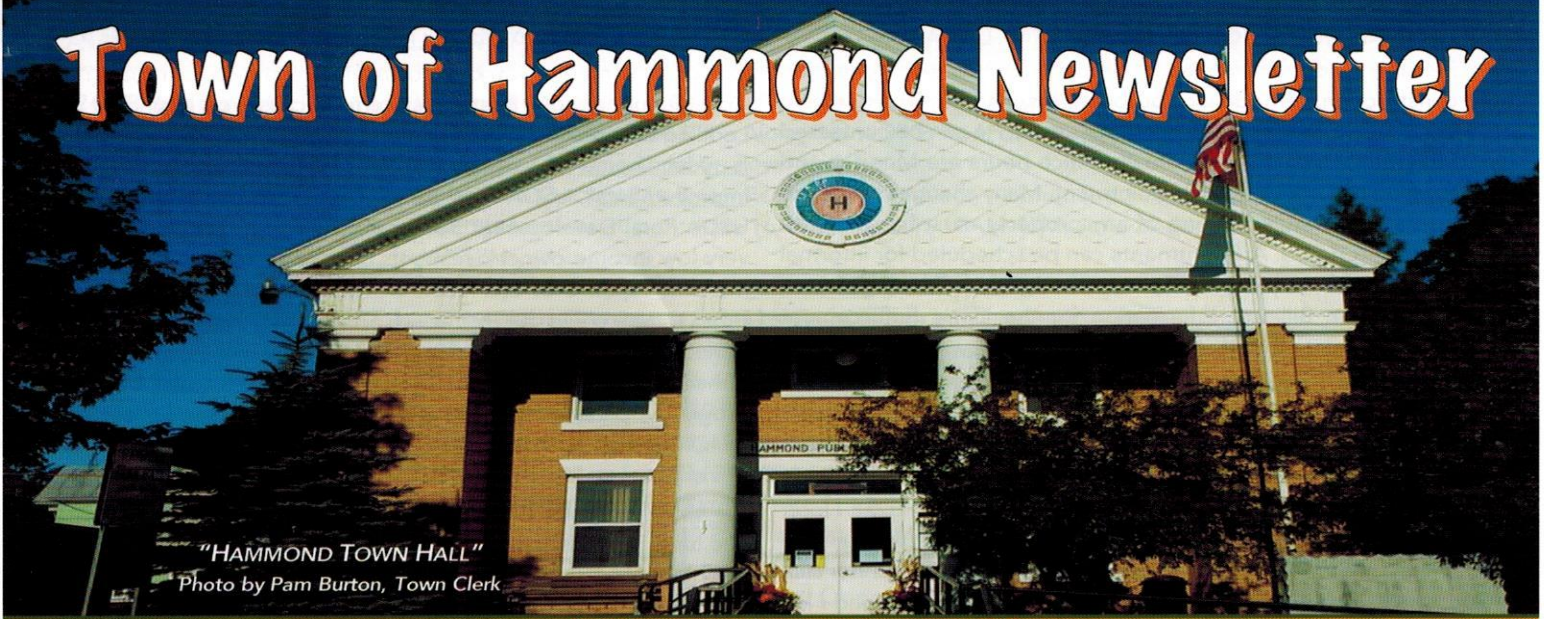


Town of Hammond Newsletter



9TH EDITION – SPRING/SUMMER 2017

Please enjoy this newsletter from
Supervisor Ron Bertram and the
Hammond Town Board.

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NEW PURCHASES FOR THE HAMMOND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Town of Hammond Highway Department is starting the year by updating some of its heavy equipment that was long overdue to be replaced. The first purchase was a new heavy-duty pickup truck to replace the 1988 model that has been in service. This purchase was accomplished using Consolidated Highway Improvement Program Funds. The Town Board also authorized the purchase of a 2017 plow truck to replace a 2004 unit that has reached the end of its useful life. This was accomplished using monies set aside in capital funds over the past 4 years. The truck was recently displayed to students at Hammond Central School and a short presentation was given to students explaining the operations and uses of the plow truck. The Town Board has plans to purchase an additional plow truck to replace a non-serviceable 2003 unit. It should be noted that because of careful planning and budgeting, the trucks were purchased without having to raise taxes.



