The Town Crier

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News From Mountain Lions Snowsled Club

By Dennis DelGrosso
Club Secretary

The local snowmobile club, which manages trails in the Saranac area to include the old D&H Rail bed, has acquired approval to re-establish the S-86 trail from the rail bed to Hi Falls Restaurant via access over three parcels of land owned by the Perry family. This trail had been blocked a few years ago due to new land owners who restricted snowmobile access to the area. MANY thanks and much appreciation to the Perry family for allowing the creation of an access trail across their properties. While not physically accessible yet, the club is actively working to cut back brush and dead-fall, and to place signage along the route to make sure that riders stay on the trail!

The quickest way for a club to lose trail access is for careless riders to ride off of the marked trail – PLEASE stay on the trail! The club performed major brush and tree limb cutting from the old Lowenburg Ski area to Lyon Mountain in early October. Thanks to Al and Dennis for their work in cutting the branches and to Greg for the cleanup of the cut material. Also, thanks to Bobcat of Plattsburgh for their discounted rental rate to assist the club in this vital effort. There is a significant change in the wind for our primary trail, C8A, also known as the rail bed. This segment of land, which is 99’ plus/minus the center of the rail bed, is owned by Boeschlager Lumber and managed by Chazy Resource Management. The land extends from the boundary of the Village of Dannemora to the Rail Museum in Lyon Mountain. Currently, Boeschlager Lumber is in discussion to sell a Recreational Lease to the State of New York. While Boeschlager will retain actual ownership of the trail, the permitted usages and responsibilities for repair and upkeep are all in question. To this end, a meeting between State personnel and members of both the Mountain Lions Snowsled Club AND the OutbackRiders ATV club was held at the Town Hall on the evening of December 12, 2018. Elected members of both clubs have been busy preparing important questions regarding the future use of the rail bed.

Monthly meetings of the Mountain Lions Snowsled club are held on the first Thursday of the month at the Saranac Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Additionally, the club now has a Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/Mountain-Lions-snowmobile-club-138476236947262/ Please come out and learn how we can continue to keep our trails the best in the area!
Mark Your Calendar:
Town Board Meetings

Organizational Meeting of the Town Board is Monday, January 7, 2019.

Meetings at the Town Hall begin at 7:00 pm and are open to the public.

Monday, January 28
Monday, February 25
Monday, March 25

New Year’s Day
Tuesday, January 1
Town Office Closed

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 21
Town Office Closed

Groundhog Day
Saturday, February 2

Valentine’s Day
Thursday, February 14

Presidents Day
Monday, February 18
Town Office Closed

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 10

St. Patrick’s Day
Sunday, March 17

Spring Begins
Wednesday, March 20

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

By Jan Couture
Registered NYS Historian

Seldom have I seen so many individuals and groups urging people to vote. The background on voting in the United States is quite interesting, especially for women.

In 1917, women could finally vote in New York State. This was the result of a fight that began in the 1840’s, led by Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Most of us remember learning about the fight for women to vote in our history classes. I know I did. What I didn’t learn, though, was the origins of the fight.

Stanton grew up in the Mohawk Valley and had several Iroquois relatives. She was familiar with their ways and heritage. This familiarity led her to question the role of women in the ‘white man society’. She was very aware of the rights an Iroquois woman was born with.

In the Iroquois way, women were revered. They took part in all decisions of their tribe and in the Iroquois Confederacy. Women and men both worked for consensus within their tribe, elected their clan mothers, and the clan mothers elected the Chief.

Women were in control of their own possessions and did not need permission of the husband to trade or sell what belonged to them.

Unlike white families, the family lineage passed through the mother. When a couple married, the man took on the tribe of the woman and the children took on the tribe of the mother.

It was fascinating to speak with the woman of Akwesasne about women’s rights. So, when women voted in the 1917 NYS elections, and the 1920 US elections, and ever since then, they can thank the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) women for inspiring the women of the 1840’s to pursue the rights of women.

