



## TOWN TALK NEWSLETTER

West Chazy – Sciota - Chazy

**October – December 2010**

**Staub Spiegel ~ Supervisor**



We are quickly seeing the close of a beautiful yet very busy summer. Once again I would like to thank all the coaches who have worked so hard to make the summer baseball program a huge success. Special thanks to Tom Roberts Jr. for heading this program.



Many thanks to Tom and Tony Tetreault and all the volunteers who helped with the new pavilion in the West Chazy Recreation Park. Great job!

I would also like to thank Chazy Central Rural School for working with the Town to offer our annual swimming program.

We are now on to soccer! We have a new coordinator this year whose name is JoAnne

Morris. I would like to thank to Willy and Craig Giroux for helping through the transition period and all their great service over the years. We know JoAnne will do a great job!

This winter, children from the Chazy area will be participating in the skiing program, we have agreed to partner in with Northeastern Central School and many other schools in the area. It is great for the children to utilize the outdoors and to get some great exercise while enjoying the friendship of others.

Our summers are always busy with repair work and this year was no exception. We recently completed the painting of our water tower. It looks great! Our Town Hall received a fresh coat of paint and much needed repair work on soffits and trim. Sidewalks have been replaced in various spots throughout town. Many thanks to the Highway Department for their help with the sidewalk project. We are now looking at changing the location of our vault which will allow us easier access and much needed parking space along with easier snow removal at our Town Hall.



I would like to ask our residents to watch for any suspicious activities at our recreation parks. Should you see anything out of the ordinary, please call the Town Office or the State Police. Destruction only cost us money!



Have a light pole out on your street? Please call the Town office so we can report it and get it fixed in a timely manner.

It is quickly becoming budget time. We are constantly looking at our cost to ensure we are running the town as efficiently as possible, thus enabling us to keep our tax rates in line.

We are looking for two crossing guards to help at the school crossing sections on the Miner Farm Rd and Route 9. Anyone interested should call myself or Sue Patnode for further details.



### Leo J. Oliver ~ Town Clerk/Tax Collector

#### HUNTING LICENSES

The 2010-2011 hunting licenses may be purchased from the Town Clerk. Please bring an old license or your driver's license.



#### TOWN AND COUNTY TAXES

The Town and County tax bills will be mailed out the first of January 2011. Please let me know as soon as possible of any address change. If you do not receive your bill and you do not have an escrow account, please contact me at 846-7544 ext. 2, for a copy of the bill or go online to our Town website, [www.townofchazy.com](http://www.townofchazy.com) and click on Links then click on "View and Pay Your Tax Bill Online" to get a copy and even pay online if you wish. If you chose to pay by installments, please note that the second, third and fourth coupon is to be paid to the Clinton County Treasurers office in Plattsburgh as noted on the coupon. I will be collecting the Town and County Tax bills until April 30, 2011.



#### DOG LICENSES

A reminder that once a dog reaches four (4) months the dog needs a rabies shot and then needs to be licensed at the Town Clerk's office. Should you have any problems with dogs you may contact our new Dog Control Officer Todd A. Forette at 204-4085 or 420-6790.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday thru Thursday ~ 8:00am to 3:00pm.

Closed Friday, weekends, and holidays. 518-846-7544  
Ext. 2 [chazyclerk@westelcom.com](mailto:chazyclerk@westelcom.com)



Enjoy a happy and safe upcoming holiday season.





**Chazy Water and Sewer District**  
**Susan Patnode ~ Secretary**

**NOTICE FOR THE HAMLET OF CHAZY**  
**WATER & SEWER DISTRICT USERS**

The fourth quarter Water & Sewer bills have been mailed. PLEASE remember that the bills are due by **Friday, November 12th and must be received by NOON.** Any payments received later will be returned to you and the balance of your account will be relieved on to your Town tax bill in January 2011. If you have any questions, please call Susan Patnode at 846-7544 ext.1.