NEWS FROM TOWN CLERK, PAM BURTON



Pam Burton

Regular Town Clerk Office Hours: Monday: 9 AM-4 PM and Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.

The Town of Hammond website www.townofhammondny.com has been updated! See town meeting and event dates, policies/procedures, forms, history and all Town Board information in the new format.

Town Clerk's Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/pamburtonhammondtownclerk ...Visit it for town meeting dates/events and other area impact information.

Notary Service: Now available at the Town Clerk's office:

Tax Payment Service: Now available – Online credit card payments for Town and County Taxes at www.taxlookup.net
(There is a 3% convenience charge).

Clerk's Note: The Town Clerk secured funds for the restoration of Hammond's registrar book of Births, Deaths, and Marriages from 1847-1849 and 1873-1909, which was completed in March 2017.

ASSESSOR UPDATE

New STAR (School Tax Relief) applicants will receive a credit in the form of a check directly from NY State instead of receiving a school property tax exemption. The amount of your STAR benefit is the same regardless of how you receive it. New Basic and Enhanced STAR applicants need to register with the NYS Tax Department to receive a STAR check. Visit: www.tax.ny.gov or call 518-457-2036.

The Board of Assessment Review is scheduled to meet on May 24, 4:00-8:00 pm in the Town Library. For more information: Call the Assessor's Office at (315) 324-5321 Ext. 14. or Email: assessor@cantonnewyork.us Assessor Steve Teele's hours: Monday: 1:00-4:00 PM.

HAMMOND CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Jim Gleason, Code Enforcement Officer, reminds everyone that most construction, remodeling, outbuildings, and all septic system installation and repair require a building permit. He can be contacted at 315-324-5321, Ext. 12 or by email. Office hours are Monday and Saturday 9:00-11:00 AM, or by appointment. Many changes in the use of property and all sub-dividing of any property must be reviewed by the Planning Board. Appointments can be scheduled for informal review of proposed projects by contacting the Planning Board Chairman William Billings. Information for the Code Enforcement Office and Planning Board is available on the Town of Hammond website.

HAMMOND FIRE AND RESCUE

Fundraising events this season include: the annual letter drive, the Boot Drive on May 26th in front of Hammond Central School from Noon-7:00 PM, a Chicken BBQ on May 29th beginning at Noon following the 11 AM Village Memorial Day Service, and a Golf Tournament on September 9th at Langbrook Golf Course in Brier Hill. The annual Field Day will be held on July 15th. A Craft Show and Flea Market runs from 12 Noon-4:00 PM, Chicken BBQ starts at 2:00 PM, followed by a 7:00 PM parade, auction, games, food, drink, and music. Anyone interested in becoming an EMT or any seasonal resident who would like to volunteer their time, contact the Fire Department at 222-8894. To keep updated on events, remember to visit the Department's Facebook page: [Hammond Fire and Rescue](#).

HAMMOND FARMERS MARKET OPENS JUNE 21ST

The Hammond Farmers' and Artisans' Market opens for its 5th season on Wednesday, June 21st. The market will be open every Wednesday through September 20th from 3:00-6:00 PM at the Hammond Museum on Main Street. The Museum will host a Pig Roast from 4:00-6:00 PM on Wednesday, June 28th. New vendors are always welcome particularly produce vendors. The vendor fee for the season is \$25. Interested vendors can obtain an application by e-mailing: hamfaam@yahoo.com or calling Lori at 315-324-5032. Visit the market's Facebook page – [Hammond Farmers' and Artisans' Market](#).

