

Letter from the Supervisor

Having just been privileged to be reelected to a second term as your Town Supervisor, I sincerely thank the voters for their support and confidence. While I had some trepidation about what to expect two years ago, I enter this second term with much enthusiasm for the job and the exciting things that lie ahead of us. As Town Supervisor I am but one of five members of your Town Board and one of many dedicated Town employees and officials. It is our belief that effective government is legally serving the people and contributing to their health and welfare while striving to keep their taxes low. Collectively, we all attempt to do what is best for the Town. However, if anyone feels that a Town official has dealt with them in an unfair manner or inconsistently with the law, I encourage them to make that concern known by:

- a. Contacting any Town Board Member (call 964-2421 for contact number).
- b. Phone the Supervisor at 964-8981.
- c. Email the Supervisor at supervisor@hamlinny.org.
- d. Visit the Supervisor (typically in the office Monday through Friday between 8 am and 4 pm).
- e. Mail: Hamlin Town Board, 1658 Lake Road, Hamlin, NY 14464.
- f. Submitting a complaint to the Ethics Board (call 964-2421 for complaint form or visit <http://hamlinny.org/Ethics/index.html>).

The Town Board has recently enacted or is about to enact some local laws, which we hope will enhance the safety and welfare of the residents and ensure fair and consistent application of our laws. These include a "Child Safety Zone," a curfew, reduced speed limits in certain areas and enhanced powers and duties for the Ethics Board. We are also putting the final touches on the draft regulations for wind towers and hope to begin public hearings in January. We have formed a search committee to interview architectural/engineering firms interested in providing a concept design for a community center/library. We have received State approvals on two new water districts and are working on a third. We are also considering a proposal for a new, manufactured home senior citizen community.



The end of the year 2007 draws nigh and with it, the loss of two long-time Town servants. Deputy Town Clerk Sherry Dobson is retiring after 23 years of loyal and dedicated service in both the Building Department and the Town Clerk's office. Town Councilman George Todd, who chose not to seek reelection, is leaving after nine years of faithful service to the Town. We extend much appreciation to Sherry and George for their hard work and best wishes for continued success and happiness.

As we approach the Holiday Season and the New Year, I also extend sincere appreciation to those organizations, activities and volunteers who contribute so much to our Town – our fire fighters, EMTs, ambulance corps, churches, Life Solutions, Lions, and veterans to name a few. Please take a moment during these busy days to remember all our brave servicemen and women who aren't able to be with their loved ones.

I extend my greetings and wishes to each of you for a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a healthy, safe and prosperous New Year!



RECYCLING

So many times the question is asked what do I do with my empty latex paint cans or used motor oil. These are the guidelines according to Monroe County:

- 1/3 gallon or less of Latex Paint (discard lid, add kitty litter, let dry, place can in trash)
- Cans with dried paint (remove lid and place in trash)
- Used Motor Oil and Lead Acid Batteries (contact service station or retailer)
- Smoke Detectors (place in trash or contact manufacturer)
- Everyday Alkaline Batteries (place in trash)

Monroe County does provide for residents to dispose of non-industrial household chemicals free Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 4 pm by appointment. Visit their web site at www.monroecounty.gov.

MONROE COUNTY GRANTS

Monroe County offers grants and loans to repair and revitalize homes. The application for the one-time grant or loan is for income-eligible homeowners and is available in the Hamlin Town Clerk’s Office. This program is administered by the County for eligible repairs including structural roof, foundation, windows and exterior paint or siding. They are also available for repairs for major systems (plumbing, heating or electrical) and accessibility accommodations (ramps, lifts, doorways, bathrooms). Routine maintenance or remodeling and cosmetic improvements are generally not eligible repairs. If you have any questions or require additional information you may contact the Community Development Office at 753-2000.

COUNTY TAX BILL

If you pay your own County Tax Bill and you don’t receive your bill in the mail by January 3, 2008, call Receiver of Taxes, Kathi A. Rickman at 964-2421. Your first payment or full payment are due by February 10th without interest. Master Card or Visa is accepted

**HAVE A HAPPY AND
SAFE HOLIDAY
FROM ALL OF US
TO YOU!**

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Date: Tues., Jan. 29, Feb. 19 & Mar. 25
 Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
 Age: All ages from 2 years to 102 years
 Location: Hamlin Town Hall
 Cost: FREE

Get together with the whole family for an evening of board games, cards, foosball, air hockey and more. We have the games you want to play and Bingo too! Refreshments will be available. Come for one night or all three. No need to pre-register.

