



The Connector

Town of Pavilion connecting organizations and events with the community

Fall/Winter Edition 2012

NOTES FROM THE SUPERVISOR ' S DESK

Many of you may have seen Howard Owens' article in the October 17, 2012 issue of *The Batavian* (<http://thebatavian.com>). The article is about the upgrade to the Town of Pavilion's wastewater treatment plant which was mentioned in our Spring newsletter. Our gratitude goes out to our plant operators, *The Camden Group, Pure Stream* who designed and constructed the plant and, of course, to our highway department for helping to keep installation costs to a minimum. *Pure Stream* has, once again, stepped up to the plate and acknowledged deficiencies in the original design. They had a 30,000 gallon custom-designed tank built at **no charge to the Town**. They even paid to have the oversized load delivered to our plant. Once it is fully operational, most of our wastewater issues should be resolved.

One very important issue yet to be resolved is the fact that every time we get significant rainfall or melt-off situations, the inflow to the plant increases by about 50%. The most logical source of this increased inflow includes; sump pumps, gutters & downspouts, and septic systems that are illegally hooked into the sanitary sewer. We will be doing a comprehensive code inspection of each structure which is part of the system, and we are hopeful that these issues will be corrected, if necessary, before code enforcement inspectors come to your door.

With a normal inflow, our revamped wastewater treatment plant should provide its users with many years of much-needed, uninterrupted service.

On another code enforcement note, the junk cars in the community remain a priority for your Town Board. Many of these cars have been around for decades. I can assure each and every citizen of the Town of Pavilion that 2013 will see the beginning of rigorous enforcement of the laws designed to control this blemish in our community. For those of you who continue to view your unlicensed vehicles as a crop to nurture and grow, I suggest that you consider harvesting your crop for a cash return. Once the enforcement papers arrive at your doorstep, those "assets" will turn into real liabilities. I note that some of the vehicles are being removed. To those of you responsible I say: "Good Work and thank you!"

On to more good news...

We are well into the budget process for 2013 and have scheduled a **public hearing on the budget for Wednesday, November 7th** which is the day after Election Day. Once again the Town will enjoy a zero, **yes zero**, tax rate for operating the Town in 2013. While some expenses continue to go up, others are being contained to maintain our zero tax rate for the Town of Pavilion. Please take a few minutes to read the article on *Understanding Your Tax Bill* in this Fall/Winter issue of *The Connector*.

Sales taxes continue to be our largest revenue source for the Town. Without the sales tax revenues we receive, your tax bill would skyrocket. Sales Tax Revenues for 2012 are running about 4.6% ahead of last year as our economy recovers. Remember to patronize businesses in Genesee County whenever you can. When you make a purchase in Genesee County, regardless of whether it is in Pavilion or in one of the other towns or the city of Batavia, a portion of that sales tax generated is shared not only with the county, but also with every municipality in Genesee County. This is a huge boost for our local governmental operations. I have grown to appreciate this even more as I attend various training sessions and talk to people serving in counties that do not share the sales tax revenues with their municipalities.

Another way you can help with the cost of local government at no additional cost to you is to renew your car and/or truck registrations locally. You can do this at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Batavia which has an after-hours drop-box near the Court Street entrance or at the drop-box on Main Street in LeRoy right in the front of the Town Hall. For each registration renewed locally, Genesee County keeps 12.7% of the registration fee. For each one mailed in, the county receives nothing. Renewing locally is currently generating over \$620,000 for Genesee County which helps pay our bills as opposed to Albany's bills. This is largely due to the efforts of our County Clerk, Don Read, who has been actively pursuing this "keep the cash local" policy. Keeping the county fiscally strong helps assure that the sales tax will continue to be shared with our local municipalities, and also helps determine the real property tax rate which is part of your county-town tax bill.

We continue to have productive discussions with the Town of Batavia regarding the possibility of an inter-municipal agreement providing Pavilion with professional code and zoning assistance. Donald Roberts who is from Wyoming County has been doing a great job, but he continues to remind us that he only agreed to the job on a temporary basis. We will, of course, retain our own Planning and Zoning Boards and all records will remain in Pavilion. Keep tuned for further developments.

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The Town has a number of volunteer Boards which selflessly help the community function. A personal "Thank You" goes out to these people who contribute so much; the Library Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board and Youth Recreation Board are all listed, along with current members, on the Town's website. The current address for the Town's website is; (www.townofpavilion.com). From time to time we have vacancies on the boards, so if you an interest in serving, please let us know.

