

January 2024

Town Officials

Assessor: Dave Galarneau
518 - 293 - 6666, Ext. 6

Budget Officer: Tim Napper
518 - 293 - 6666, Ext. 2

Code Enforcement Officer:
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Court Clerk:
Carol Plumadore
518 - 293 - 8082

Dog Control Officer:
Vacant
518 - 293 - 6666, Ext. 8

Highway Superintendent:
Steve McKenzie
518 - 293 - 7707

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Manager and
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Jaki Carter
518 - 304 - 3064

Program for the Elderly:
518 - 293 - 6666, Ext. 4

Secretary to Supervisor:
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Town Council:
Conner Perry
518 - 219 - 2065
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Town Historian:
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518 - 572 - 6201

Town Justices:
Perry J Lawton
James E. Facticeau
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Town Supervisor:
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The Town Crier

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SEASONAL CHANGE BRINGS TIME TO OBSERVE

Jolene Wallace, Horticulture Program Coordinator
Cornell Cooperative Extension

Now that the deciduous trees have dropped their leaves, with the exception of oaks, which hang on for a long time, it's easier to see any problems with the trunk or bark. You may also observe **dead limbs**. If so, you may want to **remove them before winter begins in earnest**, especially if they are near your roof, driveway, or other potentially damaging location should they come down.

I find it interesting to **look for bird nests** that aren't visible when the tree is wearing it's leaves. A naked tree makes it easier to see the branches; you may be surprised to notice nests you had no idea were present. Most nests will be located in the crotch of the tree. Some are hanging from a branch. Birds are particular about where they lay eggs and raise their young. Take photos of what you find and **try to identify the bird that built it**. Better yet, check back in the spring and see who's using it.



Northern Cardinal Nest

Many birds return to the nest they used the year before. We have a nest in our birch tree originally built by robins, but in subsequent years has been used by mourning doves. They tidy it up before laying their eggs and each year we usually see two babies inside.

If you see a **hummingbird nest**, consider yourself lucky. They are very tiny: two inches by two inches and one-inch-deep, and are usually **rebuilt each year with spider web, dandelion fluff, moss, and lichen**.



Ruby-throated Hummingbird Nest

Experts say hanging a nest for hummingbirds is unlikely to be used by hummers, although other small birds may move in.

A mass of leaves, grass, and twigs in the crotch of a tree is most likely a **grey squirrel nest**. Better in your tree than your attic!



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NEWS FROM TOWN SUPERVISOR NAPPER

A new year is often a time of reflection. Time passes quickly.

Our Gratitude For Your Service

Five people having substantial careers helping our town will no longer be in their roles in 2024. Collectively they have **over 100 years of service.**

Highway workers **Tom Kirk** and **Dana Monty** each have at least 30 years of service.

Three of our elected officials, **Karen Waldron-Munson**, **Gerald Delaney**, and **Jim Waldron** combine for well over 50 years' service. All three chose not to seek an additional term in their positions.

We thank all five for their efforts and wish them well.

Cause to Celebrate

Another cause for reflection is our bicentennial. March will mark **200 years** since our town was formally established. Our plan is to have several events to mark the occasion.

One of these highlights will be the return of our **September Town of Saranac celebration**, complete with a **parade and fireworks**. We **still need ideas and volunteers to help.**

Newly Elected Officials

The new year will see **three newly elected officials**. **Steve McKenzie** will oversee the **Highway Department**. He brings 20 years experience at County Highway, as well as much real-life experience.

James E Facticeau, who has been both Code Officer and Deputy Town Clerk, will be our new **Town Justice**.

Conner Perry will be joining our **Town Board**. Conner has the distinction of being the youngest elected official in Clinton County. It is refreshing to have such a young person want to be involved in serving our town.

I do want to **commend our residents for their participation in the 2023 election**. Clinton County has a turnout rate of 30%. In Saranac, 41% of registered voters turned out. We had the highest turnout rate in the county!

Storm Repairs and FEMA Help

The relentless rains this summer resulted in much damage to our roads. A **Major Disaster** was declared; we have been **busy fixing the worst damage** and **processing the enormous documentation** required to get help from **FEMA**.

