

# Adirondack Underground

Town of Long Lake  
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As I begin this edition of my newsletter I'd like to say that Spring has finally arrived. Unfortunately, the weather has been such that it doesn't feel or look much like spring yet but being the optimist that I am I'm sure we'll be enjoying warmer temperatures and sunshine soon.

With Spring comes spring clean up. Again this year with the help of volunteers and the Beautification Committee the Town is sponsoring Community Pride day on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in helping should meet at the Geiger Arena in Long Lake or the Tap Room in Raquette at 9:00 AM. Everyone that participates will receive a free T-shirt and lunch. Also the Town Highway Department will provide curb side pickup of large items that clutter your yard or home again this year. This year's pickup dates are May 9<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up at the LL Town Offices with personnel from my office, the Town Clerk or Parks and Recreation. Call or stop in for the form: 624-3077. Just a reminder, the Town won't pick up brush or yard debris.

Another plan by Town personnel is to replace the decking at the beach bathroom with nice looking 'paving' bricks. This should be a significant improvement in both appearance and functionality.

Also with Spring comes construction season and this year is no exception. We anticipate completing several water projects in the Long Lake District that began last summer. These include the new water line installation on Newcomb Road, completion of the water main up to the new water tank as well as finishing the Bissell Pit well station. I anticipate all three of these projects to be completed early this summer.



We also anticipate beginning some additional projects this summer related to the water improvement project. These include a well pump station at Stanton Hills for the two new wells there. The 72 hour pump tests on those wells were completed in February and the water quality tests have been completed as well; both passed with excellent results.

Previously I shared with you the Town Board's offer to provide a loan to the library and the library Board's decision to decline that loan. At the time the library requested additional funding from the Town, I proposed the library change their charter from a municipal library to a school district public library. The Town Board supported that proposition.

I presented that proposition for several reasons. First, virtually everyone I spoke with regarding the library including the Town's attorney, representatives from the Southern Adirondack Library System, the NYS Library Association and the Department of Education all told me that having the library chartered as a school district public library was the preferred option primarily because it would ensure the library be funded by residents within the district only. Second, chartering the library in this manner would address some of the concerns raised by voters last year. For one thing, this proposition allows for the election of the library trustees by the voters of the district. Also, any future changes to the library budget must be approved by the voters of the district

This May when you vote on the school budget you will also have the opportunity to vote on this proposition to approve the library's budget for 2012 as well as to elect the library board of trustees. The budget includes nearly \$60,000.00 that the Town currently provides in monetary support and in kind support for things like utilities, maintenance and labor. If this library proposition is successful and passed by the voters, the support the Town now pays to the library **will be deducted** from the Town's budget for 2012! At our current rate that amounts to about a \$9.00 per \$100,000 assessed value reduction.

I started composing this letter on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Today is now May 2<sup>nd</sup>. I've had to postpone work on the letter because since I started it, we've gotten a *little* rain. In fact, according to my weather station at Adirondack Acres,

we've gotten just a *little* over 4.6 inches of rain in a three day period (that's a lot of rain folks). By the time you read this most of you will have heard of, or witnessed, the flooding we've had in town. Route 28N & 30 near Emerson Road was flooded as was Route 30 in front of the Adirondack Hotel. I suspect this may be a record high for Long Lake and is certainly a record for the past several decades. At this time we can only speculate as to the number of businesses and residences that have been impacted by this flood and what that impact will be. However, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Town employees, our Highway Superintendent Chip Farr, the County employees, members of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad, DOT and others for all their help and hard work thus far as we have dealt with this crisis situation. And of course I can't neglect Alex Roalsvig, our Parks and Recreation Director, who kept the community, and the world, apprised of our situation via her photos and videos on Facebook and the website. As always, everyone worked together and put in some long hours to address the situation and to ensure the health and safety of the public. I have to tell you folks, we live in a great community and it's my privilege to be a small part of it.

Now the hard work begins. Clean up and recovery for residents and businesses alike will be challenging. I have been in regular contact with emergency management personnel throughout this crisis and we are now in the process of preparing cost estimates to request aid from state/federal funding sources for disaster relief should they become available. Some funding may become available so if you suffered damage to your business or primary residence, please notify me immediately. I'll keep you posted. To all of you who have experienced property losses, our regrets go out to you and we hope you can recover quickly and as painlessly as possible.

Since my last newsletter, the Board has hired a new Events Coordinator, Anna Pratt. As a temporary fill-in for the position, Anna has been a great addition to that department and we are happy to welcome her aboard permanently.



And finally, this year the American Legion Hamilton County Memorial Day parade will be held in Long Lake. The parade starts at 2:00 PM. I encourage you to come out and honor our veterans and comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country. At 4:00 PM join us at the Town Hall for a concert "Tribute to the Troops" with Peggy Lynn featuring videotaped interviews of local veterans.

Until my next newsletter, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about our community.

And remember "Having a place to go is a home. Having someone to love is a family. Having both is a blessing."

Donna Hedges

Sincerely,



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