

Town of Hammond Newsletter



"THE LONE LOON"

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Little Middle Island, Hammond

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*Please enjoy the following
newsletter from the Desk of
Supervisor Ron Bertram
and the Town Board.*

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TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUSY WITH SUMMER PROJECTS

The Town Highway Department is in full swing for the summer season. The chip sealing of the Factory Road, Cook Road, and Ireland Road has been completed. This is a program started a year ago which involved crack filling roads last year and sealing them this year at a much reduced cost compared to paving these roads with conventional asphalt. The Hamilton-Smith Road and the Toland Road will be paved next and possible repairs or rebuilding part of the South Hammond Road damaged by the spring flooding may be undertaken. Mowing and brush removal as well as general maintenance of all roads continues. Due to the heavy snow and ice received this past winter, sand and salt reserves were depleted and the crew will be working to restore this year's product, as well as to gain back some reserve.

Brush and tree debris continues to be accepted at the brush pit on the Hyde Road which presently is open every day. This has been very well received by the community. Please remember no garbage or leaves are allowed.



WORK CONTINUES ON OBTAINING SASS DISTINCTION

Supervisor Bertram and Town Board members continue work on efforts to see this area become the third region in NY State granted the Scenic Area of Statewide Significance (SASS) distinction by the Department of State. On March 28th, over 50 representatives from the 10 towns and villages along the St. Lawrence River met at the



Clayton Boat Museum with Harry Dodson, President of the Dodson & Flinker firm who will be completing the assessment required by the Department of State. Next steps in the process include the identification of scenic areas between Morristown and Cape Vincent. His firm is working with the St. Lawrence and Jefferson County Planning Offices and Thousand Islands Land Trust (TILT) to collect existing data and participating towns and villages are providing additional information.

To help educate and inform the public as well as gather their input, a project website, scenic1000islands.com, was launched July 1st. This venue will allow the public to *"rate their scenery"* by viewing photos taken by the Dodson firm of many scenic areas along the 1000 Islands waterfront that possess unique, highly scenic landscapes accessible to the public. Visitors to the site will rate the areas they feel are most appealing to them and deserving of a SASS distinction. **Please log onto the site and TAKE THE SURVEY.** It is running for the month of July.

A public meeting will be held at the Clayton Opera House at 7:00 PM on August 18th to update the project's progress and to gather input from community members. Supervisor Bertram hopes the public will take the survey and attend the public meeting to support a project he feels will help increase tourism and provide future economic development grants.

HAMMOND HAPPENINGS – SUMMER 2014

Hammond Museum 2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1A North Main St. (Route 37), Hammond

All events will be held rain or shine. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket.

JULY 2 -- Grand Opening of Farmer's Market and Museum

- 2:00 PM *Petting Zoo*
- 3:30-7:00 PM *Farmers' Market* with produce vendors, artisans, & more!
- 4:30-7:00 PM *Pig Roast* with *Good Bye Earl*
- 7:00 PM *Debbie Miller & Hammond students* - Patriotic songs

JULY-SEPTEMBER -- 3:30-7 PM *Weekly Farmers & Artisans' Market*

JULY 9 – 7:00 PM *Pastor Dave* - Inspirational, Christian music

JULY 14-18 – 1:00-3:00 PM *Kids' Days* with activities to mark 75th Hammond Fair

JULY 16 – 7:00 PM *Gretchen Koehler & Don Woodcock* - Fiddling champions

JULY 23 -- 7:00 PM *Devon Colby & Family* - music with voice & violin

JULY 30 -- 7:00 PM *Wine & Cheese Party* (wine from Bella Brook) with memories of Hammond Fair's 75 years

AUGUST 1 – 10:00 AM *Victorian Tea Party* @ Spicy Olive Cafe (by reservation only 324-5286)

AUGUST 6 – 7:00 PM *Natural Landscapes and Wildlife Photo Show* (Bruce Dana)

AUGUST 11-15 -- *Kids' Art Camp* with Alyssa Curley (AM & PM classes) Pre-register by calling 261-1551

AUGUST 13 -- 7:00 PM - *Skirts & Flirts Square Dance* - watch & learn!

AUGUST 20 – 7:00 PM - *Mallorytown, Canada's First Glassworks* - **Brian Phillips**

AUGUST 27 – *Rachel White & Honey Bear* (ventriloquist & chalk artist) - 10 AM Kids' Bible time, 2 PM General Session, 7 PM Ol' Time Gospel Sing with White Church Praise Team

SEPTEMBER 14 - 12 Noon - *Fiddlers' Fling* at Hammond Firehall (\$4 entrance fee)



**HAMMOND
FARMERS
MARKET
OPENS FOR
THE SEASON**

The Hammond Farmers' and Artisans' Market kicked off it's 2nd season on July 2nd. The market will be open every Wednesday through October 1st from 3:30-7:00 pm at the Hammond Museum on Main Street. The Museum will feature many events that will run in conjunction with the Market during the summer. There are several new vendors this year selling their locally grown or produced fruits and vegetables, baked goods, honey, maple syrup, crafts, artwork and more. New vendors are always welcome. Vendor fee for the season is \$25.

