

HAPPY 200th BIRTHDAY NEW BALTIMORE



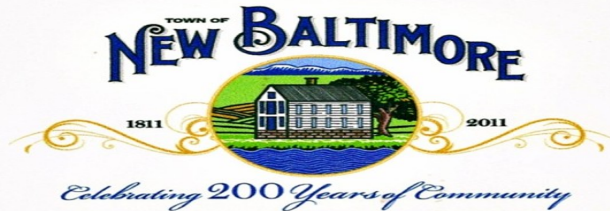
JULY-DECEMBER 2010

Special Interest

- Happy Birthday New Baltimore
- Milestone for Cornell Hook and Ladder Ladies' Auxiliary
- Rabies Clinic
- Senior Citizen Questionnaire

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COME ONE COME ALL TO THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR
OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

"Celebrating 200 Years of Community"

New Baltimore was carved from the Town of Coxsackie on March 15, 1811 by an act of the New York State Legislature. Originally part of the homeland of the Mahican Indians, the Town's boundaries were within the patents granted by the Dutch and English governments to early settlers such as Barent P. Coeymans and Mathias Houghtaling.

**WE HOPE YOU CAN COME AND CELEBRATE THIS MILESTONE WITH US ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011 AT 3:00 PM AT THE
NEW BALTIMORE TOWN HALL
3809 COUNTY ROUTE 51
HANNACROIX, NEW YORK
CONTACT JOYCE SCHOENIG AT 756-7032 WITH QUESTIONS**

This celebration will be held both inside and outside dress appropriate for weather.

AgFest Pot Luck Dinner

The New Baltimore Antique Machinery and Agricultural Festival committee is planning a special dinner celebrating the Ag Fest for our Bicentennial. The June 4 pot luck dinner for Town residents, participants, and invited guests will be under the big tent at VanEtten Farm on Sawmill Road following the events of the day.

The day will conclude with the New Baltimore Conservancy's wine and cheese party at Cornell Park.

Other Events

The Greene County Historical Society will hold its annual Tour of Homes on July 9 from 10 AM-4 PM, rain or shine. Tickets are \$20 in Advance or \$25 the day of the tour. To reserve tickets send a check by July 2 to:
Greene County Historical Society,
P.O. Box 44, Coxsackie, NY 12051
Advance tickets will be held at headquarters the day of the tour.

HISTORICAL NOTES

History Jottings - Rocky Store School

Many years ago, New Baltimore had as many as 17 of its own school districts. One of them was the first Rocky Store school, located near the intersection of Dean's Mill Road and Route 51. The name probably derived from an actual store near the original school. There still is an ancient stone building that some people think may have been the store or even the school.

In 1892, three districts were combined into one and housed in the newly built second Rocky Store school. The facility was modern for its day, with a double outhouse for boys and girls, desks that were screwed down, and a nice new bell. There also were individual cloakrooms for boys and girls, one in each corner of the front of the building. Children in grades one through eight (one through three near the end of its life) were educated in the building, and the class rosters over the years contained such familiar names as Albright, Hallock, and Dietz.

Official business of Town government was conducted in various locations over the years, including the Imperial Hotel and the Wheat store on Main Street in the hamlet, both buildings now long gone.

The first Town meeting was held

in 1811 when New Baltimore was formed from the Town of Cocksackie. The initial governance session likely was in a tavern at the intersection of the modern Route 51 and Roberts Hill Road and the second near Medway Four Corners.

As the 1960s dawned, the move to centralize schools was gaining momentum. The Rocky Store school was closed and, by the middle of the decade, the building was conveyed to the Town from the Central School District No. 1 of Cocksackie, Athens, New Baltimore, and Cairo.

Municipal meetings had been held in rented space in Cornell Hall, the home of the Cornell Hook and Ladder fire company. By 1965, the firemen were looking for a larger home to handle more modern equipment, and the Town for more permanent quarters. The Rocky Store school was renovated, and the first Town Board meeting held there in May of 1965.

As New Baltimore looked to 2000, the Town Board saw a need to have more space to house the increasingly complex governance of the community. After public hearings and extensive consideration, a new addition was constructed while maintaining maximum possible architectural integrity of the old school building.