HAMMOND BARN QUILT TRAIL NEWS

The Hammond Barn Quilt committee has planned summer events highlighting this year's theme, "Fairy Houses". A Fairy/Gnome House Trail in conjunction with the Barn Quilt Trail will be open to the public from July 1 to September 30. Fairy House location information will be displayed at area businesses and the Hammond Town Hall. The Iva Smith Gallery on SH 37, Hammond, will be hosting two Fairy/Gnome Picnics on July 15 and August 12 from 11 AM-12:30 PM. The Hammond Museum will host a Fairy Tea Party on July 20 at the Village Hall from 10 AM-2 PM. For more information, visit the Trail's website, www.HammondBarnQuiltTrail.wordpress.com

GARDEN CLUB BEAUTIFIES MAIN STREET

The Hammond Area Garden Club was responsible for beautifying Main Street last summer with plantings in the whiskey barrel flower pots. They will receive funds from the Village and Town for the 2017 plantings. New members are always welcome. For more information, please call Penny Simons at 486-0529 or visit the Facebook page: [Hammond Area Garden Club](#).

BOATER SAFETY CLASS SCHEDULED FOR HAMMOND

The "Boating Safely" course is required in NY State for anyone age 14 and older to operate a personal watercraft (i.e. jet ski) and for young adults ages 10-18 to operate a boat alone, and anyone, born on or after May 1, 1996, to operate a motorized boat unsupervised. The course will be held August 15 & 16 at Hammond School, 5-9 PM. Class fee: \$35. Pre-registration is required. Call: 315-393-6488.

LOANS/GRANTS AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH HOUSE REPAIRS

Do you or someone you know own a home in need of repairs? Considering a new heating system because of high fuel costs? Looking to replace your old windows with energy efficient windows? Is your home in need of any residential energy efficiency improvements? USDA Rural Development may be able to help. The USDA Rural Development 504 Loan/Grant program provides help to very-low income owner occupants of modest single family homes in need of repair that are located in rural areas. Some examples of repairs that could be provided are: ramps for accessibility, roof replacement, septic system repairs, drilling of a well, insulation, furnaces, handrails, etc. To learn more about this and other USDA programs, please contact the local Rural Development area office: 1942 Old DeKalb Road, Canton, NY 13617 (315) 386 - 2401 Ext. 4, or visit them online at: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/NY>

UPDATE ON 21 MAIN STREET TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

The town board is continuing to explore options for the 21 South Main Street Building location including remodeling or the possible demolition of the existing structure and building of a new one. Indian River Lakes Engineering has drawn up preliminary plans for approval or changes to the design. The town board is continuing to gather information from other towns who have similar needs and is also reviewing input from USDA resources to make a well-advised decision for our community. This space would eventually be occupied by all of the present town offices and the library.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL MUSEUM EVENTS

The Museum is working on a design for a new sign. The name has been revised to the Hammond Historical Museum because there was already a Hammond Museum chartered in NY State. The Annual Pig Roast will be held Wednesday, June 28th from 4:00-6:00 PM. The museum grounds will host the return of the Farmer's Market on Wednesdays from 3:00-6:00 PM. A display of the Soper Brothers woodworking equipment is being set up in the barn. A list of upcoming events is posted in "Hammond Happenings". The museum will be open on Wednesdays, 2:00-6:00 PM and Saturdays, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, July through September. Off-season hours are Wednesdays, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Follow the Museum's Facebook page- [Hammond NY Museum](#) or website: <http://thehammondmuseum.org>

SUMMER HAPPENINGS IN CHIPPEWA BAY

The **CHIPPEWA BAY MARITIME MUSEUM** located on Church Street in Chippewa Bay will open for its second year on June 17th. The museum contains antique boats and memorabilia celebrating boating history. Open hours: **June 17-June 28:** Sat & Sun: 10AM-4PM; **June 29-Sept. 4:** Thurs-Sun: 10AM-4PM; **Sept 5-Oct 9** – Sat. & Sun: 10AM-4PM.

The **CHIPPEWA BAY COMMUNITY CLUB** has another busy summer planned for the community. After a successful Friday Evening Backyard Concert series last year, the Club applied for and received a *St. Lawrence County Arts Council Grant through NYS to enhance this summer's series. Chair Dancing on Tuesday and Wednesday and Yoga classes on Thursdays provide wellness opportunities. Saturday morning classes include painting and stained glass. Presentations on "Conservation & Corridors" and on "Dark Island History" are planned as well as a walk on the new TILT trail and a sign dedication. Visit the "Little Free Library" on the front lawn of the Club. Check the Facebook page for more info: [Chippewa Bay Community Club](#)

The **CHIPPEWA BAY FISH & GAME CLUB** is looking forward to their annual Corn Roast that is scheduled for Saturday, September 2 starting at 4:00 PM at the Clubhouse, 1198 CR 6 in Chippewa Bay. You can stay updated on the Club's events by visiting their Facebook page – [Chippewa Bay Fish & Game Club](#).

