

THE NEWS FROM TOWN HALL.....

A NEWSLETTER UPDATE FROM THE TOWN OF DRYDEN STAFF

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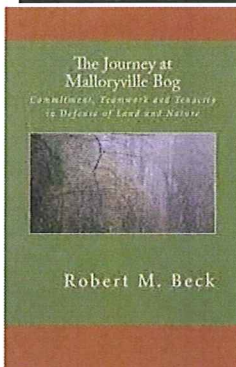
From the Supervisor:

Heartfelt thanks to departing Mayor Randy Sterling and Trustee Paul Rachetta and Monica Armstrong. You faced big challenges with style and grace and the village is a better place for your service to it.



Welcome to newly elected Mayor Jim Zimmer and Trustees Mike Murphy and Lisa Valentinelli. I'm struck by your eagerness to roll up your sleeves and learn and work. I look forward to working with you.

Get to Know a Neighbor



Bob Beck has just published *The Journey at Malloryville Bog: Commitment, Teamwork and Tenacity in Defense of Land and Nature*. Bob grew up on his father's farm in Malloryville, spending his free time exploring every natural nook and cranny of the surrounding area, including the beautiful Malloryville Bog. This site has been used by

naturalists for more than a century to study and enjoy the unusual geography, the orchids and Pitcher plants and the rare ecosystem that supports them.

Shortly after Bob and his wife bought the property, plans for a cement plant on a neighboring property became known. The book recounts eleven years of work by a vast team of concerned neighbors and environmentalists, culminating in the protection the property now known as the O.D. Von Engeln Preserve. The story is inspiring for the deep understanding of this unique place Bob and his wife and friends had and for their determination throughout the years that they fought to protect it. If you love nature and you have not yet visited the Preserve, I urge you to make plans to see it this spring. In the meantime, enjoy the book.

Virtual Farmers Market

By Nick Goldsmith, Sustainability Planner, Town of Dryden

Find Fresh Food with the Virtual Farmers Market!!

The Town of Dryden website now features a brand new Virtual Farmers Market to help you find high quality, locally produced meats, fruits, and vegetables. The Market currently features about 50 area farms, and is still growing. A map tool allows you to easily find the farms nearest to you; the Market is also searchable by farm type (for example: Farm Stand; Pick Your Own; and Brewery).

Would you like to see your farm featured? Do you know of one that we missed? Let us know! Visit the site at <http://dryden.ny.us/virtuallfarm> and click on "Join our Market."



The Virtual Farmers Market was developed by the Town of Dryden Planning department in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County.

~~~~~Swimming Pool Safety ~~~~~

Please be aware that pools in open areas, even portable pools if they hold water over 24" deep, require a permit. Pools must be properly fenced to prevent unauthorized entry and to protect toddlers and children. For more information, call the Planning Department at 844-8888 option 2.





Dryden Recreation and Youth Commission

The Town Board acted March 21 to create the Dryden Recreation and Youth Commission (DRYC).

Members of the Dryden Recreation Commission and the Dryden Youth Commission worked together for more than a year to forge a path to a new, stronger and more inclusive commission.

The DRYC will advise the Town Board and Recreation Director on matters pertaining to quality of life, youth development initiatives and programs, recreation programs for all ages, and planning for future recreation, park and trail development in the Town of Dryden. The first joint task of the new commission was reviewing applications for the 2013 Town of Dryden Community Grant Program. Their recommendations for funding will be presented to the Town Board on April 17, 2013.

The DRYC has two vacancies. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00. Please contact the Town Clerk's office to apply.

Soccer4Skills

As winter programs are wrapped up, the Recreation Department is busy planning for spring and summer programs. Soccer4skills, a new confidence and skill building program for kids aged Pre-K through grade 6, begins here at the Town Hall on April 9. For more information please visit http://dryden.ny.us/departments/recreation/recreation_soccer4skills or call 844-8888, option 4.



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A Note from Code Enforcement

As the weather turns to spring Code Enforcement Officers may begin to notice unregistered vehicles or trash that has accumulated in yards over the winter. If rubbish or junk is visible in the yard or if an unregistered vehicle appears to be inoperable the officer will send a violation notice asking the property owner to call the Planning Department to discuss how the problem will be remedied. If you see rubbish or unregistered vehicles or if you have other concerns please call the Planning Department at 844-8888 option 2.



Village of Dryden Fire Safety Inspections Up to Date for 2013!

The Village of Dryden requires Fire Safety Inspections for all businesses, apartment buildings and public assembly buildings, including churches. Businesses are inspected every two years. Inspectors check for unobstructed exits, emergency lighting, maintenance, safe storage of combustible items and general fire safety such as alarms and portable fire extinguishers. In addition, the fire inspector will want to know if employees have been advised what to do if there is a fire and if there is adequate access for fire trucks and firefighters.

In apartment buildings inspectors look for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, safe property maintenance, properly working equipment, habitable space, junk vehicles, infestation, blocked exits and other safety measures. Inspections are required every three years.

Public assembly spaces are inspected every year to determine how many people can safely occupy the space. The inspector needs to know if there are enough well-lighted and unobstructed exits, is trash stored safely, are fire doors kept shut, is there emergency access, and is fire protection equipment properly located & up to date. The inspector will evaluate general housekeeping as it relates to possible sources of combustion. All fire-safety inspections are done by the Town of Dryden Code Enforcement Officers. There is no charge to the property owner for these inspections.

The village has 21 public assembly buildings and all inspections are currently up to date. Of 44 apartment buildings, 6 were overdue for inspection - some up to ten years overdue. Now all units have been inspected and owners are in the process of clearing all violations. 44 of the village's 48 commercial buildings are up to date with inspections.

Town of Dryden Planning Department puts a great deal of time and effort into coordinating, scheduling and completing such a large number of inspections, and then following up on violations. The effort pays off with a high standard of safety and well being for village residents and the public.

