Town of Moreau Newsletter

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Notes from the Supervisor

Dear Moreau Resident,

Welcome to the June 2010 Town of Moreau Newsletter. Many things have happened since our July 2009 Newsletter. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, call me, I will be glad to answer your questions and listen to your suggestions.

Accomplishments of the last year:

(1) Land transfer with Saratoga County, resulting in nearly 11 acres of land fronted on State Route 197, Reynolds Road.

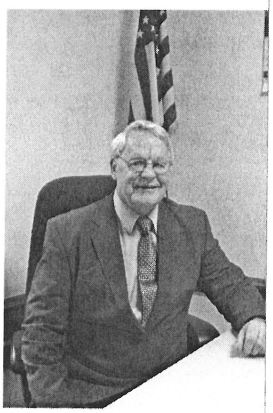
(2) Water District 7 will bring water to hundreds of residents, a new water tank providing improved fire flow for property protection and a hook up with Saratoga County Water Authority, providing a second source of water to Town residents.

(3) Our Recreation Department staff has provided improvements to our Town Park.

(4) We passed a local law providing regulations for outdoor wood burning furnaces.

(5) Our 2010 budget cut general fund expenditures by 14%, resulting in a 2% reduction in general fund taxes.

(6) Route 9 construction from exit 17 to Spier Falls Road, will provide intersection alignment and a traffic signal, providing safe access to Route 9 construction to start this summer.



We will continue to maintain low town taxes as we move the Town of Moreau progressively into the future. We have applied for grants and interest free loans thru the Department of Health for establishing a sewer district serving Route 9 commercial corridor and several residential areas.

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Office Of The Town Clerk

By Jeanne Fleury, Town Clerk/Receiver of Taxes

My staff and I were busy collecting 2010 Town & County Taxes. Our collection period ended March 31st. Tax rolls have been turned over to the Saratoga County Treasurer's Office.

My staff prepared and mailed approx. 1,700 water bills to customers in Water Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and payments have been coming in.

Mosquito Dunks are available free of charge to Town Residents.

Reminder to all dog owners in our community, dogs must be licensed and leashed at all times anyplace in the Town of Moreau. Please abide by the law. The Dog Control Officer is Dan Stycznski and he may be reached on his cell at 361-2589.

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We will pursue companies to come to the Town by utilizing economic tools and the assistance of Saratoga Economic Development Corporation. The Town Board has discussed plans for the construction of a new courthouse, a new town hall and a new highway garage. The construction of these municipal facilities can be completely accomplished through use of excess capital reserve funds presently maintained in our landfill betterment reserve fund that was established in 1989 to cap and close the Town's landfill. Our Town legal counsel has advised the Town Board that the use of those reserve funds is restricted under New York State Municipal Law and the funds can only be used for Town-wide capital projects that benefit the entire tax base of the Town, not just a certain area or areas of the Town. No increase in Town taxes will result from these projects. At the July 27, 2010 Town Board meeting, the Town Board will discuss and consider resolutions to fund these capital projects from the excess funds in the landfill betterment reserve fund. The resolutions will place the ultimate decision of funding these projects before the voters of the Town at the November 2, 2010 general election.

We have many other things that we need to accomplish and together we will continue to prosper, while maintaining the quality of life we have grown accustomed to in the Town of Moreau. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding any of the above.

Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services maintains a registry of persons with special needs. If you need to be added to that list or would like to inquire if you are currently listed, you may call the Office of Emergency Services directly at 885-2232 or the Supervisor's Office at 792-1802.

Transfer Station News

Spring has come back to the North Country and with it, yard work. Leaves, grass, pine needles must be dumped from bags. You may dispose of empty bags in compactor at no charge. Compost and wood chips are free of charge for public. There is a brush charge.

Dry up paint cans with kitty litter sand or sawdust. Just add and stir until there is no liquid

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We are reserving pavilions at the Harry J. Betar Jr. Recreational Park for the 2010 season. They are going fast.

Town Board Minutes and Audios of Town Board Meetings are available via the Town's website.

Attention Genealogists – We have on file a book of all the cemeteries in the Town of Moreau and who is interred in them that was prepared by Dave Bixby who spent countless hours developing this invaluable guide. You are welcome to stop in and reference this book during normal business hours.

Have a great summer and don't hesitate to call us here in the Town Clerk's Office with questions or concerns at 792-1030.

