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# The Town Crier

Saranac Town Offices, 3662 State Route 3, P.O. Box 147, Saranac, NY 12981  
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## NEWS FROM DAVE GALARNEAU, ASSESSOR

The tentative assessment roll will be published on May 1st. All **Change of Assessment notices** will be **mailed by that date**. *If you do not receive one, your assessment did not change.* The market is up 3% since last year. Since there is a 5% tolerance allowed by the State, **no reassessment is needed** for us to **maintain our 100% equalization rate status**.

**Grievance Day** will be held on **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** from **4 – 8 pm** at the **Town Hall**. **All grievances must be submitted by regular mail or in person and be in the hands of the Board of Assessment Review by 8 pm that night.**

The grievance process will follow the proper **protocols for this type of public meeting:**

1. A **sign-in sheet** will be available. Petitioners (complainants) must write their name on the sign-in sheet so we are able to call you in the right order. **Grievance Form RP524** must be completed and signed before meeting with the Grievance Board (blank forms will be made available).
2. When called, you will be **sworn in**. All documents submitted, and testimony given, will be a matter of record. **Meetings will be recorded.**
3. Petitioners will then be allowed to present their case and submit documents in support.
4. The Assessor will then have the opportunity to **provide documentation** in support of the assessed value.
5. Once the Board of Assessment Review has received all documentation from both sides, they will close the meeting.  
Finally, **the petitioner will receive notice by mail of the Board's determination.**

Remember, the Board of Assessment Review is an **independent body**, as prescribed by law. Their decisions must be accepted and changes made to the assessment roll by the Assessor. **No decisions are made during the open meeting.**

Any time before or during Grievance Day, the petitioner and assessor may enter into a **Stipulation Agreement**. The property owner also has the right to **meet with the Assessor anytime during the year to resolve any assessment issues**. Most issues can be resolved outside of grievance.

If you do file a grievance, here are some **helpful hints:**

DO NOT focus on taxes, how much your assessment increased, or by what percent. DO NOT focus on how much you went up in recent years. DO focus on a fair value of your property by providing recent pictures, a recent appraisal, or purchase price. DO provide a short list of similar properties with assessments.

**Your assessor can assist you** with information on your property and others. Sale prices, assessments, and property data within the town are public information. Your Assessment Office has all of this, and it is available to the public.

**Additional resources** can be found on the following websites:

[www.clintoncountyny.gov/realproperty](http://www.clintoncountyny.gov/realproperty)

[www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property)

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## SARANAC DOG CONTROL OFFICER

LOU PLANTE

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 hot summer months, please make sure your dog has adequate water.**

## BICENTENNIAL COOKBOOK IN THE WORKS

In celebration of our **Bicentennial**, the **Town of Saranac** is putting together a **local collection of recipes to be published in a cookbook**. We are hoping to have the book **available for purchase** at the Town Field Day September 7, 2024. If you have a recipe, whether it is one of your own, a family member's, or an ancestor's, we would love to include the recipe in our cookbook.

The following are **categories** we hope to incorporate in the book:

*Appetizers & Beverage*  
*Pickles, Relishes*  
*Muffins, Rolls, Breads, Pastries*  
*Salads & Salad Dressings*  
*Soups, Chilis & Chowders*  
*Pasta*  
*Meats, Poultry, Fish & Main Dishes*  
*Casseroles*  
*Vegetables & Side Dishes*  
*Dessert, Cakes & Frostings, Cookies, Candy, Pies*  
*Jams, Jellies & Preserves*  
*Miscellaneous*

Whether you have one go-to recipe or many, please consider sharing one or two of your favorites in each category. All recipes should include **ingredients, measurements, serving size, preparation instructions, and time and temperature**, if needed.

We realize many may have several recipes you'd like to share, and we are happy to receive as many as you'd like to submit. To help us out, it would be beneficial if you could **submit them in order of preference** to ensure everyone has an opportunity to have a recipe included.

Many of us have handwritten recipes from a beloved family member. If you would like to incorporate a **picture** of that recipe, whether on a card, a piece of paper, notes in cookbook, feel free to take a picture and send it to us. We are looking to include these pictures in our book. We just ask that you also **make sure the picture is legible** and it would be helpful if you **print or type** the recipe to help us with publishing.

