

January 2020

The Town Crier

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By Laura Lacey Curler
Executive Director
RPC of Clinton County, Inc.



The Saranac CDBG Home Rehab Project has four projects underway. Disbursements to contractors and RPC have begun. Our plans for the winter are to continue with work scopes and line up work for spring/summer 2020. Our deadline to complete the CDBG project is January 25, 2021.

The Saranac HOME project also has four projects underway. We are under the first file review at this time, which means RPC will have that file complete for construction to begin and then the next three will have the green light to proceed shortly after. The deadline for the HOME project is May 23, 2021.

The Clinton County Access to Home grant has two projects under construction, two are close to being awarded, and another three not far behind. These funds are providing accessibility improvements to people with disabilities. We have most, if not all, of the funds allocated, with a deadline for this project of May 23, 2021.

A Saranac AHC (Affordable Housing Corporation) home rehab application is under review. The purpose of this grant is to complete the last qualified homes in the Town of Saranac (\$800,000 CDBG and Home grant are not enough). I now realize that every step of these processes is lengthy and complicated. It has been explained to me that (referring to submitted AHC grant) once our application gets through the first round, it is reviewed by NYS Construction Team, OEOPD (Office of Economic Opportunity and Partnership Development), and the legal department, including background searches. If the application survives these processes, it will be presented to the Credit Committee. If approved, the project is presented to the NYS Board for funding approval (January is the earliest we can possibly hear). If approved by the Board, we will go to contract (another 3- or 4-month process) before jobs go out to bid. If funded, we will begin planning to allocate AHC funds for the 2021 construction season for the remaining homes in Saranac (that qualify for rehab work).

We have also submitted a RESTORE grant, which would assist Clinton County homeowners with emergency home repairs. We likely will not hear about this award until late winter. In the meantime, we have, and will continue to use, **Emergency Home Repair Funds, donated by local businesses and foundations.** The objective of this fund is to make small, urgent repairs that will last until we can use RESTORE funds.

RPC has a **database** now, with a **waitlist** of those with housing needs that do not fall into grants currently awarded. It is never too late to get on our wait list and get on **Friends of the North Country's** waitlist. They can be reached at **518-293-5045**. Together, both rural preservation companies are attempting to address Clinton County housing needs. **Waitlists prove the need** for grants to be awarded in our county. However, please understand the very lengthy process it takes from a homeowner's application to completed work.

RPC, 48 Ganong Drive, is open Monday-Friday 8:00-3:00, or after 3:00 by appointment
Call 518-293-7569, email laura@clintonrpc.org, or visit clintonrpc.org.

Town Officials

Assessor: Steve Petrashune
Jan. 1, 2020 Vasso LaForest
518 - 293 - 6666, ext. 6

Budget Officer: TBA
518 - 293 - 6666, ext. 2

Code Enforcement Officer:
Todd Perry
518 - 293 - 6666, ext. 5

Court Clerk:
Carol Plumadore
518 - 293 - 8082

Dog Control Officer:
Mark Plumadore
518 - 293 - 6666, ext. 8

Highway Superintendent:
James Waldron
518 - 293 - 7707

Legislator: Patty Waldron
518 - 645 - 4687

**Picketts Corners Park
Manager and Recreation
Leader**
Cullen Coryer, Jaki Carter
518 - 293 - 6666, ext. 9
Pool: 519 - 293 - 7387

Program for the Elderly:
Betty Tedford
518 - 293 - 6666, ext. 4

Secretary to Supervisor:
TBA
518 - 293 - 6666, ext. 2

Tax Collector: Mark White
518 - 293 - 6427

Town Clerk: Mary Bell
518 - 293 - 6666, ext. 3

Town Council:
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Tracy Eggleston
518 - 293 - 7247

Jim Facticeau
518 - 570 - 8854

Michele Petrashune
518 - 726 - 0397

Town Historian: Jan Couture
518 - 293 - 8251

Town Justices:
Renee M. Drollette
Karen Waldron - Munson
518 - 293 - 8082

Town Supervisor: Tim Napper
518 - 293 - 6666, ext. 1

NEWS FROM DANCE IN THE RAIN HEALING WITH MISS SUE

Chakradance self-healing dance meditation classes are offered this winter.

Wednesdays
3:45- 5:15 pm
Saranac Town Hall
Ages 8 and older
\$15 per person

Please email me, **Sue Delamarter**, at **Danceintherainhealing@gmail.com** or text **518-897-6148** at least one day ahead of time so I have the correct number of handouts and equipment.

Inamojo chakradance is storytelling and dance for children under the age of 8 and helps children learn self-regulation, self-acceptance, love, and how to breathe through anxiety and frustration.