I write this knowing many people in our area have some roots to the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) people and might find this tidbit of history interesting.

Feel free to contact me at saranachistorian@yahoo.com or 518-293-8251 with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

Saranac Recreation Department

By Cullen Coryer
Park Manager and Recreation Leader

Sports Season Update

The soccer season was very successful with great participation. A big “thank you” to all who participated, coached, and helped. Basketball season is in full swing and the participation here is exceptional, as well.

Pool and Park Update

We are currently working on additional improvements to the pool and park for the summer of 2019. We are planning a Park Work Day in the spring and would love to have volunteers help with our projects. More on this day and the projects we have planned will be coming toward the end of winter.

Thank you, again, to everyone for their support and backing.

Stay Up-To-Date

On Facebook, use the Saranac Rec Dept page as the source for all sports, programs, and happenings connected to the Town of Saranac Recreation Department and visit townofsaranac.com.
2018 – A Busy Year at the Town Highway Department

By James Waldron
Highway Superintendent

GRANTS RECEIVED

After working with David Wilford, District Technician of Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation, we were granted $3075.20 to prevent flooding and erosion on True Brook Road, where the brook crosses the road, west of #37 Road.

After talking with Assemblyman Billy Jones on the Square Dashnaw Bridge that washed out in summer of 2013, I spoke with the Town Board about applying for the Bridge NY Grant. The decision was made to have our consultant, Liz Tedford, complete an application for the grant. In November, Paul A. Karas, Acting Commissioner, sent notification that NYSDOT approved the grant in the amount of $1,326,398.

WORK COMPLETED

1. Plowing and sanding of Roads.
2. Ditching and installing a sediment trap on the True Brook Road to prevent icing and Flooding.
3. Installing culvert pipes.
4. Sweeping roads.
5. With 6,088 tons of asphalt, we paved a total of 6.07 miles of roads.

We are planning on 5 miles of paving in 2019.

A. 1 mile on Nashville Road
B. 1.86 miles on Canning Road
C. .53 miles on Napper Road
D. 1 mile on Clark Hill Road
E. 1.25 miles on Farrell Road
F. .08 miles on Wallbee Road
G. .2 miles on Church Street
H. .15 miles on Clinton Street

6. We backed up 2/3 of our new blacktop and plan on finishing Clark Hill and Farrell Roads in the spring.
7. Cut brush, trimmed trees, and mowed road Sides.
8. Stockpiled 12,000 yards of sand, mixed with 800 tons of salt.

NEW EQUIPMENT

1. 2018 Ram 3500 Crew cab
2. 2019 Freightliner
3. 1988 Screening plant
By Elaine Rice  
Dannemora Free Library

As 2018 comes to a close, Dannemora Free Library peeks backward and looks wide-eyed ahead.

Returning to those warm summer days, participants in the Summer Reading Program recorded 549 books read during the six-week count. In September, the library hosted an Appreciation Breakfast to thank those who offer support with their interest, time, and donations. Among those who stopped by for some morning coffee and conversation was Assemblyman Billy Jones.

Looking ahead, Love Your Library month will be celebrated in February 2019 with a month-long amnesty period. Any overdue books? Return them, fine-free, in February.

During the school break, on Thursday, February 21, a Love Your Library evening will offer crafts, stories, and edible treats from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Coffee, Chocolate, and Chat will continue into the New Year with a full slate of presenters. On January 17, Nicole Mathews, a 46-er, will share experiences of hiking in the Adirondacks. As we look forward to spring and prepping for the growing season, on March 21, the CCE will feature a Master Gardener presentation. April 18 will focus on the Adirondack Harvest. Do you sometimes wonder where you can buy local dairy products, meats, vegetables, fruits, jams, and syrups? Plan to attend the Adirondack Harvest discussion to learn about the many North Country food sources.

