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Notes from the Supervisor

Dear Moreau Resident,

As your Town Supervisor I want to welcome you to the inaugural edition of our community newsletter. I'm proud to tell you what we have done at the Town Hall and to tell you about our plans for the future.

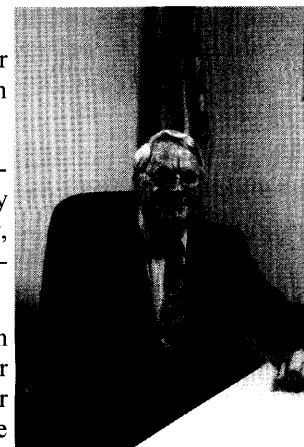
If you have any comments, questions, concerns or suggestions please don't hesitate to let us know as we are here to serve you.

As your Town Board, we reduced the Town tax rate from \$4.73 per thousand to \$2.28 per thousand – a 52% reduction in the Town General Fund Rate.

Our Town Board continues to support the Moreau Community Center in its quest for a new Regional Center. We have worked closely with Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, Congressman Scott Murphy, and Tim Carota, the Moreau Community Center Board of Director's President, to help this program move forward.

We are currently working with unnamed developers for the growth of various Route 9 residential and commercial properties. After many years of work, we passed a Comprehensive Master Plan for the Town which will give us direction for future growth of the Town. In conjunction with that Master Plan we have formed a Rezoning Committee to work on updating our zoning regulations to conform to the recently approved Master Plan. Many of these developers will be putting in commercial ventures that will add greatly to our tax base and remove the burden off the residents of the town. Copies are available in the Town Clerk's office.

We are working with the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors and the State Assembly and Senate on a land swap that will allow us to build a new Town Hall/Court complex on Route 197 behind the Jehovah Witness Church and South Glens Falls Fire Department building.



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Office Of The Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Town Clerk's Office issues and provides a variety of services such as dog licenses, marriage licenses, sportsmen licenses, bingo licenses, games of chance licenses, certificate of residencies for college students, issuance of mosquito dunks and handicapped parking permits.

The Town Clerk's Office will begin selling the 2009-2010 DECALS Sporting Licenses on August 17th. New York State DEC has instituted new license fees for the 2009-2010 license year. The new fee schedule can be obtained on the DEC website or through the Town Clerk's Office.

Reminder to all dog owners – dogs must be licensed at the age of 4 months. All dogs in the Town of Moreau must be leashed or confined at all times.

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Visit us at: www.townofmoreau.org

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We will be conducting our second annual Moreau Fun Days event set for August 7th & 8th in cooperation with the South Glens Falls Fire Company and the Village of South Glens Falls. We would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who have given their time, money and other donations to make this event another success. The Recreation Department is working on expanding its fall and winter programs. Increase growth in our Town has given us the added revenues from developers for expanding services and updating infrastructure at our Town Recreation Park.

We have completed several small renovation projects at the Town Hall to better utilize the cramped space we are currently working out of.

The Town Board in 2008 approved the hiring of a consultant to move forward on a full revaluation of all properties in the Town and that project is well under way. The project should be ready for the fall 2010 school tax season and the Spring 2011 Town tax season.

We are currently working on grants for the expansion of our water system in the Town and sewer along Route 9.

Our newly formed Conservation Committee is actively pursuing

grant applications for the possibly of a new park along the Hudson River and other conservation projects.

I am working closely with the Village of South Glens Falls and South Glens Falls School District on a way to improve services and cut costs.

We recently settled a property tax dispute with National Grid which saved taxpayers thousands of dollars.

We continue to search for companies to move into our Industrial Park. We are pursuing the use of methane gas production and capture at our Town landfill to further reduce our energy costs.

Preston L. Jenkins, Jr., Town Supervisor

Transfer Station News

The Transfer Station has free compost and wood chips. Load your own. We accept unbagged grass clippings, leaves and garden debris. Please do not put any trash or debris in your compostable items.

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As Receivers of Taxes we collect Town & County Taxes and School Taxes for the South Glens Falls Central School District for properties located within the Town of Moreau.

We also prepare, mail and collect water bills for Water Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 and Sewer District 1.

We reserve pavilions in the Harry J. Betar Jr. Recreational Park.

We also serve as Registrar of Vital Records for the Town. We maintain records of births and deaths that have occurred in the Town of Moreau. Our records date back to 1882.

