

# The HAMLIN X PRESS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

As I look outside the window watching another February snow fall, it's difficult to believe that we are about to publish our Spring 2008 Newsletter. The good news is the snow is arriving just in time for the free Snow Days on February 24. Our Highway Superintendent, Tom Ingraham, announced at our February 11 Town Board meeting that so far this season, the Highway Department has used over 2,000 tons of salt to help keep our roads safe. Although the total snow fall of 68 inches appears to be less than last year, the conditions at time were just as challenging. I again salute the Highway Department for their around-the-clock, hard work. Our gradual transition into spring is becoming evident as the daylight hours begin to lengthen. It's always a good sign when it's beginning to get light on the way to work and still light for at least a little while after the return home.

As we approach the spring season, I refer you to the enclosed article from the Highway Department regarding the dates for our annual spring clean-up, brush pick up and opportunity to properly dispose of hazardous materials. I encourage neighbors to coordinate efforts in their particular neighborhoods. The Town has again been invited to participate in the Earth Day Community Clean Up on April 26 (can be delayed to a more convenient date, if necessary). This event, jointly sponsored by Delta Laboratories, Channel 10 News and Friendly's Restaurants, is an excellent way for youth and volunteer organizations to become involved in an activity that benefits our local environment. Each volunteer can earn a coupon for a free sundae at Friendly's. For more information, call the Town Clerk's office at 964-2421.

As we do our spring clean up, and as warmer weather approaches, it's a good time to remind everyone about the Town of Hamlin open burning law. The burning of any refuse in an open fire is prohibited. Agricultural burning is authorized, when it is controlled and doesn't create a nuisance, provided a burning permit has been obtained in advance from the Town Fire Marshal. Our open burning law was enacted to protect the property, public health, welfare and comfort of the residents and the air resources of the Town. If you have any questions, please contact the Fire Marshal at 964-8181.

As I write this, we are about to enter the second year of discussions, meetings, debate and rhetoric surrounding wind towers and the enactment of wind tower regulations. It has been a challenging and wearying trek, which was to be expected because of the intense, often emotional, positions on either side of the issue. Thanks to the hard work, input, involvement and opinions of both proponents and opponents, we are near to completing regulations. Unfortunately, having them written is still not the end of project. Once Town Board is in full agreement as to the regulations, another public hearing must be held and an environmental assessment/determination completed. The Wind Tower Moratorium had been extended until June 15, 2008, which should allow sufficient time to finally complete the process of providing a local law. This whole process has brought to mind the following quotation: "Nothing that results in human progress is achieved with unanimous consent. Those that are enlightened before the others are condemned to pursue that light in spite of others." - - Christopher Columbus.

The dust will not even be settled on wind tower regulations before we embark on another major project, which is now nearly 25 years overdue. That is to complete a full reevaluation of the Town. The last done update was done in 1984. Our goal is to achieve a 100% "equalization rate" for all assessed property. The equalization rate is the ratio of assessment to the projected market value (sales price). Currently, the Town's equalization rate is 47%, the lowest in Monroe County (the majority of the Towns are at 100%, which is ideal). A 47% equalization rate means that a home with a sales price of \$100,000 is assessed at only \$47,000. Because of this, there may be an unfair distribution of taxes, we may be paying penalties in our school taxes, and suffering other disadvantages because of the apportionment of school district and county charges. The reevaluation process will be about a one to one-and-one-half year process. We will be publishing much more information, conducting informational meetings and otherwise trying to educate everyone before the actual reevaluation starts in order to keep you advised of your rights and responsibilities in this regard.

**WATCH FOR:** Hamlin Wheel Fest and Hamlin Farmers' Market! (Call 964-2421 for more info.)

Thank you for all you do to make Hamlin a great place to live, work and play!

## TREES FOR SALE



Monroe County Soil and Water (MCSW) Conservation District will again be offering a variety of tree seedlings for sale this year. Order forms are available at the Hamlin Town Clerk's Office. Deadline for tree orders is March 21, 2008. Tree orders must be picked up April 24-25 from 9:00am-6:00pm at 1200 Scottsville Road

## Get your team together for the Hamlin Wheel Fest Bed Race!!!

### BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS

According to the Code of the Town of Hamlin property owners are required to cut, trim or remove brush, grass, rubbish or weeds and to cut, trim, remove or destroy poisonous shrubs or weeds on their property. Failure to comply with this code can result in a violation notice. If you have any questions please contact the Building Department at 964-8181.