Recipes can be **submitted by email** to: [bicentennial2024@townofsaranac.com](mailto:bicentennial2024@townofsaranac.com) or **by mail** to: Saranac Town Hall, 3662 Route 3, PO Box 147, Saranac, NY 12981.

**Deadline for submissions is May 1, 2024.**

We have such a rich and diverse population that we are sure there are many delicious recipes to be shared. We are looking forward to receiving any and all recipes you would like to share. Thank you all for your cooperation.

## SARANAC JCEO COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

AND FOOD PANTRY  
Sarah Laware  
[sfallsor@jceo.org](mailto:sfallsor@jceo.org)  
518 - 293 - 6661  
[www.jceo.org](http://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 Wright  
Club President  
518 - 572 - 7008

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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](http://www.thenewlandtrust.org)  
or contact by email:  
[newlandtrust@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://Outbackridersinc.org)

Membership is open  
to the public

## HOW DO I KNOW WHEN AND WHAT TO PLANT???

**Jolene Wallace**

*CCE Clinton County  
Horticulture Program Coordinator*

According to the **Old Farmer's Almanac**, old farmers (maybe young ones, too) had an **easy way to know when to plant**. When the **weeds start to grow** in your garden, it's time to plant your hardy vegetables. March heralds the beginning of spring to many of us. We can hardly wait to get outside and prepare for planting. There are some **things you should do before it's time to put seeds in the ground**. Here are some **suggestions**:

**Don't work your soil while it's still too wet.** According to **Purdue University**, "Working wet soil will pack soil particles tightly, leaving less room for water and air to penetrate. Compacted soil also makes it more difficult for plant roots and gardening equipment to move through the soil."

**Pull weeds when you see them,** especially before seed planting time, as weeds will outcompete most anything if they are already established.

**There are seeds to start in early spring, late March, April, and early May.** These are referred to as **cool season vegetables**. They have the advantage of growing when the soil and air temps are cooler in spring and can be seeded again in late summer-early fall, when temps are cooler again. The **warm season vegetables** require warmer soil to germinate and higher air temperatures to grow.

I have a **one-page fact sheet listing the times** certain vegetables can be planted for best results, with a **problem guide** on the back **I would be happy to share** with you. Email me at [jmw442@cornell.edu](mailto:jmw442@cornell.edu). Put "fact sheet" in the subject line and I'll send one off to you.

**Master Gardener Volunteers and I do identifications and/or diagnostics of insects and plant diseases or problems.** There is **no fee for the services** we offer. We can be reached at **518 561-7450** or **email** the address above. We also do **presentations of interest in the community**. Let me know if you have interest in any.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SARANAC!

**Happy 200 years, Saranac!** "Passed **March 29th, 1824**, people of the State of New York, represented in the **Senate and Assembly** that the first day of May next, all of that part of the town of Plattsburgh, lying West of a line two miles west of Plattsburgh, 6,600-acre location, shall be separate town by the name of **Saranac.**"

We have **several events planned to celebrate this milestone**:

**Dance** July 20th at the Saranac American Legion Post 1618;  
**Kid's Day** July 27th at the Bowen Road Park;  
**Saranac Day** September 7th, with fireworks to end the evening.  
Contact **Parade Chairperson Sylvia Newman**  
518-293-7337 regarding the parade.

If anyone would like to help with any of the events or has ideas, please feel free to contact me, **Lisa Racette**, at the Town Hall, **518-293-6666, ext. 2**. You may also stay up-to-date on community events on the **Saranac Town Historian Facebook page**.

For the second year in a row, **Saturday March 30th** we will have an **Easter Egg Hunt at Saranac Town Park, 10:00 am**. There will be two separate areas: one for smaller children and one for older.

The **next planning meeting** will be **April 11th at 6:00 pm** at the **Town Hall**. Please come help organize our field day and other events! We could use volunteers!

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# NEWS FROM TOWN SUPERVISOR NAPPER

**200 years! Happy Birthday Saranac!** The Town of Saranac was officially split off from the Town of Plattsburgh on May 1, 1824. Needless to say, much has changed. 1802 is generally considered when the **first settlement** occurred. Most of the land was forested then. **Stonewalls** found in many of our forests indicate how much effort was expended to develop our town into a predominantly agricultural area. Time and the many changes in how we live and work have resulted in much of the **forest returning**.