HAMMOND HAPPENINGS... SUMMER 2017

- MAY 24 – RABIES CLINIC for Town and Village of Hammond, 6:00-7:30 PM at the Hammond Town Barn
- MAY 26 – HAMMOND FIRE & RESCUE BOOT DRIVE – 12 Noon-7:00 PM – Along Route 37 in front of the Hammond Central School
- MAY 29 – VILLAGE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE – 11:00 AM – Memorial on Town Hall lawn
- MAY 29 – HAMMOND FIRE & RESCUE MEMORIAL DAY CHICKEN BAR-B-Q – Beginning at 12 Noon – Hammond Fire Hall
- JUNE 16 – OCTOBER 9 – CHIPPEWA BAY MARITIME MUSEUM – Open: June 16-29: Sat & Sun, 10AM-4PM; June 29-Sept 4: Thurs-Sun, 10AM-4PM; Sept 5-Oct 9: Sat & Sun, 10AM-4PM
- JUNE 1 – SEPTEMBER 14 – “DROP-IN YOGA” – Every Thursday - Gentle yoga: 9:00-10:15 AM- Moderate Yoga: 10:30-11:45 AM – Jane O’Neill, Instructor – Chippewa Community Club – To register call: 518-852-0546 or email: joneill0546@gmail.com
- JUNE 6 – SEPTEMBER 27 – “CHAIR DANCING” – Gentle Exercise – Every Tuesday and Wednesday – 9:00-10:00 AM – Ellen Armitage, Instructor, Chippewa Community Club – To register call: 315-486-4794 or email: chippewacomunityclub@yahoo.com
- JUNE 6 – LINE DANCING – Every Tuesday and Thursday – 6:00-8:30 PM – Ellen Armitage, Instructor – Iva Smith Gallery – Call: 315-324-5767
- JUNE 21 – SEPTEMBER 20 – HAMMOND FARMERS & ARTISANS’ MARKET – Every Wednesday – 3:00-6:00 PM – Hammond Museum front lawn – Interested vendors are welcome – contact Lori for info: 315-324-5032 or hamfaam@gmail.com for application
- JUNE 28 – ANNUAL PIG ROAST – 4:00-6:00 PM – Hammond Museum – catered by local Bar-B-Q chef “Good-Bye Earl”
- JULY 6 – GRAND OPENING ART SHOW – Iva Smith Art Gallery – 5:30 PM; Renaissance Music Concert: 7:00 PM – 627 SH 37, Hammond
- JULY 7 – *CHIPPEWA FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT SERIES – “Chippewa Breeze” – (Playing the Oldies) – 6:30-8:30 PM – Chippewa Community Club
- JULY 8 – COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE DAY – 8:00 AM-2:00 PM – Hammond and Chippewa Bay Communities & Black Lake Road – Register to be included on map of sale locations – For more info call Patty Belknap: 315-528-4817
- JULY 8 – “WALK THE CHIPPEWA PRESERVE TRAIL” (Chippewa Bay’s newest trail) – 9:00 AM – Meet at the Chippewa Community Club – Trail Sign dedication with Thousand Island Land Trust at 11:30 PM – hosted by the Community Club and TILT
- JULY 14 – *CHIPPEWA FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT SERIES – “Taz Cru and Mary Ann Casale” – (Playing the Blues) – 6:30-8:30 – Community Club
- JULY 15 – CANVAS AND COFFEE – 9:00-11:00 AM – Paint a “river scene” with local artist Jade Reynolds – no experience necessary – To register call: 315-486-4794 or email: chippewacomunityclub@yahoo.com
- JULY 15 – FAIRY TRAIL PICNIC - 11:00 AM-12:30 PM – Start at the Iva Smith Gallery, Bring a picnic lunch – Sponsored by the Hammond Barn Quilt Trail committee – for more information visit www.HammondBarnQuiltTrail.wordpress.com
- JULY 15 – HAMMOND FIREMAN’S 76TH ANNUAL FIELD DAY, Hammond Fire Hall: Craft Show & Flea Market: 12:00-4:00 PM, Chicken Bar-B-Q: 2:00 PM, Parade: 7:00 PM, Auction: 7:00 PM, Dance: 9:00 PM-1:00 AM
- JULY 20 – ANNUAL TEA PARTY – “Fairy House” theme – 10:00 AM-2:00 PM – Village Community Center – Sponsored by Hammond Museum
- JULY 21 – *CHIPPEWA FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT SERIES – “Steelin’ Country” – (Playing Country and Bluegrass) – 6:30-8:30 PM – Community Club
