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Letter from the Supervisor:



We are happy to announce that the Town's financial status continues to be strong, due largely to the outstanding efforts of the Town Board and all of the town employees to ensure town services are delivered efficiently and effectively while also minimizing costs. Once again, those efforts have resulted in the Town meeting the State's tax cap mandate of not exceeding an overall tax increase of more than 2%.

Congratulations to Emily Wilson for being selected as our "Waterford Resident That Makes a Difference". Emily has served the community for the past 25 years as the Town's representative to the Saratoga County Advisory Youth Board supporting Waterford youth in developing life skills. Mrs. Wilson remains an active member of the Waterford Museum. Thank you Emily for all of your great work on Waterford's behalf.

A special note of recognition goes to two of our Police Officers who were placed in harms way protecting our citizens during an extremely dangerous crisis. Officers Craig Fifield and Tim Williams were confronted by an individual with a gun who had threatened several town residents and officers. Over the next ten hours, officers from the Waterford PD and NYS Police negotiated with the suspect and the crisis eventually ended with the suspect surrendering and being taken into custody. Officers Fifield and Williams, along with their families, friends and other emergency service responders, attended our October Town Board meeting and Officers Fifield and Williams were presented with commendations and awards for bravery. These awards were given for displaying outstanding initiative, professionalism and courage in an extraordinary dangerous situation. Our thanks to both of these Officers, as well as the entire Waterford Police Department and all of our emergency services responders, for all of their efforts in keeping our community safe.



We continue to add new sections to our website to improve access to information and keep residents up-to-date on current and planned activities. Our town code, which outlines the body of rules, regulations and laws we govern by, has been converted to electronic format and can be accessed anywhere in real time, 24/7. We have also added a Community Activity section that Waterford's not for profit organizations can use to promote their upcoming public events. If your organization has an activity or event that you would like to publish on our Community Activity Calendar please email the information to carriganm@town.waterford.ny.us.

On behalf of the Town Board and all our employees, we wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Attention Homeowners....Are you or your spouse a Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

If you are a Veteran or Surviving Spouse of a Veteran, you may be eligible for a reduction in your Property Tax assessment on your primary residence. Obtaining a veteran's exemption is not automatic— if you're an eligible veteran, you must submit the initial exemption application form to your assessor. The deadline is March 1.

- * Alternative Veteran's Exemption—Available only on residential property of a veteran who has served during a designated time of war, or who has received an expeditionary medal.
- * Cold War Veteran's Exemption— Available only on residential property of a veteran who has served during the Cold War period.

Whichever exemption a veteran chooses, it will apply only to county, city and town taxes; it does not apply to special district taxes. For more information, contact the office of the Assessor at 235-9907

Waterford Residents Who Make A Difference



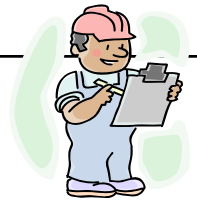
Mrs. Emily Wilson has been the Waterford representative to the Saratoga County Advisory Youth Board since February 23, 1990. After almost 25 years, Mrs. Wilson is retiring from this position. The representative has the responsibility of planning, coordinating and supplementing the activities of public agencies devoted to the welfare and protection of our youth. Emily has worked tirelessly with other Board members to develop and shape effective policies and programs for the prevention and control of delinquency and to further youth development.

Mrs. Wilson is also one of the founding members of the Waterford Museum. For over 50 years Mrs. Wilson has been an active member of the Museum and has held many positions, even now, she serves as the Museum treasurer. Mrs. Wilson is a true asset to the Museum and our community.

Mrs. Wilson is 89 years old and a retired registered nurse. She graduated from Russell Sage College in 1945 and moved to Waterford in 1951 with her husband Thomas. She raised her three children, Bonnie, Jane and James in the Sugarloaf Pond section of Northside where she still resides today. Her family has grown to include seven grandchildren, Daren and Brandon Myers, Courtney, Chelsea, Carleigh and Camryn Warner and Donald Wilson.

If you would like to tell us about a Waterford resident you know who makes a difference in our community, please email us at carriganm@town.waterford.ny.us or stop by Town Hall.

News from the Building Inspector.....



Remodeling Your Home, Installing a New Pool, Building a New Deck ?...You Need a Building Permit.

Building permits are required so work shall conform to the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

The reason we have codes is to provide a basic minimum level of protection to all people of the state from the hazards of fire and inadequate building construction. **The Town requires a building permit for all new construction.**

When remodeling your home you will also need a permit so that you, as the home owner, know the work has been inspected and is done to code. Examples: new heating system, kitchens & bathrooms, new windows, and any new electric work.

The Town of Waterford also requires building permits for the following: Swimming pools- above and in ground, Sheds, Decks, Signs, Porches, Sun Rooms, Tanks, Solar Panels, Fences, and New Windows.

Building Inspector Greg Knorr can be reached at 235-3802 or by email: knorrg@town.waterford.ny.us

Office hours are: M, W, Th, Fri - 7am-3:30pm, Tues 10:30am-7pm

The Town Code is now available on line. Please visit the Town website to view the Town Code and fee schedule.

Can Your House Number Be Seen?

The Residential & Property Maintenance Code of New York State requires new and existing buildings to have premise identification. Buildings are to have address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street.

Numbers are to be 4" high with a minimum stroke of 1/2". Displaying your house number prominently and accurately is critically important. In case of a fire, medical emergency or other scenario during which emergency personnel need to find your home in a hurry, every second counts. A properly displayed house number can provide those valuable seconds.