We are planning several events to mark our bicentennial. Early on we have our Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th. On **April 8th**, the **Solar Eclipse** occurs. On that day we will have a **Birthday Cake at the Bowen Road Park**. We also expect to have **protective glasses available** for those who lack them. Other things will happen later, including a **return of the Town of Saranac Day** in September.

Besides the everyday things we do to keep our town running, we continue to **press forward with other projects**. We continue to **renovate the Town Hall**. The **kitchen is complete** and now the **focus is on the main hall**. Once the weather warms, we will **complete the renovations at the pool**. We will now have an **ADA compliant bathroom and renovated bathhouses**. Partnering again with the **Saranac Fire Department** and the **Redford American Legion**, we expect to make **additions to the Rita Wilson Playground**. We also intend to make **improvements at the Standish Playground**. Our **recreation programs** have been well-received again this fall and winter. **I appreciate all the efforts of the staff, coaches, and parents.**

The last year has been challenging at our **Highway Department**. Until very recently, we had been **short-staffed for a long time**. **Severe weather last summer** damaged many of our roads. We estimated our **damages at over \$400,000**. FEMA Funding is available, but the process is long and frustrating. Considerable work still needs to be done, along with the usual tasks.

As I have mentioned before, there appears to be a **large number of unlicensed dogs** in Saranac. The fact a local person was forced to undergo rabies treatment illustrates how important it is to have **vaccination status verified**. Our Dog Control Officer is looking into **how to achieve better compliance**.

I expect 2024 will be a busy and exciting year. As always, please make us aware of your concerns and ideas.

## REMINDERS FROM TOWN CLERK, DEBBIE PELLERIN

Hi, everyone. I trust you have had a warm and safe winter. This is just a **reminder that ALL dogs four months of age or older must be licensed in the municipality in which they are harbored**. To license your dog, you will need **proof of current rabies vaccination from your veterinarian and proof of being spayed or neutered**, if applicable. **Renewal dog license notices** are sent out the month prior to expiration and may be returned by mail to the Town Clerk.

If you have a **permanent handicap tag** and it's time for renewal, **call me and I will send you a new one**. Hours I am present in the office are 9:00 -1:00 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. I am available Wednesday evenings, by appointment only. I can be reached at 518-293-6666, extension 3 or email [townclerk@townofsaranac.com](mailto:townclerk@townofsaranac.com). Have a wonderful day!

## FROM HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT STEVE MCKENZIE

First thing, thank you to all the voters for electing me to the office of Highway Superintendent. Since January 1st, I have been **plowing and sanding**, as needed. We have had to take care of **hanging trees** following complaints. Some were on **Porky Ryan Road**, which **Pat Smith** called in. Much thanks to a quick response and great job. We are trying to get to all complaints and concerns as quickly as we can. Thanks for your patience.

Since I began my position as Highway Superintendent, we have rehired **Brian Cane and Michael Alexander** back as **mechanics**. They have worked hard to get Truck #8 back up and running and plowing. It has been down since last summer. We had one of our trucks back into a ditch and tip onto its side. It had to be towed back to the shop. Brian and Mike worked on the truck and had it ready to go back to work in two days. It had a broken mirror and the dip tub came unhooked in the fuel tank; the rest of the truck was fine. With the decent weather, we have started work at the end of Clark Hill Road and some of Collins Road. As soon as possible, we will start **sweeping** and get ready to do some **shoulder work** throughout the town. As **weather improves**, we will be starting on some of the **side roads that have need of fill** (dirt and gravel) to help with the mud and to make them passable.

If you have any comments or concerns, feel free to contact me at the Town Highway Department (518) 293-7707.

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## FITNESS IN THE PARK RETURNS!

Summer is right around the corner! **Baseball and softball signups** are available on Facebook and on the Town website until April 10<sup>th</sup>. This season will tentatively start on **May 8**, with T-Ball beginning more toward the end of May/early June.

In the next issue of the Town Crier, we will have our **summer calendar**. Please note that dates and events are subject to change, but we did want you to be aware of all the awesome that is coming your way! The **Foundation at CVPH** awarded us a grant to make our **Fitness in the Park series bigger and better than EVER!**

**Programs already scheduled:** Hip Hop Dance, Volleyball in the Valley, Swim Lessons, Reading Camp, Art Camp, Football Camp, Kayaking Lessons, Cheer Camp, Yoga for Children. Sign-ups are already available on our Facebook page, as well as on our website!