Peggy Jenkins, an Assessor for 23 years with the Town of Moreau was elected to serve as the 65th President of the New York State Assessors' Association (established in 1940). The Annual Meeting and Seminar was held at the Hilton in Saratoga Springs, New York on September 29, 2009. Peggy has been a member of the Association for 17 years and is part of the 1,100 Assessment professionals that the Association currently represents. Congratulations, Peggy, on your hard-earned accomplishment!

From The Assessor's Office

By Peggy Jenkins, Assessor

The Town Assessor along with GAR Associates have completed the 2010 revaluation project and all assessments are now at 100% of market value, along with clean and updated inventory for each parcel. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for understanding the necessity of conducting a revaluation and creating equity after 29 years.

EXEMPTION INFORMATION: The Enhanced Star Exemption is available to those persons turning 65 years of age on or before December 31, 2011 and whose total income does not exceed $79,059 for the 2009 income tax year. Please note if you are already enrolled in the Enhanced Star Program, you will be receiving your renewal application during the month of July 2010.

If you have not enrolled in the Enhanced Star program, you must do so prior to March 1, 2011, by filing an application with assessor and submitting the proper documentation.

The Basic Star Exemption is available to all other persons who own and reside in his/her residence, by filing an application along with requested documentation prior to March 1, 2011.

Please visit our website: *townofmoreau.org*, assessors' link, for other available exemptions and information. Please do not hesitate to contact this office for any needed assistance.

Highway Department News

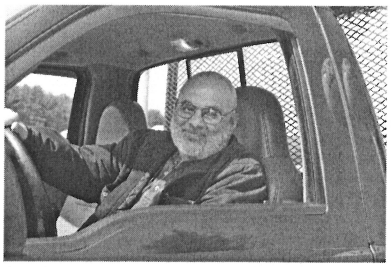
By Paul Joseph

On August 2nd, Stephen "Spoon" Barody passed away after a 4-year battle with cancer. Steve had been **Highway Superintendent** for 23 years. Serving the Town was always a top priority to him, even as his health deteriorated.

In November, Saratoga County Highways Superintendents Association representative, Kirk Woodcock (Town of Wilton), and a long time friend presented a plaque to Steve's wife, Mary Jo and their children; Geremia, Adrianne & Lyndsey honoring Steve's many years of service. This plaque is now embedded on the base of the flag pole at the highway garage.

Paul Joseph was elected to the position of Highway Superintendent in November. The Town Board appointed Paul to fill Steve's position until the end of the year.

Paul is no stranger to the highway department. Paul started with the department in June of 1999 working through the ranks of Laborer, MEO and Working Foreman.



Two members are needed for the Ethics Advisory Council and four members are needed for the Ethics Board—please call Jeanne Fleury at 792-1030.

Coming Soon!

The Farmer's Market is coming to the Moreau Rec Park! Starting in July we will be hosting a Farmer's Market on Tues. from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM in Pavilion #2. Join us and show your support to help make this venture a success. Watch the website and for fliers for our grand opening.

Watch for the Rec Park's website. There is a new link that can be accessed through the Town's website or you may sign in directly using www.moreaurec.org. There is still some construction being done on the website.

High School students needed for our Conservation and Recreation Committees. We welcome your participation in our planning and activities. A few hours of your time each month is all that is needed to share your ideas for the future. Call the Town Hall for more information 792-1802.

Friday Night at the Movies

July 9th thru August 6th at the Moreau Route 197 Complex (formerly the Jehovah's Witnesses)

Check the features on www.moreaurec.org

Conservation Advisory Council

By Mona Bearor

The nine-member Moreau Conservation Advisory Council (MCAC) proved to be very active in 2009.

An Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant proposal was submitted for a public use passive recreation park on Moreau Industrial Park Conservation Easement lands.

A second project slated for implementation in the summer of 2010 is "Reflections of Moreau." Funding will be provided by a New York State Council on the Arts grant. The project enlists two Saratoga County artists, Ann and Gary Larsen, to work with Town of Moreau residents to create artwork which illustrates the beauty of our Town. Drawing and photography composition workshops will be held, and will include both classroom and field time. The resulting artwork will be displayed in South Glens Falls Village Museum and at the Crandall library.

The third project underway is public education on, and control of, invasive plant species. Drew Monthie of Ecologic Consulting in Queensbury spoke to the MCAC, and a subcommittee of four was formed.

The Committee's concerns were presented to the Town Council who offered their support. The Committee will move ahead and develop ways to educate the public, and will work with the Planning Board and Highway Department with the goal of reducing the impact of invasive plants in our Town.

