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Winter 2006

 **Note These Dates**

**Happy Holidays**

Town Hall will be closed on the following dates:

- December 23, 2005
- December 26, 2005
- January 2, 2006

**January 3, 2006**

Organization Mtg. with swearing in Ceremony at 6:00pm

Planning Bd. at 7:30pm

**January 9, 2006**

Town Bd. Mtg. At 7:00pm

**January 10, 2006**

Recreation Commission Mtg. 7:00pm

**January 16, 2006**

ZBA Mtg. At 7:30pm  
Town Hall closed for  
Martin Luther King Day

**January 23, 2006**

Conservation Bd. Mtg. 7:00pm

Check our website for future meeting dates and times and to read minutes of all board meetings.

Dear Residents,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you for the past six years. The talent in our community is unsurpassed and we have accomplished many things.

For example: A Court House was established when the building used by the Recreation Commission was remodeled. The parking lot was expanded to accommodate the ATM and the large number of residents participating in summer sports. We have new horseshoe, basketball, tennis and hockey courts, thanks to our Highway Dept. Upgrades have been made to our 76 year old Town Hall with electric, repair of the gym floor, new doors and carpeting. All these projects were accomplished by working with budgeted funds and grants. Our Town Library has been established and expanded. Four new water districts have been established with another on the way. We are financially sound with cash reserves, new revenue gained through the ATM, Cable and Cell Tower fees and a watchful eye in reducing expenses. Our town has no debt except for the Special Water Districts where it is the responsibility of those residents to pay it off. The Cell Tower Committee crafted a 26 page 38 section Local Law that is the envy of the State. We have improved communication by establishing a website. The minutes of the town and support boards can be found there. A quarterly newspaper is mailed to all residents. Voice mail has been installed for our phone system. I have prided myself on being very accessible by attending as many community events as possible and having daytime, nighttime and weekend office hours.

With all we have accomplished there is still much more to finish. The Comprehensive Plan has been submitted to the Town Board for their review. When those recommendations have been finalized, a hearing will be set for the public input. To follow this an Open Space Committee will need to be formed. Do we want to protect some of our land from developers and if so where and at what price? We need to attract more business and add to our tax base. The Town Bd. and Zoning Bd. have been meeting monthly to discuss needed revisions of the code.

I would like to thank my Deputy Supervisor, all Department Heads, Support Bds., Committees and all the employees of the Town of Hamlin who provide such great service to our residents. I especially want to thank my accounting department for the great job of keeping our finances in such fine order.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you. It has been a wonderful experience.

Austin F. Warner III  
Supervisor Town of Hamlin



## **PROPERTY TAXES**

### **Frequently Asked Questions? How can I make my payment?**

Payment can be made by check, cash or Master/Visa Card. **Charge card payments are accepted in the office only, not over the phone.**

### **What are the office hours?**

Office hours are printed on the bill  
September through May  
Monday's 8am to 6pm,  
Tuesday through Friday 8am to 4pm

### **I didn't receive my bill, WHY??**

If you do not receive your property tax bill the first week of January it could be for one of the following reasons:

Did you recently pay off your mortgage?  
Did you change your mailing address?  
Did you let the Tax Receiver know?  
You need to call 964-2421 to make those changes.

### **When are payments due?**

Payments in full with no interest postmarked by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Paying by installments:**

- 1st. Payment due by February 10<sup>th</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due by February 28<sup>th</sup> with 1.5% interest
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due by March 31<sup>st</sup> with 3% interest

**Kathi A. Rickman, Tax Receiver will collect payments only until May 31st.**

## **ELECTRONIC PAPER CHECKS**

Many of our residents use an electronic paper check to pay their water bills. In checking with the banking industry they recommend to allow four to seven business days for delivery to avoid any unnecessary late charges. Also remember to put your property address and account number to assure timely application of your payment.



## **ENVIRONMENTAL CAMP**

The Hamlin Conservation Board is offering two scholarships to the Summer 2006 Environmental Careers Outdoors Camp. The camp is open to current 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who enjoy the outdoors and want to learn about the environment, plant care and landscape careers.