**Total Eclipse of the Park** – Join us on **April 8th from 1:00 pm until the Eclipse is over** (~4 pm). We have **safety glasses** so our residents can safely view the eclipse at the park and **Bunz on the Run** will be present to enjoy delicious food. Bring a chair, settle in, and prepare to see something we won't ever see again in our small town!

**For the Adults:** Open Volleyball will return (weather permitting) by mid-May. In addition to evening volleyball, we would love to get a standing open pickleball game going, as well. Stay tuned!

Many, many **thank yous** are in order from our recent basketball season. First, to **EVERYONE** for your participation. Basketball was amazing thanks to our **excellent coaches**. Our crew of **young officials** this year were top notch: **Carson Duffield, Brady Stone, Brooke Hanson, McKenzie Hanson, and Kayne Munson**.

Please follow us on Facebook for updates on signups and new *Fitness in the Park* offerings. Thank you all for your continued support of our programs and for following protocol so we can keep them running. We are grateful to be able to provide these opportunities for our tiny humans!

Your Rec Human, Jaki Carter

### RAYMOND LEDUC JR.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

518-293-6666 Ext. 5 [codeofficer@townofsaranac.com](mailto:codeofficer@townofsaranac.com)

The **Code Enforcement Office** will be **closed for Memorial Day Monday, May 27, 2024**. As spring and summer approach, I would like to remind residents considering remodeling, additions, small building projects, or maybe a new pool that **permits are required** for most of these.

It is **always best to check** with the Code Enforcement Office before starting, to make sure you have the **proper documentation** for your project.

**DANNEMORA JCEO  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
CENTER**

**THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS  
7:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
518 - 492 - 7357**

**Girl Scouts  
of Northeastern  
New York**

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

## SARANAC BOOK CLUB

The Saranac Book Club meets the **third Wednesday** of the month at **7:00 pm** at the **Saranac Fire Department**.

New members are always welcome - please contact **Marcia Newcombe** with any questions ([mnewcombe728@gmail.com](mailto:mnewcombe728@gmail.com)).

Future selections include:

April - *The Missing Star*  
(by Julie Canepa)

May - *Rock, Paper, Scissors*  
(by Alice Feeney)

June - *Girls of the Stilt House*  
(by Kelly Mustian)

Our Book Club takes the summer off, so our final meeting of the spring is typically the 3rd week of June.

**FOR  
INFORMATION  
ABOUT YOUR  
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POLITICAL  
COMMITTEES,  
CONTACT:**

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DEMOCRAT CHAIR**

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**JIM "BLUE" TERRY  
REPUBLICAN CHAIR**

JAMESTERRY2022@YAHOO.COM

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# SARANAC AMERICAN LEGION POST 1618

Respectfully submitted, Perry J. Lawton, *Post 1618 Adjutant*

Spring is upon us and the dedicated members of your Saranac American Legion Post 1618 family are planning a busy year of service. Take a look at what the Legionnaires, Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders have been up to lately:

## COMMUNITY:

In 2023, as in years past, the Legion **donated funds to several local teachers** to assist in purchasing school supplies for their students. Without this support, many of these dedicated educators are forced to pay for these supplies from their own pockets.

In the fall of 2023 and Spring 2024, the Post 1618 assisted the local **Lady Mariners softball team** by hosting spaghetti dinner fundraisers.

The Post 1618 Legion Honor Guard and Legion Auxiliary plan to participate in the upcoming **Cadyville Fire Department Parade and Field Day** in June 2024, as well as the **Town of Saranac Bicentennial activities**.

## STUDENTS:

The Legion **sponsors local students** who participate in academic and leadership competitions like the **American Legion Oratorical Contest**, and the **Boys' State Program**. The 2024 Boy's State program will be starting in the spring. Interested applicants may contact the Legion or Saranac Central School for more information.

Post 1618 offers **scholarships** to students in the local community and Legion family members for post-secondary education. In 2023, the Legion awarded seven \$1,000 scholarships, while the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) awarded an additional \$1,000 scholarship. Applications for a 2024 scholarship opportunity at the Post and the county level are available at Saranac Central School or by contacting the Legion Adjutant.

The Legion is also a proud **sponsor of BSA Troop 35**, and has been a supporter of the Scouting program for many years.