Down Library Lane



Time has flown since the last newsletter, and summer has come and gone. I want to thank the community for their amazing participation in our "Summer Reading Program." There were 108 children, 31 teens and 79 adults registered with 90% completing their reading requirements. We had a great response to our bottle rocket "Kick Off" program with 72 in attendance. So many people were interested in learning more about saving money by couponing that we had to change the location of our program to the fire hall. A special "Thank You" goes out to Tom Phelps for his donation of a Bounce House for our ending picnic. We hosted 120 of our local patrons at the picnic and the children LOVED playing while the parents enjoyed visiting with each other.

Our library hours are as follows: Mon & Wed 1:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00, Tue 10:00-12:30, Fri 1:00-5:00 Sat 10:00-12:30, Closed on Thursday.

In addition to all the services we provide, there will be an exciting NEW service coming soon. Patrons will soon be able to download MUSIC from the Nioga website for FREE. This is just like downloading e-books, but you will be able to KEEP the songs you download. We will be testing this for the next year to see if this is something the community uses to allow us to budget accordingly for the following years. This is similar the I-Tunes where you will be able to download any of your favorite artists or instrumental music to your chosen device. As I always say..."Come Check it Out!" Suzanne Schauf-Library Manager

PAVILION PUBLIC LIBRARY SURVEY

What additional programs would you like to see offered

Are you aware of the different services offered? Please circle ALL services used by you or your family:

BORROW

- Books
Movies
Magazines
Inter-Library Loan Materials (from 21 different Libraries)
Downloadable E-Books

USE

- Computers (Internet)
Fax Machine
Copier
Meeting Rooms
Disc Resurfacing

Do you feel the hours open are adequate and convenient? YES NO Changes? _____

Do you feel our collections and materials meet your needs or interests, and if not, what would you like to see more of?

Comments:

The Board of Trustees appreciates your time in completing this survey. Thank You!
Please drop off at the Library (even in the drop box) or mail to:
Pavilion Public Library
5 Woodrow Dr./ PO Box 422

From the Town Clerk's Office

PARK & RIDE

Park & Ride facilities are now available at the Town of Pavilion Office parking lot for the convenience of town commuters. If needed we encourage you to take advantage of this service.



CELEBRATING PAVILION

The Pavilion Town Board has suggested a special day in the Summer of 2013 where members of our community can come together to celebrate. Please contact the Town Clerk, Cindy Starr, for interest and more information.



LATE FEES: Starting in January 2013 late fees on sewer rents will change from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per quarter unit.

OVER DUE DOG LICENSES: Summons will be issued for dogs that are not licensed. Please be sure to either license or renew your dog licenses.

Copy Fees: Flat Rate-\$**.50** Certified and Sealed-\$**10.00** Genealogy Copy \$**11.00**

Dog Licenses:(Any dog age 4 months or older must have a license.) Fees: \$5.00 altered, \$10.00 unaltered

Marriage Licenses: Marriage Licenses are available at any Town Clerk Office in NY State

- Licenses are required to be obtained 24 hours prior to the time of marriage
- Applications are valid for up to 60 days once obtained
- Both parties need to appear in person to obtain the license application
- License Fee is \$40.00 \$10.00 for certified copies

Fishing Licenses: Anyone 16 years or older must obtain a fishing license. Proof of residency is required.

Licenses are valid from October 1 to September 30

Hunting Licenses: Available with licenses valid from October 1 to September 30

Handicapped Parking Permits: Applications are available at the Town Clerk's Office as well as the NY State Department of Motor Vehicles, and physician's offices. Applications must be filled out by a physician and the physician's signature must appear on the form.



From the Office of Assessor, Tammy Baker

It is that time of year again to be thinking of exemptions. **I will be mailing** out renewal forms. You must apply for the senior citizens' exemption, The Enhanced Star Exemption, and the Agricultural Exemption each year. Individuals who have signed up for IVP (Income Verification Program) through the Enhanced Star Program do not need to reapply.

Please note if you are turning 65 in 2012 and have not yet applied for the *Enhanced STAR*, or if you are turning 65 in 2013 you must apply for the *Enhanced STAR* by March 1, 2013. (You must show proof of income which must be below \$79,050 and you will need proof of age.)

If you own your home and it is your primary residence, this includes those who reside in Manufactured Homes, you may apply for the BASIC STAR exemption. This exemption is applied toward School Taxes. If you have not already applied for this exemption, the deadline is March 1st, 2013.

Please note that I will continue to take photos of properties this Fall and my vehicle will display the sign; *Assessor Town of Pavilion*.