Upcoming Book Club reads will include Amy Tan’s Saving Fish from Drowning in January and in February The Nightingale by Kristin Hanna. New members are always welcome.

The 2019 Summer Reading Program will be developed around the theme of A Universe of Stories. Dannemora Free Library thanks you for your support in 2018 and welcomes you in 2019!
The Standish Water District major upgrade is well underway and will continue through early spring. The project includes drilling a new well to allow for an additional water source, larger water storage facility and upgraded water disinfection facility.

At least one Town Board member attends the bi-weekly meeting with the contractors, engineers and grant staff to receive updates on the progress of the project.

I have listed a few projects that would make the operation of the districts easier:

- Update By-laws for each water system
- Review and update standard operating procedures, as needed
- Find and mark curb stops and document in each district
- Compile contact information on each user for quicker notification of repairs and Boil Water Orders

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, please contact me at 518-726-0397 or councilman3@townofsaranac.com.

Communication

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With your input, we can work to make the website a wealth of information and an easy go-to guide of services offered.

Open Government

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Village of Dannemora
Community Center of Events

Kelli Rose
Village Deputy Clerk, Village of Dannemora
40 Emmons Street
Dannemora, NY 12929
518 - 492 - 7000
9:00 - 4:00 Monday - Friday

A Calendar of Events is always available on both our website:
http://www.villageofdannemora.com
under Village Community Center Calendar of Events.

Visit our Facebook page, Village of Dannemora, and find our Calendar of Events, along with photos, and much more.

911 Address Signs

Available from your local Fire Department

Stop by Monday evenings, between 6:00 and 8:00 pm to complete paperwork

You may also call 518-293-8290 to place an order over the phone

The cost for a sign is $15
Dancing in the Rain
Presents
Chakradance Classes

Day: Wednesday, starting January, 2019
Time: 3:45 - 5:15
Location: Saranac Town Hall, Route 3
Amount: $15 per class
Bring your own yoga pillow, if you own one

Chakradance is the balancing of your energy (chakras), which keeps you vibrant, healthy, and alive. It is a meditative dance that is followed up with a Mandala Art and Integration Meditation. As the facilitator, I narrate so participants know where to direct focus and the color of the chakra focal point.

Please join me to learn more about the chakras and to help keep yourself healthy mentally, spiritually, and physically. If you have any questions, feel free to ask. Call or text 518-897-6148. You may also contact me at danceintherainhealing@gmail.com or on Facebook at Dance in the Rain Healing.

Hope to see more students at these classes. Please note, I also hold classes at Shady Grove Farm and Wellness Center, Route 22B in Schuyler Falls, as well as Earthshine Yoga Studio, Saranac Lake.

Hill and Hollow
Music Presents
French-Canadian Music and Dance

Saturday, February 2 at 7:30 pm
Sunday, February 3 at 3:00 pm
Saranac United Methodist Church
Route 3, Saranac NY

Nicholas Babineau and Alexis Chartrand, dynamic young Quebecers on two fiddles, foot-percussion, and guitar have performed authentic traditional Quebecois music throughout Quebec, the Maritimes and across Canada, New-England, and Sweden.

Their first album, Gigue à deux faces, was nominated Best Traditional Album at the Canadian Folk Music Awards. Nicholas and Alexis will perform an extravagant array of reels and traditional fiddle music from the east of Quebec and Francophone communities of the Maritime provinces of Canada, including Chicoutimi, Gaspésie, Cape-Breton, and Newfoundland, as well as some of their own original music.

They will be joined by guest artist Mélissandre Tremblay-Bourassa, a classical ballet-trained, traditional québécois dancer and choreographer. Recently nominated for a Grand Prix Desjardins, her résumé includes two years with the Cirque du Soleil, among other highlights.
January 20, 2019

The Cock-A-Doodle-Shoe has something for everyone, whether it’s the beautiful scenery or the fun and balanced course. Proceeds from the event will once again go to race host, the New Land Trust, to help fund all the great stuff they do.

