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GROVELAND NEWSLETTER by,
Supervisor

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Hopefully this Newsletter finds everyone healthy & warm. I also hope that the tax rate increase was not too unbearable. If the reasons for this increase are still unclear to you; please do not hesitate to either call my office at (585) 243-1750, my home at (585) 243-4066, or email me at supervisor@grovelandny.org to schedule an appointment and I would happy to clarify things for you.

I would like to take this opportunity to review the difference between a Traveler's Advisory & Travel Ban:

Travel Advisory: Roads are not closed. No unnecessary travel is advised. Travel advisories are generally issued based upon such factors as poor visibility, slippery roads, numerous accidents, blowing and/or drifting snow are on the roadways. Example: A trip which could wait until the advisory is lifted should not be made; a trip to the store for non-essential items; a trip to rent a movie, etc.

Road Closings: Road closings are issued when road(s) are impassable. Often times these road(s) are barricaded, or law enforcement is physically present blocking the roadway. Individual roads may be closed due to a number of factors (i.e. an accident, blowing/drifting snow, poor visibility, etc.). You may be

cited for a violation of law if you travel on a closed road.

Travel Ban: Means the roads are officially closed. Only emergency travel is allowed (police, ambulance, fire, doctors, nurses, etc.). Non-emergency travelers may be cited for a violation of law when traveling during a travel ban.

A big "Thank you" goes out to Greg Adamson & his Highway Crew. They are doing an outstanding job working 24-7 to keep our roads open, clear, salted & safe.

Several Citizens have approached me regarding the subject of snow fences. I feel that I need to set the record straight so that our Highway Crew does not get unnecessarily blamed for not putting up as much as they have in the past.

The Highway Department cannot put the fences on the farmer's (or homeowner's) land without their approval. This year we had some farmer's opt out of letting us put the fences up or giving us the permission too late in the year.

Even with this shortage of fences, this Crew is doing a phenomenal job!

NYS Comptroller Audit – We have had the pleasure of receiving the Draft Audit Report to review & are basically pleased with the results. The audit confirmed the Board's concerns with the prior accountants' budget reports and errors. As we are moving forward, with a certified Accounting Firm, we are doing so with our eyes wide open. We are extremely pleased that no funds have

been misused and the overall policies and procedures are to the States' satisfaction.

We now will prepare our responses and meet with the Auditors face to face on February 27, 2015.

Town Board: As of January 1, 2015 we have a new Town Councilman. We welcome Ron Niedermaier & look forward to a successful year.

We also want to thank Bill Devine for his dedication & service in 2014. This experience will serve everyone well as the Board has re-appointed him to fill Jim Love's recent vacancy. Jim had to resign due to health reasons. Our best wishes to Jim for a speedy recovery.

Town Clerk: From the office of Town Clerk, Sandra Bean: Hoping everyone is enjoying some of the wonderful winter weather with skiing, skating, sledding, snowmobiling or even ice fishing – yep all the simple enjoyments that NYS winter weather provides us. I shall not list all the less enjoyable items that NYS winter provides us as it may add to the winter grump!

In case some of you who utilize the Geneseo Transfer Station and enjoy the recycling portion of it as NYSDEC has passed regulations regarding batteries and how to dispose of them; I have checked and Geneseo is in compliance and has and will continue to handle within the regulations.

In addition, to the Transfer Station, when we will need new stickers or coupon booklets made up there may be a

whole new look to them. There is consideration to a hole-punch card as it would be more cost effective for the printing of a single card rather the booklets. Again this is once we have used up the current stock.

Kim and I will be attending the annual Town Clerk conference this year on April 26-29 and this will result in our Town Clerk's office being closed; so plan ahead. This training provides us the tools to keep you all informed and in compliance with all the watchdogs.

Town Hall: You may have heard that there was the possibility of our having to combine our two voting districts. After a meeting between the Board of Elections and a bipartisan committee of four Groveland Residents, we have determined that it would be in our best interest to keep our two separate polling locations. It was determined that the minimal amount that we would save on Voting Inspector Fees is far out-weighed by the importance of your time, your convenience & your distance traveling to your polling location.

Town Court: Since the birth of her son Malcom, Stephanie has decided that she wishes to stay at home rather than return to our Court. Thus, we have had a minor change in personnel. Terri Rider had graciously stepped up to become the Fulltime Court Clerk & we have hired Candace King to work part-time.

Congratulations to the Court for acquiring a JCAP Grant to update their Office.

Historian: - Attention all students in grades 4 through 12! The New York State Archives has announced **The 2015 Student Research Awards**. This program is a statewide competition open to all New York State students. This competition encourages students to explore the wealth of historical records found in archives, libraries, and other community organizations throughout New York State. The means by which you may present this information is very broad and considers student's varied strengths and interests. An entrant may submit a video documentary, a computer-assisted presentation – such as a Power Point presentation or a website, or an exhibit. All projects submitted for consideration need to have an annotated bibliography included, showing the use of original historic records.