### OPEN FIRES

No person shall burn any refuse in an open fire. Fires in outdoor grills and outdoor fireplaces for the purpose of preparing food should be located far enough away as to not create a fire hazard.

Safety precautions should be taken for campfires and fires used solely for recreational purposes and will only be allowed if a nuisance is not created.

Portable fire pits that are currently being sold should not be placed on or near a combustible surface.

The burning of leaves, lawn and garden debris is not considered recreational burning and is prohibited in the Town of Hamlin.

The Hamlin Fire Marshal's office should be consulted for further information on other restrictions at 964-8181.

**DON'T FORGET THE WHEEL FEST!**

**JUNE 7, 2008 (06/07/08) !  
10AM-10PM AT THE FIREMAN'S  
FIELD**

**JOIN US!**

## FUN IN THE SUN!!!



When the hot summer beats down, a swimming pool is very appealing. But because pools are also attractive and potentially dangerous to young children New York State building codes require pools to be fenced and gated and to be equipped with timers and alarms. If you are considering a swimming pool, hot tub or spa purchase contact the Hamlin Building Department first to obtain a permit and determine what requirements you must follow. The cost of the permit is \$25.00 and a final inspection is required before the pool can be used. An electrical inspection is required before the final inspection. Failure to obtain a permit will result in a \$125.00 fine plus the cost of the permit. In-ground and above-ground pools, including inflatable pools holding more than 24 inches of water must be surrounded by a fence or other barrier at least 4' high. Any gates in the fence must be self-closing and self-latching. A timer for the motor is also required now. If a home's outside wall serves as part of the swimming pool's barrier, doors with direct access to the pool must be equipped with an alarm. These codes are in place for a reason. They are added safety measures to protect you, your children, your neighbors and your guests from swimming pool accidents. As a pool owner you are responsible for anyone in your pool. Other things to consider when installing a pool include zoning requirements, electrical clearances and utility easements. The Hamlin Building Department also suggests contacting your insurance agent before installing a swimming pool. Most insurance companies require additional liability coverage.

When opening an existing pool for the season please remember that drainage procedures shall not interfere with the public water supply,

existing drainage, sewage facilities, public highways, easements or the property of others.

If you have any questions please call the Hamlin Building Department Monday through Friday at 964-8181

## HAMLIN EARTH DAY AT THE PARK

The Town of Hamlin, in collaboration with Hamlin Beach State Park and SUNY Educational Sciences Department at Brockport, will be hosting an educational event at Hamlin Beach State Park Area #1 from 10 - 2 on Saturday, April 26th. In addition to many environmental displays and guest speakers, the event will include our popular tree seedling give-away.

## HAPPENINGS AT HAMLIN BEACH STATEPARK

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| June 21       | Swimming Opens   |
| June 29       | Free Fishing Day   |
| July 5        | Classic Rock Band "Friends"                              |
| July 12       | Wild Wings<br>DJ Jam-N-Stam at recreation hall           |
| July 14 – 18  | Christmas in July Camping Contest                        |
| July 18       | Judging of camp sites                                    |
| July 27       | Yellow Jacket Shoreline Triathlon                        |
| August 2-3    | Hobie Cat Regatta  |
| August 9      | Public Relations Day                                     |
| August 16 /17 | Civil War Reenactment                                    |
| August 23     | Masters of Chainsaws<br>DJ Jam-N-Stam at recreation hall |
| August 30     | Hamlin Hoe Down<br>music by Ghostriders                  |
| August 31     | Zoo Mobile from Seneca Zoo                               |
| September 1   | Swimming Closes  |
| September 3   | "E & F" Loop Close                                       |
| October 11    | End of the Season Bash at<br>recreation hall             |



### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

I hope that as you read this newsletter winter is just a memory. I don't believe I can remember a winter when we had so many ice and sleet storms. Because of the amount of salt needed this has proven to be quite a costly season.

As spring gets closer we will be out fixing lawn damage caused by the winter plowing. With the ground never freezing and the temperatures going up and down so much, we had more damage this year than other years.

Our annual Spring Cleanup is scheduled for April 28th – May 10th this year. The Brush pickup is scheduled for May 12th – May 16th. I will be starting a little later this year to give everyone enough time to get their brush out because of all the wind and ice we had during the winter. These events will be advertised in the Hamlin Herald during the month of April. Also, the annual Hazardous Waste drop off will be June 21st at Hamlin Highway. This will also be advertised before it happens.

For anyone who doesn't know, we do have an area near the highway garage where you can drop off brush anytime during the year. We also have a mulch pile for anyone who would like some mulch.