Great Gifts at Great Prices

Hamlin Wheel Fest Newest Item:

Hamlin Wheel Fest Travel Mugs
\$5.00

One-Time Use Cameras. Don’t pay those high store prices
Single Camera \$3.00
Double Pack \$5.00

All Items available at the Hamlin Town Clerk’s Office



BUILDING PERMITS

A building permit is required in the Town of Hamlin for a shed, fence, pool, deck, addition, garage, pole barn, gazebo, pond, wood burning stove, emergency generator and sign - just to name a few. Failure to obtain a Building Permit is subject to a \$125.00 fine plus the cost of the permit. If you have any questions regarding a permit or if you need to get a permit, please contact the Building Department at 964-8181 Monday through Friday 9 am-4 pm. A complete list and costs can be found on our web page at www.hamlinny.org.

NOT REGISTERED, NOT LEGAL

The Code Enforcement Officer will be canvassing the town for unregistered vehicles. There are places that will take your unwanted vehicle as a donation. The Code Enforcement Officer has been receiving numerous complaints therefore, he will be issuing violation notices if unregistered or junk vehicles are found on your property. You can apply for a vehicle storage permit in the Building Department if you own the property, have the vehicle title and ID number for the vehicle. The cost of the permit is \$25.00 and is good for one year. For more information call 964-8181 Monday through Friday 9 am - 4 pm.



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Candles can provide a warm and festive atmosphere – but they can also be a fire hazard if left unattended or placed near anything flammable. Extinguish all candles before going to sleep or leaving the room. Keep candles at least three feet away from anything that burns. Place candles out of the reach of pets and children or where they will not be knocked down or blown over. Never use lighted candles on or near a Christmas tree or other evergreens. During the holiday season remember to turn off all Christmas lights at night or while you are away from your home or apartment. Make sure your Christmas tree has plenty of water. Have a safe and happy holiday.

FOOD HANDLERS' TRAINING

Does your organization need to have your volunteers certified or re-certified for food handlers' training?

A course is scheduled at the Hamlin Town Hall, 1658 Lake Rd., Hamlin, New York. Course will be taught by Monroe County Health Dept.

Course for first time certification:

January 16 & 17, 2008 six hour cost \$95.00
Must attend both days.

Re-certification:

January 17, 2008 three hours cost \$42.00

Time for each is 6 pm to 9 pm.

Pre-registration is necessary by calling Kathi A. Rickman, Hamlin Town Clerk at 964-2421. **Deadline for registration is December 31, 2007**

PASSPORTS

As of the latest notice, all persons traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean region are required to present a valid passport. January historically marks the beginning of the busy season and demand for passports. For the latest information, and current passport requirements for travel to Canada, Mexico and Caribbean, we urge you to regularly visit <http://travel.state.gov>.

FAXING SERVICE

Need to have something faxed or receive a fax? Hamlin Town Clerk's Office is now providing service for sending or receiving a fax. The **fax number is 964-9124**. If you are requesting a fax be sent in, please contact us at 964-2421 with the information.

The cost to send a fax is \$1.00 plus \$.50 each additional page (local) or \$2.00 plus \$1.00 each additional page (long distance).

Receiving faxes cost \$.25 a page.

WINTER TIPS FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPT.

For your safety and wellbeing 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. If your vehicle becomes stranded, contact the Monroe County Sheriff's Department at 911. They will notify the appropriate Highway Department.

SNOW REMOVAL

The law regarding depositing of snow on highways and shoulders is as follows: Section 1219 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law and Section 214 of the Highway Law of NYS specifically prohibit the placing or leaving of snow, ice or other substance upon any highway (which includes pavement, shoulders and ditches). Should these practices occur, Police Agencies will be notified of such occurrence (s) with the intent that summonses will be issued to the responsible person or persons.

MAILBOXES

Mail boxes damaged during snow removal:

During and after significant snow storms, the Highway Dept., in the course of plowing, receive phone calls regarding damage to mailboxes, either from snow plows directly or from the force of snow being thrown by the plows. If such damage is indeed caused by snow removal, it is not done intentionally but is an unfortunate consequence of snow removal.