A total of three awards will be given; one each for students in the following divisions: Grades 4 – 5, Grades 6 – 8, and Grades 9 – 12. Project entries can be submitted by either an individual or by a group of students working together. The deadline for submissions is July 1st and the winners will be announced in October of 2015.

For contest guidelines and an entry form, go to www.archives.nysed.gov and click on the 'Education' link and then 'Awards'. This will take you to the Student Research Award information page.

I would be happy to discuss ideas and offer feedback to any student interested in participating in this project! Contact me at historian@grovelandny.org.

Thanks, Phyllis

Assessor: From the Office of Assessor Tammy Baker. Hope the winter is treating everyone well, even though it has been a cold one. It is that time of year again to be renewing your exemptions. The renewals for Senior Citizens, Enhanced STAR, Agricultural and Disability were mailed out the last week of December, and if you have not renewed them the deadline is vastly approaching. These forms must be returned to the Assessor's office no later than March 1, 2015. For anyone that may be turning 65 in the calendar year of 2015 (ex. If you turn 65 in October 2015) and your adjusted gross income is less than \$83,300 please come in and see me prior to March 1, 2015, with your 2013 income taxes so that you may sign up for the Enhanced STAR. My office hours in Groveland are Thursday's from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. The remainder of the time I can be reached in my Geneseo office at 4630 Millennium Drive, Geneseo, NY 14454. My phone number is (585) 991-5006.

Ambuscade Park: Pavilion Update – well & water quality issues have slowed the project down some, however, it is still moving forward.

Looking for something that is both FREE & educational? Check out the 2015 Winter Discovery Series: American Perspectives. Pay special attention to the March 21st lecture on our very own Groveland Ambuscade. (Listing is attached) **

Lake View Cemetery:

If anyone is interested in purchasing a plot, contact Snyder Services @ 335-9820. They provide a wonderful service to the town and are very knowledgeable of the available plots.

Groveland Fire Department: One last chance to support the Groveland Fire Department & get a delicious breakfast for just \$5.00! Join Us on March 8th from 7:00am-11:00am at the Groveland Fire Hall.

Groveland Highway Department:

From the office of Highway Superintendent Greg Adamson: In an effort to be more cost conscious we waited as long as possible to replace the last pick-up truck that is used primarily for checking roads & picking up supplies. We ended up with a 2014 Ford. We have also begun putting the decals on the Windows rather than directly on the paint of the doors. We feel that this will help with the trade-in or re-sale values. We are also working on a plan to update our excavator with the help of Senator Patrick Gallivan.

With all the heavy snow fall of late, I feel that it is necessary to remind everyone how important it is to keep in mind a few things before you go out on the road in your vehicle:

- Allow extra time when the roads are snow covered or icy or if the visibility is bad
- Make sure your vehicle is in proper working order
- Reduce your speed accordingly

- Give the Snowplow plenty of space do NOT follow closely behind them as they sometimes need to back up suddenly.

Thank you!

Conesus Lake: Have you seen the sticker ConesUS Lake? Well it represents a cohesive set of actions designed to educate watershed residents on the impact they have on the lake's water quality, and to promote lake-friendly residential best practices. Through these actions and programs, we hope to assist and inspire all watershed residents to become proactive stewards of the future health of our lake. Get your sticker by going to their website and for all their updated Lake information by viewing the Conesus Lake Association - Laker News @ www.conesuslake.org

Points of Interest & County Level:

If you have any interest in "Defensive Driving" Class, Carl Benware has provided us with the following information:

Classes are given by Faith Stolle, on behalf of AARP, her phone number is 585-226-6516.

They will be held in March, April, & May in Avon, Livonia, & Dansville. There are two 3 hour classes. You can call her to sign up by phone & then pay At the time of the class. AARP members' price is \$20, non-AARP is \$25. The May Dansville classes are on the 4th and on the 5th from 9am until 12pm in the Dansville Public Library.

Parking is available behind the Sunrise Café on Main Street.

Once you complete the course you can get up to 15% off your insurance premium & can remove up to 4 DMV points if they occurred within the last 18 months of your driving record.

Attn: Veterans – Contact the Veteran Service Center @ 585.393.7348 to find out about the VA Rural Health Care Team, the Mobile Telehealth Unit, & Canandaigua VA Medical Center. Other questions: Angela T. Allen, LMSW Rural Health Social Worker 585-393-7989 or

http://www.canandaigua.va.gov/services/VA_Rural_Mobile_Telehealth_Care_Unit_Information.asp

- Any time you need town information check out our town website on a regular basis by
- logging onto www.grovelandny.org
- Thank you to each department for providing updates for this newsletter.