Mondays
3:15-4:15 pm
Saranac Town Hall
\$5 per child

Please Note:

Classes only run while Saranac School District is in session.

If a Snow Day comes about, class will be cancelled.

You can be added to a mailing list and you can join my **Facebook** page, **Danceintherainhealing**, to keep up on the schedule.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By **Michele Petrashune**
Town Councilwoman

Water District Update

The **Standish Water District** upgrade is complete and has been operating for the last several months. The new facility is **highly technical** with **automated equipment** to monitor water levels, chlorine residual, power outages and low water levels.



The **auto dialer** will notify water operators and me when a problem arises so the problem can be **corrected immediately**.

The Town Board approved a resolution to **apply for grant funding** to upgrade the Redford Water District in the fall of 2019; we are waiting for the grant announcement to see if our application was successful.

The **Saranac Water District** had some repairs completed in the fall; at this time we don't have plans for any additional projects.

Advisory Board

I am still looking for **volunteers to serve as an Advisory Board** for Standish and Saranac Water Districts. Please reach out to me if you are interested in serving.

Reminder

With winter upon us, **please drive safely**. Don't crowd the plows and allow extra time to reach your destination

Thank You

Patti Lamora is retiring after 36+ years of service. On behalf of the Town, I would like to recognize Patti and wish her a well-deserved retirement.

Open Meetings

I encourage you to come and see what is going on in your town. All meetings are open to the public and are generally the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Exact date and times are posted on the Town sign board before each meeting and the Town Website at www.townof saranac.com.

CORRECTION:

In a story on **page 5** in the **October, 2019** issue of The Town Crier, I identified the news regarding **Jenny Monty's 18 years of service for RPC of Clinton County** as a *Recent Retirement*. The correct heading is **Recent Resignation**.

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IT'S TAX TIME MARK WHITE

I would like to thank everyone for your support on Election Day. It has been my privilege to serve as your Tax Collector for the **past 12 years** and look forward to working with you in my next term.

Payments

As in years past, payments may be mailed to me at **P.O. Box 183, Saranac, NY 12981** or paid **in person at my home, 3492 Rt. 3, Saranac, NY.**

If you have questions, I can be reached at **518-293-6427.**

Collection Hours

January

Monday 10am - 8pm
Wednesday 7pm - 9pm
Saturday 3pm - 6pm

February, March, April

Wednesday 6pm - 9pm
or by appointment

DFL "COFFEE, CHOCOLATE, AND CHAT" RETURNS

By **Elaine Rice**
Dannemora Free Library

On **Craft Fair Saturday** mid-November, Dannemora Free Library opened its doors, allowing a number of young people with their adult shoppers to stop by, spend a few minutes being creative, receive a tote bag, and select a free book.

Also in November, the library **Board of Trustees** received notification that DFL has been **awarded a NYS Construction Grant**, which will **"merge literacy and play."** A new door will allow patrons visiting the playground/ball field to access the library directly from that side of the building, rather than through the front door of the Community Center. Plans are under way, with the project to be completed this summer.

Planning for 2020 activities includes the **Summer Reading Program**, focusing on the theme **"Imagine Your Story."** From early **July to mid-August**, those **Monday** sessions will take place.

On **January 16**, **Coffee, Chocolate and Chat** will feature a presentation on the **Olympics**, this being the **40th anniversary of the Lake Placid Winter Games.** On **February 20**, **Oksana Wynn** will share her expertise about **technology**, possibly answering some questions you might have regarding any new tech gifts you have received. On **March 19**, **Melissa Erhardt** will offer **tips about canning**, including both **water bath and pressure canning**, and on **April 16**, a **Master Gardener** will get us ready for spring planting. All of these informative evening sessions **begin at 6 p.m.** and are **open to all area residents.**

The Dannemora Free Library Book Club meets the **first Tuesday** of the month at **7 p.m.** The book to be discussed on **January 7** is ***Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*** by **Gail Honeyman** and on **February 4**, ***The Rules of Civility*** by **Amor Towles.** If you like to read and then chat about a book, don't hesitate to stop by. Everyone is welcome.

OPEN SKATING AT THE TOWN HALL

Looking for an outdoor activity this winter? With the hard work of **Rick St. Louis**, the **Town of Saranac** will once again have a skating rink, located behind the **Town Hall**, under the **pavilion**. The rink is **open all day**. If you go **after dark**, there's a **light switch on the post**. Please make sure to **shut it off when you leave**.

Use of this facility is **at your own risk**. Users are strongly urged to **wear protective gear**. Please skate in control and be **considerate of others**. **No hockey sticks or pucks are allowed on the ice rink**. **Obey signs if the rink is closed due to weather or ice conditions.**



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THE NEW LAND TRUST

236 Plumadore Road
Saranac, NY.

A New Woodshed

Thanks to **John Tedford**, we will have wood storage next to the Clubhouse on the left side. And thanks to **Tony Quinn and his crew** for stacking fire wood for the woodstove.

