

Adirondack Underground

Town of Long Lake
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It's hard to believe that summer is over and we are heading into autumn. I hope you all had time to enjoy at least some of that great weather. And speaking of summer, several business owners have reported having a very good season. I attribute at least some of this to the efforts of our Parks, Recreation and Tourism department staff and director Alex Roalsvig.

Let me begin with an update on a Raquette Lake issue. For those of you who are Raquette Lake water customers, this will be redundant as it is basically the same thing I told you folks in my letter of August 12th. However, I think it is important for the rest of the community to know as well.

On July 4th weekend the wells in Raquette ran dangerously low causing one of the well pumps to fail. Measuring the depth of water in the wells revealed that they were indeed low. In an attempt to resolve the problem, we first reduced the flow of water to the community and started supplementing the system by trucking water from Blue Mountain via tanker to allow sufficient time for the wells to recover. Unfortunately, by the following weekend it became clear that the wells were not going to recover at a sufficient rate to supply the community and we finally made the decision to switch over to the "old" reservoir which resulted in a boil water order for the Raquette water district.

We have taken several important steps to correct the problems that caused this boil water order. First, we had the wells redeveloped using a hydro flush and water jetting technique. This was followed by pump testing the wells and we found the results to be very promising; the test revealed that the wells are recovering faster now than when they were first developed. In order to ensure that we have accurate measurements of the well recovery rates, we have installed state of the art hydro transducers that monitor water temperature, depth and pressure at specified times. Currently we have these transducers programmed to take data measurements every minute. This data can be downloaded to a hand held device, then transferred to a computer where the data can be reviewed in a graph format showing exactly how fast the wells are recovering. Furthermore, I have setup a system for Tom Murdock to upload the data to a server so other staff, the DOH and I can review it as well. Consequently, we should be able to anticipate potential problems in the future. Lastly, we have doubled the water storage capacity at the treatment plant by adding two additional storage tanks.

I'm compelled to say that both Tom Murdock and Keith Wamback, along with support from the Raquette Lake highway department, did an exemplary job in handling this water emergency. They spent many days well into the evening working on this problem and didn't stop until it was resolved. Furthermore, the highway superintendant graciously offered to have his Raquette Lake employees assist by providing coverage at the transfer station to allow Tom to work full time on this problem. To all of these gentlemen, thank you for your dedication!!

In Long Lake we are seeing progress on all phases of our water project. The new water tank is complete and the contractor has moved off site. Our water department staff is working on the water main installation on Stone Road. The hired contractor is onsite and installing the water main on 28N. Building materials for the Bissell Pit well station were delivered last week and our town crews are working on the construction of that building as well.

The contractor that will be replacing sidewalks throughout town arrived earlier today and has already started removing sections of sidewalk. They anticipate about a week to complete the job in Long Lake. As I mentioned in one of my previous letters, the Board awarded a contract to this contractor to replace the sidewalks in front of the medical building so they will be doing that project while they are in town and while I don't have a definitive date for completion, expect to see them there any day.

The Board recently agreed to have the Town's Lake Eaton property appraised in order to prepare for selling the property. Consequently we have sent Request For Proposals to appraisers throughout the region. In that request we have asked the appraiser to value the property as is with water access only, with a driveway through the property or with access via a right of way across neighboring property. The finished appraisal is due by October 25th. Once we have the appraisal we can then decide on the best course of action to sell the property.

And finally construction on the cell tower is underway. I recently spoke to the project manager from Independent Towers and he reported that the concrete has been poured and the tower will be "stacked" any day

now. Following that, AT&T will be on site to begin installing their equipment. After these other contractors have completed their projects, Verizon contractors will arrive to install Verizon equipment. Clearly they are not going to be online by this summer ☹ however all indications are that service will be available soon.

One final note, my newsletters are available on Long Lake's new web site. You can find them by going to mylonglake.com and following the links to Long Lake > LL Local Government > Supervisor Rpts. There you will find them listed at the bottom of the page. If you leave for the winter and prefer to receive these newsletters at an address other than bulk mail in town from October through May, send us your winter address along with a check for \$10.00 payable to the Town of Long Lake to cover postage and handling and we will add you to our out of town mailing list.

Until my next newsletter, feel free to contact me anytime regarding any issues of concern to you.

And remember "Seek wisdom, not knowledge. Knowledge is of the past, Wisdom is of the future".

Native American Proverb

Sincerely,



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