- JULY 22 – STAINED GLASS CLASS – “Make a glass medallion” – 9:00 AM-12 NOON – local artist Scott Ouderkerk – no experience necessary – To register call: 315-486-4794 or email: chippewacomunityclub@yahoo.com
- JULY 24 – UKULELE WITH JAMIE IPSEN – Mondays through August 21st – 9:00-10:30 AM – Iva Smith Gallery – Call (315) 324-5767 to register
- JULY 28 – *CHIPPEWA FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT Series – “Wells and the Gathering” – (Playing Americana) – 6:30-8:30 PM – Community Club
- JULY 28 – TALK ON HAMMOND ADVERTISER, (our local newspaper, 1886-1949) by Paul Sansoucy – 7:00 PM – Hammond Historical Museum
- JULY 29 – CANVAS AND COFFEE – 9:00-1:00 PM – Paint a “sunset scene” with local artist Rob Pandina – no experience necessary – To register call: 315-486-4794 or email: chippewacomunityclub@yahoo.com
- JULY 29 – SECRETS OF PAINTING WITH PASTEL – Pastel-master Becky Harblin – Time TBD – Iva Smith Gallery – Call (315) 324-5767 for information
- AUGUST 4 – *CHIPPEWA FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT SERIES – “Big Papa & Margarita Mike” – (Playing Island Music) – 6:30-8:30 PM – Community Club
- AUGUST 4 – PLEIN AIR ARTISTS RECEPTION – 6:00 PM – Over 30 artists – Iva Smith Gallery
- AUGUST 10 – “CONSERVATION & CORRIDORS” – 7:00 PM – Presentation by Thousand Islands Land Trust, Jake Tibbles, Director – Community Club
- AUGUST 11 – *CHIPPEWA FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT SERIES – “Northern Exposure” – (Playing Rock n’ Roll) – 6:30-8:30 PM – Community Club
- AUGUST 12 – FAIRY TRAIL PICNIC - 11:00 AM-12:30 PM – Start at the Iva Smith Gallery and Bring a picnic lunch – Sponsored by the Hammond Barn Quilt Trail committee – for more information visit www.HammondBarnQuiltTrail.wordpress.com
- AUGUST 13 – SUMMER SING-ALONG WITH BARB HELLER – 7:00 PM – Bring a lawn chair – Iva Smith Gallery
- AUGUST 15 & 16 – BOATER SAFETY COURSE – 5:00-9:00 PM – Hammond Central School – \$35 fee – Must pre-register – Call: 315-393-6488
- AUGUST 17 – MEET AND GREET – “DARK ISLAND HISTORY” – Presentation by local historian Judy Keeler – 7:00 PM – Community Club
- AUGUST 19 – MAGICAL, MYSTICAL CREATIONS IN WOOL WITH KATHY MONTAN – Time TBD – Iva Smith Gallery – Call (315) 324-5767 for information
- AUGUST 19 – 4TH ANNUAL CHIPPEWA BAY POKER RUN – Schermerhorn Harbor Boat Launch – 8:00 AM Registration – 9:00 AM Start – Prizes, Raffles, Food and Entertainment – To Register visit: www.visithammondny.com/poker-run.html
- AUGUST 25 – VILLAGE MEMORIES OF 50’s & 60’s with the always entertaining Lavarnway Brothers! – 7:00 PM – Hammond Historical Museum
- SEPTEMBER 2 – CHIPPEWA BAY FISH & GAME CLUB’S ANNUAL CORN ROAST – Starting at 4:00 PM – at the Club House in Chippewa Bay – Food, Raffles, and Entertainment
- SEPTEMBER 8 & 9 – HAMMOND FAIR – Entries open to 4H & FFA members – For more information visit: www.hammondfair.com
- SEPTEMBER 9 – HAMMOND FIRE & RESCUE GOLF TOURNAMENT – Langbrook Golf Course, Brier Hill – Visit Fire & Rescue Facebook page for info
- SEPTEMBER 9 – THE ATKINSON FAMILY BAND IN CONCERT – Playing Blue Grass and Country – 7:00 PM – Iva Smith Museum – Pulled pork BBQ by “Good Bye Earl’s” served from 6:00 PM to concert time! – Bring a Lawn Chair
- SEPTEMBER 17 – ANNUAL FIDDLER’S FLING – Hammond Fire Hall – 1:00-5:00 PM – Sponsored by the Hammond Historical Museum
- SEPTEMBER 29 – POETRY NIGHT IN THE BARN – “Word-lovers get their say” – 5:30 PM – Iva Smith Gallery – Hosted by Ray & Laurie Petersen
- OCTOBER 7 & 8 – NY STATE DESIGNER BLACKSMITH CONVENTION & MUSEUM FALL FESTIVAL – Hosted by Hammond Historical Museum – Details TBD