## VETERANS:

Last year's **Hometown Heroes Banner program**, honoring past and present members of the armed forces, first responders, and their families, was a big success, with 68 banners being installed on utility poles throughout the main roads in the town. Banners were cleaned and stored at the Legion over the winter. We plan to put them back up prior to Memorial Day. New banners ordered as part of the program will be larger in size, and allow options to place more than one veteran from a family on the same banner. Applications are available at the Town Hall and Legion headquarters on Wilson Road. Instructions and contact information can be found on the application. You may contact the Legion building at (518) 293-7887 or [saranacheroes@yahoo.com](mailto:saranacheroes@yahoo.com) with any questions or if you wish to assist in this worthwhile effort.

On May 26, 2024, the Post will hold their annual **Memorial Day ceremony honoring our fallen brothers in arms**. The event will include an Honor Guard rifle salute, wreath laying, and musical tribute. Following the ceremony, the Legion Auxiliary will host a luncheon and fellowship opportunity for members, friends, and family.

On July 7, 2024, Legion Riders will be hosting their yearly **chicken barbeque** to raise money to benefit the Veteran's Fund. Live music, a craft fair, and fireworks at dusk are planned highlights of the event.

In keeping with our mission of service, the Legion continues to assist fellow Veterans in need. Over the winter, Legionnaires **contributed thousands of dollars to assist fellow veterans and families** with transportation to medical appointments and procedures, and to help purchase needed life-sustaining medical equipment.

Post 1618 is a proud sponsor of the **North Country Honor Flight**. The schedule of events for 2024 includes flights on 5/18/24, 6/22/24, 8/31/24, and 10/5/24. Legion Riders will continue to escort veterans to the send-off ceremony and meet them when they return from their day of honor in Washington, D.C.

The Legion has been a contributor to the **National Folds of Honor** program, helping families of fallen warriors attend college. In 2023, the foundation raised **\$17,500**, more than \$185,000 in 12 years.

Post 1618 also supports **Homeward Bound Adirondacks**. This is a veteran service organization **based in Saranac Lake**, and the services are free to veterans. They offer transportation to medical appointments at several V.A. facilities, crisis outreach, and retreats to address PTSD, suicide prevention, and post-deployment anxiety. Further details on this program are available at the Legion headquarters.

Don't forget 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 at American Legion Post 1618 strive to meet the needs of our local 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.

If you are interested in finding out more about our American Legion Family, contact the Post 1618 Commander or Adjutant at (518) 293-7887, email at [adjutant1618@outlook.com](mailto:adjutant1618@outlook.com), or visit us at Post 1618 Legion Hall located at **275 Wilson Road** in Redford.

## UPCOMING CONCERTS FROM HILL AND HOLLOW MUSIC

### Ensemble Scholastica

Sunday, April 14 – 2:00 pm pre-concert talk; 3:00 pm concert  
Church of the Assumption, Redford

Canada's only **female vocal ensemble** specializing in medieval plainchant and polyphony (c.800-1300 AD) is made up of talented professional vocalists from Montréal's thriving early music community. Some of the members also play **medieval instruments**, such as the vielle, symphonia, and psaltery. The ensemble is named after St. Scholastica, the 6th-century woman who was the sister of St. Benedict, founder of the Benedictine Order. Although Scholastica's renown has been eclipsed by that of her brother, she herself was the founder of the female branch of that immensely influential institution, which was responsible for the creation and dissemination of an extensive body of music over many centuries. Singing from authentic medieval manuscripts, yet with the added freedom of "elaboration" (ornamentation and improvisation), the ensemble's goal is to share the exquisite beauty and intricacy of medieval music and the remarkable joy and complexity of medieval spirituality and culture. Rebecca Bain, ensemble director and a leading medievalist will give a **pre-concert talk at 2:00 pm.**



Suggested admission at the door \$20/\$15/\$5 (general/seniors/students).



### Alan Blackman Jazz Group Sunday, May 19 – 3:00 pm concert Strand Theater, Plattsburgh

Baltimore and New York City-based jazz quintet performs *The Coastal Suite*, Alan Blackman's prize-winning (Chamber Music America/Doris Duke Foundation) full-length jazz composition, a multi-media concept piece evoking a 24-hour tidal cycle where the musicians create nautical sounds through extended techniques on their instruments (sax, bass, piano, percussion, and drum set). Featuring 15 continuous numbers, such as "Before Dawn," "Eddies and Pools," "Driftwood," "Steps in the Sand," and "Fractured Moonlight" with projected images of gorgeous abstract seascape paintings by renowned artist Ruth Brownlee, *The Coastal Suite* represents a highly programmatic sound-universe that encourages the musicians to both imitate nautical sounds and to expand the vocabulary of their instruments' sonic landscape.

