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From the Desk of Ralph Bentley, Supervisor

I want to thank you for making it possible for me, as your Town Supervisor, to continue the work of our town. With such strong voter turnout of over 70%, the election results demonstrate an energized community commitment to be involved, to help achieve substantial progress for Horicon — in both Adirondack and Brant Lake hamlets.

For example, I received an idea for constituting a Town Forum of 12-15 town citizens to work in an advisory role reporting to the Town Council with separate “study committees” to inform on such issues as affordable housing, identifying sustainable economic prospects through improving jobs, business commerce and investment opportunities in town. To facilitate citizen input, information, and feedback, it was proposed to create an interactive, on-line “blog” web page to post news, job opportunities, among other things.

I look forward to working with you as we move forward to building on the remarkable volunteer dedication and reservoir of knowledge skills — to include our retired folks — in making Horicon: both Adirondack and Brant Lake an increasingly desirable place in which to live and work.

May your New Year be filled with joy, success and happiness!!

Ralph W. Bentley

Zoning Committee Update

The Town of Horicon Zoning Committee, charged with revising the Town’s Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations based upon the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan which was adopted in 2010, has met for the past few months and has completed its task. It has now submitted its proposals (draft revised laws) to the Town Board, which will schedule public information meetings and hearings to receive citizen input.

Major proposed changes in the zoning regulations include the following: (1) revisions of the list of uses permitted or not permitted within each zoning district; (2) creation of a new “Millpond Zoning District”; (3) adoption of “design guidelines” applicable to the Millpond District and Adirondack Hamlet; (4) reducing delays in issuing zoning permits by making a public hearing optional for projects of a minor nature; (5) addition of site plan approval standards to be used by the Planning Board in their review of projects; (6) new regulations for maximum lot coverage, maximum height, keeping of farm animals, and bed and breakfast establishments to name a few.

Other proposed changes include revisions to regulations for swimming pool fences, signs, and accessory structures.

The only proposed change in the Subdivision Regulations is that the maximum length of a dead-end road will be increased from 500 to 1000 feet.

Business Profiles That Make Our Community Stronger:

Tin Teepee Campgrounds-Making Success Happen



Mike and Brenda Lewis's vision to have their own camping business after working for over ten years at the Brant Lake General Store, and being avid camping enthusiasts are looking forward to another good year as owners of the Tin Teepee camp site for RV's and travel trailers and camping enthusiasts.

Their vision was to start modestly with 30 full, hook up camp sites for motor homes on their 125-acre property on Bean Road. Each 30' x 100' camp site is very *accommodating* and separate from one another located among trees, furnishing water, septic and cable TV. Their first summer of 2008 was a modest success; however, now in their third season, they have already signed up 22 seasonal rentals (May 1st through Oct 1); and are anticipating a repeat of many overnight rentals. They hope to complete the permit approvals for an additional twenty camp sites, to be ready by this coming summer season. Brenda says she has folks coming from all over the state, including Rockland County, Argyle, Troy and from Montreal, Canada.

What makes their enterprise so *accommodating* is their offering to host meetings from the surrounding civic & volunteer organizations, including the Brant Lake Association, The Chester / Horicon Youth Commission, Friends of the Horicon Library, Girl Scout Troop of North Warren and the Johnsbury Fire Co.

Tin Teepee also offers pool passes for those who want to cool off for a day (\$5.00) to a season use (\$30.00). They also feature hiking and ATV trails. The campground rate varies from \$49.00 per day, weekly (6 nights with 1 night free) of \$249.00 and for the month of \$1,209 (28 days with one week free). Look for their schedule at: <http://tinteepecampground.com/events/html>.

Tin Teepee offers a "Hot Special" everyday in addition to their regular menu. Beverly Tennyson, Brenda's mother, is known for her home made pies, which are made from locally grown organic fruit, priced modestly at \$12.00.

There's even a coffee cupboard reserved for some 30-odd mugs, for the regulars who like their own mug. Did I say Brenda is accommodating with an enthusiastic smile!!

YOU BETCHA!!!!