Please visit the Town of Moreau website at www.townofmoreau.org for more information.

We, at the Assessor's office, are always available to assist you.

Community Business Spotlight – There are currently less than 2,000 worksites out of 8 million in the US that achieve VPP STAR status. That's less than .02% of all worksites. SC A Tissue in South Glens Falls is among a very elite group.

To achieve this designation, the team has demonstrated a high degree of support and involvement in workplace safety and health. Earning Merit status also requires training for all employees, high-quality worksite hazard analysis protocols, and prevention and control programs. (See photo on Page 3)

From The Assessor's Office

By Peggy Jenkins, Assessor

The Assessor for the Town of Moreau, with the assistance of GAR Associates, has begun its 2010 Revaluation Project. Data mailers were mailed in September and returned with an overwhelming response, thank you.

The SECOND ROUND of data mailers, informing property owners of the inventory the Assessor and Contractor have found their property to consist of will be mailed approximately July 13, 2009. These notices will contain information that will determine assessments for the 2010 assessment roll. **ACCURACY** is a vital component in the effort to create equity. **OWNERS ARE**

ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW THE DATA these documents contain. There will be a two or three week turnaround period to report any discrepancies.

Informational meetings will be listed on the data mailers; we **ENCOURAGE** attendance at these meetings to gain a better understanding of the revaluation process and how it may affect you.

Remember, the Town, County, Village and School budgets determine the amount of taxes to be raised. The assessment only determines the share each property owner will pay toward the total tax levy.

Please remember to visit our website: townofmoreau.org, assessor link, for exemption forms and other pertinent information.

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Highway Department News

By Steve Barody

Department of Highway Responsibilities: The Highway Department is responsible for maintaining approximately 83 center-line miles of Town roads. These responsibilities include snow removal and ice control, paving and the maintenance of roads, signage, roadway markings, drainage, tree and brush cutting and removal within the Town's right of way and the disposal of non-domestic dead animals in a timely manner if they are on a TOWN road (the Highway Department will dispose of dead deer whereas dead dogs would be taken care of by the Dog Control Officer).

There are several County roads within the Town of Moreau. Those roads are maintained by Saratoga County. The major responsibility of the Town during the winter season is to keep town roads clear of snow and ice. We utilize our own work force to accomplish this task. We also ask the cooperation of Town residents in keeping the roads clear of vehicles in order to do the best and safest job possible while plowing and sanding.

The Highway Department conducts a town wide brush & limb pick up campaign in the spring. During the designated time the Department picks up fallen limbs & branches placed out beside the roadway. Pickups are scheduled by calling the Highway Clerk. The times of such program is publicized in the Post Star.

Summer Hours: May - September 6:00am-4:00pm Mon.-Thurs.
Winter Hours: October - April 7:00am - 3:30pm Mon.-Fri.

The Highway Department is in the process of paving the roads. Costs of materials have increased 80 percent the last two years. We have had to readjust the paving schedule. Although the Department has regular hours, it is ready on notice to respond to weather and other emergencies.

Volunteer's desperately needed in the Ethics Advisory Council and Ethics Board—please call Jeanne Fleury at 792-1030.

Rezoning Committee Established

By Joe Patricke

In January of 2009 the Town Board established a committee that is charged with the responsibility of revising the existing Zoning Law of the Town of Moreau to more fully address the goals and objectives identified in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan that was adopted by the Board in 2008. The eleven (11) member Committee, chaired by Mr. Kevin Elms, is comprised of elected officials, Town employees and citizens of the Town that are volunteering their time to work on this important endeavor.

Zoning is the methodology that is utilized to obtain, maintain and

promote the health, safety and general welfare of a community.

The Committee will prepare their rework of the Zoning Law with the assistance of the Chazen Companies, a consultant with expertise in Planning and Zoning. The current schedule calls for completion of this work in the fall of this year.

Upon completion of their work the Committee will present their recommendations to the Town Board. The Town Board, after making any modifications to the Law that they feel are necessary, will hold workshops with the general public for their input.

Conservation Advisory Council

On January 13, 2009 the Moreau Town Board appointed several residents to serve as members of the Town of Moreau Conservation Advisory Council.

The Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) was created many years ago in the town's code with the hope that it would play a role in the future growth and development of the Town. The plans authors realized that "in the face of population growth, urbanization, and technological change" (Town of Moreau Master Plan, Chapter 8, & 8-1) the demands on natural resources would rapidly increase, and they formed this committee to work toward "preservation and improvement of the quality of the natural and manmade environment within the Town of Moreau".

Under the Chairmanship of Mary Meade, and after only four meetings the CAC has proposed a new passive recreation park on the Moreau Industrial Park Conservation Easement lands along the Hudson River. Although the project is still in the earliest stages, this quick action by the CAC shows that the members are serious about their part in the development of the Town.

The CAC meets at the Town Hall the second Wednesday of each month. Interested residents are encouraged to attend and participate.



SCA Tissue Safety Committee Members from L-R: Rick Foster, Dale Long, Tom Hogan, Lee Gosselin, Plant Manager Terry Miller (behind), Sue Zarzycki and Heidi Wright

**HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**
October 17th: Contact the Town Clerk or visit our website after Sept. 10th, 2009.

Summer Programs - Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-8pm at the Rec Park Combo Field, Specialist: Thomas Zauner

Senior High Soccer (Grades 10-12) Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8pm, Rec Park Combo Field, Specialist: Ray Hoag

Arts & Crafts Monday - Friday, 9am-12pm, Rec Park Pavilion #4, Specialist: Tanya White & Nicole Harvath

Youth Soccer, Basketball, & Volleyball Monday - Friday, 9am-12pm (1hr block for each sport), Rec Park Combo Field, Basketball Court, & Sand Volleyball Courts, Specialists: Nick Mattison

Swim Lessons Monday - Friday, 9-11am, Sand Bar Beach, Swim Instructor - Rachel Varney

NEW!

Youth Flag Football Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-7 pm, Rec Park Soccer Bowl

Thanks to the South Glens Falls School District and the Village of South Glens Falls for making it possible to offer movies in the Park and day trips to Moreau Lake.

COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Conservation Committee: 1 opening
Recreation Commission: 2 opening

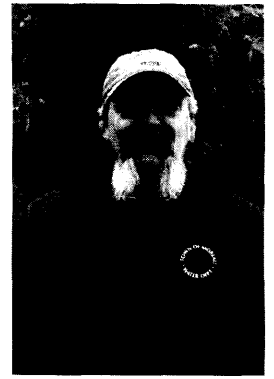
For more information contact the Moreau Town Clerk at 792-1030.

Welcome Jesse

The Town of Moreau welcomes Jesse Fish as its Water Superintendent.

Jesse comes to us from the Village of South Glens Falls Water Department where he worked for 10 years.

You can contact Jesse at 307-2186 (cell) or at the office at 792-5541, which is also the fax number.



NEW!!! - Movies In The Park

When: Thursdays, 9pm-?

Where: Cooper's Cave Park Village of South Glens Falls (by gazebo)

Recreation Director: Stephen Gram

Movie Title and Date:

Jumanji (PG) - July 16th

Cars (G) - July 23rd

Pay it Forward (PG) - July 30th

Ratatouille (G) - August 6th

Last of the Mohicans (R) - August 13th

NEW!!! - Moreau Lake State Park Field Trip: Swimming and Outdoor Ecology

When: Thursdays, 9am-3pm (15 children minimum)

Where: Moreau Lake State Park (by exit 17)

Supervisors (also certified lifeguards): Nick Mattison & Becky Auffredou

Cost: \$15.00/session/child (refunds available if trip is cancelled)

Please note: The Moreau Community Center Board of Directors are currently accepting applications for open positions on their Board. Please contact Andrea Bello at 792-6007 for more information.

We are pleased to be able to mail you this first edition of our new Newsletter. Upcoming editions will be published approximately every 4 months. They will be available at The Moreau Town Hall, SGF Village Offices, the Transfer Station and the Moreau Community Center. If your business would like to have copies for your customers please contact us.

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A big **THANK YOU** to the Moreau Community Center for all of their assistance in layout, assembly and mailing of this newsletter. Andrea and Gloria's expertise has been invaluable. The assistance with mailing has saved us approximately half on the cost of processing and mailing. Thank you again!!!
Thank you to our own Terry McGuire for all the time she has spent on producing this newsletter.

The Town of Moreau is
an equal opportunity
provider, and employer.

Are you a Youth Coach? Interested in training?
Contact Steve Gram at 793-0196 for information on the upcoming clinic August 11th and 12th.