



TOWN OF NORWAY

NEWSLETTER

2010

SUPERVISOR:

Hello to all of you. It has been awhile since my last newsletter but time seems to fly when you're having fun. We have been very busy as you can see by looking around our town. Our gazebo in the center of town is beginning to come together. The fence has recently been installed and the landscaping will begin shortly. This has all been done with grant money received from the Iroquois Pipeline. We will be hosting a couple of events this summer at the gazebo and will let you know once everything is finalized. I would like to see everyone use this area for picnics, weddings, or just to sit and socialize. Please remember that this area is to be respected as is our town park. Please remember that there are people that live in the area, keep the noise to a minimum and keep the area clean. Our town is becoming more beautiful with everything we do and can be ruined by garbage, cans and cigarette butts thrown on the ground. Everyone should be proud of what we have done and show respect by being considerate.

I have also received a grant from Senator Seward's office to purchase banners for the center of our town. These will be custom printed with our Town name and the Norway church. Last year we finished our office/courtroom and it is beautiful. This wouldn't have been possible without the Justice Department and their generous grant dollars. We also made our bathrooms at the community center handicap accessible through a grant from Senator Seward's office. We installed new industrial tiles in the kitchen making walking and standing much more comfortable when working at an event.

Lora Grower took office as the town clerk the first of January. She is a pleasure to work with and with an office right at our community center she is easy for all to reach.

Our highway department has taken over many duties that we used to have to bid out, saving tax dollars. They never say no when asked if something can be done, sometimes Howard shakes his head and mumbles a little, but he never tells me no. They are all so easy to work with and they all do an above excellent job. You will now see the highway guys maintaining the Four Wars Cemetery as this has been given back to the town.

Michele Weakley agreed to stay on as our Town Bookkeeper. She keeps us all in line on the financial end, making sure everything is paid and accounted for according to the states many rules. It's very comforting to me to know that she is always watching to make sure we have all of our financial ducks in a row.

We had a very busy April at the community center. We hosted a defensive driving course, hunter safety course, bow hunter safety course, and CPR course. Our recreation committee cooked breakfast and lunches for all of these events. Fred Shaw, our legislature, donated bacon and potatoes and my husband, Brad, donated 10 dozen fresh eggs from our chickens.

It is the time of year when our park/playground will be in constant use. Please remember that children of all ages play at our park. Please do not leave broken bottles and cigarette butts all over. Use the trash cans provided for garbage. Do not throw the swing chains over the top of the bar to shorten the swings. This makes it impossible to small children to enjoy the swings. Do not write on the playground equipment. Last year I washed all of the equipment after offensive language was written in marker. We ask that everyone respect the park as we are working very hard to make it a place that we all can be proud of.

TRASH DAY WILL BE THE 1ST SATURDAY IN JUNE AT THE NORWAY TOWN BARN,

7:00- 11:00 AM . NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE, NO RECYCLABLES. \$10.00 FOR LARGE TIRES, \$3.00 FOR SMALL.

We have been having a problem with garbage & tires being thrown out along the sides of the road. We have decided to start randomly placing trail cameras in areas where this has been happening. We will be moving the cameras throughout our town hoping to catch the person/persons leaving the trash. Anyone caught throwing trash or tires along the side of the road will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

I am sure everyone is wondering where we stand with HUD. We were not lucky enough to receive funding last year. We have decided to wait until the 2010 census numbers come out to try again. Hopefully we have better luck next time. We ended up not being very comfortable with the company we chose to write our grant for us and we are examining other options for the next round, including writing for ourselves. We have not given up, just pulled back to regroup.

TOWN CLERK:

My Name is Lora Grower and I am your new town clerk. I'd like to thank all of you for taking a chance on me and bearing with me while I learn my duties as clerk. I don't know everything, but I'm learning as I go along and believe me when I say there's a lot to learn. I've had a lot of guidance from our Town supervisor, Judy Gokey and Bookkeeper, Michele Weakley along with outside help from Fairfield's Town clerk Mary Dineen. They have been great in helping me. They're wonderful amazing women and I am proud to have the chance to work with them.

For those of you who don't know me I have lived here in Norway for the past 23 years. I have been married for as long as I have lived here. I remember getting my marriage license

from Helen Wheatley and thinking, "wow what a great job she has that's something I'd like to do some day", and 23 years later here I am. I promise to do my best for the people of this town. My husband and I have a wonderful son who is in the 11th grade at West Canada and we are very proud of the young man he has become. I am a very family oriented person. I enjoy reading, camping, hiking, hunting, crocheting, 4 wheeling and just being around people. I also work part time at the West Canada School as a study hall monitor.

I am looking forward to having a chance to meet all the people of this town so please drop in and say hello.

My office is located in the Town Hall and my hours until September 5th are as follows:

Monday	3pm-5pm
Wednesday	6pm-8.30pm

Summer hours will be:

Tuesday	3pm-5:30pm
Wednesday	6pm-8pm
Thursday	12pm-2pm

The new phone number is 845-8682

If you have an emergency please feel free to call me at home 845-8362. I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Since I was appointed to office in April of 2008 there have been a few changes. New people on the town crew are Dan Pierson, Chris Storm, and Barry (Scott) Smith. George Jones retired February 1st. George worked with us from September '08 until his retirement. We all wish him a happy retirement and good luck on his "honey-do list".