I'd like to take this opportunity to extend "Milestone" Birthday Wishes to:

Mary Spencer – Happy 101st Birthday on 5/18/15
Louise Hainsworth – Happy 100th Birthday on 6/10/15

I know this is a little early Ladies, but my next Newsletter may not be out in time.

Sincerely,

Bill

Note: Correction from last Newsletter, it is the Canaseraga Creek that runs thru the Station, NOT the Keshequa!!



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mount Morris Dam and Recreation Area

2015 Winter Discovery Series: American Perspectives

All lectures are free of charge and will be held in the Visitor Center on Saturdays at 1:00pm.

January 10 th	THE POWER OF A GOOD IDEA: WORKING TOGETHER FOR GOOD Jessie Barth ties together her unique personal connections with Robert Morris, Oscar Hammerstein II, and Mahatma Gandhi to demonstrate how one good idea can lead to freedom and harmony.	JESSIE BARTH Author
January 17 th	THE THREE UNCLES Steve's program is about three very different men, all related by blood or marriage, whose lives reflected much of what it was to be in America in the first half of the 20th century. One disappeared on the way to the Klondike Gold Rush, one is an Irish immigrant who served Uncle Sam all over the world and the third is a WWII soldier who fought his way across Europe.	STEVE CLARKE Genealogist
January 24 th	FLYING WITH GEESE Over a six year span, Mark raised and flew with Canada geese using a jet-ski, power boat, atv, and an ultralight he built. This presentation will give some insight on his unique passion and what it took to hatch, raise, imprint, train, and ultimately fly with his geese.	MARK ROMANOFSKY Avian Enthusiast & Amateur Pilot
January 31 st	THE FEMALE PERSPECTIVE Presenting Livingston County Women who changed the status quo from pioneer days to the modern era. Investigate the lives of several ordinary and a few extraordinary women with local connections whose influences changed the course of American history often in subtle but powerful ways.	AMIE ALDEN Livingston County Historian
February 7 th	GARDENS OF STONE Explore the art work and symbolism of headstones, and how it has evolved from the early 1800's to today. Much can be learned in a walk through a quiet cemetery.	EILEEN LAFAVE-BRICKFORD Caledonia Historian
February 14 th	A LINCOLN TRIBUTE Gettysburg National Battlefield and National Cemetery celebrated the 150 th anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on November 19, 2013. Examine the 1863 Battle of Gettysburg, the creation of the National Cemetery, the significance of Lincoln's immortal address, and the events of the 150 th anniversary celebration.	CRAIG BRAACK Allegany County Historian
February 21 st	THE STORY OF SETH GREEN..... AND SALMO TRUTTA Discover the intriguing story of Seth Green, the internationally recognized "father of fish culture." Raised in the wilderness of western NY in the early 1800's, it was Green's ingenuity and foresight which kept fishing for sport and industry alive for the country.	JOHN SPAULDING Fly Fishing Enthusiast
February 28 th	'WE CAN DO IT!' THE CCC EXPERIENCE IN LETCHWORTH PARK During the Great Depression, four Civilian Conservation Corps camps operated along the Genesee River, laying the foundation for modern Letchworth Park. Examine this successful New Deal program through the eyes of the CCC enrollees who discovered they could build both a park and a future.	TOM COOK Local Historian and Teacher
March 7 th	AN AMERICAN TRAIL PERSPECTIVE: CREATING EFFECTIVE TRAILS IN THE FINGER LAKES REGION Learn about the variety of trails in our region available for recreation and transportation. Investigate the policies, legislation, government agencies, non-profits and volunteers who created or supported these trails; and current efforts to expand this network of trails.	JOAN SCHUMAKER Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway
March 14 th	THIS GROUND Explore two perspectives on local history, in particular, the history of the Genesee Valley as seen through the eyes of a geologist, as well as an artist's paintings with a point of departure and inspiration being photos of the actual construction of the Mount Morris Dam.	RICHARD SHEARER Artist & DICK YOUNG Geologist
March 21 st	THE GROVELAND AMBUSCADE: FOLKLORE, FICTION, FACTS AND FALLACIES In 1779, Sgt. Boyd's scouting party was ambushed and defeated by Seneca and Loyalist troops. Fifteen of the party were KIA. Boyd and Pvt. Parker, taken prisoner, suffered unspeakable fatal tortures at Little Beard's Town. Review this notorious Revolutionary War episode as it is recounted in works of scholarly history, romantic fiction and embellished folklore.	HOWARD APPELL Local Historian
March 28 th	LAKE ONTARIO LAKEWIDE ACTION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN (LAMP) Learn the dramatic history and recent initiatives of a critically important binational management plan intended to coordinate the protection and restoration of Lake Ontario. Discover how scientists, managers and local stakeholders partner in tackling diverse and complex environmental challenges.	KIMIE ROMEO Center for Environmental Initiatives (CEI)