Christmas Tree Farm, Brant Lake

Are you looking to keep the tradition alive and stay green? Look no further than Wood's Christmas Tree Farm. Tucked just out of sight off Dorset Road sits a small Christmas Tree Farm owned by Matt Wood, his wife Krista and their daughter Karli. The business was started by Matt's father, Walt, 35 years ago on the old family farm with approx. 3,500 trees. Matt and his father maintained the trees together for years with Matt eventually taking over full maintenance about five years ago and has since expanded the business bringing the total tree count to approx 7,000 trees of various sizes.

Two years ago Matt's enterprising daughter, Karli, thought they should add to the customer's "experience" by creating "Karli's Korner" where you can find fresh baked cookies and hot chocolate to enjoy. Karli is the third generation involved in the tree farm and really has some great ideas! Their growing enterprise also offers wreaths and swags. Just look for the Christmas Tree Sign on Dorset Road.



Adirondack News

Community Center—*Things are happening in Adirondack. A group of Adirondack residents have started a project to make the old school house in Adirondack into a community center. Thanks to a \$1000 grant from the Adirondack Community Trust — Community Fund for the Gore Mountain Region, we have gotten off to a fast start in raising funds for this project. Being careful to keep most of its original character, our first endeavor is to upgrade the kitchen area and make it functional for events. This winter we plan on upgrading the furnace. Plans for a bocce ball court and possibly a horseshoe pit or two are also in the works.*

Schroon Lake— *After the completion of our watershed management plan, we formed a steering committee consisting of the three towns and two lake associations to implement its recommendations. With the assistance of Warren County Soil and Water, we have applied for a grant to address water runoff, septic and milfoil problems. Unfortunately, we continue to discover more and more milfoil. This year we conducted an extensive survey of the lake and with the support of the adjacent towns we will be able to fund a program like Brant Lake has accomplished to address the milfoil problem. Also this past year with help from Horicon and our sister lake association, the Brant Lake Association, we had stewards at both the town boat launches. This effort will continue next year.*



Beth Gilles demonstrating river environments to children at the ESSLA's Horicon Day set up

Bill McGhie, President ESSLA

Mark your Calendar:

Horicon Day - Saturday August 4th, 2012

Festivities begin at Noon and Fireworks at dusk.
Music, Food, Artisans, Kids Activities Car and Boat Show, Group Demonstrations.

Contact email: horiconday@yahoo.com

1881 Adirondack Historic Museum

The Horicon Historical Society has championed the funding and creation of a museum in a restoration project, approved by the Horicon Town Board, to find new life for the venerable and unused Union Church, built in 1881. The "1881 Historical Adirondack Museum" will display richly historic and rare artifacts of the "North County" life, many pre-dating the Revolutionary War. Tom Johansen, Vice President of the North Warren Chamber and President of the Horicon Historical Society, is overseeing this effort in coordination with Edna Trumble, Coordinator/Chairperson, and Colleen Murtagh, town of Horicon Historian. A Legacy Gift Certificate program is available to permanently record and display your contributions. Those wishing to make a contribution can call Edna Trumble at: 518-494-2270.



L to R – Tom Johansen, Ralph Bentley, Edna Trumble

The Town of Horicon



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Check out the new on-line features on the Horicon website at www.horiconny.gov

- * Dog License applications
- * Cemetery Rules and Regulations
- * Dog Control information
- * Link to the your Town and County Tax Bill
- * New Board Members

REMINDER.... You should have received your 2012 Property Tax bill in the beginning of January.
If you do not receive your bill, please call (518) 494-4643 for a copy
or visit <http://egov.basny.com> and select **Town of Horicon**.

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION DATES:

For those who pick up monthly food distribution, please note the expected pick-up day for 2012 will be the Tuesday following the first Monday of each month. If this falls on a holiday, please call to confirm. There will be a notice posted at pick up noting the schedule. Please be sure Vicky has your phone number on file in case we need to notify you of any changes.

ZONING OFFICE Q & A

Q: When do I need a Zoning Compliance Certificate (Land Use Permit)?

A: If you are doing work on your property, you may need to obtain a Zoning Compliance Certificate (Land use Permit). The following are some examples for which a Zoning Compliance Certificate (Land Use Permit) is required:

*New Construction Demolition Additions Deck Porches
Docks Retaining Wall Removal of trees from shoreline
Placement of Accessory Buildings or any structure separate from
an existing structure*

A Zoning Compliance Certificate (Land Use Permit) is required for but not limited to the above examples. Remember to ask first.

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