Final repairs will be done in the spring, mostly road shoulders.

Dog Control Officer

Dog control has been another challenge. We hope to have a new Dog Control Officer for 2024.

Dog control costs the town over \$1,000 a month. The number of **licensed dogs in our town had fallen to under 200**. Licenses have only brought in a small fraction of our cost. **Deb Pellerin, Town Clerk**, has worked to get the number up, but it still seems very low.

I expect we will conduct a **Dog Census** in the new year. Dog licenses are not expensive. A town resident was forced to undergo rabies treatment when he was bitten by an undocumented dog. Proper licensing can help prevent more of these instances.

As we look to 2024, remember to **bring us your concerns and ideas**.

UPCOMING CONCERTS FROM HILL AND HOLLOW MUSIC

ARKAI: Electroacoustic Duo (violin-cello)
Sunday, January 28
3:00 pm at the Saranac Fire Hall

Award-winning electroacoustic duo (violin-cello) **ARKAI** (www.arkaimusic.com) performs genre-defying music that fuses progressive classical, rock, jazz, folk, and global with contemporary technology. They compose original music that combines the beauty of classical virtuosity with the electricity of a rock band and the spontaneity of a jazz combo. Graduates of The Juilliard School, ARKAI engagements have included performances at the MET, Joe's Pub, City Winery, Rockwood Music Hall, Lincoln Center, Musikfest, Chateau Marmont, Carnegie Hall, and TED. They recently opened for Oscar and Grammy-winning musician Jon Batiste at YPO EDGE in NYC's Javits Center.



Rob Schwimmer: Piano, Theremin, Haken Continuum Fingerboard
Sunday, March 10
3:00 pm at the Saranac Methodist Church

"Virtuosity, magic, humor" *The New York Times*

"Stylistically freewheeling, but there is a lot more to his border-free musical world. He is also a magnificent jazz pianist, with a fleet, subtle touch." – *Allan Kozinn*

Rob Schwimmer (www.robschwimmer.com) is the master of his own musical kingdom, where he performs as a soloist and conjures a sound world created by his singular virtuosity at the piano, theremin (*on which he is considered to be one of the world masters*) and Haken Continuum Fingerboard (*ditto*). The Haken Continuum has an expressiveness akin to the theremin but adds polyphony and harmony into the



musical equation. It is a huge step forward in the evolution of electronic instruments. Playing all three instruments in a single show is a rarely heard combination which allows him to bring audiences to beautiful and mysterious new sonic territory and perhaps find new or re-connect with forgotten feelings.

A veteran player who has worked with beloved legends like Stevie Wonder, Simon and Garfunkel, Wayne Shorter, and Antonio Carlos Jobim, as well as celebrated young contemporary artists such as Esperanza Spalding and Gotye, Schwimmer leads his listeners on an organic and musically rich journey from the pensive to the thrilling, with many musical ports of call in between. He has performed throughout the world, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Concertgebouw (Amsterdam), Tokyo Dome, Madison Square Garden, and the Colosseum (Rome). He also excels in intimate settings like Le Poisson Rouge, Bargemusic, Joe's Pub, and The Blue Note.

Suggested Admission \$20 at the door.

For more information: 518-293-7613 or ambrown.hillholl@gmail.com or www.hillandhollowmusic.org

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SARANAC DOG CONTROL OFFICER

(VACANT)

All **DOG** calls
are through
Town of Saranac
518-293-6666, ext. 8

Please leave your **name, phone number, date** and **time** of your call, **address** relating to the issue, and a **detailed message** to describe the nature of the complaint or concern.

DO NOT personally contact
Tri-Lakes Animal Shelter.

License Your Dogs

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

Local Law

It shall be unlawful for any owner of any dog in the town to permit or allow such dog to engage in habitual howling, barking, crying or whining or to conduct itself in such a manner as to unreasonably and habitually annoy or disturb any person other than the owner of the dog, regardless of whether or not the dog is on the owner's premises.

Missing Dog

If your dog is **missing** or you pick up a **stray**, aside from leaving a voicemail message, **posting a photo on Facebook** helps get owners and pets reunited.

During the harsh winter months, please make sure your dog has adequate shelter.