In August 2006 campers will attend a week of day camp and work alongside landscapers, urban foresters, wildlife specialist, horticulture experts, golf course owners and environmental scientists. Upon completion of the weeklong camp, participants will "Graduate" and become a Certified Environmental Steward. For more information, please contact:  
Conservation Board Member  
Tammy Palumbo at 964-5539

## HOME BUSINESS

A Special Use Permit is required to operate a business out of your home in the Town of Hamlin. Approval for the home-based business is obtained from the Hamlin Planning Board. An annual inspection and a renewal fee of \$25.00 are required to maintain the Special Use Permit. Please call 964-8961 for more information on how to apply for a permit. For D.B.A. applications contact the Monroe County Clerk's Office at 753-1600



## IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

Just a reminder from the Building Department that all new wood burning, pellet, gas stoves and fireplaces that are installed in your home require a permit and need to be inspected before use.

This is for safety reasons and for insurance purposes. The cost of the permit is \$25.00. If you have any other questions, please call the Building Department at 964-8181. The Building Department office hours are Monday through Friday 9am to 4:00pm.



## FROM THE COURT

Are you aware of the Department of Motor Vehicles new [DRA] Driver Responsibility Assessment following conviction for certain violations committed on or after the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2004. This assessment is in addition to any fines, fees, penalties or surcharges that are already collected by the courts.

If a person is convicted of any alcohol or drug related driving offense and or a refusal to submit to a chemical test that does not arise out of the same incident as the conviction, the assessment will be \$250.00 for each year for three years.

If you accumulate six or more points on your driving record within an 18-month period you will be assessed \$100.00 a year for three years, plus \$25.00 for each addition point accumulated during that 18-month period. Failure to pay the assessment will result in the suspension of your license.

For more information log onto [www.nysdmv.com](http://www.nysdmv.com)



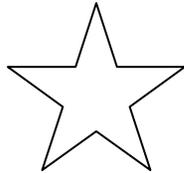
## ASSESSMENT NEWS

### CLICK – CLICK – CLICK

Several of you have noticed someone in your neighborhood “clicking” a picture of your house. Every year we update different roads and streets to have a current photo of your home on file.

Old photos are retained. Anyone interested in viewing their home years ago is always welcome to stop by our office to see the “before” and “after” as the homes change through the years.

**DO  
YOU  
HAVE  
STAR?**



The new STAR applications have arrived. Anyone interested in applying for STAR should do so by March 1, 2006.

Renewal applications for renewable exemptions will be sent the first week of January 2006. All renewals must be returned to our office by March 1, 2006.

Have any questions, call 964-8748  
We are extending our office hours in January and February as follows:

January 9 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 6:30pm
January 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 6:00pm
February 6 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 6:00pm
February 13	8am to 6:30pm

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Not-For Profit Corner

**If your Not-For-Profit organization has an event to list contact us at 964-2421. We look forward to listing your event and give you a helping hand. Deadline for next issue February 10, 2006**

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**Hamlin Craft Club is looking for new members. The club meets the first Thursday of the month at the Larry Merritt Bldg. 1503 Lake Rd. from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. No experience needed. Only willingness to laugh, try new crafts or share one of your own. Call Gladys for more information at 392-2529**

**June 3, 2006  
Hamlin Wheel Fest**

**Applications are being accepted from vendors who would like a 10' x10' space without electric. Cost is just \$35.00. Applications will be accepted at the Hamlin Town Clerks Office until April 10<sup>th</sup>. After that date you will be considered a late application subject to space and additional fee. For more information on the event check out the [www.hamlinny.org](http://www.hamlinny.org) or call 964-2421.**

**Friends of the Hamlin Public Library NEED active volunteers. We have four events a year that take several people. Please join us if you can help. Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Library Meeting Room, Nancy Jennejohn President**



## LOCAL HISTORY

The recently published comprehensive history of Hamlin, authored by Town Historian Mary Smith, is now available at the Town Clerk's Office. The 180 page collection of residents' reminiscences, entitled "Remembering Hamlin: 1802-2002," is illustrated with 250 photographs and 35 maps. In addition to the spiral-bound soft cover book (\$15), a limited number of hard copies is also offered (\$22.50).