**The Town Board
announces with sincere
regret the resignation of
Cless Bush as Historian.
We sincerely appreciate
his many years of
service, dedication to
our town and its
residents, and his
passion for our
historical heritage.**

A handful of years ago, talks started about renovating the inside of the meeting room to remove the old paneling and make the place a little more like it was when the last students left. Money, though, was in short supply. This year, Town Justice Joseph Cosenza spearheaded a request for a grant from the State Office of Court Administration to make the room a more professional venue for court sessions and, of course, Town Board meetings and other events that occur there. Toward the end of September, the noted local contractor Scott Purdy was at work on the project.

Clesson Bush, Town Historian

**TOWN EMERGENCY
RECORDING
756-6600
SHERIFF
756-3300**

FARMERS' MARKET

The 2010 Farmers' Market season ended on a very high note and we are pleased to have served the farmers and residents of the Town of New Baltimore and the County of Greene so well. This was the first year at our new location at Cecil Hallock Park (District 2) located on CR 54 just off of CR 51. The feedback to the change in location has been all positive even though we are not walking distance from the hamlet. Many residents chose to ride bicycles to the Market. Hallock Park proved to be dry and parking was closer to the pavilion, providing easier access for many people.

The Market helps support family-based farming and showcase local agriculture and artisans, providing the highest quality fresh, locally grown and crafted products, and a warm, welcoming meeting place on Saturday mornings throughout the summer. The Market offers free hot coffee and warm and friendly people. The Market is managed by town resident Hilary Schrauf who does a tremendous job organizing and keeping both the customers and vendors happy, along with finding all the musicians who volunteered their time to entertain and showcase the music at the market this season.

The Members of the Town's 2010 Farmers' Market Committee are President Liz LoGiudice, Vice President Susan McCuen, Treasurer Jack Dirrigl, Fran Melick, Patricia Monks, Christopher Norris, Recording Secretary Lynn Taylor, and Market Manager Hilary Schrauf. We would like to thank all our vendors that made this year the best yet — The HoneyBee, Handcrafts, Otter Creek Farm, Pegasus Restaurant, the Girl Scouts, Raven's Roost Farm, Erna's Baked Goods, and Crimson Valley Nursery.

Looking forward to next year, the Market plans to have local artists and craft makers come to the Market one Saturday each month to display and sell their wares. A fundraiser for the local food pantry will include a "bowl and soup" sale where handcrafted soup bowls will be sold and then filled with soup made from locally grown vegetables with all proceeds going to the pantry.

New vendors are always welcome and encouraged to try out the Market. Vendors pay a \$5 membership fee, and also a \$5 stall fee for each day they vend at the Market. All vendors must fill out an application, which can be obtained by contacting President Liz LoGiudice at 731-2536 or ravensroostfarm@yahoo.com.



COMMUNITY MILESTONE CONGRATULATIONS TO CORNELL HOOK AND LADDER LADIES AUXILIARY ON THEIR 50th ANNIVERSARY

The Cornell Hook & Ladder Auxiliary celebrated 50 years of service with a dinner and special ceremony held on September 25, 2010 at Anthony's Banquet House in Catskill. On September 29, 1960, 26 women from New Baltimore met at Cornell Hall to organize an Auxiliary, elect officers and hold its first meeting. By the end of their first year, the membership had grown to 34 members.

During the Auxiliary's 50 years of service they have met in three different firehouses, held numerous fundraisers, marched in many parades and have been there to provide refreshments to the Fire Company during calls any time of the day or weather condition. The Auxiliary has worked cooperatively with the Fire Company throughout the years during such events as their Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, Children's Halloween Party, the Children's Christmas/Holiday Party and Agfest. The Auxiliary also sponsors scholarships for seniors from both RCS and C-A High Schools who live within their Fire District. With a membership of 52 women and men, they continue to work hard to serve both the Fire Company and their Community.