MAINELY LOBSTER FUNDRAISER

Laurie Cross
Village of Dannemora Trustee

Annual Tree Lighting

Greetings from the **Village of Dannemora**. The **Beautification Committee** would like to **thank you for your attendance and support** at our **Annual Tree Lighting** held December 1st.

While the weather was a little wet, there was a lot of fun had by all who attended. Carols, cocoa, horse wagon rides, and even a visit from the Jolly Ole Man himself! The **kindness, laughter, and smiles** lit up the night!

Easter Event

We are in the beginning stages of planning our **Easter event**...stay tuned for details in the near future!

Join the Committee

If anyone is interested in **joining our Village Beautification Committee**, we would love to have you. Please contact VBCEdannemora@gmail.com.

Mainely Lobster Fundraiser

We will be hosting our fun-filled fundraiser at **Mainely Lobster Saturday, February 12th, 4:00 – 8:00 pm.**

Tickets will need to be purchased prior to the event for \$20 a meal. Each ticket receives **fried haddock or fried shrimp with fries and coleslaw or yankee pot roast with mashed potatoes and coleslaw.** Each meal also comes with a **beverage and rolls.**

Please reach out to VBCEdannemora@gmail.com or the Village Office at the Community Center in Dannemora.

Hometown Hero Project 2024

Lastly, if you are interested in having a **Hometown Hero Flag** for the spring of 2024, please contact Trustee Cross at trustee.cross@villageofdannemora.net.

**DANNEMORA JCEO
COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER
THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS
7:30 AM - 4:30 PM
518 - 492 - 7357**

SARANAC JCEO COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

AND FOOD PANTRY

Sarah Laware
sfallsor@jceo.org
518 - 293 - 6661
www.jceo.org

Monday 8:00 - 4:30
Wednesday 8:00 - 4:30
Thursday 2:30 - 5:00

Food Delivery
Noon Wednesday
Volunteers are Welcome
Donations Accepted
Services Are Confidential

DANNEMORA MUSEUM

Larry Seney
Town Historian
and Colleen Seney
518 - 293 - 7025

Open By Appointment

April - November
1st Saturday
10:00 - 2:00

Photo Gallery
Please Stop By

MOUNTAIN LIONS SNOWSLED CLUB

Seasonal Monthly Meetings
On the First Thursday
September through April
7:00 - 8:30 pm

Saranac Town Hall
Dennis Del Grosso
Club President
518 - 726 - 6650

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RURAL PRESERVATION COMPANY (RPC) OF CLINTON COUNTY, INC.

Jennifer Amell
Executive Director

Jolita Aubin
Program & Properties
Director

We are a not-for-profit dedicated to help improve the housing conditions of low-income families within Clinton County. RPC uses grant funding, as well as donations, to help low-income homeowners with necessary or emergency repairs to their homes.

RPC is also ready to **help find other agencies** willing to assist homeowners who may not qualify for available grants. If you, or someone you know, needs help with emergency home repairs, please reach out.

rpc@clintonrpc.org
(518) 293 - 7569

48 Ganong Drive, Suite 1
Saranac, NY

M - F 8:00 - 3:30

www.clintonrpc.org

SARANAC VALLEY HOUSING

Jolita Aubin
Tuesday 3:30-6:00 pm
Thursday 1:00-3:30 pm
56 McCutcheon Lane,
Suite 3

518 - 293 - 8518

TAX COLLECTION TIME IS HERE

Tax collection process will be the same as in years past.
Checks or money orders may be mailed to:
Mark White, *Tax Collector*
P.O. Box 183
Saranac, NY 12981

Hours of collection at my residence,
3492 Rt.3, Saranac:

Monday	(January only)	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Wednesday	(January only)	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday	(January only)	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Wednesday (Feb, Mar, & Apr) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm,
or by appointment.

Reminders:

If you choose to pay by installment method, the **first payment must be paid to me by January 31, 2024**.
Remaining installments are paid to the County Treasurer.

If you are paying the full amount in February, March, or April, make sure you pay the correct amount, *including interest*. The tax roll is returned to the Clinton County Treasurer on May 1st; other penalties apply.