**J.C.E.O.**

J.C.E.O. (located at the West Chazy Town Hall, 7734 Rt 22) would like to inform the community that we have funds available to help individuals with Childcare Subsidies, Foreclosure, Eviction Prevention, and the "CARS" Program. We will be able to assist with child care for those individuals who are in a two year college program or enrolled in a CV-TEC program. We can also provide vehicles for individuals who are employed and have children. In addition, the Head Start Program is now accepting applications for the upcoming school year. The criteria needed to meet eligibility will be different for each of these services. If you have any questions or are interested in applying for any of these services, please call Kathy Bishop at 561-6310.



**David Lucia ~ Chief, West Chazy Fire Department**

October 3rd thru the 9th is Fire Prevention Week. Please change your smoke alarm batteries and carbon monoxide batteries.



10/17/2010 - Fire/Safety Calendar Drive Sunday at 10am to all West Chazy Fire Protection District Residents.

During the month of December we hold our Annual Toy Drive to benefit the Clinton County Christmas Bureau. More details to follow at a later time. As always check us out at [www.westchazyfiredepartment.com](http://www.westchazyfiredepartment.com) for the latest news and events. We are always recruiting for new members. See any member for details or stop down on any Monday night at the fire station at 7656 Rt. 22. Our Ladies auxiliary has been reestablished and is running well. Currently we have 13 members.

## Robert West ~ Town of Chazy Codes/Zoning Officer



**New York State Regulations:** New York State has advised of new 2010 Building Codes regulations. Building permits are required for all buildings and structures. The State has adopted a new Amanda's Law which states all residences, new or old, must have a carbon dioxide detector on all floors near bedrooms, and also, in the basement near stairs.

**Software:** The Building Codes Enforcement office has been looking into integrated computer software programs that will automate the many tasks currently performed manually.

**Robert West – Code/Zoning Office hours Tuesdays 7:30am to 10am  
846-7544, Ext 5 or (Home) 493-3024.**

## Linda Dupee ~ Director Dodge Library West Chazy

**Dodge Library is pleased to be a full community service library. We have a plethora of books for all manner of taste and if for some chance we don't have what you are looking for, by golly we'll find a way to get it for you. We just got in new fishing and hunting books. And have you ever wanted to make a lighted kite to fly at night? We have a book to show you how. We've got all your favorites. We have a database to help you find employment, or one to change or challenge your career. We have a database for you backyard mechanics and genealogy buffs. We have Learning Express Library and access to tax and legal websites as well as "special collections." Dodge Library can fulfill your literary needs and give you a good idea for dinner also. The kids have started school. Why not give the family a treat to the Echo Center in Burlington. You can check out the pass here at Dodge; which will allow two (2) adults and up to three (3) children entrance for \$2.00 each. A whole day of fun doesn't get much cheaper than that. Dodge Library is opened Tuesday and Thursday, 9 am till 6 pm and Saturday 9 am till Noon. Come see us at The Dodge. 493-6131**



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Happy Holidays!  
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## Patricia Ayer ~ Town of Chazy Assessor



New York State 2010-11 Budget includes a new provision to limit eligibility for Basic STAR to those with incomes of \$500,000 or less. Since STAR was first implemented in 1998, Basic STAR was available to virtually all homeowners regardless of their income. (Enhanced STAR was only available to seniors whose incomes did not exceed a specified "income standard.") Beginning in 2011, where the Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF) determines that a homeowners' income is greater than \$500,000, the property will no longer be eligible for Basic STAR.

The Town of Chazy needs a town resident to serve on the Board of Assessment Review. The Board of Assessment Review is a five member board of town residents that hold an Assessment Grievance Meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in May. You will listen to property owners assessment complaints and jointly determine the assessed value for the following tax year. If you have an interest in serving your Town, contact the Supervisor or Assessor at 846-7544.



Assessment Exemptions renewals for next year will be mailed to property owners in December 2010 for seniors over 65 years old. If any property owner is turning 65 before December 31<sup>st</sup>, or is already 65, and has not signed up for the senior assessment exemptions, contact me at the Town Hall.