Town Board Report

JULY

- Observed moment of silence for Fran Williams, a lifelong resident of the Town, who served as Highway Superintendent for 14 years.
- Approved renovations to Town Hall by Scott Purdy funded from a grant from the NYS Office of Court Administration submitted by Town Justices.
- Authorized the Code Enforcement Officer to obtain data collection for the Town Assessor.
- Appointed the Assistant Director and Counselors for the Summer Recreation Program.
- Adopted standard work day and reporting resolution for members of the NYS and Local Employees' Retirement System.
- Discussed that dog licensing will now be the sole responsibility of the Town on 1/1/11, that the Town will be allowed to keep all fees, and a local law must be adopted.
- Concerns were raised about the possible tax increase in Greene County due to lower sales tax collections and increased retirement costs.

AUGUST

- Approved inhouse training for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Members from David Wukitsch, Attorney for the Town.
- Referred Code Enforcement Officer's ruling on the motorcross track on County Route 51 to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Congratulated Jonathon Pacek on Receiving the Rank of Eagle Scout.

SEPTEMBER

- Councilman Byas presented with plaque by Town Historian Cless Bush placing Rocky Store School (Town Hall) on the Greene County Historic Register.
- Reappointed Ken Rebusmen to a five year term on the Board of Assessment Review
- Highway 284 agreement was amended to include improvements to Jennings Road.
- Authorized Town Justices to attend New York State Magistrates' Conference from September 26-29.
- Authorized Justice Clerks to attend New York State Court Clerks' Conference from October 11-13.

- Authorized Supervisor to execute agreement with Ravena Rescue Squad for Ambulance Service for \$20,000.
- Approved annual review of accounts for Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Justice Court.

OCTOBER

- Approved \$300 for Greene County Youth Fair.
- Established Health Care Reimbursement Account for Town Employees.

NOVEMBER

- Appointed Jeff Ruso, Bill Girvin, Cless Bush, and Lynn Taylor to the Public Memorial Committee, joining Art Byas.
- Authorized Supervisor to execute agreement with Columbia Greene Humane Society.
- Public Hearing on 2011 Town Budget.

DECEMBER

- Adopted Dog License Law.
- Authorized Albright & Sons for Heating Oil for state contract price.
- Established Economic Development Committee with Chris Norris as Liaison and Susan O'Rorke as member.

Planning Board

- Public Hearing and approval for Palmer minor subdivision.
- Prepared semiannual report to the Town Board on the impact of new zoning requirements on the town.
- Continued site plan discussion with William Brandt regarding his plans to build an assisted living facility on Route 9W.

2010 ACTIVITY REPORT

Twelve meetings and six public hearings were held this year. Six minor subdivisions were approved, eight new lots created, and two non-conforming parcels were corrected.

Total Fees 2010....\$450.00

The Town Board thanks Lee Davis and Eric Hoglund for their many years of service on the Planning Board. We wish them much success in their new direction.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

2011 ACTIVITY REPORT

- Building Inspections 208
 - Building Permits Issued 40
 - Building Permits Renewed 23
 - Car Restoration Permit Renewed 1
 - Certificates of Compliance Issued 36
 - Certificates of Occupancy Issued 28
 - Temporary Certificates of Occupancy Issued 2
 - Commercial Site Fire Inspections 2
 - Compliance Orders Issued 6
 - Court Appearances 5
 - Demolition Permit Applications Received 3
 - Demolition Permits Issued 4
 - Do Not Occupy 1
 - Junk Vehicle Complaints 21
 - Manufactured (Mobile) Home Permits Issued 2
 - New Building Permit Applications Received 44
 - Pool Permit Applications Received 3
 - Pool Permits Issued 3
 - Sign Permit Applications 5
 - Sign Permit Issued 6
 - Stop Work Order Issued 1
 - Code Violation Investigations 42
 - Zoning Violation Investigations 17
- Total Fees 2010.....\$14,601.04

The Town Board extends their appreciation to John Cashin for his many years of dedication to our town. We thank him and wish him well in his new position.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Six meetings and three public hearings were held this year.

Three variances were approved
 I Area Variance
 I One-Year Use Variance
 I Use Variance Renewed for Another One-Year Period

Total Fees 2010.....\$240.00

Assessor's Report

Enhanced STAR, Aged, Agricultural, and Disabled Exemption Renewals are slowly being returned. Contact with residents is being made for incomplete applications. Reminders will be sent to any residents who have not yet returned their forms reminding them of the March 1 deadline.