You may contact me at **518-293-6427** for information. View or print a copy of your bill or receipt from my website: egov.basgov.com/saranac

Thank you all, in advance, for another successful tax collection season.

SARANAC FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTS OFFICERS

James Canning, Deputy Chief

The Saranac Fire Department held our annual election of officers and they are as follows:

Chief - Todd J Strack
Deputy Chief - James Canning
Assistant Chief - Seth Holder
Assistant chief - Corey Bellinger
Fire Captain - Cody McCasland
Fire Captain - Jamie Luczac
Fire Lt. - Chris Plumadore
Fire Lt. - Andy Petrashune
EMS Captain - Keri Canning
EMS Lt. - unfilled
Technical Rescue Lt. - Doug Seguin

As always, we hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. We are hoping to have some fun community events again this spring. We are always **accepting applications for new members and Junior Fire members**. If you are interested, please stop by any **Monday night** and speak with some of our current members.

VILLAGE OF DANNEMORA COMMUNITY CENTER

40 Emmons Street
P.O. Box 566
Dannemora, NY 12929

518 - 492 - 7000

Village Office Hours
9:00 am - 4:00 pm MTuW
(Closed to Public Thursday)
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Fri

Calendar of Events
is available at <http://www.dannemoravillage.com>

Visit our Facebook page,
Village of Dannemora

DANNEMORA FREE LIBRARY

NEW Winter Hours of Operation

Tuesday	1:30 - 6:30
Wednesday	12:00 - 5:00
Thursday	12:00 - 5:00
Friday	12:00 - 5:00
Saturday	10:00 - 3:00

FREE WiFi available
when the building is open.

SARANAC CUB SCOUTS Grades K-5 Boys and Girls

For more information,
please call:
Nancy Taylor
518 - 578 - 3062
or
Megan Pearo
518-866-2471

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TOWN CLERK

DEB

PELLERIN

Office Hours

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Or By Appointment

518 - 293 - 6666, ext. 3

townclerk

@townofsaranac.com

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CLINTON

COUNTY

Dedicated to
Ancestral Research

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Wednesdays and

1st Saturday monthly

518 - 492 - 4142

www.nnyacgs.com

President ~

Pat Buckley

nnyacgs@gmail.com

Librarian ~

Dick Lynch

lynch51@aol.com

RPC AWAITS FUNDING APPROVAL

Jennifer Amell

Executive Director

GRANT NEWS

Unfortunately, RESTORE, Access to Home, and Access to Home for HEROES funding has been completely exhausted. Funding was finally released to reapply, and all applications have been finished and submitted. We are awaiting word from the State. If approved, funds would be available to low-income homeowners in Clinton County for emergency repairs to their home.

EHRF and DONATIONS

RPC's **EHRF** (**E**mergency **H**ome **R**epair **F**und) offers a **one-time** emergency home repair for income-eligible homeowners. RPC understands sometimes unexpected emergencies happen you may not be ready for; that's why this fund is so important. Last year, we were able to help numerous homeowners with frozen and burst pipes, leaking roofs, wind-damaged skirting, electrical problems, etc. This fund is made possible with donations from foundations, local businesses, and citizens. Donations are always welcome. Since RPC is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all donations are 100% tax deductible!

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

RPC manages **Saranac Valley Housing (SARANAC)**, **Twin Oaks Senior Housing (ALTONA)**, **Centennial House (SARANAC)**, and **Beekmantown Senior Housing, Inc. (WEST CHAZY)**. Information and applications for all Senior Housing can be found on our website, or feel free to stop into our main office located at Centennial House, 48 Ganong Drive, Saranac.

On behalf of RPC, we wish you a Happy New Year!

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE HOURS

Raymond LeDuc

I will be attending training class during the winter that will affect my office hours. The Code Enforcement Office will be **CLOSED** Monday, January 8, Monday, January 22, and Monday February 5. The office will also be **CLOSED** Monday, March 25.

While these are holidays, the office **WILL BE OPEN** Monday, January 15 and Monday, February 19.