All the information that I have on record can be found on the OARS System website (www.oarsystem.com/ny/genesee/default.asp). Please contact me if you should find a discrepancy.

I will be adjusting Farmland Values again this year. When I send out the agriculture renewals I will also send a cover letter stating the land value difference between 2012 and 2013, Please note that if you do not have a written lease on file, you may be receiving one of them as well.

Tammy J. Baker, IAO, Town of Pavilion Assessor

UNDERSTANDING YOUR TAX BILL

About the time the sticker shock from your School Tax bill is wearing off, your County and Town Tax bill presents you with a New Year's surprise. Fortunately the surprise and shock are not as bad as the School Tax, but they are still substantial. Our first look is to the 'bottom line' found in the lower right corner. After a deep breath, settle down and carefully examine the various information on the bill. First check to make sure your assessed value is correct and that you have been credited with all the exemptions you may be entitled to. Each exemption reduces your total assessment and therefore your bill. Every bill in the Town has at least five line items.

The first line item is the New York State Medicaid Tax mandate. Medicaid is the program that funds health care for the people who cannot pay themselves and also funds long-term nursing home care after an individual has exhausted his/her personal assets. This is the second largest component of your bill. Medicaid is funded 60% by federal government and 40% by the states. In New York, the counties are mandated to pay a hefty portion of the state's share. This is what you see on your bill. In 2011 it rose by 5.8% and in 2012 by 4.6%. In 2013 numbers are not yet available, but expect them to be higher than last year.

The second line item is your share of running Genesee County and all the programs it supports. In 2011 it went down 1% from 2010, but in 2012 it was up 2.1%. The figures for 2013 are not out yet, but you should expect approximately the same increase next year.

The third line item is your Town Tax bill. You will note that it shows a zero "0" property tax. We hope to be able to maintain that rate for the foreseeable future.

The fourth line item is for the Library. In 2011 it was up 4.3% and in 2012 it again rose 4.2%. This year it will be within the challenging 2% cap.

The fifth line item is for the Pavilion Fire District. In 2011 there was no increase and in 2012 it went up 12.7%. This year will see a very large increase because of the new truck voted upon and approved by the town voters.

Many of you will see additional line items for either sewer or water or both if you are served by public sewer and/or water. Any increase will be within the 2% cap.

By examining your tax bill line by line, it is really apparent that our biggest bites are for the County and Medicaid services. We can help keep the county part down by spending our dollars within the county and by renewing our registrations locally instead of through the mail. As for Medicaid, we can be vigilant for suspected Medicaid fraud or abuse. We must also continue to push Albany through our state representatives for mandate relief and reform of New York State's Medicaid system.

Ted Howard

A CHAT WITH ESTHER

Our County Legislator



Esther Leadley was appointed to the position of County Legislator in 1999 when she filled the post vacated by Dan Burling. Elected every two years, she represents Pavilion, East Bethany and Alexander. The next election will be coming up in 2013. Esther reports that she has run unopposed for the past several years.

Our County Legislators are responsible for the well-being of their constituents through the distribution of revenues collected from county taxes.

A program entitled *Smart Growth* was developed by the Genesee County Legislature. *The Clean Air Act*, which prohibits smoking in public buildings, was initiated and is touted as the first program enforced in New York State.

The three standing committees of the legislature include; Human Services (the committee on which Esther serves), Public Services, and the Ways and Means. Duties of these committees include creating programs and allocating funds for county services such as; County Roads and Bridges, Social Services, County Sheriff and Dispatch responsibilities. Other programs include, twenty-eight divisions of the Preschool Program, the Office for the Aging and Agriculture and Farmland Protection. Go Art, Cooperative Extension, Genesee County Libraries, the Holland Land Office, and Mercy Flight also receive contributions from the Legislature.

Esther, who moved over the county line from Wyoming County, is very proud of Genesee County especially in the areas of agriculture. She reports that our county is in the forefront when it comes to networking with other counties and collaborative efforts. In October Genesee County will share the position of Public Health Director with Orleans County.

According to Esther, the biggest hurdles of the organizations are the New York State mandates, particularly in areas social services.

Our County Legislature meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The first meeting of the month is always held at the Genesee County Court House and the second meeting, called the *Outreach Meeting* is held at various locations in the county from March through October. County residents are welcome to attend either or both of the meetings held by the County Legislature.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

It has been a particularly busy summer for the Pavilion Fire Company with the most significant event being the arrival of the new rescue/engine 78. It has taken over a year and a half to design and produce the truck which replaces two older units that were taken out of service. Engine 78 is designed to perform the same tasks of the other two trucks and is well equipped to do fire suppression with a state of the art compression air foam/water system. The new vehicle also has hazardous environment scene support with an onboard breathing air supply. For rescue work the truck has a full compliment of *HURST Jaws of Life* tools, and medical emergency equipment which includes oxygen and an external defibrillator.