New Website

With deep gratitude for Meg Risley's talents, we are now at www.thenewlandtrust.org Find events, updates, photos, and the new printable map.

8th Annual 5K/10K Cock-A-Doodle-Shoe

Snowshoe Race

& 6th Annual Kids

Snowshoe Scramble ½m.

Sunday, January 19th

Pre-Register at:

cockadoodleshoe.com

Open to all abilities.

Clubhouse Chili Fest

February 15th

Food Noon-3:00

Bring your favorite chili, cornbread or dessert to share--Ski, snowshoe, and socialize.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hal Moore Gregg Dahlen

Taylor DeFayette

Libby Yokum Meg Risley*

Don Layman* Cathryn Clark*

Joe Licari- Consultant

Paul Herbold-Consultant

After Dark Policy:

The NLT is open from dawn to dusk. For night visiting or overnight outdoor camping, contact **Hal Moore**
518-570-5375.

NO camping allowed in the Clubhouse.

CCE OF CLINTON COUNTY

By Jolene Wallace

You wouldn't think it would be too busy here at the Extension office at this time of year, but you would be mistaken. While it's true that not many of you are coming in or calling about plants, insects, trees, etc., we are honing our skills to be able to provide the most **up-to-date answers or solutions** when you need us.

Behind the scenes, **Master Gardener Volunteers** and I are working on our **winter workshop schedule**. This worked out well last winter, so we are **choosing topics** for winter/early spring we have not ever covered, have not covered in a while, or you have shown interest in or suggested to us.



On our list so far are **GMOs** and **Climate Change**. It seems there is a lot of misinformation about these two topics that should be set right. We also will be offering **Gardening 101** for both new and experienced gardeners who would like a refresher and the newest information, **Organic Gardening**, and others.

Last year our Master Gardener Volunteers put more than **2,192 hours** of their time into bringing programs, gardening



information, age-appropriate projects for children, working at schools, senior living facilities, and just about everywhere in the county you can imagine. They do it because they love it. They are an awesome group.

If you have **suggestions** for programs you would like to see us do, or think there's something we're missing, please let me know. I can be reached at **jmw442@cornell.edu** or **518 561-7450.**



Lettuce grown under grow lights in a classroom.

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**

DANNEMORA MUSEUM

40 Emmons Street

Colleen and Larry Seney

Open by Appointment
518-492-7000

May - October
First Saturday
10 - 2

NORTH COUNTRY REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER

8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Monday - Friday

518 - 562 - 7406

85 Plaza Boulevard
Plattsburgh, NY

Walk-ins Welcome!

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SAVE THE DATES:

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

Organizational Meeting
Monday, January 6.

Regular Board meetings at the Town Hall begin at 7:00 pm and are open to the public.

Monday, January 27
Monday, February 24
Monday, March 23
(Dates may change)

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, January 1
Town Office Closed

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Monday, January 20
Town Office Closed

GROUNDHOG DAY

Sunday, February 2

VALENTINE'S DAY

Friday, February 14

PRESIDENTS DAY

Monday, February 17
Town Office Closed

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Sunday, March 8

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Tuesday, March 17

SPRING BEGINS

Friday, March 20

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS— THE CENSUS IS COMING!

By Jan Couture
NYS Registered Historian
saranachistorian@yahoo.com
518-293-8251



THE CENSUS IS COMING... BUT NOT UNTIL 2022! Yes, it's true you and I will not be able to see the actual information collected until 2022. The 'Manuscript' Census is kept from the public for 72 years to protect the privacy of the people listed. 2022 will see the release of the 1950 Census.

We know the reason for the Census is to aid in voting, school funding, taxing, population distribution and many other uses. The Census is a gold mine for those interested in numbers and statistics.

Historians eat up this information, too. What do historians do with the information? We find all sorts of things that give us a glimpse into a virtual time machine. Saranac's first Census was in 1830 and you can find many things about your town by studying the data. I've discovered that Pulp Hill Road is recorded as Pulp Hill Road in the 1940 Census. Using the Occupation tab, it was easy to locate where bloomers lived during the 1870-1880 period. Seeing how families spread from a single homestead to several neighboring farms over the course of 20 or 30 years helps

with tracing movements and growth of families. Various names listed for the Census for the Standish area are many who still live there today. The hardest thing to decipher is the handwriting. Some enumerators had horrible handwriting and others were precise.

With so many of our residents coming from French Canada, the spelling of the names is sometimes problematic. It wasn't until 1930 the name Durocher appears as we know it. Derusia, Derusha, Duroce, Demsha, Durosha, and Duroche all appeared throughout the years.