The best way to contact me is by email:

codeofficer@townofsaranac.com

COURT CLERK

CAROL
PLUMADORE

- **Court Phone**
518 - 293 - 8082
- **Fax Number (New)**
518 - 704 - 2956
- **Email**
cplumadore@nycourts.gov
or
cplumadore@
townofsaranac.com

3668 STATE ROUTE 3
(NEXT TO THE TOWN HALL)

Saranac Town Court is
open on **MONDAY'S**
only. We are closed on
ALL State and Federal
holidays, or their
observance day if it
is a Monday.

Court normally begins
about **4:30 pm**, unless
you are otherwise
advised by the Court
or your attorney.

The Clerk is at Court
starting at 2:00 pm to
collect fines and provide
general information. We
have no set closing time;
when our calendar is
cleared, we do our
paperwork and close
for the night.

If Court is closed due
to an unexpected
emergency, there will be
a notice posted on the
door. You should contact
the Court, or your
attorney if you have one,
to get a new return date.

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Mark Your Calendar:

BOARD MEETINGS

Official Board Meetings:
Organizational Meeting

Monday, January 2

Regular Meetings

Monday, January 8 & 22

Monday, February 12 & 26

Monday, March 11 & 25

6:00 pm Saranac Town Hall
Open to the Public

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Monday, January 15

GROUNDHOG DAY

Friday, February 2

VALENTINE'S DAY

Wednesday, February 14

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, February 19

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Sunday, March 10

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Sunday, March 17

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

Tuesday, March 19

EASTER

Sunday, March 31

NEWS FROM HISTORIAN LISA RACETTE

Greetings:

The Town of Saranac has had a busy few months.

Halloween Fun at the Town Hall

In October, we held a **Trunk or Treat** for our town kids. We had a pretty good turnout for the first year. We hope the kids had fun. Thank you to all who participated.

Tree Lighting

In December, we held our 2nd **Tree Lighting** ceremony. Mother Nature, once again, delivered a snowstorm! I would like to thank **Windower's Home Center** for the beautiful tree they donated for our gazebo on the Town Green.

Bicentennial Celebration

The new year brings the **200th year of Saranac being a town!** **March 29, 1824**, the Legislature in Plattsburgh made Saranac an official town. We are planning **several events** to celebrate our Bicentennial.

Many Activities in the Works

Mark your calendars! We will again have an **Easter Egg Hunt** March 30th. We hope to have a **Kid's Day** at the park and a **Barn Dance**, hosted by the **Saranac American Legion**, as well. Saturday, **September 7th**, we are planning a **Town of Saranac Day** with a **parade**, as well as a weekend of **reenactment of the 118th Regiment of the Civil War** September 6, 7, & 8. Other events are still in the works.

Please contact **Parade Chairperson Sylvia Newman 518 - 293 - 7337** with thoughts or questions regarding the parade.

More Help is Needed

We are **looking for more volunteers** to help plan events and ideas for other happenings. If you are interested in helping or have ideas, our next **meeting is Tuesday, January 16th, 6:00 pm at the Saranac Town Hall.**

I am also available at the Town Hall **Monday through Friday 7:30 am - 2:30 pm, at 518-293-6666, ext. 2, or by email historian@townofsaranac.com**

EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR TOWN OF SARANAC OFFICIALS

Supervisor T. Napper
supervisor@townofsaranac.com

Councilman J. Terry
councilman1@townofsaranac.com

Councilman T. Eggleston
councilman2@townofsaranac.com

Councilwoman M. Petrashune
councilman3@townofsaranac.com

Councilman C. Perry
councilman4@townofsaranac.com

Assessor D. Galarneau
assessor@townofsaranac.com

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S. McKenzie**
highway@townofsaranac.com

**Secretary to Supervisor
L. Racette**
secretary@townofsaranac.com

**Code Enforcement Officer
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codeofficer@townofsaranac.com

**Court Clerk
C. Plumadore**
cplumadore@townofsaranac.com

**Town Clerk
D. Pellerin**
townclerk@townofsaranac.com

TOWN OFFICES

518-293-6666

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THE NEW LAND TRUST

236 Plumadore Road
Saranac, NY

After Dark Policy:

For night visiting or
overnight outdoor camping,
contact **Hal Moore**

518 - 570 - 5375

No camping allowed
in the Clubhouse.