Other assessment exemptions needing annual renewals, agricultural land and non-profit will be mailed to property owners in January 2011.

**ALL EXEMPTIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.**



Have a peaceful and joyful holiday!



## Richard Lewis ~ Highway Superintendent

Where has summer gone? Fall is here now which means we will be back to mixing our sand and salt for the coming winter. As I mentioned in the last news letter the price of asphalt was down this year which allowed us to pave approximately 3 miles of town roads. They are as follows: Minkler Road from Miner Farm Road to Lake Shore Road - Clark Street from Ridge Road west to the railroad tracks - Gonyea Road from Miner Farm Road to the town line - Blair Road from LaForest Road to the town line and LaForest Road from Miner Farm Road to the town line. Crack sealing was also completed on Ratta Road - part of Ashley Road and part of Slosson Road.



We will soon be starting the final round of roadside mowing. This time around we will cut back as far as we can to prevent the re-growth of vegetation that was cleared by hand and chipped by the highway crew. We will also be ditching and cleaning existing ditches in problem areas. We would like to thank everyone for driving responsibly in our work zones. We know it is sometimes inconvenient, but in order to have good roads to travel on and a clear vision at intersections it has to be done. If anyone sees a problem with view or pot holes that need attention, please call 846-7130 or email [chazyhighway@westelcom.com](mailto:chazyhighway@westelcom.com). Have a safe winter.



### Robert Cheeseman ~ Town of Chazy Historian



The march of the British to Chazy on their way to the Battle of Plattsburgh was completed in good fashion. Here you see them at the Alexander Scott Home where General Sir George Prevost and ten officer aids spent three days doing reconnaissance on enemy troop movement and the best routes to Plattsburgh.

Also in the picture with the British soldiers on the left is the Scott homes present owner Kim Howley and on the left, the original owner Judge Alexander Scott. Watch for next year as there will be more activities for the battle commemoration around this home. The troops are always glad to see and talk to people and to tell what life was like on the road to battle and explain their equipment.

We are still looking for letters from friends and relatives of far off. Especially letters from soldiers during war time, and that means from the Revolution and all the wars to the wars of the present time. These letters tell us a lot about history and what life was like for them. So "PLEASE" if you have such letters think about letting us preserve them for future generations to preserve the history that is in them. The same for pictures, even if you always plan to keep them to yourself write the names, dates and locations on the back and in years to come they won't be a mystery as to who they are.

Pictures below are the encampment on CCRS lawn Chazy village, encampment at Guma's West Chazy village and the march into Chazy.



## Regulations Effective October 14, 2009

1. Do the regulations on open burning make burning household trash in burn barrels or piles illegal?

Yes. Burning trash is prohibited statewide in all cases. Our existing incinerator rule already prohibits burning household trash in wood stoves, fireplaces, and outdoor wood boilers. DEC recommends that you recycle all appropriate materials (such as newspaper, paper, glass and plastic) and compost your organic kitchen and garden waste.

2. What are the regulations on open burning in New York State?

Effective on October 14, 2009, all open burning is prohibited in New York with several exceptions including the following:

- Campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter are allowed.
- Small cooking fires are allowed.
- Fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished.
- Only charcoal or clean, dry, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned.
- Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires are allowed.

In towns with a total population less than 20,000, you may burn tree limbs with attached leaves. The limbs must be less than 6 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length (also referred to as brush). However, this is not allowed from March 16 through May 14 due to the increased risk of wildfires. Are permits for open fires still required in some parts of the state?

Yes. While a permit is not required under this regulation, the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) still requires that a permit be obtained from the Department if you plan to burn brush under the exception and you live in a town which is totally or partially located within the boundaries of the Adirondack and Catskill Parks which is designated as a "Fire Town" under the ECL (see list below). In addition, any local requirements or restrictions would apply.

- Clinton County, the towns of Altona, Ausable, Black Brook, Dannemora, Ellenburg and Saranac.

Where should I call to report an illegal open fire?

To report environmental law violations call 1-800-TIPP DEC (1-800-847-7332).