There is so much to learn from the last 23 Census reports. The question remains: What will the reports look like in 2022 when historians get a glimpse into a window of our 2020 lives. To see the Census from 1790 to 1940, you can use ancestry.com, which is available for free in many libraries. Also free is www.familysearch.org. For a free guide to Census records and hints, go to www.archives.gov/files/research/census/



OUTBACKRIDERS ATV CLUB

Monthly meetings are held every second Monday
Year Round
7:00 pm
Clinton County
Fairgrounds
Fish and Game Building

Membership is open to the public
Please Call Al Chapple,
Club President,
For More Information

518 - 566 - 9571
Visit our website at
Outbackridersinc.org

UPDATING OUR MAILING LIST

If your name or address needs to be corrected or you know of a neighbor or friend who did not receive a copy and would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact the Town Supervisor or Town Crier Editor.

SUBMITTING STORIES TO THIS PUBLICATION

If you have a photograph, poem, short story, event announcement, or matter that affects residents you would like to see published in *The Town Crier*, please send your material to:
Nancy Dow
ndow4934@yahoo.com
or call (518) 492-7064

A MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING TOWN SUPERVISOR

TOWN OF SARANAC COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER AND FOOD PANTY

Cindy Waldron
JCEO Outreach Worker

3668 Route 3

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

518 - 293 - 6661

<http://www.jceo.org>

Volunteers are Welcome
Donations Accepted

All Services are
Confidential

Home Energy Assistance
Program (HEAP) is
offered to income-eligible
households. Applications
for Regular and
Emergency assistance
are accepted.

SARANAC GENEROSITY GROUP

Cheryl Wiley

Saranac, Dannemora,
Redford, Cadyville

A place where residents
can give and receive.
Find us on Facebook

Hi, I'm **Tim Napper**, the new **Town Supervisor**. As many of you already know, I've run our **family logging and farming business** for a very long time. I've lived in Saranac all my life and my genealogy-buff daughter has our local roots traced back to before the War of 1812. My wife, **Barbara**, and I live on **Burnt Hill** where we raised our three daughters.

My formal training is in **Management and Economics**, so along with my **business experience**, I can hopefully do a good job performing the Supervisor's duties.

I have spent a considerable amount of time in the last half of 2019 **familiarizing myself** with the workings of the Town; I have attended Board Meetings, Work Sessions, Assessor candidate interviews, hearings, as well as spending time with **Nick Carter**. The **Town Board** has been very welcoming of my participation and Nick could not have been more helpful.

As we move forward, in addition to the Town's everyday affairs, we have a lot going on. In 2020

we expect to go to bid on the **Square Dashnaw Road Bridge**. Hopefully, we will be able to complete the project in the mandated time frame of June to October. Although it's a very expensive project, it is mostly covered by grants. The bridge was the least cost method for the Town.

We will also continue to plan for the 2021 construction of the **Sand and Salt Storage Building**. A \$500,000 grant will go a long way toward this project.

Other major projects include the **Town Park** and the **Town Green**. Grant funding, especially the \$125,000 **Assemblyman Billy Jones** secured, will allow us to make some important improvements.

As we move forward, it is important to keep our town the type of place we want. We have been fortunate to have many dedicated people working toward that end.

In closing, remember we need the input and help of all our residents. If you have a concern or observation, do not hesitate to bring it to our attention.

SARANAC VALLEY HOUSING

56 McCutcheon
Lane 518 - 293 - 8518

Karen Racette,
Site Manager

Website:
svh@clintonrpc.org

SARANAC BOOK CLUB

Gina Doty
518-293-1355
dotygl@charter.net

September - June
Saranac High Library
Third Wednesday
7:00 - 9:00 pm

January 2020:

One
by Nora Roberts

February 2020:

*When Breath
Becomes Air*
by Paul Kalanithi

March 2020:

Fahrenheit 451
by Ray Bradbury

We are in our 21st year!

New members welcome!

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SARANAC DOG CONTROL OFFICER

MARK PLUMADORE

All dog calls must go through **Town of Saranac**

Voicemail

518 - 293 - 6666

Extension #8

When leaving a message , PLEASE leave your **name**, **phone number**, any **address relating to the issue**, as **detailed a message as possible**, the **date** and **time** of your call. I continue to receive messages with **no name, no phone number, or no address**. These calls will NOT be acted on, as there is no contact information.

Messages are checked

twice daily,

Monday through Friday.

Missing Dog

If your dog is missing or you pick up a stray, aside from leaving a message on the voicemail, we are finding that **posting a photo on Facebook** has helped get owners and their pets reunited, so please get the word out there so we can get these dogs home.