For events, updates, photos,
and a printable map, visit:

www.thenewlandtrust.org

or contact by email:

newlandtrust@gmail.com

911 ADDRESS SIGNS

Visit your local Fire
Department, **Monday**
evenings, between 6:00 and

8:00 pm to complete
paperwork or call

518-293-8290

to place an order
over the phone

OUTBACK RIDERS INC. ATV CLUB

Monthly meetings are held
year-round every second
Monday, 7:00 pm

Clinton County Fairgrounds
Fish and Game Building

Alfred Chapple
Club President

518 - 566 - 9571

Outbackridersinc.org

Membership is open
to the public

MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE

Join Town of Plattsburgh Parks and Recreation Department and Clinton County Youth Bureau at Cadyville Recreation Park, 114 Goddeau Road, for a free Moonlight Snowshoe **January 25th** (weather permitting) from **5:00 - 6:30 pm**. **Ages 4 years and older.** *Youth participants must have at least one adult (age 19+) joining them.*

Pre-register by noon 1/25/24 by calling the Town of Plattsburgh Parks & Recreation Department at **518 - 562 - 6860**.

LUMINARIA SNOWSHOE

Join staff from Point Au Roche State Park Nature Center and Town of Plattsburgh Parks and Recreation Department for a free Luminaria Snowshoe **February 23rd** (weather permitting) from **5:00 - 6:30 pm**. **Ages 4 years and older.**

Pre-register by noon 2/23/24 by calling the Town of Plattsburgh Parks & Recreation Department at **518 - 562 - 6860**.

Visit plattsburghny.myrec.com for more information and other scheduled events, such as **Cross Country Skiing** January - March.

PIRP DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Saturday, February 24, 2024

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Saranac Town Hall

Call, text or email us at today:

518-578-9626 or additionaltraining.com

If you have never taken a New York State (PIRP) Points and Insurance Reduction Program course, you should know it will provide you with up to a total of 4 points being reduced from your Driver's License **and** reduce your auto and motorcycle insurances by 10%. These are BOTH benefits you will receive, not an either/or. **Cost is only \$29.** You are not required to pre-pay; we collect fees at the class. Why don't you join a few of your neighbors **February 24th, 2024** at the Saranac Town Hall and we will help you **SAVE LIVES & SAVE MONEY!** We will also be at the ROUSES POINT CIVIC CENTER - JANUARY 27, 2024

An **ONLINE OPTION** is available. If you prefer, **take the course online.** You may break the time up into sessions, as long as you complete the six hours online within thirty days. *Our fun and flexible NYS Approved **ONLINE IPIRP option** can be found at:* www.additionaltraining.com ... just click the link on the webpage

NOTE: You **WILL**
NOT be charged until
you complete the course
and are issued a
certificate.



Louis Smart, long time Saranac resident, seen here standing near some amazing early attempts at cars!

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ICE HARVESTING AND WHEN ICE WAS KING NOW A FORGOTTEN INDUSTRY

Time line and few facts from newspaper publications

All along the shores of Lake Champlain, many ice houses measuring 100ft long, 16ft high, 24ft wide can be seen. Ice had to be at least 15-20 inches thick. Ice cutting crews worked long hours and in subzero temperatures. Steps required to harvest ice: mark, cut, haul, and load blocks into railroad cars.

At least a **quarter million tons** will be harvested on Lake Champlain, benefiting not only the men employed, but the immense number of **canal boats** required to transport to New York. **Captain Morrill** and **A. W. Baker** have 300 tons packed and covered up securely, ready to move as soon as navigation opens. Prices paid: \$16 a ton for delivery, hotels \$20, families and smaller quantities \$30.

2/27/1882 **Fouquet House** putting in 400 tons for the use of the hotel

2/21/1890 **Knickerbocker Ice Co.** harvested 100,000 tons from Lake Champlain

2/22/1890 There is said to be nearly **5,000 men** engaged in the ice **harvest on Lake Champlain**. The average price is \$1.25 per ton, which affords a clear profit of about 75 cents per ton.

3/7/1890... **302 empty freight cars in nine trains** headed north to be loaded with ice. **Brown and Co.** have their steam elevator in operation at Gravelly Point. They are taking out about **4,000 tons a day**.

