

THE NEWS FROM TOWN HALL...

A NEWSLETTER UPDATE FROM THE TOWN OF DRYDEN STAFF

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From the Supervisor:



Last Friday I had the pleasure of cutting the ribbon opening the new trail and boardwalk at the

Roy H. Park Preserve on Irish Settlement Road. The boardwalk crosses Six Mile Creek and enough of the surrounding floodplain to ensure the safety of the habitat and hikers shoes in the worst of times. It adds an inviting man-made focal point to this beautiful natural setting. I was lucky to be able to leave my office and spreadsheets behind to enjoy some fresh air and sunshine and the company of dozens of people who have worked so hard to preserve this particular spot and make it accessible to visitors.



The Town of Dryden is blessed with many beautiful and important natural areas like this. Each acre plays a role in our environment, absorbing rainfall and carbon dioxide and sustaining countless species of plants and animals each with its own role. Every view in the park, from the tiny invertebrates in the grass to the blue sky framing the trees, is a wonder to behold.

For the 29th consecutive year, Dryden Grange brings us



Dairy Day!

Don't miss these great events:

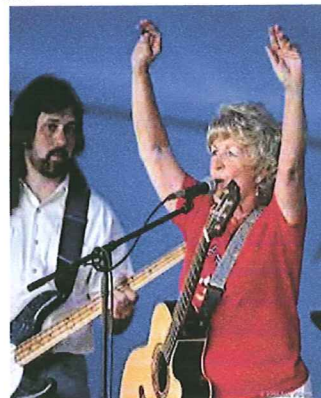
Rotary Club's 5K Dairy Dash at 8:00 AM

Bigger, better than ever Parade at 9:30 AM

Festivities continue in Montgomery Park with:

Kiwanis barbecued chicken and new potatoes.

Ice cream served by Grange members and Dryden Republicans



Music all day including the hometown favorite Alice Detrick and Triple Play!

Mooing Contest, live animal exhibits

Bounce House brought to you by Town of Dryden Recreation Department

Ellis Hollow Pool

Did you know the Ellis Hollow Community Swimming Pool is open to all Town of Dryden residents? The pool season has officially started. Annual membership is required. Become a pool member before June 15 and save money!

Family Membership: \$250 if purchased before June 15. \$275 after June 15.
Individual: \$150 before June 15, \$175 after June 15.

Senior Citizen: 1/2 normal rate

Find membership forms at
ellishollowcc.org/pool_form

Send completed forms to the Ellis Hollow Community Center.



Pool Hours – Through Labor Day

Now thru June 20 - Weekend: Noon – 7 pm
Starting June 21 - Mon – Fri: Noon – 8 pm
Weekend: 11 am – 8 pm



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Town Installs Solar Panels, Community Initiative Encourages Residents to Follow Suit



As the Town moves toward energy independence, photovoltaic panels on the roofs of Town Hall and the Public Works garage will provide up to 30% of the electricity needs of the two buildings. The solar panels are owned and maintained by an outside company, enabling the Town to apply the price of the electricity generated to the cost of leasing the panels resulting in savings of up to \$2,400 a year. In addition, greenhouse gas emissions responsible for climate change will be reduced by 26 tons a year.

Now residents and businesses can follow the Town's lead. Solarize Tompkins SE is a community volunteer effort to make solar energy simpler and cheaper for residents, farmers, businesses, and institutions in Dryden, Danby and Caroline. State and Federal financial incentives can reduce the price of solar systems by more than half. The Solarize initiative further slashes costs by up to 45%, resulting in very short payback times for solar energy equipment.

Town sustainability planner Nick Goldsmith says "the Town is excited about the solar installations, and the benefits they will provide for years to come. Solarize Tompkins is giving other folks a great opportunity to save money and become more energy independent too."

Visit solarizetompkinsse.org for more information, but hurry – enrollment closes June 15!