As far as the Highway Dept. replacing damaged mailboxes, it must be pointed out that there is no statutory or legal authority which grants a property owner or resident along a public highway any right to place a mailbox in a highway right-of-way. That the mailbox is on town, county or state right-of-way is a courtesy to the postal service. Thus, when the necessity of keeping the highway open conflicts with the individuals reception of the mail, the latter must stand aside. The owner might even be compelled to remove the box under the Highway Law #319. From past experience, we have found that plastic mailboxes do not withstand the abuse of snow from the plows hitting them and are not recommended.

Please check your mailbox for possible repairs. If your mailbox is damaged because of a rotten post or rusted box the town will not repair it. As a courtesy, the Highway Department will place a temporary box so that a resident can receive mail if their box is damaged by the plow but we will not replace any fancy mailbox or box.



↑44 inches

Mailbox posts with fancy supports are not recommended as they stick down under the box and give the wing plow something to get hold of. A standard box mounted directly on top of a treated 4 x 4 is the best and that is what we will put up.

IS YOUR CHIMNEY CLEAN?



Remember, if you are using a fireplace or wood-burning stove, you're deliberately bringing fire into your home; respect it. Clean your chimney to remove combustible creosote build-up before you use it for the first time this winter. Discard ashes immediately in a **metal can** not plastic.

FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE

Do you have a smoke detector?

If not contact the Fire Safety Office at 964-8181. A limited supply is available.

NEW HOURS! MORE HOURS!

The Library is pleased to announce that beginning in January 2008, our hours will be extended. Since it opened, the library has been open 38 hours per week. It will now be open 42 hours per week. Our new hours will be as follows:

Monday 10 am–6 pm
Tuesday 12 pm–8 pm
Wednesday 10 am–6 pm
Thursday 12 pm–8 pm
Friday 10 am–4 pm
Saturday 12 pm–4 pm

Food For Fines

This past November, the Library partnered with Life Solutions of Hamlin to collect items for the food pantry for one week. As extra incentive, library patrons were encouraged to bring in one item for every dollar in fines they owed. Over 160 cans of soup, vegetables, and packages of other foods were donated. We would like to thank everyone who donated and made this project so successful, and look forward to another, even more successful collection.

NEWS FROM YOUR ASSESSOR

Exemptions:

- New STAR exemption applications are being taken now.
- Enhanced STAR renewals were mailed in October and can be signed and returned with a copy of your 2006 Income Tax now.
- All other renewable exemptions will be mailed Jan. 2, 08.
- All new exemption applications will be available Jan. 2, 2008.

ALL renewals and new exemption applications must be in by March 1, 2008.

Because March 1st is a Saturday, we are having Saturday hours as listed below. Personally delivered applications must be in by that day. Applications received by mail must be postmarked by March 1st. Extended Hours:

- The Assessor's Office is open from 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.
- Starting in January the Assessor's Office will have extended hours as follows:
Wednesday, January 2nd until 6 pm
Monday, January 14th until 6:30 pm
Monday, February 11 until 6:30 pm
Saturday, March 1st 9 am-11 am

LIBRARY EVENTS

January - March 2008

Jan. 7 - Munchkin Mondays 10:30 am, ages 2-5, "The Shapes of Things"
Jan. 10 - Thursday Evening Storytime 6:45 pm, ages 4 and up
Jan. 14 - Munchkin Monday, 10:30 am "Cool Snowmen"
Jan. 17 - Thursday Evening Storytime, 6:45 pm
Jan. 19 - Snowglobe Project, 2:00 pm, ages 6 and up
Jan. 21 - Munchkin Monday, 10:30 am "The Bunny Hop"
Jan. 24 - Thursday Evening Storytime, 6:45 pm
Jan. 28 - Munchkin Monday, 10:30 am "A Pocketful of Fun"
Jan. 31 - Thursday Evening Storytime, 6:45 pm
Feb. 4 - Munchkin Monday, 10:30am "Pajama Storytime"
Feb. 7 - Thursday Evening Storytime, 6:45 pm
Feb. 11 - Munchkin Monday, 10:30 am "Valentines Party"
Feb. 14 - Thursday Evening Storytime, 6:45 pm
Feb. 16 - Make a Bunny Buddy, 2:00 pm, ages 7 and up
Feb. 18 - Munchkin Monday, 10:30 am "Jungle Boogie Woogie"
Feb. 21 - Thursday Evening Storytime, 6:45 pm
Feb. 25 - Munchkin Monday, 10:30 am "Toothy Grins"
Feb. 28 - Thursday Evening Storytime, 6:45 pm
Mar. 3 - Munchkin Monday, 10:30 am "Dr. Seuss Celebration"
Mar. 6 - Thursday Evening Storytime, 6:45 pm