Allen and Cunningham shipping ice from **Chazy Lake**. Residents of **Ausable Chasm** and **Clintonville** are filling their ice houses from **Auger Lake**. **F.P. Lobdell** is storing ice for butter and fruit storage.

3/3/1899 **Moffitsville...Forrest Tucker** put in ice in the company's ice house

2/13/1913... **Ice Trains** over **Chateaugay Branch**. **Chazy Lake** ice thickness 16 1/2in. **D & H** would furnish 100 cars a day for the shipment of ice from lakes like **Chazy, Kushaqua and others**. The supply from **Kushaqua** is inexhaustible and is of the finest quality.

1/14/1927... **James Lobdell and Paul Favro** are cutting ice of 15 inches on the **Saranac River** below the **Hopper Bridge** and supplying several customers.

2012...**Joe Varin** of **Chazy Lake** recalls cutting and loading ice from Chazy Lake on railcars.

Consider a visit to the museum this winter. By **appointment**, call **518-293-7025**

Submitted by **Dannemora Village Museum Historian, Larry Seney**

Beginner Line Dance

Saranac Town Hall

Mondays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Bring Clean/Dry Shoes & Water

Suggested Donation \$5

To Benefit 2024 Saranac Bicentennial

Nancy Dow

518 - 578 - 5606

Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York

For information, please
contact **Mandi Devins**
518 - 593 - 7083

SARANAC BOOK CLUB

Happy New Year! The Saranac Book Club will meet virtually for the winter months (January, February, March) on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

We utilize the GoTo Meeting platform (similar to Zoom).

Please email Marcia (mnewcombe728@gmail.com) with any questions or to be sent the meeting link. New members are welcome! Our upcoming Book Club selections include:

January: *Lessons In Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

February: *The Taster* by V.S. Alexander

March: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

April: *The Missing Star* by Julie Canepa

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SARANAC AMERICAN LEGION POST 1618

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Winter may be upon us, but Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, Legion Riders, and Legion Auxiliary have been very busy serving the community and assisting veterans and their families. Let's take a look at some of our recent activities.

COMMUNITY:

In October, the Legion hosted and contributed to a **fundraising spaghetti dinner and silent auction** for a family who unexpectedly lost a loved one. The dinner served **hundreds of meals and raised more than \$11,000 for the family**. Money raised will be used for a **scholarship fund** started by the family.

Post 1618 also donated to the **Redford Methodist Cemetery Committee** at a fundraising dinner. They need fencing and clean up. Legion members plan to assist with this effort in the spring.

In October, the Legion donated to assist the **Dannemora Knights of Columbus Council 2166** as they raised funds to renovate the Assumption of Mary school bathrooms and hallway flooring.

The **Legion Auxiliary** held a **Harvest Dinner** October 01 with **more than 240 meals served**. Auxiliary members then partnered with Assumption of Mary Church October 29th with their **Trunk or Treat event**, held in the school and parking lot. These events grow every year and are a big hit with local families.

The **Legion Auxiliary** also held their annual **Christmas Breakfast with Santa** December 17th. More than **100 meals** were served and gifts were handed out to local children. It was another fun time for the kids and the community.

STUDENTS:

This year, the **Legion awarded seven \$1,000 scholarships** for local students attending college during the 2023-2024 school year. The **Sons of the American Legion** awarded one additional scholarship. Applications for scholarship opportunities at the local and county level are available at Post 1618 headquarters. Post 1618 continues to support local students who participate in academic and leadership competitions like the **American Legion Oratorical Contest** and **Boys' State Program**.

VETERANS:

In our first year of the **Hometown Heroes Banner program**, we installed **68 banners** throughout the main roads in the town. **Town of Saranac employees** were a key team player in this effort. Banners have been cleaned and stored at the Legion for winter. They will be re-installed in the Spring, on or about Memorial Day. New banners ordered as part of the program will be larger in size, allowing options to place more than one veteran from a family on the same banner. **Applications are available at the Saranac Town Hall and Legion headquarters on Wilson Road.**

December 16th we once again honored our deceased fellow veterans as part of the nationwide **Wreaths Across America Day**. This event has been a staple of Legion posts for more than three decades and Post 1618 has been participating since 2019. This year's theme is "*Serve and Succeed*". Members placed wreaths and American flags on the graves of veterans in cemeteries in Redford and Dannemora. This year's event was especially moving, as **descendants of founding members of Post 1618** laid wreaths for each branch of military service during the Honor Guard Ceremony held at Legion headquarters. Wreath laying was followed by a **Fellowship Luncheon**, open to the public.