We hope you all have a good summer.

### HAMLIN WHEEL FEST JUNE 7, 2008

We still are looking for crafters/vendors/flea market vendors interested in a booth. Applications for a booth is \$35 and are located on the Town's website.

We also need items for our Silent Auction . We look for a variety of items including those "white elephant" items you uncover during your spring cleaning. Give us a call at 964-2421.

This years event is from 10 am to 10 pm and will be filled with family activities, a car show, entertainment and good food. The day concludes with a concert by Nik and the Nice Guys and an awesome fire works display.



### CALLING ALL CAR GUYS and CAR GIRLS!

Hamlin Wheel Fest Cruise-In June 7th, 2008

Clean up your pride and joy, plan to join us 10am-3pm at the Fireman's field. Goodie bags and dash plaques are available for the first 150 entries. Door prizes and award plaques also to be awarded. Music by Amazing Sound. \$5 same-day registration.

New for '08, will be a "Kids" bike class, for ages 1-12 years. Free entry. Each cyclist will get a prize and someone will be crowned best of show!

So, boys & girls, clean, decorate and customize those bikes!

For info: Gary at 964-29365 or Tom at 392-5699

**FREE RABIES CLINIC**

Friday, May 9th from  
6:00 pm-to 8:00 pm.

Hamlin Highway Garage,  
91 Railroad Ave.



**PASSPORT FEE INCREASE**

The Town Clerk’s Office is a facility for the issuance of Passports and has been notified by the United States Dept. of State that effective February 1, 2008, passport fees will be increasing.

Dogs, cats and ferrets will be treated.

All pets must be leashed or in carriers.  
Pets must be at least 3 months of age.

New or renewal licenses will be available at the following rates:

Spayed or neutered \$7.50  
spayed or neutered \$15.50

Sponsored by the following:  
Monroe County Health Dept.  
Town of Hamlin  
Northstar Sportsman Club

For more information call 964-2421



**TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE HOURS**

During the months of June, July and August, the Town Clerk’s Office is open from 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday.

| Age                | Passport Fee | Execution Fee |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 16 and over        | \$75         | \$25          |
| Under Age 16       | \$60         | \$25          |
| Passport Card Only |              |               |
| Age 16 and over    | \$20         | \$25          |
| Passport Card Only |              |               |
| Age 15 and under   | \$10         | \$25          |

To apply need a Passport photo (Town Clerk can do that for you), raised seal birth certificate and identification (New York State Driver’s License). Please call for an appointment to make sure an issuing agent is available in the Town Clerk’s Office. If you have a passport with an issue date of less than 15 years ago, you were 16 or older when it was issued, and your name is the same or you can submit name change documentation (marriage certificate), you may be able to submit your own application without an issuing agent.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 964-2421

**Now accepting Flea Market Vendors at the Hamlin Wheel Fest!!!! Get your booth TODAY!**

# Hamlin Seniors Citizens

Any Hamlin resident, fifty-five years of age or older and/or their spouse are welcome to join the Hamlin Senior Citizens. They meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the St. John Lutheran Church 1107 Lake Road, West Fork. The meetings begin at 9:45 am with cards, crafts and games. Lunch is at 11:45 and the meeting begins at 1:00 pm. Bingo is offered for those members who wish to remain after the meeting. For more information, contact the Senior Citizen Coordinator, **Katrina Hurd-LaFever**, at 964-8499.

## Trips

April 16 "Some Enchanted Evening"      May 2 - "Mickey Gilley Concert"  
June 5 - "Wicked"                              June 12 - "Taste and Tour"

# HAMLIN YOUTH GROUP

THE HAMLIN YOUTH GROUP IS A GROUP FOR TEENS AGES 13-18 WHO WANT TO BUILD ASSETS AND GET INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

**NO MEMBERSHIP FEES!**  
**NO TRIP OR ACTIVITY FEES!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GIVE BRENDA BRUNETTE A CALL AT THE OFFICE 964-7222. ADULTS ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS; VOLUNTEERS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOO! ACTIVE MEMBERS MUST HAVE A MEMBERSHIP FORM SIGNED BY A PARENT AND ATTEND A MEETING OR COMMUNITY SERVICE BEFORE ELIGIBLE FOR FIRST ACTIVITY.

