

THE NEWS FROM TOWN HALL.....

A NEWSLETTER UPDATE FROM THE TOWN OF DRYDEN STAFF

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From the
Supervisor:

The Spirit of Community Service

More than 200 people in Dryden have committed thousands of hours to become qualified to respond to neighbors' fire and medical emergencies. Fifty-eight are EMTs or paramedics and forty-two are trained to enter burning buildings to suppress the fire or rescue people. Others have training in scene support, traffic control and many other critical support functions.

Last year members of our four fire companies responded to about 600 fire calls and more than 500 emergency medical calls - that averages three or four every single day. On average, six people respond to each call. So, on a typical day, about twenty people leave their workplaces or their family dinner table or drag themselves out of bed to help someone in need. In addition, the Ambulance Company, staffed by volunteers as well as paid EMTs and paramedics, responded 1,761 times - five or six times a day! Add membership meetings, truck check evenings, ongoing training, report writing, teaching fire safety in schools and many other community activities and one wonders how they can do it.

This is the strongest volunteer service tradition in our culture. We need these people. And we can learn from them. I sometimes hear their quiet pride when they know they've helped someone and their devastation when a rescue goes badly. Each company is a kind of family to its members. They share a strong, unspoken sense of "I've got your back," - not only for each other but for the entire community. ***My hat is off to you, today and every day. Thank you all.***

Congratulations are in order!


Bambi L. Avery, CMC has received the designation "Certified Municipal Clerk" from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. The title was awarded for her completion of a demanding curriculum of professional development and for her "record of significant contributions to her local government, community and state."



The International Institute of Municipal Clerks, founded in 1947, has 10,300 members throughout the United States, Canada and 15 other countries. The Institute's mission is to enhance education opportunities and professional development of its members. The speed and drastic nature of change these days makes lifelong learning necessary for people in local government to keep pace with growing demands and changing needs of the citizens we serve.

Dryden Town Board members and staff applaud Bambi's commitment to IIMC's professional training as well as her role as an officer of the NYS Town Clerks' Association.

Thank you, Bambi, for your dedication to serving Town of Dryden residents!

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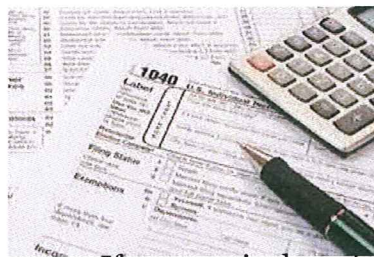
Town Rec Department Hosts Tournament

The Town of Dryden Recreation Department hosted the regional youth basketball Tip-Off Tournament. Over 500 people attended the weekend of January 12. A fun time was had by all. The department used high school basketball players as referees, which saves money and helps create connectivity with the youth and scholastic programs.



Annual Father-Daughter Dance

When: Saturday, February 09, 2013
Where: Varna Community Center
Time: 6:30-8:00 pm
Cost: Advanced registration is 8.00/couple or \$10.00/couple at the door (add \$5.00 per additional child)
Ages: 4-12 (daughters age) Fathers, Grandfathers, Step Fathers, Uncles, and Legal Guardians Welcome!
Attire: Fun and Formal



Free Tax Preparation Program

If you are single and made less than \$30,000 or a family who made less than \$51,000 in 2012, you may get your taxes prepared for free! (Complex returns may not qualify.)

Listed below are the dates and hours of Alternatives Credit Union's four tax sites for 2013.

Alternatives Federal Credit Union

125 N. Fulton St. Ithaca
Wednesday, Jan 16 through Saturday April 13
Tuesdays 10am - 1pm and 3pm - 8pm
Wednesdays 3pm - 8pm
Thursdays 3pm - 8pm
Saturdays 10am - 2pm

Dryden United Methodist Church

2 North St., Dryden
Saturdays, 10am - 2pm
January 26, February 9 and 23, March 9 and 23, and April 6.

Brooktondale Community Center

524 Valley Rd, Brooktondale
Feb 4 and 18, March 4 and 18, and April 1.
5pm - 8pm

Groton Headstart Center

110 Sykes St, Groton
Jan 31, Feb 14 and 28, Mar 14 and 28, and April 11.
2pm - 6pm

Call 2-1-1 for an appointment or call toll free 877-211-8667.

Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division Update to the Community

The Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division thanks you for recycling! Your efforts and upgrades to the Recycling and Solid Waste Center (RSWC) on Commercial Avenue in Ithaca have expanded our ability to divert more and more material from the waste stream.

New processing equipment makes it possible to process more kinds of materials with no need for the customer to do any upfront sorting.

A food scrap recycling program, new in 2012, will be expanded in 2013 with the help of a \$200,000 state grant and a contract with Cayuga Compost of Trumansburg. Cayuga Compost currently processes material from more than 140 local businesses and organizations. A mini-pilot curbside pick-up program to cover about 300 homes will be initiated in 2013.

A five-year contract was awarded last year to Casella Waste Management Services for countywide residential curbside collection of recyclables, and expansion of service to apartment complexes and small businesses. At the same time, we're focused on raising awareness of the additional materials that can be left for curbside collection or brought to the Recycling and Solid Waste Center free of charge (batteries, appliance, and toxic materials) . For more information, visit our new website, www.RecycleTompkins.org We'll be adding new features in the months ahead.

The more you Reduce, Reuse and Recycle the less you'll spend on garbage disposal. Don't forget to "ReBuy." The more products made with recycled material you buy, the more material we can recycle.

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Get on the Bus!

Tompkins County has one of the best bus systems of its size nationwide.



Consider taking advantage of our award-winning TCAT system.

There are many reasons to get out of the car and on to a

bus: to save money, to avoid the stress of driving or to reduce fossil fuel use and carbon dioxide emissions. In Dryden, more people are riding than ever before - over 200,000 trips in 2012! People taking the bus can relax and read, instead of worrying about traffic and weather conditions.

Dryden is served by several bus routes. Visit tcatbus.com for a map of routes and bus stops or call 277-RIDE for information. If the bus stop is far from your destination, remember you can take your bike on the bus. Try it for yourself - make a commitment to ride just one time next week. You may soon find yourself encouraging friends to "get on the bus!"



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