The MCAC has accomplished a good deal in a few short months under the leadership of Mary Meade and the guidance of Councilwoman Gina LeClair. The MCAC hopes its involvement will have a positive impact on the Town of Moreau and encourages interested residents to attend and participate. The MCAC meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.

Third Annual Moreau Fun Days

Friday, August 13th and Saturday, August 14th at the Moreau Recreation Park off Route 32.

Want to learn a new dance? Or see spectacular fireworks display? Challenge your friends to a pie-eating contest? Be entertained 'til you drop? Eat delicious food? Listen to some great local bands?

Friday's events kick off at 5 PM with a classic car show and a sock hop theme including a dance demonstration and beginner dance lesson by the Spa City Swingers. Enjoy a root beer float and rock to great sock hop music!

On Saturday we will start the day with a 5K run/walk sponsored by the American Heart Association, followed by a round robin softball tournament to support Breast Cancer Research. The rest of Fun Days events will begin at noon. Craft Vendors, an American Display and tepee, informational booths with activities, sack races, pie eating contests, frozen t-shirt contest, games, face painting, Bubbles the Clown, horse drawn wagon rides, bounce houses, Saratoga County K-9 demonstration, South Glens Falls Fire Dept and Emergency Squad Equipment, displays and dunking booth, an on-site scavenger hunt for the kids, Moreau's own "Minute to Win IT", and a demonstration by Glens Falls Tae Kwon Do. Come hungry for all the great food at fair prices! Saturday evening Country Express will take the stage and play into the night. A spectacular fireworks display will bring our fun-filled weekend to a close.

Join us for a weekend of fun, inexpensive, family-oriented entertainment. Volunteers are needed for both days to help for 1 to 2 hours. Please contact Gina LeClair at 793-1618 for more information on how you can help make this year's event even more successful.

Recreation Department

By Steve Gram

The Town of Moreau Recreation Department would like to thank everyone involved in our annual clean-up day at the Harry J. Betar, Jr. Recreational Park on April 24th. Thanks to all the Youth Baseball coaches and kids for their help. Special thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for their donation for the pizza and drinks at the conclusion of the day.

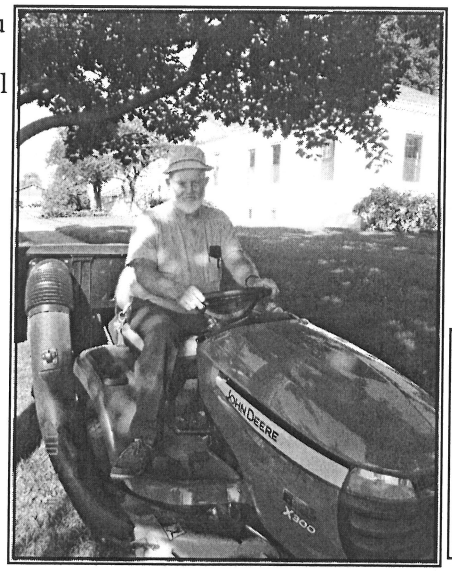
The Town of Moreau Recreation Department will be sponsoring a free six week program for children six to twelve years of age in the South Glens Falls School District. The programs will run Monday thru Friday from July 5th thru August 12th at the Rec Park and Sandbar Beach. The programs offered will be in baseball, basketball, soccer, volleyball, flag football, arts and crafts, and swim lessons. We will be offering a Children's Day Camp partnering with the Moreau Community Center and South Glens Falls School District called "Camp Moreau". There will be a charge for these services.

For further information contact Stephen Gram, Director of Parks and Recreation @793-0196 or Andrea at the Moreau Community Center @ 792-6007.

Join the Larsen's for a Photography and Arts Program

Beginning Saturday, June 19, Photographer Gary Larsen (www.lighteffertphoto.com) and Artist Ann Larsen (www.Annlarsen.com) will be offering a series of seminars on enhancing your photographic and artistic skills. The enrollment fee is $25 per person with each participant responsible for their own supplies. Enrollment information will be available at the Moreau Town Hall at 792-1030 or Gina LeClair at 793-1618.

This is a great opportunity to take a seminar by renown professionals in their respective field at a significant savings to attendees. Enrollment is limited to 12 people per grant. The grant was applied for by Mary Meade and Gina LeClair of the Conservation Committee. This program is made possible in part with funds from the Saratoga Program for Arts Funding (SPAF) part of the decentralization regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), administered by the Saratoga Arts.



Roy Pixley pictured on the newly-purchased John Deere lawn tractor. He has been caring for the cemeteries and other Town-owned grounds for 4 years.

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