Online ticketing (open seating \$27) through [strandcenter.org](http://strandcenter.org) (Strand Membership discount applies).

**Alan Blackman Jazz Group** will spend a day at Saranac Central School to perform for students, coach rehearsals, and lead workshops in improvisation and extended instrumental techniques.

For more information: 518-293-7613 or [ambrown.hillholl@gmail.com](mailto:ambrown.hillholl@gmail.com) or [www.hillandhollowmusic.org](http://www.hillandhollowmusic.org)

## DANNEMORA FREE LIBRARY, ALEX CHASE

**Summer Reading:** This year's theme is "*Adventure Begins at Your Library*" and we will be having weekly events for six weeks, starting in July, so stay tuned as we finalize the events and schedule for this annual celebration of reading, fun and learning! This year's summer reading will be brought to you with funds generously donated by you and Stewart's through the **Stewart's Match Program!**

**Seed Exchange:** The seed exchange is up and ready to go and we've already had a lot of interest and donations. Please come on down and **leave some seeds and take some** and grow your own food, flowers and medicine! Local community members will also be sharing **surplus plant starts on Saturdays in May and June** so come on down and bring some or take some home to get a head start on your home garden.

**Manga and More:** We recently used **grant money from Cloudsplitter Foundation and the Lake Placid Education Fund** to add more **graphic novels, picture books, and, now, manga** to the kids section! We also have **games and puzzles** that can be borrowed from the library.

**Eclipse:** We still have some **eclipse glasses** that were generously **donated by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** and the **Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries** organization, so make sure you have yours before the big day.

**Walkway:** With some money from the **Kiwanis Noon Club** and the **Lake Placid Education Foundation**, we will be **painting stencils on the walkway** behind the Community Center that will enhance the outdoor space. These include animal tracks, hopscotch and other images that will **add sensory experience** for children and families.

**Book Club** meets the **first Tuesday of the month** from **3:30 pm to 4:30pm**. Upcoming selections include: April: *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner; and May: *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocum.

## RPC FUNDING HAS BEEN APPROVED!!

### GRANT NEWS

RPC is excited to announce that we have been **approved for funding through the RESTORE, Access to Home, Access to Home for HEROES, as well as AHC state programs**. These grants are available to low-income homeowners in Clinton County who need emergency repairs to their home. These repairs could include, but are not limited to, **roofs, heating systems, foundations, electrical, plumbing, insulation, as well as accessibility needs such as ramps and walk-in showers to name a few**. If you need repairs and cannot afford them, please feel free to reach out to our staff.

### EHRF and DONATIONS

For anyone who needs a **smaller emergency repair**, RPC's **EHRF (Emergency Home Repair Fund)** offers a **one-time** emergency home repair for income-eligible homeowners. RPC understands sometimes unexpected emergencies happen that 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 is now accepting applications for all our Senior Housings**. If you are looking to get into **affordable senior housing**, please get your application turned in. Apartments frequently come available, and it is best to be on the list for when they do. **Saranac Valley Housing (SARANAC), Twin Oaks Senior Housing (ALTONA), Centennial House (SARANAC), and Beekmantown Senior Housing (WEST CHAZY)** are all managed by RPC, so if you have any questions, feel free to contact us. 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.

## DANNEMORA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Greetings from the **Village of Dannemora!** We hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine and warm weather Mother Nature is giving us. Here's to hoping it continues throughout the summer! The **Beautification Committee** would like to **thank you for your support** at our recent fundraiser at **Mainely Lobster**. Support from our community enables us to continue to provide fun experiences for all ages throughout the year.