In addition to their regular responsibilities, a committee of nine department leaders, and the Board of Fire Commissioners spent countless hours to insure that the new truck will meet the needs of our community for its projected 20 years of service.

The Pavilion Fire Department has had a busy year with responses which are already above the previous year's total while two months remain in 2012. We have had several significant calls in our district including; two barn fires, a house fire, a mobile home fire and several motor vehicle accidents. In addition to the calls in our own community we have responded to neighboring communities to assist with a house fire in Warsaw, a truck garage fire in York, and an engine manufacturing and test facility fire in LeRoy. Our most recent call to assist other communities was for the tragic fire in the business district of Castile.

The community has also enjoyed the use of our athletic fields this summer and our banquet facilities have been busy throughout the year. The fire company invites anyone who would like to rent our hall and banquet facilities to contact us.

The Pavilion Fire Department's chartered Scout Troop has projected a record number of troop members to achieve Eagle Scout rank this year. Several successful blood drives have also been held at our facility.

The department held an open house on October 21st from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm for a viewing of Engine 78 and other new equipment. Blood pressure readings were taken, house number signs were available to be made to order by completing applications, and fire prevention aid were distributed.



Thank you for your support.

Paul Dougherty, Chief

Court News

The court has been quite busy lately. The New York State Police have persistently been ticketing traffic violators and the DOT has been checking on the truck traffic on a regular basis. Fortunately, very few of the tickets are given to Pavilion residents.

Please be mindful that the New York DMV takes a dim view of points on licenses and anyone with at least six points will be classified as a persistent violator. Drivers in this category are required to pay \$100/year for three years in order to keep their license. Also, for every point over six, there is an additional \$25 assessment All of this is in addition to the higher insurance rates violators must pay.

Drive safely for everyone's sake!

Planning Board News

As we welcome Fall 2012, the Planning Board is still very active with several applications, including many commercial and private projects for our quaint little town. A Wyoming County resident recently commented that our town has about as many projects as the entire county. Applications to date for the year are up about 75% from prior years.

We will be seeking new board members for the 2013 year. Please contact any current board member or the Town Clerk if you are interested in a position on the Planning Board. I wish to thank all active and past members for their dedication and service to the community.

As times change, laws must be amended. This is an ongoing process in our department. We seek better communication among all Town of Pavilion boards and our current short term goal is to streamline the application process.

We welcome any and all future applications and look forward to working with you on your next project. Please feel free to contact me or any board member.

Submitted by; Dean Davis, Planning Board Chairman

NEWS FROM OUR HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS



Our highway crew has been busy during the Spring and Summer months with necessary repairs and maintenance of town roads. This Fall we have continued road work and also worked with the *Pure Stream* company on the installation of equipment for the upgrade to our wastewater treatment plant.

We are now preparing our equipment for snow and ice removal since winter weather will soon be upon us. We prepare for the worst winter season, but hope for the best.



The Pavilion Food Pantry

Submitted by Sue Kinney



Autumnal Greetings from the Food Pantry

As summer has drawn to a close, the Pantry reviews data from the summer season and begins to prepare for the upcoming holiday season.....Yes, *already!*

We served several new families this summer, mostly single parents with a child or children. Thanks to Betsy Lowe and *The Farmer's Wife* produce stand, we have been couponing families so that they may have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. *Wilson Farms* accepts our coupons for fresh milk and eggs. Several donors have stepped up with wonderful checks, cash or *TOPS* cards and *Foodlink* has approved our 2013 grant application. All in all, the summer has been a successful one.

The holidays require a lot of coordination to be ready on time. By the end of September, applications for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets will be in the mail to known clients. The Pantry works with the 9th Grade Class and teachers at PCS to see that anyone who needs it will receive a Thanksgiving basket which includes; turkey, potatoes, gravy, applesauce, dessert and other holiday necessities. For Christmas, the Pavilion Volunteer Department helps out by delivering baskets. The Pantry prepares the baskets on our own, often with the help of some high school volunteers. The boxes include a turkey with all the trimmings and whatever fresh vegetables we can obtain which usually are; potatoes, squash, cabbage, onions, and carrots. Last year we had personal care items, tea or coffee along with general food supplies such as; soup, bread, peanut butter and cereal, to help people get through the holidays. Mrs. Davis's Girl Scouts made and packaged cookies and other holiday treats. Several families with elderly folks or infant children also received gifts from St. Mary's Giving Tree, so it was, indeed, a happy time for them. Much of the shopping is done by the Pantry volunteers, but *Foodlink* is an invaluable resource for the holidays and the rest of the year as well.

