coverage for Swezey Road from Ravena Rescue Squad to the Town of Coxsackie Ambulance Service to provide better service to those residents.
- The Town Board accepted the low bid of \$17,447 from Flach Industries for the installation of an ultraviolet disinfection unit at the Town of New Baltimore Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- The Town Board filed a Map, Plan and Report for the establishment of New Baltimore Lighting District No. 2. This Lighting District will include the parcels comprising Kalkberg Commerce Park and will pay for streetlighting on Houghtaling Road which is the main road coming in from Route 9W into Kalkberg Commerce Park.
- The Town Board renewed the designation of CT Male Associates, Delaware Engineering and J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates as engineering firms that are eligible to be retained by the Town for the review of projects.

- The Town Board appointed Amy Decker as the Summer Parks Program Director.

April 23rd

- The Town Board held a public hearing regarding the upcoming reappointment of Gordon Bennett whose term expires on September 30th. Town residents in attendance addressed various questions to Mr. Bennett. None of the town residents in attendance opposed Mr. Bennett's reappointment and those who spoke were supportive of his reappointment.

May 14th

- The Superintendent of the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District, Vicki Wright, made a presentation to the Town Board regarding the 2007-08 School District Budget, and answered questions from residents in attendance.
- The Town Board, following a Public Hearing, adopted a Resolution to increase the franchise fee paid by Mid-Hudson Cablevision to the Town from 3% of gross revenues to 5% of gross revenues. This increase is required to recoup lost property tax revenues that Mid-Hudson Cablevision has chosen to cease paying under a loophole in the New York State Tax Law.
- The Town Board, following a Public Hearing, adopted a Resolution to establish New Baltimore Lighting District No. 2, which consists of the parcels of land in Kalkberg Commerce Park.
- The Town Board adopted a Resolution to authorize the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District to act on behalf of the Town in preparing an All Hazards Mitigation Plan which will allow the Town to continue to qualify for disaster relief assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Town Board designated Councilman Guthrie to represent the Town in the review of the plan's preparation, and upon its completion, the Town Board will have the final say on whether the plan is adopted for the Town of New Baltimore.

- The Town Board, with the assistance of the Town Accountant, completed a review of the financial records of the Justice Court, Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

- The Town Board discussed recent correspondence regarding New Baltimore Water District No. 4; the Town has been informed by the US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, that the Town is eligible for a grant of \$500,000 towards the cost of constructing the water system in Water District No. 4, and re-estimated the maximum cost at \$4,774,230 (\$250,000 lower than the previous estimate). This would result in an estimated annual cost of \$912 per household, which is lower than the estimate of \$1,077 that was defeated by one vote in the previous referendum in November, 2006. The Town Board voted to schedule a Public Hearing on June 19, 2007 to hear public comment on these new developments, which could lead to a referendum being scheduled in September, 2007.

Planning Board Report

March 8, 2007

The Planning Board met on March 8, April 12 and May 10 2007, with the following business transacted:

- Continued Site Plan discussion with representatives from Jyoti SAI Hospitality LLC for the proposed Holiday Inn Express Motel to be constructed just north of Cocksackie Thruway Exit. If balance of information required to deem Site Plan Application complete is received within the week, required Public Hearing will be scheduled for 7:45 p.m., April 12.

- Received from Kenneth Rebusman, Minor Subdivision Application for the four-lot subdivision of his property located off Scheller Park Road. Required Public Hearing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., April 12, 2007.

- Received from Surveyor Charles Hite, Minor Subdivision Application for the two-lot subdivision of the Lands of Lamonius Lapins located on Roberts Hill Road. Required Public Hearing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., May 10, 2007. ruway. Required Public Hearing was scheduled for February 8.

April 12, 2007

- Public Hearing was held on the Minor Subdivision Application for the four-lot Kenneth & Amelia Rebusmen subdivision on Scheller Park Road.

- Public Hearing was held on the Site Plan Application for Jyoti SAI Hospitality LLC for the Holiday Inn Express to be sited on the old Howard Johnson's site at Cocksackie Exit 21-B Thruway Exchange.

