

Council News

Winter 2001



NEW FACES AROUND THE COUNCIL



Dan Pearson, Pinckney and Keith Munz, Osceola, have been appointed by their town boards to be 2001 representatives to the council. They join Doug Dietrich, Martinsburg, who is our newest director. All of these gentlemen share a love of the region and the desire to work towards a bright future for those of us who live and work here. Thanks to all of them for giving their time and energy to the council.

END OF AN ERA IN LORRAINE

February marks the end of Bill Johnson's tenure as Supervisor in Lorraine. He has given much time and energy to that community and his efforts will long be appreciated. We wish him "GOOD LUCK" and offer a heartfelt "THANK YOU" for a job well done! Sandy Clark takes over as new Supervisor. *Best Wishes, Sandy.*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE SET FOR APRIL

You have, by now, received the mailing with information on the Local Government Conference set for April 11th this year. The conference format is a bit different this year with a dynamic mid-morning

speaker. We have worked hard to develop interesting and timely topics for our workshops this year – ZBA boards, planning boards, assessors, town boards and highway supers should all find some things of interest. Please get your reservations in early and remember, no phone, fax or e-mail registrations!

The council is sponsoring two scholarships to the conference this year. We will pay registration fee and lunch for two of our attendees. Give a call to Jane Jones, coordinator or Charolette Abrams, associate, to nominate someone from your town. The deadline for nominations is

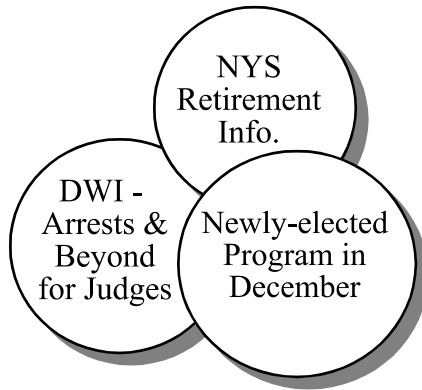


TUG HILL COMMISSION WEB SITE – LOOKING GOOD !!!

The Commission web site is getting a 'facelift' this spring. Efforts to make the site more user-friendly and give it more current look are underway. We will still have lots of information for your questions and links to Dept. of State and Association of Towns will be available. We will also have our famous 'training cards' for ZBAs, planning boards, town boards, and clerks plus all kinds of training information. Check it out at: ***www.tughill.***

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE RELEASES INFO ON TELECONFERENCE SCHEDULE FOR 2001

Another important piece in your mailbox this winter is the information concerning the teleconference schedule for the upcoming year. Good things happening here. Topics to include (but not limited to):



Check your mail, check the Commission web-site or check with your circuit rider for more information. Teleconference sites locally:

- *Lewis County Cooperative Extension, Lowville*
- *Jefferson Community College, Watertown*
- *Oswego County Cooperative Extension, Mexico*



The following planning activities are happening around the CTHC area:

Florence – The town board is reviewing completely updated zoning and subdivision laws that have been prepared by the town planning board.

Leyden – The town has set up a zoning commission to work on preparing the town's first zoning law.

Osceola – The town planning board has prepared zoning updates and revised their zoning map for

consideration and review by the town board.

Pinckney – The town board has adopted a low-volume roads law, and is reviewing road designations prepared by the highway superintendent.

Turin Village – The village board is reviewing zoning recommendations prepared by the NY Rural Water Association that will protect the village wells and water supply.

West Turin – The town board has recently adopted a clutter law, and is reviewing zoning revisions which were prepared by the planning board.

SPRING MEETING DATE SET

Our spring council meeting date has been set for May 31, 2001 at a location yet to be determined. We'll have some updates for you in current projects and also a presentation concerning some possible staffing changes that will need council approval. Please mark that date on you calendar. More information will follow.

FROM THE COORDINATOR

Thanks to all of you who have been so patient while I have been dealing with my mother's hospitalization throughout January. I've been unable to keep a full work schedule going and appreciate your understanding. Hopefully, things will improve with the improving (?) weather. Thanks again and please note- your circuit riders are only a phone call away.

Enjoy the rest of our 'real' Tug Hill winter and

Think spring!