This Fall, we hope that the Cub Scouts will once again have their Fall food drive. If you run into a BOGO sale at the local grocery store, pick up a few extras for the Pantry and support local Scouting at the same time! There are still collection boxes at the Post Office, Five Star Bank, Jazzy Creations and Remission Café. As Fall progresses and we have fewer fresh items available, we will need more cash resources to finance the purchase of canned and boxed shelf goods. We are never quite sure how it all comes together, but with the support of community churches, Pavilion Central School personnel and student groups, and so many other caring organizations and individuals, we are like the *Little Engine That Could*. Pavilion may be a small community, but it has proven to have a big heart!



Pavilion-Covington Recycling



Hours: Sat. 7-12 all year. May 1st to November 30th Wed. 5-7p.m.

THE LARGE RECYCLING DUMPSTER accepts the following:

Metal: Pots & pans, trays & tins, food & drink cans, aluminum foils (clean), license plates defaced)

Papery products: Juice boxes, drink boxes, milk cartons, paper cups and plates (clean), mail, envelopes, phone books, paper and hardcover books. Please put other paper into the Abitibi bins.

Glass: Bottles, jars (green, brown & clear only) No blue glass.

Plastics - all plastics # 1-7 ALL MUST BE CLEAN: Buckets, flatware, containers, caps, lids, plates, cups, CD/DVD Cases, laundry baskets, plant containers, product packaging, milk/water jugs -flattened. No plastic bags or filmy product wrap (see below).

The **Abitibi/Paper Retrievers** accept office and school **paper**, newspapers and inserts, mail, magazines, catalogs, etc. No hard cover books. No phone books. The Abitibi bins at school and the town building are fundraisers for PTO and Youth Recreation, respectively.

Cardboard and Boxboard: Corrugated cardboard and cereal boxes, cracker boxes, gift boxes, tissue boxes, shoeboxes, etc. all go on floor in corner of town building.

Electronic Waste: Computers, monitors, microwaves, household and rechargeable batteries, etc. accepted at Pavilion Recycling.

TAKE ITEMS BELOW TO THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

Plastic Bags and Wrap: All must be CLEAN! Shopping bags, newspaper bags, bread bags, cereal/cracker box liners, produce bags, dry cleaning bags, zip-type (zip removed) baggies, furniture wrap, paper towel wrap, drink case wrap, napkin package wrap, stretch/ shrink wraps (clean & dry), toilet paper wrap. Accepted at any: Tops, Wegman's, Walmart, Target, Home Depot, Staples, and more.

Rechargeable batteries: Take to Home Depot, Lowe's, Target, Wal-Mart, Wegman's or Pavilion.

Car Batteries: Accepted at Pavilion, or sell to a scrap dealer, or take for free to a service station.

Cell Phones: Donate to charity, or take to Home Depot, Pavilion, or any cell phone company.

Compact Fluorescent Lights: Accepted in Pavilion or take to Home Depot or Lowes.

Hazardous Household Waste: For information, contact the GLOW Solid Waste office at 800/836-1154, 585/344-2580 ext. 5463 or glow@co.genesee.ny.us

Recycling should be the LAST option. Try to avoid purchasing disposable items.

Reduce, reuse, recycle- in that order- is the best rule to follow.



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COURT HELD EVERY TUES. 3:00 PM @ TOWN HALL

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM AT THE TOWN HALL.
ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME.

ZONING OFFICER: DONALD ROBERTS (temporary)
PHONE: 584-3850 EXT 201 (Town Clerk)

TOWN CLERK: CINDY STARR PHONE: 584-3850 EXT 201
HOURS: MON & THUR; 9AM TO 1:00 PM
TUE; 12-6:00PM WED; 12-4 PM FRIDAY CLOSED

PLANNING BOARD MEETS 2ND TUES. OF THE MONTH
@ PAVILION TOWN HALL 7:00 PM.

ZONING BOARD MEETS AS NEEDED.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: JOHN STRATHEARN
HOURS: WEEKDAYS 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM
PHONE: 584-3850 EXT 206 / 209 (SHOP)

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Wednesday 5 PM- 7 PM (May 1st—Nov. 30th)
Saturday 7AM-12 PM