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Fall 2006



Of the four seasons, fall has always been to me the one which most vividly reveals our rural, agricultural character. I have always thought of this time of year as “harvest” time and it is certainly evident as we drive throughout our town. According to the Cornell Cooperative Extension – Monroe County, apple lovers will be pleasantly surprised this year, as the local apple crop maybe one of the best on recent record in terms of quality and quantity for our region. A large amount of our locally produced fruits and vegetables will be sold at local farm stands, bazaars and super markets. Be sure to take full advantage of the wonderful crops that our Hamlin-area farmers produce and stock up on these fresh fruits and vegetables while they are fresh and available.

Speaking of our rural character, the final draft of the Town’s Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP) is close to completion. I hope to have it available for your review and comments by October. As you will see, our number one goal is to seek to retain our rural character and heritage and maintain an overall quality of life associated with a small-town atmosphere in a country environment. It is one of eight goals, which have been derived through the lengthy, ongoing planning and development process and which the residents, who dedicatedly contributed to constructing the plan, view as the most significant issues involved in land use in the Town over the next ten years. The Town Board holds a CMP workshop on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 pm in Town Hall. The workshop is open to the public. Once consensus is achieved on the final draft, a series of public hearings and information sessions will be held for more formal public review prior to the plan being considered for approval by Town Board. Dates of the public hearings will be posted on our website and as legal postings in the HAMLIN-CLARKSON HERALD.

One of our ongoing objectives is to make Hamlin an attractive community in which we take pride in our property and appearance. Success in this area starts at the individual level. I commend the majority of our residents who take pride and make the effort to properly maintain their property. In conjunction with our October 23 fall brush pick up effort (see article inside), I ask for a “community effort” where everyone makes a special effort to tidy up their property and adjacent road sides for the fall. I’ve asked BJ Maier, our Code Enforcement Officer, to concentrate on abandoned or unlicensed vehicles. He is traveling neighborhood-to-neighborhood and leaving notices where violations are noted. The notice provides a 10-day grace period to either eliminate the violation or contact him with a plan of action. If nothing is done within the 10-day grace period, a formal violation notice will be issued. I ask for everyone’s cooperation and effort in helping make Hamlin an attractive place to live.

As we begin to wind down from the busy activities of summer, you may find yourself considering ways to productively spend your “free time.” There is certainly no limit to the number of activities and organizations in the Town that could benefit from your voluntary services. By no stretch of the imagination is this a complete list and I apologize for those that I don’t mention, but the following are always in need of volunteers and new members: Hamlin Volunteer Ambulance, Friends of the Library, Fire Departments, Lifetime Solutions, Meals on Wheels, and all Scouting organizations. If you are interested in devoting some time to worthwhile endeavors, I highly encourage you to volunteer, whether with one of the groups above or another which interests you. We all benefit by your efforts. If you don’t know who to contact, give us a call at Town Hall and we can help you.

Finally, with school back in session and the days becoming shorter and shorter, I remind everyone to drive carefully, observe traffic laws and ensure that your fall season is a safe and enjoyable one.



SCHOOL TAXES DUE

Your School Tax bill has been sent. If you are paying your own taxes the deadline is a postmark of Monday, October 2, 2006 or pay in person to avoid any interest.

If you are in the Brockport or Hilton School Districts and a resident of the Town of Hamlin or Clarkson you make your payment in person at the Hamlin Town Hall. A Visa or Master Card may be used to pay only a Hilton School Tax bill.

Questions, please call your receiver:
Brockport – Joyce Brawn 964-9394
Hilton –Kathi A. Rickman 964-2421

GIFT IDEAS

Have you started to think of Christmas yet or do you need a unique gift for a special person or for some special occasion? Why not purchase a colorful Folk Art picture of the Town of Hamlin to frame or the Historian's new book called *Remembering Hamlin – 1802 to 2002*? The book has proven to be an enjoyable keepsake and is in big demand from many people, who have moved from our small community.

Folk Art is \$10.00 and a signed copy \$15.00.

Remembering Hamlin – 1802-2002 15.00 for soft cover and \$22.50 for hard cover. (Signed by author)

DOG CENSUS UNDERWAY

The Hamlin Dog Control Officer has started the dog census. If you have an unregistered dog you will be charged an additional \$5.00 fee in addition to the required fee of \$7.50 for spayed or neutered and \$15.50 if not. Proof of the rabies vaccination is required when licensing your dog. New York State Ag and Marketing law requires all dogs in the State of New York be licensed by age four months.

As they count the dogs in Hamlin it will be noted if you harbor more than three dogs. You will be told to apply for the required Harboring Permit. The permit will be a one time fee of \$25.00.



FALL BRUSH PICK-UP

Mark you calendar for this year's fall brush pick-up.

Starting at 7 am on October 23rd, the Town of Hamlin Highway employees will be picking up brush that has been set down at the curb in 8-foot lengths. There will be only one trip down each road. Don't miss this opportunity.

HUNTERS



Deadline for Doe Management Permits is Sunday, October 1st. to find out more.

IMPORTANT TRAVEL NOTICE



PASSPORTS

The December 31, 2006 deadline is fast approaching for required passports for all air and sea travel to or from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda.

You may apply at the Hamlin Town Clerk's Office for your passport. Bring in your passport photo, raised seal birth certificate along with the appropriate fee and we will process your application. You need to allow eight weeks for receipt of your passport. Adult (16 yrs or older) fee is \$67.00, valid for 10 years. Child's fee is \$52.00, valid for 5 years. An agent-processing fee of \$30.00 is also required. Your processing fee is revenue that stays within the town.

December 31, 2007 a passport will be required for all land border crossings. Call 964-2421 for more information.

The new STAR applications are now available from the Assessors Office. For more information call 964-8748.

REMINDER FROM YOUR TOWN CLERK: Hamlin Residents are now Monroe County Water Authority customers. Payment must be made to them. We have enjoyed serving you.

Customer Service: 442-7200
Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

10/07/06 Hamlin Lions Club will be having the annual Candy Day. The candy is free but donations will be gratefully accepted. Lions will be purring at various locations in the business district. All proceeds benefit our community.

10/21/06 St. John Lutheran Church Bazaar from 9 am to 4 pm. Need more information call 964-2550.

10/21/06 Morton Baptist Church Harvest (Ham) Dinner at 4 pm. Call 964-3975 for more information

11/04/06 Free Glaucoma and Blood Sugar Tests at Hamlin Top's Friendly Market from 10 am to 2 pm. The Hamlin Lions urge everyone to take advantage of these free tests during November American Diabetes Month.

11/05/06 Community Military Church Service, 7 pm at St. John Lutheran Church.

11/07/06 Election Day. All Town Hall offices are closed. Don't forget to vote.

11/11/06 Veterans Day, Town Hall closed 11/10/06 in observance.

12/02/06 Christmas Tree Lighting sponsored by the Friends of the Library



SUBURBAN DISPOSAL

We have just been notified that the cost of blue bags will now be \$40.50. A check made out to Suburban is the only way to make your purchase from the Town Clerks Office.