Copies of Helen Smagorinsky's folk art painting of Hamlin landscapes, suitable for framing (\$10), a "Young Peoples' History of Hamlin, commonly referred to as the coloring book" (\$2.00), and packets of reproductions of turn-of-the-century postcards (30/\$5.00), Historical Map (\$2.00). For those collectors there are Ornaments (\$3.50) and Shelf Sitters (\$7.50) of the Railroad Station and Historical Bldg. Wear our colorful Lapel Pins of the Hamlin Town Hall for only \$2.00.

## WINTER TIPS

Here are a few tips that you should know about snow plowing on the highways and the law:

For your safety and well being during inclement weather, you should reduce your speed and drive according to the highway conditions. Winter driving conditions with icy and snow covered roads require more driving care.

The law regarding the depositing of snow on highways, shoulders or ditches is as follows: Section 1219 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law and Section 214 of the Highway Law of New York State specifically prohibits the placing or leaving of snow, ice or other substance upon any highway (which includes the pavement, shoulder and ditches). Pushing snow across highways is illegal and violators maybe prosecuted.

It is also illegal to park on any street in the Town of Hamlin between Nov. 15th and April 15th as it hampers snow removal. Anyone abusing this may find their car being towed at their expense.

The final item is about mailboxes. During the winter months' mailboxes may be damaged from time to time in the course of plowing the roads. The damage that is done is not intentional and may be just from the weight of the snow hitting the box as the plow goes by it. As far as the Highway Dept. replacing damaged mailboxes, there is not statutory or legal authority, which grants a resident any right to place a mailbox in the highway right-of-way, that the mailbox is in the right-of-way is a courtesy to the postal service.

As a courtesy the Highway Department will replace damaged mailboxes and posts only when they were in reasonable good shape to begin with. We will replace with a standard box and 4 x 4 post. We do not recommend plastic boxes. They become brittle and break easy in the cold.

We hope that you have a safe and enjoyable winter.



**Snow \* \* \* Snow**  
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Let's celebrate Snow on March 5<sup>th</sup> at Hamlin's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Snow Day. Come to the Hamlin Town Hall from noon till 4:00pm and enjoy a wide variety of activities and games. Bring your sled to slide on the snow hill and compete in the snow sculpture contest. Bundle up for the wagon ride and then come inside and warm up with cup of hot chocolate. Test your skill at throwing a snowball at a target and kids don't forget to get a sticker from the penguin.

Hamlin Recreation would love to add in more snow related activities. If you have a snow hobby that you would like to share call 964-7222 and let us know.

**ABOVE AND BEYOND**

Do you know someone in Hamlin that has displayed an act of kindness or has done a good deed of any measure or has gone the extra mile? If you do, let them know how thankful you are and nominate them for the Extra Mile Award. The nominee can be any age and must be a Hamlin resident. Submit nomination with name address, phone # and any other contact information to Hamlin Recreation, Community Assets Committee, P.O. Box 148, Hamlin NY 14464. Once the committee approves the application, the nominee will receive a certificate of appreciation at a Town Board meeting and the recipient's name and date of the award will be added to the plaque hung at the Town Hall.

**INTERESTED IN RECREATION**

Do you like to be involved with the community? Do you like to see the youth in the community thrive? Would you like to see the adults and seniors stay connected? Then maybe the Recreation Commission is a place for you. The commission oversees the policies and procedures of the Recreation Department. There is currently a vacancy for this volunteer position. Hamlin resident required. The commission meets once a month and participate in other interests set forth by the Commission. Anyone interested can send a letter of intent or application to the Hamlin Recreation Department, PO Box 148, Hamlin, NY, 14464.

**CATCH THE POWER OF ASSETS**

On one level, the 40 developmental assets represent everyday wisdom about positive experiences and characteristics for young people. In additional Search Institute research has found that these assets are powerful influences on adolescent behavior – both protecting young people from many different problem behaviors and promoting positive attitudes and behaviors. This power is evident across all cultural and socioeconomic groups of youth.

The Town of Hamlin, Clarkson, Sweden, the Village of Brockport and the Brockport Central School District are dedicated to bring the powerful influences of assets to our youth. To receive more information on asset building or to have a presentation to your group or organization, please contact Patty Jo Groenendaal, Youth Development Program Coordinator at 637-1975 or e-mail at [pattyjo@bcs1.org](mailto:pattyjo@bcs1.org)