To learn how to register and to get important information, visit cock-a-doodle-shoe.com or go to Kinetic Running, 77 Margaret St., Plattsburgh, NY.

The New Land Trust, 287 acres and over 28 trails dedicated to developing and sustaining the health of the environment and the enjoyment of the public, is located at 236 Plumadore Road, Saranac, NY.

You need not be a member to enjoy a picnic, walk, run, snowshoe, cross country ski, or bird watch. NLT is open from dawn to dusk.

Overnight Campers, Groups, and Night Visitors

Please contact Hal Moore 518-570-5375 to coordinate your visit. There is No camping allowed in the Clubhouse.

www.newlandtrust.org or follow NLT on Facebook.

The Ray Vega Latin Jazz Sextet

Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 10 at 3:00 pm
Saranac United Methodist Church
Route 3, Saranac NY

Jazz standards and originals in a wide variety of styles, plus Afro-Caribbean rhythms and Samba and Bossa Nova from Brazil equal fun-funky danceable grooves!

Ray Vega has performed and recorded with many of the greats as a multi-talented trumpeter, percussionist, composer, and arranger. Considered one of the innovators of the international Jazz and Latin music scenes, Ray presents Jazz from a refreshingly original and contemporary perspective.

"Vega is a hornman with deep roots in Latin music and Afro-Cuban Jazz" (New York Daily News).

“The trumpeter's instrumental artistry lies in consistency, well-connected phrases, command of all registers, and good taste” (Owen Cordle, Jazz Times).

"A dean of golden tones and elegant, melody-respecting improvisational development" (Jazziz).

"One of the best in the Latin-Jazz playground" (Jazzusa.com).

Band-mates are Mike Hartigan, piano; Giovanni Rovetto, bass; Caleb Bronz, drums; Scott Dean, congas and percussion; Brian McCarthy, alto saxophone; Ray Vega, trumpet and flugelhorn.

Suggested Donation $15 at the door.

The New Land Trust

7th Annual Cock-A-Doodle-Shoe and 5th Annual Kid’s Snowshoe Scramble
1/2 Mile
AWAITING APPLICATION APPROVAL

By Laura Lacey Curler
Executive Director,
Rural Preservation Company

Applications Submitted
In November, RPC submitted two grants for Town of Saranac low-income homeowner’s rehabilitation work. One application was a $400,000 Community Development Block Grant and the other was a $400,000 HOME Grant. Both intend to leverage Weatherization funding so we can make much-needed, long-lasting improvements to homes.

If funded, and as a condition of the applications, we will continue to reach out to additional eligible homeowners during the two-year time frame of these programs.

More To Come
In early 2019, RPC of Clinton County will also submit an Access to Home for accessibility issues and another RESTORE (Residential Emergency Services to Offer (Home) Repairs to the Elderly application in our Clinton County service area.

These applications will be stronger if we can show need by having people fill out applications with our office. We encourage anyone with accessibility issues and emergency home repair work to contact the office at 518-293-7569.

Letters of support are extremely helpful with all applications. We encourage concerned residents to help us submit competitive applications by sending us a letter of support (email to rpc@clintonrpc.org is fine).

Funds Available
RPC has some funding available through the newly-developed Emergency Home Repair Funds. Several local businesses donated money toward this fund to provide up to $300 for emergency, unaffordable expenses needed in qualified low-income homes. Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to, frozen pipes, septic, electrical or plumbing issues.

We created this fund to assist homeowners in our service area of Clinton County when we do not have other funding available.

Seek Contractors
We continue to seek qualified contractor applications for the rehab work we will perform, once any funding is approved. To help with this effort, RPC will hold RRP training in December (for lead safe work practices).

If there is enough interest after the December training, we may hold training in January or February, so please contact the office, if interested.