Please Note

State Law requires all dogs 4 months of age or older **MUST** be licensed in the Town of Saranac with the Town Clerk.

Outside Dogs

If you have dogs who stay outside, please make sure they have **adequate shelter, fresh food, and water every day.**

A TIME OF TRANSITION

Dear Town residents,

I cannot believe this will be my last Supervisor's Report. I want to **thank everyone who has helped me** these past four years. This is not an ending; it is a new beginning. Thank you, Saranac, for this chance to serve; it was a great learning experience.

2019 was a very productive year. The **Standish Water District Upgrade** is complete and online. The Town of Saranac has one of the most modern water distribution systems in Clinton County.

Rural Preservation Corporation, the Town's partner for the **Community Development Black Grant**, has begun rehabilitation of two homes in the town, with more projects in the pipe line.

With New York State Department of Transportation assistance, **Square Dashnaw Bridge** will be put out to bid in early 2020. This project should be complete in late fall of 2020.

I am leaving the new Supervisor with a few projects to complete:

1. A shade pavilion at the pool, with assistance from **Bill Jones and DASNY**.
2. In partnership with the **CVPH Foundation**, improvements to the **Town Green on McCutcheon Lane**, including a side walk and fencing along Route 3.

3. With a grant from the **State Comptroller Office**, work begins on the Salt Storage Facility at the Town Garage.

4. Upgrading our computer systems to comply with 21st Century security requirements.

I know I am leaving the Supervisor's Office in very capable hands. I wish **Tim** well; if he has any questions, he has my number. I will check in with him on occasion, just as **Joe Gerardi** did with me in my first year.

I am not the only one who is making a transition this year. **Steve Petrashune**, our Assessor has also elected to retire, effective December 31st. Steve will be missed, but has assured me that until he hits the lottery, he will be close by.

Patti LaMora, who was hired by **Ken Davies**, has also decided to spend more time with her grandson. She will retire, effective December 18th. I was privileged to work with Patti these last four years and I know her shoes will be hard to fill.

Good luck to both these dedicated, hardworking people. You will be missed.

Outgoing Saranac Town Supervisor,
Nick Carter
(retired, again)

TOWN CLERK MARY BELL

- **Notary Public**

At no cost, Town residents may get documents notarized.

- **Marriage License**

Couples planning to marry may contact the Town Clerk to set up an appointment.

- **Dog License Renewal**

All dog license renewals are mailed at the beginning of each month. Owners have until the end of the month to pay in full. Please return the renewal by mail, or stop by the office during posted hours.

- **Hunting/Fishing License**

Visit Adirondack Archery to purchase hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses.

- **Payment Options**

Cash, check, money order, or credit cards, including American Express, Master Card, Visa, Discover, and Debit, are accepted (a small fee will apply)

Office Hours

**9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Monday - Thursday**

518 - 293 - 6666, ext. 3

MOUNTAIN LIONS SNOWSLED CLUB

We operate and maintain the trail system from Dannemora to Standish.

Seasonal Monthly Meetings
The first Thursday
7:00 pm
Saranac Town Hall

Call Dennis Del Grosso
Club President
518 - 726 - 6650
For More Information

RURAL PRESERVATION COMPANY OF CLINTON COUNTY

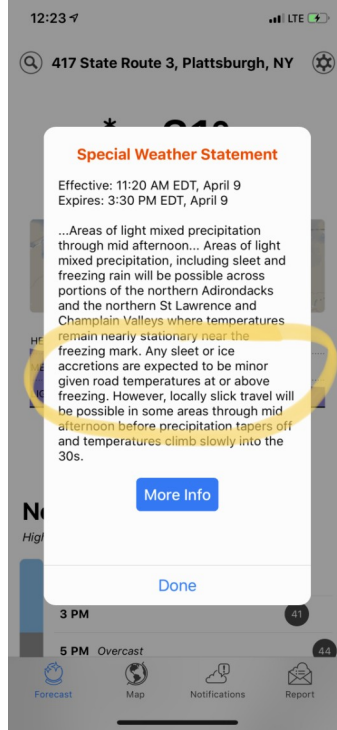
(518) 293-7569
Laura Lacey Curler
Executive Director

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DANNEMORA FREE LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday 11:00 - 4:00
Tuesday 2:30 - 8:00
Wednesday 11:00 - 4:00
Thursday 2:30 - 8:00
FREE WiFi available when the building is open.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE



April 9th, 2019, a 25-year-old woman encountered BLACK ICE 1/4 mile from her home after leaving for work.



Extreme frost heaves had added to icy conditions and the result was captured in the picture above. Thankfully, she had no injuries. An eye witness watched the entire event from less than 100 feet away, having stopped to call his own daughter to warn her of the extremely icy conditions. New winter snow

tires were a help, but one bad day was all it took for her first new car to end up totaled.