HEALTHY & FIT KIDS

Date: Mondays, February 25 – March 31
Time: 4:45 pm – 5:30 pm
Age: 6 – 11 years
Location: Hamlin Town Hall
Cost: FREE
Instructor: Tami Mungenast CPT, CNC, AFPA
Fitness and Nutrition Coach

Youth come and participate in a fun and educational exercise class. Participants will learn how to make exercise an every day part of life and also learn about nutrition. Parents come to the last class to learn more about healthy eating. Program is based on 5 simple rules:

Rule #1 -Focus on wholesome nutritious foods.

Rule #2 -Include treats.

Rule #3 -Aim to keep screen time to two hours or less per day.

Rule # 4 -Be active at least on hour per day.

Rule # 5 -The rules apply to everyone in the home.

PROGRAMS COMING NEXT

Ballroom Dancing
Spring Break Playground Camp
Youth Skills Competitions
Start Smart
Babysitting Training
Hunter Safety Course
Gymnastics
Soccer Clinic
Baseball Clinic
Softball Clinic

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!

ACTIVE MEMBERS MUST HAVE A MEMBERSHIP FORM SIGNED BY A PARENT AND ATTEND A MEETING OR COMMUNITY SERVICE BEFORE ELIGIBLE FOR FIRST ACTIVITY

DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN!

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!

"Valentine Dance" Youth Dance
Feb. 9th 7 pm - 10 pm at the Hamlin VFW
featuring "Rock-it Sound"

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.

Wednesday Game Days

Starting January 2nd at the Hamlin Town Hall from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Come enjoy a variety of games with friends.



HAMLIN DOG CONTROL

The Dog Census will continue for the remainder of 2007 and through 2008. During the census any dog owner not in compliance will have to pay an additional five-dollar fee in addition to the license fee. Dogs reaching four months of age are required to be licensed. Dogs must have a current rabies vaccination prior to licensing. You will be required to show it to the clerk.

There is a LEASH requirement in the Town of Hamlin Dog Control Law. The Hamlin Dog Control Law is available on line at www.hamlinny.org or you may obtain a copy at the Hamlin Town Clerks Office. Any dog seized while at large that does not have a license tag attached is presumed unlicensed. Any dog seized while at large with no current rabies vaccination cannot be returned to the owner until the required vaccination is received or proof of a current one provided. With no certificate, this may require the Dog Control Officer to transport a seized dog to the Veterinarian for a twenty-five dollar fee plus veterinarian costs.

If your dog is missing notify the Dog Control Officer by **Paging 525-1608 or call the Hamlin Town Clerk at 964-2421. Do not wait to see if the dog will return.** If you have recently moved into our town, let the Town Clerk know so we will have the most current information and can notify the State that you have moved.

LIONS CLUB EVENTS AND UPDATE ON BUILDING PROJECT

The Hamlin Lions Club held a Casino Night in October with both a silent and live auction to benefit the Building Project on the Recreation fields. The fundraiser brought in approximately \$2,500 and everyone had a great time. The Lions were also able to secure a grant from Sam's Club for \$1,000 toward this project. With the funds raised and grants received thus far, the building (shell) has been paid for! The next step is to have the building transported to Hamlin and the site preparation work done. We hope to accomplish this in the spring.

The Town has approved \$15,000 in the Parks and Recreation budgets and will apply for the \$35,000 Community Development grant for 2008. Additionally, the Lions are working on a grant from Assemblyman Steve Hawley, with the State Parks and Recreation Commission for \$7,000.

Upcoming fundraisers by the Lions include: Two pasta dinner fundraisers scheduled for January 10, 2008 and March 13th, 2008 at the Firemen's Exempt Bldg. from 5 pm to 7 pm. February 2008 the Lions will be having their Valentines Day Rose sale. Orders are being taken by Lion Irene at 964-5085 and Lion Marv at 964-5231. Don't be left out like last year. They will try to keep the price to \$20 a dozen.

The Hamlin Recreation Department would like to thank the Lions Club for all their hard work and effort to see this project completed. We would also like to thank everyone who participates in these fundraising events. Without you, they would not be successful. Anyone wishing to make an individual donation can contact Joe Rogers at 964-5392 or the Hamlin Recreation Department at 964-7222 for more information.

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