**Mark your calendars** for our next fun experience: **Dannemora's Annual Village Fest!** The Beautification Committee is busy working on this year's celebration. Festivities will take place **July 20-21, 2024!** The weekend will include the **village-wide yard sales, live entertainment, food trucks, and a parade**. Further details will be shared as plans are finalized....be sure to join us for the fun! **Laurie Cross, Village of Dannemora Trustee**



April 2024

## Mark Your Calendar:

### BOARD MEETINGS

Official Board Meetings:

Monday, April 8 & 22

Monday, May 6 & 20

Monday, June 10 & 24

**6:00 pm** Saranac Town Hall

Open to the Public

### SOLAR ECLIPSE

Monday, April 8

### INCOME TAXES DUE

Monday, April 15

### EARTH DAY

Monday, April 22

### ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

Wednesday, April 24

### MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 12

### SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE & ELECTIONS

Tuesday, May 21

### MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27

### FLAG DAY

Friday, June 14

### FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 16

### JUNETEENTH DAY

Wednesday, June 19

### SUMMER BEGINS

Thursday, June 20

## 60TH ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE!!

### SARANAC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH RT 3, SARANAC

Beginning April 22, 2024, we will accept donations for our Spring Rummage Sale.

#### Please Note:

We **DO NOT** accept the following:

- ⇒ Baby Car Seats
- ⇒ Life Preservers
- ⇒ Encyclopedias
- ⇒ Mattresses
- ⇒ Box Springs
- ⇒ Old Computers
- ⇒ Old Printers
- ⇒ Old Monitors
- ⇒ Old TV's
- ⇒ Skis

#### Rummage Sale Dates/Times:

**Thursday, May 16th**

**9:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

All Items are **Full-Price**

**Friday, May 17th**

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

All Items are **Half-Price**

**From 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

All Items are **\$1 a bag**

**Saturday, May 18th**

**9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

All Items are **FREE!!!**

## EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR TOWN OF SARANAC OFFICIALS

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

## TOWN OFFICES

518-293-6666

April 2024

**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****NORTHERN****NEW YORK****AMERICAN-****CANADIAN****GENEALOGICAL****SOCIETY OF****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****MOUNTAIN LIONS  
SNOWMOBILE CLUB**

2023 was not a good year for the club. Our president, **Dennis DelGrosso**, unexpectedly passed away on Dec. 1, 2023. Dennis was an avid snowmobiler, along with cutting wood, fixing up old cars and being a computer whiz. Dennis will be missed by many and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Unfortunately, as a result of the heavy rains, the club lost approximately one mile of trail across State land and had to be completely rebuilt, along with many other areas. Many thanks to **Norm Baker & Sons** and **Ed Breyette** for the donations of trucks and loaders. Also, a special thanks to **Hunters Home and Merry Go Round Hunting Club, the DEC, (Dan Levy)**. **Norm Baker** was able to get **\$4,000.00** from the DEC to help with the project for repairs to the trails. Also, a special thanks to **Alison Tucker** and **other volunteers** for their physical labor to help maintain the trails.

Although 2023 ended on a low, in the new year, the club held elections. The **new officers** are:

**President: Dennis Wright**  
**Vice President: Chris Lautenschuetz**  
**Secretary: Wayne DelGrosso**  
**Treasurer: Carol DelGrosso**

The club has come together; seeing fresh, new faces to add to older members is very exciting. With **innovative ideas** and **motivation to work hard**, this younger group breathes life into our club (along with the experience and knowledge of our older members, of course). We have an **updated Facebook page** anyone can interact with. We see a bright future for our club, with such dedicated, hard-working members.

**April 4th is our last meeting for this season**, but September 5th our new season will start. We wish everyone a great summer and hopefully see all of you at our meeting in September. We have **new ideas**, plenty of **projects** to finish, and new ones to tackle. Come and join our club! Feel free to call **Dennis Wright** at **518 - 572 - 7008**.

**MARK WHITE, TAX COLLECTOR**

I continue to collect taxes **until April 30th**, at which time my books go to the County Treasurer and **they collect unpaid taxes** after that date, including **additional penalties**.

My collection hours in April are **Wednesday nights from 6 - 9 pm or by appointment**. Give me a call at **518 - 293 - 6427** and we can set up another time that works well for both of us.

**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.**

April 2024

**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**

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING POINTS  
& INSURANCE REDUCTION**

As I write this the first week in March, the snow is almost entirely gone ... who is complaining? This does mean, however, the classroom season for Driving Safety Points and Insurance Reduction has passed. Although the classroom experience and completing the course in a one-day six-hour session is preferred by many, our last class at the Town Hall was held a few weeks ago and we won't be back there until **December 7, 2024** ... and a half dozen Saranac residents have already signed up. Reach out if you would like to, as well.