As winter is definitely upon us, and with roads staying nasty and temperatures heading lower and lower, we will again be offering a warm and friendly money-saving **Safe Driving Course at the Saranac Town Hall, Saturday, January 11th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, for a low cost of \$29.**

This course is for more than just new drivers or drivers with high insurance cost or a ticket or two. These classes are for everyone who drives, as we can all benefit. In this **New York State (PIRP) Points and Insurance Reduction Program** class, all attendees receive **10% off** Collision, No-Fault and

Driver safety classes are meant to accomplish insurance cost reduction and Driver's License point reductions, as well as staying up-to-date on the latest rules, regulations, and vehicle and traffic laws. We sincerely



hope they also encourage good driving behavior and safe practices all year long. We share the roads with many others and we want to promote respect and safety for all drivers

At just \$29, this is the best possible price in our area, as local high schools and colleges are charging up to \$45.00, so consider taking advantage of this Reduced-Price Department of Motor Vehicles monitored 6- hour Defensive Driving Course. There is no need to pre-pay. Just bring your Driver's License, a pen, a bag lunch, and your payment the day of the class.

Reserve your seats now: call 518-578-9626 or email signup@additionaltraining.com

We also provide Health & Safety, as well as Firearms Safety courses throughout the North Country year-round, so check for a location near you.

Liability Auto and Motorcycle Insurance, as well as **up to a 4-Point reduction** off Driver's License DMV point total.

Classes will also be held in **Champlain and Malone** in February and March. Call for more details.

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COURT CLERK

CAROL PLUMADORE

The Court is open on Monday evenings ONLY, excluding holidays or any family emergency that may arise. There is always a sign on the door advising of the closure and scheduled return date. In the case of bad weather, it is best to not venture out on the roads, so please call and leave a message and the Clerk will call you back with a new appearance date. If you have an attorney, you MUST contact him/her.

The Clerk is at court on Monday's ONLY, beginning at 2:00 pm, to collect fines and provide general information. Court begins at 5:00 pm unless you are otherwise advised by the Judge or Clerk. We have no set closing time. After everyone on our calendar has appeared or contacted the Court, we clear up our paperwork and close for the evening. It is best to come early, rather than later.

• Court Phone

518 - 293 - 8082

• Fax Number

518 - 293 - 7706

• Email

cplumadore@nycourts.gov

Or

cplumadore@

townofsaranac.com

NEWS FROM MOUNTAIN LIONS SNOWSLED

The Mountain Lions SnowSled Club has been extremely busy preparing the local trails for the upcoming snow season. Some clearing of downed trees has been accomplished on the main trail C8A (railbed from Dannemora to Lyon Mountain), but the most extensive work has been on our two secondary trails.

Our S88A trail, from Lyon Mountain to the Owlout Bar and Grill has had its upper half between Lyon Mountain and lower Sunset Road extensively widened and a complete new bridge installed. This project took MANY man hours and was greatly aided by the participation of numerous local individuals. The leader of this project, **John McKinney**, was instrumental in coordinating personnel, material, and equipment. The end result is a trail that can now be groomed by our large -size tracked snow groomer and should significantly improve riding conditions at least as far as Sunset road. Next year and beyond, we hope to improve or even relocate the trail beyond lower Sunset to move away from riding alongside Rt. 374.

LOOKING DOWNHILL FROM RAILROAD BED TO BADGER ROAD.



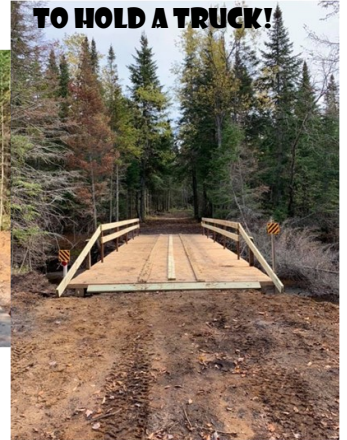
In addition to the S88A trail, the club is happy to announce the **reopening** of the S86 trail extending from **the Rail bed through central Saranac to the HiFalls Bar and Grill**. This effort involved significant work on the **Perry Family properties** to remove stumps and rocks, install gates and snow fence to constrain riders to the authorized trail, and the installation of two small bridges over a brook that is a natural spring which never freezes. We DID have one very exciting day where we thought we might lose one of our members' tractor in some very soft ground, but after several hours of digging and pulling, we were able to successfully remove it, much to the happiness of the owner!

Just as we advised the owners of Hi Falls that the trail was complete and open, we received word of a loss of property crossing authorization under the power lines along the Saranac River.