The Town has purchased two new trucks, a Ford F450, 2009 4x4 small dump truck. This truck replaced a 1995 GMC small dump that was sold by bid. Second is a 2010 Ford F-250 pick up truck. This replaced a 2003, 3500 GMC 1 ton. This truck was also sold by a bid. These trucks were purchased on state bid. The Ford, F450 price was \$29,511 for cab & chassis. We took the dump box off the old truck and installed it on the new one, saving about \$9600.00. The original price for the Ford F-250 was \$21,524, we applied the amount we received for the two trucks we sold leaving the total amount at \$11, 524. We have a total of \$41, 035 in two new trucks. We just purchased a new zero turn lawn mower which along with our cub cadet from two years ago will be used to mow all of our lawns. This will make our mowing day much faster and more efficient. We mow all of the town lawns, saving approximately \$3,000 a year by not bidding out the job. We also don't have to hire a fourth man as each of our drivers are experienced enough

to plow without a wing man. This has saved the town approximately \$20,000 in salary over the past two years.

There have been many improvements on town roads. Military Road from the 4 corners in two to Gage Road was chip sealed in 2008. Burt Rd and Hall Rd were also done in 2009. In the summer of 2009 Hall Rd from Rt 8 to the Russia Town Line had to be widened and trees cut so it could be plowed for a permanent home newly built on the road. Gould Rd has had a lot done also with trees cut and ditches widened. The project will be finished as our weather gets better this year. All of the firewood from the different projects has been taken to the town barn and will be used for our heat next year. We have not had to purchase firewood in two years, saving the taxpayers more money. In the summer of 2010 I hope to make more improvements on Military Rd and Lynch Rd four corners by cutting trees making a safer place for the bus to turn around. Gage Rd needs to be chip sealed and Sulphur Springs Rd will be done also. Through careful planning and careful spending, doing our own repairs there was \$36,965.86 left in the budget at the end of last year.

Please feel free to call me, 717-7775 if you have any questions or concerns.

POLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

From the desk of the 2nd Asst. Chief.....Douglas Ossont

On behalf of the Chief, Scot Burritt, and the entire fire dept., including the auxiliary I would like to thank the town of Norway and its citizens, who continue to support the Fire department. It doesn't matter if you're a member, or a patron of one of the successful fundraising events we do, like the Chinese auction, chicken BBQ's, Fish Fries, or simply sent in a donation. It is these small gestures that add up to make our community great. Our fire district is the largest in NYS, yet, with its capable staff of volunteers, we are able to maintain a very high fire rating which saves us all money with the insurance companies.

If you are interested in joining a successful team, we are always looking for people of all ages, (18 years minimum) and abilities to join. A fire department is more than people in heavy equipment charging into a fire. We also need fire police for traffic control, and parades. We also need support people to help with behind the scene work. I joined because a friend twisted my arm..... 10 years later I look back and wonder why I didn't join earlier.

NEWPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

From the desk of John Butler, Chief

Please remember that as of Monday February 22, all homes are required to have at least one Carbon Monoxide Detector. Also please keep your chimneys clean, practice exit drills in the home with your family and change your smoke detector batteries.

Reflective 911 Address Signs can be ordered from the Newport Fire Department to help us find your house quickly in the case of an emergency. The signs are sold at our cost of \$10.00 and can be ordered by leaving a message at 845-8129 or the department web site at www.newportfd.com. Please list your 911 Address Number and whether you want the numbers Horizontal or Vertical on the sign.

The officers and members of the Newport Volunteer Fire Department are very proud of their equipment. Much of this equipment has been purchased from funds that our local residents have paid in the form of Town fire taxes, while some equipment has been purchased by the communities' support of our annual field days. As a general rule we are in the station on Sunday mornings performing maintenance checks on *our* vehicles and equipment, residents are welcome to stop by the station at this time. If you would prefer to view the apparatus and equipment at another time feel free to contact me at 845-8129 or via email at chief@newportfd.com.

The Fire Department has openings for new members. While some members attend the training required to become interior firefighters or emergency medical technicians there are others that attend training to become fire police and support personnel. In the department there are many jobs to do and there is a place for anyone interested in helping to serve their community. If you are interested in joining our department feel free to contact me at 845-1545 and I will be glad to explain what is required to become a member.

WINDTOWERS:

I know all of you are wondering when our wind tower project will be starting. Right now we are in the process of finish the final paperwork. Hopefully they will be starting construction by the middle of June. We will be receiving a total of 12 mills all up on the top of Snyder Road, where we all know that the wind always blows! Mortenson Construction will be the main contractor with the following subcontractors that have thus far been awarded bids:

1. Kubricky, out of the Saratoga County area for site/civil work and road work
2. Dwyer, out of Indiana for structural work
3. Saunders, out of Syracuse to operate the batch plant
4. Poland Sand & Gravel, out of Poland for trucking

I will try to keep you updated as information is received.