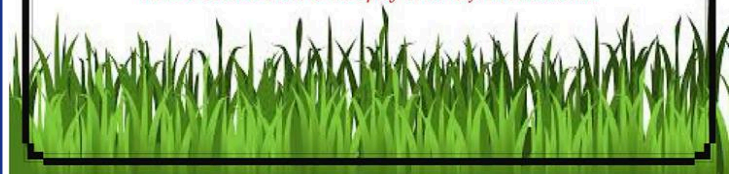
Please plan to support the area's local growers and artisans by shopping with us every week! As members of Gardenshare, the Hammond FAAM has an EBT machine this year, so qualified buyers can purchase fresh foods through the SNAP and WIC programs. Debit Cards will also be accepted. For more information or a vendor's application, e-mail: hamfaam@yahoo.com or call Lori at 315-324-5032. Be sure to "like" the Market on Facebook!

COMMUNITY WIDE



SATURDAY, JULY 12th 8 AM-2 PM
Hammond, Chippewa Bay & Black Lake Road

Have stuff to sell? Contact: 315-324-5383 or
VisitHammondNY@gmail.com by July 8th to be registered on the full list of
sale locations. A town-wide map will be available on day of sale for pick up at
NED's General Store & the Spicy Olive Cafe in Hammond!



HAMMOND HAPPENINGS – SUMMER 2014

HAMMOND FIRE & RESCUE FIELD DAYS

The Hammond Fire & Rescue Department will be hosting their annual **FIELD DAY** on **Saturday, July 19th**.

The festivities get underway with a Chicken Bar-B-Q at the Fire Hall from 2:00-6:00 PM. At 7:00 PM the Parade begins its march down Route 37 to the Fire Hall followed immediately by the annual Auction. The night ends with a Dance from 9:00 PM-1:00 AM. Refreshments and Games will add to the fun for those attending.



CHIPPEWA FISH & GAME CLUB ANNUAL CORN ROAST

The Chippewa Bay Fish and Game Club will be hosting their **ANNUAL CORN ROAST** on **Saturday, August 30th** at the Club House on County Route 6. The **Women's River Rat Contest** gets underway at 1:00 PM followed by the **Corn Roast** and dinner starting at 4:00 PM. Come enjoy the corn and Limburger cheese while listening to the live music scheduled for the event. For more information, visit the **Chippewa Bay Fish & Game Club** page on Facebook.



CHIPPEWA BAY PADDLE POKER RUN

On **Saturday, August 16th**, the Economic Development Committee of Hammond will host its first annual **"PADDLE POKER RUN"** in Chippewa Bay—A true Paddler's Paradise!

The event will be held, rain or shine, at the Chippewa Bay town docks with poker run points at various islands in Chippewa Bay. Registration begins at 8 AM on Saturday morning. Paddling begins at 9 AM, with the awards ceremony and kayak raffle commencing at 1 pm at the Chippewa Bay Fish & Game Club. Kayaks, canoes and stand up paddleboards are welcomed. The public is invited to enjoy food and outstanding live entertainment by "Chippewa Breeze" from 11 AM - 2 PM! The event, titled **"Paddle for a Purpose,"** will help promote and encourage tourism in Hammond and Chippewa Bay, with funds raised going towards developing recreational opportunities in Hammond.

Full details & registration information available online: [VisitHammondNY.com](http://www.VisitHammondNY.com)
Like/follow the event on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/ChippewaBayPokerRun



During the organized poker run, participants must visit at least five checkpoints where they are given a card from a deck. The object is to collect the best poker hand without having to worry about time - as this is a fun-paddling event, not a race. Prizes from area businesses will be awarded for best three poker hands in both the adults and kid divisions. The winning hands will be determined by standard poker hand rankings. If you are not familiar with poker, don't worry! A chart will be available. Five cards will be used to build a winning hand. You will also be given the option to make a small donation at registration to receive one additional poker card to help increase your overall hand.

A top of the line Old Town Dirigo 10'6" Kayak and accompanying life jacket and paddle will be raffled off at the event. Raffle tickets are available now for purchase [onlinehttp://www.VisitHammondNY.com](http://www.VisitHammondNY.com) as well as TicketRiver.com – Search for "Chippewa Bay Poker Run" – Raffle tickets may also be purchased during the event. The cost is only \$5 each or (3) for \$10!

Pre-registration is encouraged and can be completed **online**. All entrants must be registered prior to August 1st to be eligible for a pre-registration discount as well as receive a free t-shirt and swag bag! The cost to pre-register is only \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids. Registrations after August 1st or on the day of the event are \$5 more. Canoes, Kayak & Paddleboard Rentals are available through Riverbay Adventure Inn: (315) 759-8174

If you are interested in being a sponsor, volunteer, or need more information please email us at visithammondny@gmail.com or contact Erica Demick at: 315-486-9296



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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 any questions you may have.

Monthly meeting times for our local government boards can be found below.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS:

2nd Wednesday of Each Month – 7:15 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 – 7:30 PM – Town Hall

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

3rd Wednesday of Each Month – 7:00 PM – Village Community Center

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

With Best Regards,

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

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