In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed:

- The Rebusmen Minor Subdivision was approved.

- The Jyoti SAI Hospitality Site Plan application was approved with conditions.

- Discussion was continued and recessed on the proposed fast food restaurant to be sited on a William Brandt parcel located on Route 9W. Franchise is not yet known.

- Discussion was continued on the proposed professional building to be constructed by Dr. Marvin Gertzberg on 9W property still owned by William Brandt at time of appearance before Planning Board.

- Initial Site Plan discussion was held with William Brandt regarding the Assisted Living Facility to be constructed on one of his parcels on Route 9W.

May 10, 2007

- Public Hearing was held on the Minor Subdivision Application for the two-lot Laimonis Lapins minor subdivision on Roberts Hill Road.

In the Regular Monthly Meeting that followed:

- Approved with conditions the Laimonis Lapins Minor Subdivision.

Continued discussion with a Town resident and his surveyor regarding the correction of his non-conforming parcel; annexation of property from one of his parcels to another and the way in which boundary line discrepancies, as the result of surveys by different surveyors, with two adjacent property owners can be resolved.

- Received Minor Subdivision Application from Michael Benacquisto for a three-lot subdivision of his just purchased property on Staco Road. Required Public Hearing is scheduled for 7:45 p.m., June 14.

Note: Anyone wishing to come before the Planning Board should call to be placed on agenda at least a month before wishing to appear.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report

March 7, 2007

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on March 7 and April 4, 2007, with the following business transacted:

- Heard the Variance Application of John & Nicole Anatriello to place a modular home on their recently acquired property on the west side of Route 9W opposite where Route 144 intersects Route 9W. The proposed modular home would be used both as a sales model and the Anatriellos' private residence. Required Public Hearing on the application has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m., April 4, 2007.

April 4, 2007

- Public Hearing was held on the John and Nicole Anatriello Variance Application to place a house to be used as the Anatriello's private residence as well as a modular home sales model on property located in Commercial District at 13945 U.S. Route 9W. In the Regular Meeting that followed the Public Hearing, the Board voted to deny the Anatriello's the requested Variance.

Assessor Report

- Middle Class Star 2007 (excerpts from the State website): The average Basic STAR savings upstate was \$640 in 2006-07. As a result of the Governor's Middle Class STAR program, for a family with income of \$90,000 or less, the STAR benefit would grow by \$384, for a total STAR benefit of \$2,024 in 2007-08. This year, Enhanced STAR recipients will receive rebate checks equivalent to 25 percent of their 2006-07 savings. The amount will increase to 35 percent next year. Also, last year's one-time increase in the standard exemption amount of \$56,800 will be fixed for three years, after which it will increase based on cost-of-living adjustments.
- New Baltimore Town Assessor was installed as President of the Greene County Association at its Annual dinner meeting on May 15th, 2007.

Historical Notes

Town History Resources Part Two

Last issue, I reviewed some books that provide details on the history of New Baltimore. This time, I will summarize just a sampling of the collections of personal, business, and government papers at the Vedder Research Library. Included are old documents dating back to the 1700s and 1800s written by or about people who used to live right here. They provide a wealth of information about the jobs, families, and daily routines of our past residents.

New Baltimore Manuscript Files.

The most diverse group of papers contains a range of materials on numerous subjects, including boatyards, brick manufacturing, bridges, churches, education, elections, hotels, poor records, roads, and town government. There are bonds, legal agreements, contracts, wills, petitions, deeds, leases, bills, receipts, accounts, debtor's papers, letters, maps, and land surveys and a number of files on specific people or families.

Moses Bedell Diaries. Bedell was a Quaker farmer living in the Stanton Hill area of New Baltimore, with his widowed father, two daughters, and his widow's aunt Mary Jane Gurney. The

photocopies (we are searching via e-mail in the State of Florida for the originals) of his diaries contain short entries regarding farm work, cooperative labor with neighbors, his Quaker activities, Moses' job selling fire extinguishers, domestic help, jury duty, loans to neighbors, health and medical problems, local politics, local road issues, ice harvesting, deaths and marriages, social life, and taking in summer boarders.