Find Us on Facebook
Please join our Facebook group page Rural Preservation Company of Clinton County (RPC), as we continue to preserve our rural communities.

We have thanked businesses that have contributed toward our Emergency Home Repair Fund on this page and you can also keep updated on the funding applications.

Happy New Year,
Town of Saranac!
**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Clinton County**

By Jolene Wallace

*Consumer Horticulture Program Educator*

**Upcoming Workshops**

**Saturday, January 19, from 10:00 am till noon**, we will be holding a workshop at our Plattsburgh office on *Winter Care of Houseplants and Growing Herbs Indoors*. Cold weather, lack of light, too much water, or pests can take a toll on our houseplants. Come learn how to give them the winter care they need to thrive. Is your houseplant having a problem? Bring it with you! Fresh herbs can be grown on a sunny windowsill for use during the cold months, or dried to be stored for future use. Bring your questions or share your experiences.

**Saturday, February 16, from 10:00 till noon** the theme of our monthly workshop will be *Bringing Nature Home*. There has been a significant decrease in insect populations in the world. Lack of habitat adequate to provide food and shelter means fewer pollinators. One of the ways we can do our part is by using native plants. Join us for this informative and interesting workshop on insects and plants and share your ideas with us. **Pre-registration** is required and there is a **$5 fee** for this workshop. Contact **Jolene at jmw442@cornell** for more information or call the office at **518 561-7450**.

**Message from Amy Ivy**

After 31 and a half years with CCE I’ve decided to retire; January 4, 2019 will be my last day. My grandchildren and children in Austin are calling and I have a million projects at home to work on, as well. Maybe someday my gardens will be lush and well-weeded!

It’s been wonderful to work in so many different programs and capacities in both Clinton and Essex Counties over these many years. I began in Essex County in 1987 and added Clinton County in 1998. One of the things I have loved the most, in addition to all the people I’ve met, is how much I have learned, and continue to learn! There are always new discoveries, new varieties, and new ways of doing things. I feel so fortunate to have found a job I loved so much.

Thank you to all my co-workers and the fabulous Master Gardener Volunteers I’ve gotten to know and work with. And special thanks to **Jolene Wallace**, who has kept our horticulture program thriving. Happy gardening, everyone!!

Amy with her grandchildren, Theo and baby Laurel

**2018 Wrap-Up**

Our Clinton County Master Gardener Volunteers contributed close to **2,500 hours** of their time to work with residents from pre-school age to advanced age. Our **hands-on programming, off-the-ground raised beds, and grow lights** are helping folks to help themselves to fresh, healthy foods. Each year we try to expand our programming, which is at no cost with the exception of inexpensive workshops, to help you to garden efficiently while protecting our environment. If you have a plant or insect question or need an identification, bring it to our Plattsburgh office or contact **Jolene Wallace at 518 561-7450 or email at jmw442@cornell.edu**.
IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN ... TAX TIME

By Mark White
Saranac Town Tax Collector

I will collect Property Taxes from January 1 through April 30, 2019, at which time unpaid taxes are returned to the Clinton County Treasurer for collection.

Taxes may be paid by mail and sent to:
Mark White, Tax Collector
P.O. Box 183
Saranac, NY 12981

Taxes may be paid in person at my home at 3492 Rt. 3, Saranac.

Tax Collection Hours are as follows:

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For more information, you may call me at 518-293-6427.
Information online will be available at egov.basny.com/saranac

5TH ANNUAL NORTHERN ADIRONDACK DELTA WATERFOWL BANQUET

Saturday, February 9, 2019
5:00 pm
Rainbow Banquet Hall
47 Woods Falls Road
Altona, NY 12910

Come join us for a great evening with good people, excellent food, and lots of great items and prizes!
For more information, contact Josh Eggleston at 518-802-0580 or joshegg@yahoo.com
A Time Of Reflection

By Nick Carter
Town Supervisor

I write this as our country says good bye to one of the greatest of our generation, and who also happens to be the 41st President of the United States of America. For me, this is a day to reflect, so I will begin with a look back at 2018. I begin with the ten goals I set for myself last January.