The Department has received many questions regarding DEC's implementation of Part 215, regarding open fires. This document is intended to inform the general public about open fire regulation in New York and assist the regulated community in understanding the requirements of Part 215. DEC web site: [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov)

# IT'S ILLEGAL TO BURN HOUSEHOLD TRASH IN NEW YORK



Today's household trash contains many items that produce unhealthy smoke like:

- **Plastics**
- **Metal foils**
- **Batteries**
- **Bleached or colored papers**

To report environmental law violations call  
**1-800-TIPP DEC (1-800-847-7332)**

*Callers may file a complaint anonymously*

DISPOSE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD TRASH RESPONSIBLY  
Visit [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov) to learn more



## How Voting Works On the New System

Inspectors at the assigned polling site will give the voter a preprinted ballot containing all candidates and contests. These Inspectors are there to help in any way possible.

The voter then hand-marks the paper ballot with a special marking pen. This is done in the privacy of a voting booth. The voter then deposits the ballot into the scanner to record the vote and secure the ballot in a locked box.

Paper ballot voting allows the voter to clearly review the ballot after filling in the voting oval and be confident their vote is accurately recorded and preserved.



The paper ballot has voting instructions, office titles, candidates, and/or proposition for this election printed on both sides.

It is important that you mark your ballot properly before inserting it into the ImageCast scanner to ensure that your vote choices are counted correctly.

Although your Inspectors are happy to demonstrate how to complete a ballot, some voters may need or want assistance in marking their ballot. The ImageCast with the Ballot Marking Device (BMD) has additional features that can assist any voter with this process. Once you tell the Inspector that you wish to use the BMD, an Accessible Voting Session will be created for you.



## Marking your Ballot

- ▶ Make sure to mark every contest by completely filling in the oval to the upper right of the name of the candidate or issue of your choice.
- ▶ Do not use an 'X' or other notation.
- ▶ Make sure that there are no stray marks or doodles on the ballot.
- ▶ The marking pen is not erasable, so don't try to erase or cross out a choice after it has been made.
- ▶ If you make a mistake or damage the ballot, return it to the Inspector for a replacement. Be aware that you have a limited number of replacement ballots.
- ▶ You can also include write-in candidates. Locate the appropriate write-in section and write the candidate's name in the space provided.

OFFICE	FAVORITE PARK ZOO ANNUAL (Vote for One)	FAVORITE JUNE FEST ATTRACTION (Vote for One)	FAVORITE ZOO ANIMAL (Vote for Two)
<b>Democrats</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Green Lakes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Sherwood Court	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Spiker Manley
<b>Republicans</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Onetia Stones	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Papp International	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Lerner
<b>Independents</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Overtega Lake Park	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Frost Ravine	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Penguin
<b>Conservative</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Green Lakes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Inoque Indian Village	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Wof
<b>Working Families</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Hybrid Forest	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Moxey	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Emphiel

## Casting your Vote

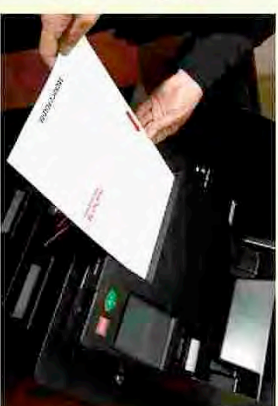
When you are finished marking your ballot, place it in the provided privacy sleeve and take it to the ImageCast to be scanned.

- ▶ Place the privacy sleeve into the scanner slot.
- ▶ The system automatically draws the ballot from the privacy sleeve into the unit and performs a review of the ballot.

If any ballot error is detected, you will be notified with a message and the Inspector will explain the options.

An over voted ballot warning occurs when the scanner detects that you have selected more than the allowed number of candidates or ballot proposals for the contests indicated. You may cast the ballot with the over-vote, or return the ballot to an election inspector and receive a new ballot.

Your ballot is then counted and stored in a secure container within the ballot box.



It is important that you wait until your ballot has been accepted and you receive the confirming message. Congratulations! Your vote has now been successfully cast!