This necessitated a last minute trail reroute behind the **Draper family residence**, for which we would like to publicly thank them for allowing this access. **PLEASE REMEMBER** – when riding these trails, **you are being permitted to cross**

BRIDGE OVER SEPARATOR BROOK - STRONG ENOUGH

TO HOLD A TRUCK!



PRIVATE PROPERTY by the individual Land Owners – all it takes is one renegade operator to ride off trail, and that access can be lost – which CAN result in the trail being permanently closed! **PLEASE STAY ON THE TRAIL!!**

The work on this trail upgrade was primarily coordinated by **Wayne Del Grosso** with assistance from **Dennis Del Grosso**. Many of the club members participated, and the work spanned several months, culminating just this past week with final signage and trail markers to help delineate the trail at night. **Our thanks to all** who assisted and participated in this trail reopening effort.

Finally, on our **GRANT application** for a replacement Trail Groomer, no word has been received as of 12/8. We have been advised to expect notification SOMETIME in December – just maybe Santa will bring us a nice new, reliable Trail Groomer!

As a reminder, **our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, September through April, at 7:00pm in the Saranac Town Hall.**

Hill and Hollow Events

VILLAGE OF DANNEMORA COMMUNITY CENTER

40 Emmons Street
Dannemora, NY 12929
518 - 492 - 7000

9:00 - 4:00

Monday - Friday
Kelli Rose

Village Deputy Clerk
and

Kristina O'Neill
Director

Village Parks & Recreation

A Calendar of Events
is available at <http://www.dannemoravillage.com>
or visit our Facebook page,
Village of Dannemora

SARANAC HOLLOW JAMMERS

Tuesdays

Saranac Town Hall,
Route 3

Doors open at 6:00 pm
For An Evening of
Music and Dancing
6:30 - 9:00 pm

Admission?

A non-perishable food item,
donated to your local
Saranac Food Pantry

New People Are Welcome!

Questions?
Patricia Wolf
518- 293-7106
and
Cletus Heywood
518-563-1008

Friday, January 10, 2020
at 7:00 pm

*Babineau-Chartrand Duo
& Mélissandre*
Saranac Fire Hall, Route 3

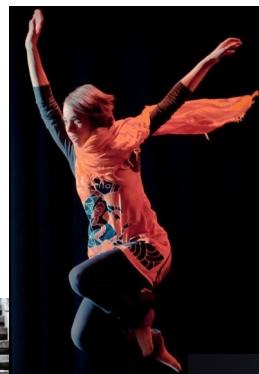
Nicolas Babineau and Alexis Chartrand celebrate the release of their new CD, "*un beau p'tit son*," which was recorded right here in Saranac. Their first recording was nominated "Best Traditional Album" at the Canadian Folk Music Awards. Both are fabulous fiddlers; Nicolas also plays guitar and Alexis does foot-percussion. Their music is traditional French-Canadian folk with a contemporary twist. Crafting their own arrangements of old tunes is a way of paying homage to legendary artists of the past who have deeply influenced Francophone culture, while it is also a great opportunity for the duo to express some very personal musical ideas and carry their culture forward. Step-dancer Mélissandre Tremblay-Bourassa offers additional virtuoso foot percussion on the new disc, and she will also be here to dance at the CD "Launch Party" performance. Recently nominated for a Grand Prix Desjardins, Mélissandre has choreographed and danced internationally with the *Cirque du Soleil*.



Friday, March 20 and
Saturday, March 21
At 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 22, 3:00 pm
*Wickmoore Jazz Trio AND
Tim Collins &
the Jensen Sisters*
Saranac Fire Hall, Route 3

A pair of the hottest names in contemporary jazz join the North Country's favorite vibes player Tim Collins for three shows. Christine Jensen on alto sax and Ingrid Jensen on trumpet appear at jazz festivals and clubs around the globe, including those of Burlington and Montreal. For over 20 years, the West Canadian sisters have shaped prolific careers, collaborating with influential names in large and small ensembles and responding to various commissions to compose for international jazz orchestras. They especially enjoy performing in the intimate setting of a quintet, combining their intuitive, sibling trust with the creativity of renowned colleagues – here with Tim



Collins on vibes, Marcos Varela on bass, and Jon Wikan on drums.

Opening each show, the Wickmoore Jazz Trio – "Saranac's own" – features another pair of siblings: Eli Moore on bass; and Nelson Moore on drums and vocals. The two brothers joined with pianist Vihan Wickramasinghe, originally from Sri Lanka, whom they met when members of SUNY Plattsburgh's Mambo Combo. Fast forward three years, the three now rip through jazz standards, funk favorites, and contemporary staples alike. They have gained a reputation throughout the North Country for providing an intimate entertainment experience in restaurants, breweries, wineries, festivals, weddings, and private functions.