## MEMBERSHIP FORM HAMLIN YOUTH GROUP

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWN/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT'S NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my son/daughter permission to participate in the activities undertaken by the Hamlin Youth Group. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities and do hereby release and hold harmless the Town of Hamlin & the Hamlin Recreation Department staff and volunteers. I give permission to a licensed physician or hospital staff to administer emergency medical care deemed necessary for my child when normal permission is unavailable. I realize I must provide proper hospitalization. The Town of Hamlin does not provide accidental insurance coverage.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I GIVE PERMISSION TO HAMLIN RECREATION TO PRINT MY SON/DAUGHTERS NAME AND/OR PICTURE IN THE PAPER AND/OR ON DISPLAY.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent volunteers are always needed for our meetings, fundraisers, community service events, activities and an occasional ride for other members. Please consider helping the youth.

HAMLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 2008 – MAY 2008

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MAY 24 – MAY 26, IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

Munchkin Mondays – Every Monday at 10:30am

Mar. 3 – Dr. Seuss Celebration

Mar. 10 – Hello, Baby!

Mar. 17 – Whatever the Weather

Mar. 24 – For the Birds!

Mar. 31 – Making Friends

Apr. 7 – Mice Are Nice

Apr. 14 – Great Gardens!

April 21 – Wild About Counting

Apr. 28 – Cowboys and Cowgirls

May 5 – Beautiful Butterflies

May 12 – The Circus is Coming to Town

May 19 – At the Frog Pond



Thursday Evening Storytimes – Every Thursday at 6:45pm

Mar. 6 Apr. 3 May 1

Mar. 13 Apr. 10 May 8

Mar. 20 Apr. 17 May 15

Mar. 27 Apr. 24 May 22

May 29

Saturday Afternoon Craft Sessions, 2:00-3:00pm. Registration required.

Mar. 22 – Colored Sand Vases – Make beautiful, colorful vases, just in time for spring flowers. Ages 5 & up.

Apr. 19 – Egg Carton Craft – In honor of Earth Day, use your imagination to recycle egg cartons. Ages 6 & up.

May 17 – Beaded Baseball Keychain – May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, what better way to craft it? Ages 7 & up.

Also...

April 8, 3:00pm - “Great Computer Ideas for Seniors” with Jerry Taylor. This presentation gives seniors and retirees some helpful advice about how they might want to use their computers, including how to make their computer “senior friendly.”

April 23, 11:00am – “Fahrenheit 451” Discussion Group

May 21, 11:00am – “Fahrenheit 451” Discussion Group follow up with film

“Set Your Mind on Fire!”

The library will be participating in The Big Read: Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury through the Monroe County Library System in May. Look for upcoming displays and additional information about a book group and movie presentation.

Summer Reading Program

Our summer reading program begins on June 23 this year, and lasts for seven whole weeks. For kids, the theme is “Catch the Reading Bug!” and for teens it is “Metamorphosis @ Your Library.” With weekly craft programs, special guests, prizes and contests, there is plenty to do to keep kids both busy and reading over the summer.

## HAMLIN ELECTED OFFICIALS

Town Supervisor Dennis Roach 964-8981  
Councilperson Tom Breslawski  
Councilperson Michael Marchetti  
Councilperson Paul S. Rath  
Councilperson David Rose

Town Clerk Kathi A. Rickman 964-2421  
Highway Sup. Tom Ingraham 964-2640

Judge Paul Rath 964-8641  
Judge Richard Moffett 964-8641

## TOWN HALL OFFICES

Assessor (Melanie Fahmer) 964-8748  
Code Enforcement (B. J. Maier) 964-8181  
Court 964-8641  
Deputy Fire Marshall (Chuck Mosele) Pager 463-4768  
Dog Control (Jim Atkins) Pager 525-1608  
Historian (Mary Smith) 964-2101  
Highway 964-2640  
Library 964-2320  
Recreation 964-7222  
Support Boards 964-8961  
Life Solutions (Bread/Thread) 964-7420  
Loan Closet (Mr Hazen) 964-3195  
Ambulance (Non-Emergency) 964-8845  
Hamlin Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency) 964-2330  
Hamlin Post Office 964-2425  
Hamlin Beach State Park 964-2462  
Camping Office 964-2121

Monroe County Water Authority 442-7200  
Morton Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency) 659-8777

Schools  
Brockport 637-5303  
Hilton 392-1000  
Kendall 659-2741

Suburban Disposal 352-3900  
Time Warner 756-5000  
Walker Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency) 964-3692  
Waste Management 254-3500

For Rental of these locations:  
Hamlin Beach Shelters 964-2462  
Merritt Hall (Kathy Gross) 964-3235  
Town Hall Gymnasium 964-7222  
Exempts Building (Paul) 964-3836  
VFW (Brooke Cooke) 734-4350

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