HEAP- The Home Energy Assistance Program

The Home Energy Assistance Program is an income based Federal Program administered by Saratoga County and designed to help low income persons and families with their heating costs. On November 17, 2014 applications will be available through Saratoga County Social Services Department (518-884-4138) or by going online to www.mybenefits.ny.gov. Applicants must fill out the application and return it to the Saratoga County Social Services Department. You will need to bring ID and proof of heating company supplier as well as proof of income for the previous 30 days. Your heating supplier must be a participating vendor. Tracy Goodson is the HEAP coordinator for Saratoga County.

For Seniors over the age of 60, you may call the Office For the Aging at 884-4111 from 9AM to 5PM, Monday through Friday to request an application be sent to you via mail.

The income guidelines are as follows: 1 person household- maximum gross income \$2194.00 per month.

2 persons- \$2869.00 per month.

3 persons- \$3544.00 per month.

4 persons- \$4219.00 per month.

The date you can apply is November 17th and all applications must be in by December 31, 2014.

Here Are Some Fun Activities Being Held Throughout the Community on October 30th & 31st.

The Waterford Public Library will be hosting a children's Halloween party on October 30th beginning at 6PM. The library will be open on Halloween until 5:00 PM with a Halloween themed story time at 10:30AM and craft project during the day. Please contact the library at 237-0891 for more information.

Family Fun Night will be held at the Waterford Wesleyan Church at 75 Grace Street from 6-8 P.M. on Halloween night. It is a free event for the community, open to everyone. There are games, prizes, tons of candy and refreshments for adults and children. This is the 10th year that the church has sponsored this alternative to door to door trick or treating.

Congratulations to the Waterford Historical Museum & Cultural Center
In Celebrating 50 Years of
Preserving, Sharing, and Embracing the
History of Waterford

Waterford Holiday Parade November 29th

- The parade begins promptly at 6 PM at 7th Street. It will proceed down Broad Street ending at Soldiers and Sailors Park. Please join your friends and neighbors as we celebrate the holiday season and welcome a special guest who will help fill the park with a beautiful display of holiday lights.
- We ask that you please take extra caution along the parade route and keep children on the sidewalks.
- This will help to ensure the safety of the participants and parade attendees. Happy Holidays.



The Waterford Police Department Reminds Residents of the Top 5 Scams of 2014

Medical Alert Scam - This is a telemarketing scam that promises a 'free' medical alert system, the scam targets seniors and caretakers. The robo-calls claim to be offering medical alert devices and systems free of charge because a family member or friend had already paid for it. In many cases, seniors are asked to provide their bank account or credit information to 'verify' their identity and, as a result, are charged a monthly \$35 service fee. The system, of course, never arrives and the seniors are left with a charge they have trouble getting refunded. Easy rule of thumb - be wary of 'free' offers that require your personal information upfront and always verify with the supposed friend or family member that the caller says paid for the service.

Ebay / Auction Reseller Scam - Scammers posing as buyers convince sellers into shipping goods prior to receiving payment. Usually the fake buyer claims it's an 'emergency' like a child's birthday and asks the seller to ship the same day. The seller receives an email that appears as though it came from PayPal for the payment, but emails like that are easy for scammers to fake.

Arrest Warrant Scam - Scammers create a fake Caller ID, which allows them to call you and appear to be calling from a local police, sheriff or other law enforcement agency. They say there is a warrant out for your arrest, but that you can pay a fine in order to avoid criminal charges. Of course, these scammers don't take credit cards; only a Western Union Money gram, other wire transfer or pre-paid debit card will do.

Invisible Home Improvements - In addition to email, mail and phone, scammers now just show up at your door. Scammers posing as home improvement contractors come door-to-door and target seniors, those who live alone, and victims of weather-related disasters are common targets

Casting Call Scam - Scammers pose as agents or talent scouts looking for actors, singers, models, reality show contestants, etc., and use phony audition notices to fool aspiring performers into paying to try out for parts that don't exist.

Remember: Never send money to anyone you are not totally sure about. * Do not send money or pay any fee to claim a prize or lottery winnings. *It is best not to respond to text messages or missed calls that come from numbers you don't recognize.* Do not open suspicious or unsolicited emails (spam)-delete them. * Never send your personal, credit card or online account details by email. *Keep your credit card, checking account and Social Security numbers to yourself. Don't provide them to callers you don't know- even if they ask you to "confirm" this information- that's a trick.* Keep in mind that debt collectors do not have the power to arrest anyone. Get a contact name and phone number, and ask to call them back. Then call your local police department and report them.* If someone comes to your door, ask to see their identification. You do not have to let them in and they **MUST** leave if you ask them to.



The Highway Department would like to remind all town residents that leaf bags will be picked up on Mondays and Fridays, as the schedule allows. They must be biodegradable and weigh no more than 40lbs. All brush and branches must be no longer than four (4) feet in length and tied in manageable bundles.

With the winter season approaching, we would like to make sure all town residents are reminded that parking is prohibited on certain streets starting November 1 until March 31. These streets are clearly marked. We are asking for your cooperation in assisting in the snow removal process and to follow all posted signs. As a reminder, garbage cans and recycle bins are not to be placed in the roadways, this will help to ensure the safety of the plow drivers and residents. We wish all residents a healthy and safe winter season.

Fun Facts... The Mules of Waterford

What is the significance of the mule statues you have seen around Waterford?
How many mule statues are there in the Town and Village and where are they located?

Please see the Town Hall bulletin board or visit our website for the answers.



Saratoga County Revolutionary Run for Veterans
November 8, 2014 Fort Hardy Park, Schuylerville
Registration at 9:00 AM ~ 5K Run starts at 10:00 AM
Register at www.finishright.com



Volunteers and Sponsors please call 884-4115 or email at veterans@saratogacountyny.gov

Veteran's Day is November 11th. Please take a moment that day to honor the men and woman who have served our country, both past and present.

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