Now, how about those neighbors of ours who need to take the Defensive Driving Course soon and they are willing to do the online version? Well, we are happy to share this very low-cost option for only **\$24.95**.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING SERVICES is currently offering the lowest cost for classroom AND online opportunities for Saranac Town residents to save \$\$\$ on your automobile and motorcycle insurance costs and at the same time reduce your **NYS Driver's License Points** up to a maximum of **4-points reduced every 18 months**. You may take the course every year and a half for a 4-point reduction. **10% reduction off of your Automobile / Motorcycle insurance costs** is for **THREE YEARS (36 months)**.

The New York State approved IPIRP, otherwise known as the online **Internet Points and Insurance Reduction Course**, is the same length as the in-person class, 6 hours in total. Go to: **www.additionaltraining.com** and click through the Online Defensive Driving links. With this option, you have 30 days to complete the class with as many log-in sessions as you like. You must complete the course within 30 days from your sign-up date. This allows flexibility and convenience.

**Please note:** "Keystroke Recognition" technology is used, determining who you are by how you type, eliminating the need for phone calls or cameras to validate it is you taking the course. This **does require** that you **use the same device throughout the session**, since switching from a cell phone or a tablet/iPad device to a computer would change the way you are typing and not be recognizable. It is a VERY simple and easy way of taking the course without bothersome validation steps other online options employ.

I am always available if you have any questions or problems. Call **518-578-9626** and I will be there ready to assist you. After last summer's many days of rain and the nonstop pumping of flooded basements, we are looking forward to a dry and warm summer so stay safe and save some money for your summertime activities by taking the class online.

**Todd Rabideau**

**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](http://www.dannemoravillage.com)**

**Visit our Facebook page,  
*Village of Dannemora***

**DANNEMORA  
FREE LIBRARY**

**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:**

**Jen Drucker  
518 - 569 - 1978**

**Louis Plante  
518 - 578 - 8609**

**Jane Cannon  
518 - 492 - 3058**

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## **DANNEMORA VILLAGE MUSEUM 2024**

Contact Larry Seney@518-293-7025

**1st Saturday of each month 10 - 2 or by appointment**

**Located in the Village Community Center on Emmons St**

### **Lost Area Ski Slopes**

#### ***LOWENBERG*-Lyon Mt. Chazy Lake, NY**

1966-1969 T-bar & J-bar series of issues ended the development

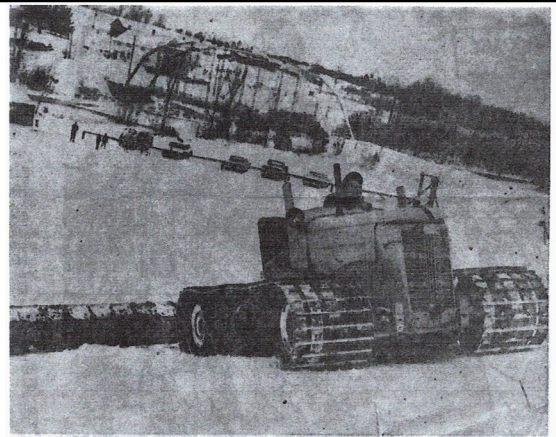
#### ***POLAR VALLEY*-Redford, NY Pup Hill Road (Miner Farm) operated by Major Shirley & Family ca 1958-1963**

Offered "Torch Light" skiing 7-10 pm, tow rope, snack bar  
 \$1.00 children and \$3.00 adults AX3-7135

#### ***SKYLINE*-Redford, NY Pup Hill Road (by bridge) operated by Donald Miner & family and James Lawton ca 1959-1963**

Offered "Night Skiing", 2 tow ropes, gentle slope, skating rink, plenty of  
 parking, lodge with snack bar, ski instruction offered by Jack O'Brien,  
 Children \$.75 all day Adults \$1.50 open Sat & Sun 10 - 4 pm

Anyone wishing to share a memory of a day at these locations is  
 encouraged to help us compile a more complete history of our people,  
 businesses and community.



**SMOOTHING OUT THE BUMPS**—The "snow cat," an invention of its driver, Jim Lawton of Redford, smooths out the bumps to get ready for another day of skiing at the Redford Ski Center on Route 2.

PPRep Monday 1/8/1963