Frank W. Crandell Memorial Collection. The collection includes an assortment of documents from the Crandells and related families, such as the Smiths, Browns, and Perrys. There are legal papers of Lewis Crandell (1807-1884), Town Justice of the Peace, including narrative accounts of trials and a docket book. There also are family letters, receipts, bills, agreements, estate papers, deeds and indentures, poor records, military papers, and photographs.

Edward Ely Sherman Collection. The Shermans, originally of Rhode Island, were among the many post-Revolution War settlers of New Baltimore. Family business interests included sloop building, overseas trading, Hudson River shipping, and real estate. The collection includes wills, deeds, letters, agreements, bonds, mortgages,

bills, surveys, and maps. Family names mentioned include Bedell, Besley, Bronck, Brown, Crandall, Dibble, Felter, Gay, Haight, Houghtaling, Keith, Lewis, Marshall, McCabe, McCarty, Mull, Osman, Sisson, Slingerland, Travis, Van Bergen, Van Slyke. Also among the Library's holdings are a 1791-1794 ledger of Paul Sherman, the original settler, a ledger and daybook of Paul's son, Joseph, that span the years 1840-1863, and a 1796-1831 daybook of Martin Gerritsen Van Bergen, another notable local person.

There are little jewels scattered among other parts of the Library's holdings. For example, David R. McCarty's business records include a record of stagecoach express runs from New Baltimore to Albany, 1852 and an 1830-32 survey field book of Anthony M. Van Bergen for New Baltimore and Cox-sackie. There are minutes, and receipt books for the local branch of the Patrons of Industry of North America, the Echo Grange. The Bronk family papers hold several land transaction papers relating to New Baltimore. The George and Alice Peters Collection is a vast collection of information on the Powell and Butler families and their relatives

—Cless Bush, Town Historian.

Business Spotlight

Eagle Associates

Lifetime New Baltimore residents Eric Hogland and Kenneth Rebusman, Jr. partner the businesses of Eagle Concrete Drilling & Sawing and Eagle Tool Rental and Supplies. Located on Route 9W in the Hamlet of Hannacroix, they acquired the tool rental and supply business in 2001 and expanded the following year with the purchase of the saw cutting business.

Eagle Tool offers light construction equipment as well as retail industrial supplies such as concrete anchors, fasteners and epoxy. Catering to contractors and homeowners, you can find equipment from A to Z to rent such as backhoes, trimmers, thatchers, brush cutters, and power washers.

The parent company, Eagle Concrete

Drilling & Sawing provides safe efficient concrete drilling, sawing, breaking and removal services for contractors, municipalities and businesses throughout New England. Eagle is planning expansion of their services in the Syracuse area with a satellite office.

Eagle, which employs five full-time and one part-time employee, also offers light commercial storage for contractors, sale of steel buildings and has recently added sales of outdoor woodstoves.

The Business Review recently featured Eric Hogland, who is also a member of the New Baltimore Planning Board, as one of their "40 Under Forty" outstanding young business leaders, a program recognizing outstanding members of the business community under the age of 40. The panel considers a



Ken Rebusman, Jr and Eric Hogland

person's business accomplishments and community involvement. At a celebration on May 3rd for this year's honorees, Eric was presented with a crystal plaque which he proudly displays in his office. Eagle Associates is located at 13729 Route 9W. The phone number is 756-6531

Events & Announcements

Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, June 2nd presents a rare opportunity to clean out the inner depths of your garage and basement and finally get rid of any old paints, chemicals or any other product, toxic in nature, which cannot be disposed of as everyday trash. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is available to Greene County residents only (proof of residency is required). Collection will take place at the Greene County Highway Department, 67 Scott Lane in Athens from 8 am to 2 pm. In order to reduce traffic and minimize waiting time, pre-registration is suggested. Call (518) 943-4600 or send an email to: solidwaste@discovergreene.com

Following is a list of acceptable items:

Accepted	Not Accepted
Acids & Bases	Agricultural Waste
Automotive Fluids	Commercial Waste
Chlorine	Compressed Gases (aerosols okay)
Cleaning Products	Controlled Substances
Driveway Sealer	Empty Aerosole Cans
Fire Extinguishers	Empty Paint Cans
Fluorescent Light Bulbs	Explosives & Ammunition
Gasoline & Kerosene	Fireworks & Flares
Hobby Chemicals & Paints	Industrial Waste
Paint Removers & Thinners	Infectious & Biological Waste
Pesticides/Herbicides/Insecticides	Medical Waste
Photo Chemicals	Motor Oil (recyclable)
Swimming Pool Chemicals	Prescription Medication & Syringes
Turpentine	Propane Tanks (recyclable)
Varnish	Radioactive Materials
Weed Killers	Smoke Detectors
Wood Preservatives & Stains	

Summer Youth Program

Parks Director Amy Decker announces that the New Baltimore Summer Youth Program will be held July 16 through August 10, 2007 for a total of four weeks. Children must be five years of age or older. Program hours are 9 am to 11:30 pm. Application forms are available on our website at www.townofnewbaltimore.org/parks or at Town Hall.

Agfest 2007

This year's Agfest is scheduled to take place on June 2nd and 3rd at the Van Etten Farm. It's shaping up to be another weekend of music, great exhibitions and, of course, tractors.

For the kids, Leapin Lizards and Rockin Reptiles by the Science and Technology Museum of Troy will be there, along with horse-drawn carriage rides and model plane shows.

Musically, the crowd can get into the fun, literally, with the Karaoke with Magic Music by Kevin Hotaling. Squeeze Play and One Man Band are also scheduled to perform.

For more information, call 756-3517 or 756-2793.

Dog Licensing

All dogs in New York State longer than 30 days are required to be licensed and be up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations.

The fees for each license, which must be renewed yearly, are \$2.50 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$10.50 for an unsprayed or unneutered dog. Fifty-three percent of collected fees remain with the town to be used for animal control; thirty percent goes to the county to reimburse livestock owners for any damage inflicted by dogs and seventeen percent goes to the state to maintain the database and send renewal applications; ten cents out of the state's percentage goes to Cornell Veterinary College for the study of dog diseases.

Business Appreciation Breakfast

The third annual Town of New Baltimore Business Appreciation Breakfast is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 20 beginning at 8:30 am at the Boat House Restaurant, 80 Shady Harbor Drive.

The breakfast recognizes the contributions that local businesses make to

our community and provides an opportunity for business owners to meet and share ideas.

To partially defray the costs of the event, which includes a breakfast buffet, there will be a charge of \$6 per person, with checks made out to the Town of New Baltimore.

For reservations or more questions, call 756-6671.

Building Code Changes

The New York State Department of Code Enforcement has made some changes in codes regarding pool alarms. All swimming pools and hot tubs constructed or substantially modified after December 14, 2006 must be equipped with an alarm which, when activated, will alert those nearby to anyone entering the water. The change was enacted primarily to prevent accidents with young children.

For more information about the code changes, call 474-4073 or visit the Department of State website at www.dos.state.ny.us

Town Officials

Supervisor

David Louis

Board Members

Lisa Benway
Richard Guthrie
Kevin Kuenster
Arlene McKeon

Planning Board

Lee Davis
James Coe
Howard Goldson
Kenneth Kuder
Eric Hogland
John Murray
Alta Turner

Zoning Board

Stephen Volkheimer
Meave Tooher
Christy Jo Cone
Anthony Rago
Roger Wilson

Town Clerk

Janet Brooks

Tax Collector

Diane Stuart

Assessor

Gordon Bennett

Town Justices

Joseph Farrell
Joseph Cosenza

Superintendent of Highways

Denis Jordan

Town Board Meetings:

2nd and 4th Mondays

Planning Board Meetings

2nd Thursday*

Zoning Board Meetings

1st Wednesday*

*if no agenda, no meeting

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