In keeping with our mission of service, the Legion continues to assist fellow veterans in need. Recent donations have gone to assist veterans and family members with **medical treatments and transportation to doctor and hospital visits**.

This fall, the **Legion Honor Guard** provided several **graveside flag and rifle salutes** at veteran funerals, as well as a **local 100 birthday celebration** for one of our own community members.

The final **North Country Honor Flight** for 2023 was held October 7, 2023. **Legion Riders** from across the North Country escorted veterans to the send-off ceremony and met them when they returned from their day of honor in Washington, D.C.

Post 1618 Legion Hall is available to rent for funerals, special events, and holiday gatherings to Legionnaires, members of the Legion Family, and the community. We strive to meet the needs of our community, pay respect to the past sacrifice and service of all our military brothers and sisters, as we continue to mentor and lead new generations of American citizens toward a safe and bright tomorrow. Our mission is "Veterans Strengthening America." If you are interested in finding out more about our American Legion Family, contact the Post Commander or Adjutant at (518) 293-7887, email adjutant1618@outlook.com, or visit us at 275 Wilson Road in Redford.

PLANS FOR AN ACTIVE 2024

Winter 2023

Another holiday season has come and gone and we, here at the Recreation Department, hope you had the most wonderful time with your loved ones.

With the new year FINALLY here, we will be **knee-deep in basketball!** *Games are slated to begin at the end of January and run through mid-March.*

For those of you who like to plan

Baseball and softball sign-ups will be available at the beginning of February and run thru April 8. Season is tentatively a **May 1** start.

If you or someone you know is 14 years of age or older, with working papers, and wants to earn money, the **Clinton County Youth Bureau** will be looking for County Youth Baseball/Softball **Umpires** for the programs. Watch for updates on our **Saranac Recreation Department Facebook page**.

Swim lesson sign-ups will also be available in late February. Lessons are for kiddos **ages 3 to 14**. For kiddos **under three years of age**, we run a **Parent and Child Group**, where adults and their littles can get acclimated to life in a pool!

LOVE My Park Day – Sunday, May 19, 2024 - Save The Date

This is a day that **brings together our community** as we get all those spring projects done to open our facilities for the season. We invite folks to help us get the park ready for a summer of fun! As we get closer to the date, details will be **posted on our Facebook page** and the **Town of Saranac Website**.

Summer Employment Opportunity

Do you know a tiny human who is interested in being a **lifeguard**? Please have them **contact me directly** for more information about the specifics of the **course and availability**. The course would run in late winter/early spring.

Summer Offerings

And while winter is here, we are already planning for **Summer 2024 and FITNESS IN THE PARK**. Our **ADULT OPEN VOLLEYBALL** was a huge success last year and we look forward to continuing that **Tuesday evenings**.

We are looking to start a **“Just for Fun” Pickleball group** this summer, as well as perhaps **Open Basketball**.

As for the **TINY HUMANS**, we will continue to offer:

- **Golf on the Green**
- **Basketball up the Block**
- **Volleyball in the Valley**
- **Tennis in the Town**
- **Hip Hop in the Heat**
- **Kayaking**
- **Reading Camp**
- **Art Camp**

All sign-ups for these events will be on **Facebook (be sure to follow us)** and on the **Town Website** as they become available.

Stay safe, stay warm, and best wishes this season,

Jaki Carter

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Tuesday, January 16th Planning Meeting Saranac Town Hall 6:00 pm

**Friday, March 22nd Volunteers to Fill Easter Eggs 5:00 pm
Donations Are Welcome**

Saturday, March 30th Easter Egg Hunt Saranac Town Park 10:00 am

Monday, April 8th Total Solar Eclipse

**To stay up-to-date on community events, please watch for posts on Lisa Racette's
Saranac Town Historian Page on Facebook or call 518-293-6666, ext. 2**