For more info please call
518-293-7613 or email
hillholl@hughes.net
Visit our website:
www.hillandhollowmusic.org

Village of Dannemora Community Center

* Scheduled activities and Youth Basketball have reserved our gymnasium through March. It will not be open to the public for use until April 1.

* More details on all of our events can be found on our website at www.dannemoravillage.com or on the Village of Dannemora Community Center page on Facebook. Most of these are Facebook events, so anyone who "Likes" our page will see them regularly pop up.

Library

Jan, Feb, Mar	Story Hour	11:00am	Mondays - Library
Jan, Feb, Mar	Book Club	7:00pm	1st Tuesday
Jan, Feb, Mar	Library Board Meeting	5:30pm	2nd Tuesday
Jan, Feb, Mar	Knitting Club	6:00pm	3rd Tuesday
Jan, Feb, Mar	Coffee, Chocolate & Chat	6:00pm	3rd Thursday

Cafeteria

Jan, Feb, Mar	The Treehouse After Care Program	1:30pm	Weekdays
Jan, Feb, Mar	Village Game Night	6:00pm	1st/3rd Thursdays

Gymnasium

Dec, Jan, Feb	Youth Basketball	see calendar	Weeknights, Saturdays
Jan, Feb, Mar	Open Pickleball	4:00pm	Mondays, Fridays
Jan, Feb, Mar	Turbo Kick Class	6:30pm	Monday evenings
Jan, Feb, Mar	Pickleball Rocks!	11:00am	Tuesdays, Thursdays
Jan, Feb, Mar	Zumba Class	6:30pm	Wednesday evenings

JANUARY	1/11/20	Murder Mystery Night	5:30pm	
	1/25/20	Movie Night in the Village	5:00pm	see website for schedule
FEBRUARY	2/29/20	Movie Night in the Village	5:00 pm	see website for schedule
MARCH	3/14/20	Village Business Expo	All Day	
	3/28/20	Movie Night in the Village	5:00 pm	see website for schedule

UPDATE FOR PARK AND RECREATION

By Jaki Carter and Cullen Coryer
Recreation Leader and Park Manager

With winter upon us, we think fondly of fall and warmer weather. In our last update, we mentioned all of our coaches and humans who make our program possible, but many thanks again. **Basketball** is in full swing, with games beginning **January 4th**. We are always grateful for our relationship with **Saranac Central School District**, who allow us to utilize gymnasium space to house our town teams! Without the cooperation and hard work of folks like **Mr. Brent Denis**, Athletic Director, our programs would not run as they do.

We also think back to the incredible show of community we were able to witness during the early weeks of October; **Saranac Soccer Programs Senior Night**. We were able to show up in droves to help **honor our own local north country veterans** as the girls' and boys' teams both dedicated their senior night to **raising money** for this cause. (FYI: the two programs combined to raise enough money to fund an **ENTIRE HONOR FLIGHT!**) Thank you to all the parents and coaches who supported this endeavor.

Looking ahead, we are already making plans for a busy **baseball** and **softball** season...look for **sign-ups** on the **Town website**, as well as the **Recreation Facebook page** in **February!**

We are actively making summer plans to expand Fitness in the Park, with the addition of a week of **beginner volleyball clinics** and a weeklong **introduction to tennis**. As always, we welcome any and all ideas for new and improved programming to keep our residents active and healthy. Hoping you all had a fabulous holiday season, filled with love, laughter, family and friends.

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2020 Continuing Education Courses Saranac Central School District

Please visit <http://www.saranac.org/home/adult-continuing-education> for more information, other upcoming offerings, and registration form. Pre-registration is required 1 week prior to the course start.

Moove and Groove Fitness with *Sandie Rock*

Mondays and Thursdays, Jan 13-March 12
Saranac Elementary School Small Gym

6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: \$50 for series

World Cooking-Pierogi with *Kristof Hertel*

Tuesday, February 11
Saranac Middle School Room 131

5:30-8:00 pm
Cost: \$40

Natural Dyeing and Block Printing with *Elizabeth Girard*

Fridays, March 6, 13
Morrisonville Elementary Cafeteria

5:30-7:30 pm
Cost: \$40 for series, plus \$ 15 materials fee paid to the instructor

Inamojo for children ages 5-10 years with *Sue Delamarter*

Tuesdays, March 13-May 5
Saranac Elementary Library

3:15-4:15 pm
Cost: \$50 for series

Chakradance with *Sue Delamarter*

Tuesdays, March 13-May 5
Saranac Elementary Library

5:15-6:45 pm
Cost: \$130 for series

Aroma Yoga with *Michelle Doorey*

Mondays, March 23, 30, April 6
Morrisonville Elementary School Gym

7:00-8:15 pm
Cost: \$35 for series