1) Advance Broadband. Thanks to financial support from the State, there has been progress. Broadband is slowly expanding. This is a very important issue that still needs work and is still on my Goals list.

2) Reorganization of Water Districts. Like Broadband, more research and work are required.

3) LED Conversion. No progress to report.

4) Standish Water District Upgrade. This is approximately 80% complete. Hopefully, it will be up and running in the next two months.

5) County Wide Shared Services. This project is complete.

6) Dashnaw Bridge. Finally, with help from the State, the Town will be able to replace the bridge. Thank you, Bridge New York.

7) Records Inventory and Upgraded Storage Room. This project is complete.

8) Park and Pool Upgrade. Much progress has been made, with continued support by Jerry Delaney and Assemblyman Billy Jones.

9) Review the Town’s Comprehensive Plan. This item is on hold.

10) Update Town Policies and Procedures. This will be a project for 2019.

I feel like just a little over half of my goals have been met. I am either setting too many goals or the part-time position I fill should be full-time.

This is also a time to count blessings. I will start by embarrassing my secretary, Patty LaMora is, by far, one of the best employees I have had the pleasure of working with. I can depend on her to keep me moving forward on Town business and reminding me of appointments, while doing her best to keep my mistakes to a minimum. This Town is blessed to have her.

Our Town maintenance guru, Rick St. Louis, just simply goes about his work keeping the Town Offices neat and clean, not to mention mowing, plowing, keeping heating and plumbing working, along with all the other “little projects I come up with”.

Saranac is blessed with a dedicated, hard-working Highway Crew... They are on the front line keeping roads clear and maintained. As I write this, the Highway Department is looking for additional manpower. Contact Jim Waldron, Highway Superintendent, at 518-293-7707.

Thank you all, (including the volunteers) who keep the Town government functioning. It is a pleasure to be a small part of Saranac’s hard-working work force.

Issue Updates:
The towns of Black Brook, Dannemora, and Saranac are working to develop a plan to provide Emergency Medical Services to our area, as the village of Dannemora and The Saranac Fire Department will no longer provide EMS after 2019. This is a complicated issue and will require many meetings and professional support. This is why we are beginning work now. Our overall goal is to provide our towns with quality EMS service at a reasonable rate. Many more updates to follow.

The State DOT is continuing to drill new wells for the contaminated wells along Route 3 at Moffitsville.

We are going to request bids to replace the aging roof on the old Town Garage. The roof suffered extensive damage from wind last summer.

We are continuing work at the old Fire House to convert it into a larger work space for the Maintenance Department and give the Picketts Corners Park additional space.

Finally, I invite everyone to come to a Town Board meeting. The 2019 meeting dates will be on the web site. Thank you all for your support. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Supervisor.
Area 6 News

By Patty Waldron
Area 6 County Legislator

The newly-expanded Plattsburgh International Airport is now open and ready for business. Concessions include a retail space for Taste of New York, and the Rendezvous Restaurant.

Seats are filling up on the Skywest (United Airlines) flights to Dulles. We are actively engaged in marketing for International flights to choose our airport for flights out of the country.

I would also like to thank United Airlines for continuing the Honor Flights for our veterans.

Sales tax has exceeded projections again this year, so we will remain within the tax cap, securing a healthy budget. Many thanks to our wonderful Department Heads in Clinton County, as well.

Closer to home, the High Banks Bridge is now open and the Cold Brook Bridge is due to be completed by the time winter fully kicks in. I would like to thank my fellow legislators for their understanding of the challenges of rural travel and detours that hinder emergency calls.

I will continue to work in a bi-partisan manner so that our District and the County can move forward in a positive direction.

Thank you all for your continued support. Feel free to contact me at Koffekat13@live.com or 518-645-4687.