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RABIES CLINIC, LICENSING, AND SPAY/NEUTER INFO

Reasons to license your dog with your town clerk:

It is a law created to protect dogs from cruelty and rabies. Licensing helps reunite lost dogs with their owners. License fees support the efforts of our local animal shelters. Licensing simplifies medical follow-up for individuals possibly exposed to rabies infected dogs. The cost of the license is far less than the penalty without one.

Town of Hammond Residents: In the last year there has been an increase in rabies cases throughout Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties. Rabies cases typically spike in summer. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of the NYS law that requires all dogs older than 4 months to be licensed within the town they reside. Licensing ensures that all dogs have been properly vaccinated against rabies for the protection of both you and your neighbors. **Please spread the word to license your pet!**

Town and Village Rabies Clinic, Wednesday May 24th 6:00PM-7:30PM @ Town Barn. Three-year vaccinations are available with a current rabies certificate. A rabies tag is not acceptable proof. Dogs and cats must be at least 4 months old. All animals must be under control of an adult. Dogs must have a collar and leash. Cats must be in a carrier. For other rabies clinic dates in surrounding areas, call Clerk Pam Burton at 315-324-5321.

Spay-Neuter-Now. The Town of Hammond provides a discount for eligible Hammond residents. You can reach Spay-Neuter-Now for information and applications at www.spayneuternow.org or call **315-486-0094**.



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ELECTION 2017

Election 2017 finds the following town positions up for re-election: Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, Justice, Clerk, and two Board members. Election information including Absentee Ballots and Voter Registration are at the Town Clerk's office or visit www.townofhammondny.com or <http://www.co-st-lawrence.ny.us/Departments/BoardofElections/BoardofElections>.

PLEASE STAY INVOLVED & INFORMED

As Town Board Members we encourage Citizen input and involvement. We feel it is important and we appreciate the time you take to stay informed. We take the opportunity to serve you very seriously and are here to answer your questions. Monthly meeting times for our local government boards are found below.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS:

2nd Wednesday of Each Month – 7:00 PM – Town Hall

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS:

1st Wednesday of Each Month – 7:00 PM – Village Community Center

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS:

3rd Wednesdays of Each Month – 7:00 PM – Town Hall

We wish you and your family another enjoyable and wonderful summer!

**SUPERVISOR RON BERTRAM AND COUNCILMEN DOUG DELOSH, JAMES PITCHER,
JAMES TAGUE AND HOWARD DEMICK.**