Townwide Yard Sale Resounding Success



The 7th Annual Townwide Yard Sale was held on Saturday, September 18. Blue skies, warm temperatures, and energetic shoppers combined to make this year's event so successful. Councilwoman Barb Finke and Tax Collector Lynn Taylor coordinated this annual day traditionally held on the third Saturday in September.

Forty-three addresses were listed on this year's map which was distributed early Saturday morning at Town Hall, the Farmers' Market in Cecil Hallock Park, Albright's Garage, Cornell Hook and Ladder Fire Company, Cocksackie Antiques Center, Kilian's Country Store, Medway Congregational Christian Church, and the New Baltimore Reformed Church. Many others also added

their last-minute sale. Thanks to our residents, fire company, churches, and local businesses who worked together to make this day so successful.

Many housewares and baby items were available at the Anatriello family's sale on Route 9W



Harriet Miller, Dorothy Shaffer, and Janet Foley sell something for everyone on Washington Avenue in the hamlet

If residents have changes to their name or mailing address, please send an email to:

bfinke@townofnewbaltimore.org
or
mmredith@townofnewbaltimore.org



Sunny skies and warm temperatures greeted shoppers at the Cecil Hallock District 2 Park on County Route 54

BUY IN GREENE

Buy in Greene is now offering a new program that allows residents to save 5% on shopping, dining, and services at participating Greene County merchants. This program is designed to reward residents for buying local which will help to keep our businesses strong, jobs local, and services thriving.



The BIG discount card is free and can be requested on line or at a card pick-up location throughout Greene County. Any business owners who are interested in participating in the program can also enroll online.

Information can be found at www.BuyInGreene.com or by calling Greene County Economic Development, Tourism and Planning at 719-3290.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

The Greene County Department of Motor Vehicles reminds residents to keep our revenue here and process driver's license and registration renewals locally instead of mailing to Albany. Keep revenue in Greene County and mail to or visit the Greene County Clerk, 411 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414.

DOG LICENSE CHANGES

On January 1, 2011, the responsibility for authorizing and maintaining dog licenses shifted from the state to local governments, allowing towns to keep all revenue. Following two public hearings, the Town Board enacted Local Law 1 of 2010.

All dogs must be licensed with the Town Clerk at the age of four months and are required to have a current Certificate of Rabies. The fees are \$7 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$15 for unspayed or unneutered dogs. The town does not require a license for any guide dog, service dog, hearing dog, or detection dog.

Residents are notified two weeks before renewal and have 30 days to renew after the end of their expiring month. The \$5 late fee has been waived until July 1.



2011 RABIES CLINIC

Greene County Public Health has announced a rabies clinic for dogs, cats, and ferrets on **March 30** at the Medway-Grapeville Firehouse beginning at 6 PM. All dogs must be leashed and cats need to be in a reliable carrying case. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted.

WELCOME TO HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

Holiday Inn Express located at the Thruway interchange on Route 9W recently opened and has been sold out on many occasions. They have 66 rooms including suites, king beds, and double/queen rooms, refrigerators and microwaves are standard in all rooms, and complementary breakfast is included. Business travelers will notice a complete work center with computers and wireless internet services as well as a small conference room for meetings or presentations. A fitness center is near the pool and spa.

An open house was held in October attended by Supervisor Susan O'Rourke, Deputy Supervisor Chris Norris, Town Board Members Art Byas and Barb Finke, Building Inspector John Cashin, Planning Board Vice Chair Alta Turner and Clerk Marjorie Loux.

Pictured at right are representatives from the Jyoti SAI Hospitality, Board Members Art Byas and Barb Finke, and Wayne Speenburgh, Chairman of the Greene County Legislature.

We welcome Holiday Inn Express to our community and wish them much success and prosperity in the years ahead.



Supervisor
Susan O'Rorke

Tax Collector
Lynn Taylor

**Superintendent of
Highways**
Denis Jordan

Board Members

Art Byas
Barbara Finke
Michael T. Meredith
Christopher Norris

Town Clerk
Janet Brooks

Town Justice
Joseph Cosenza
Joseph Farrell

Gordon Bennett, **Assessor**
John Cashin, **Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer**
Clesson Bush, **Town Historian**

**Board of
Assessment
Review**

Ellie Alfeld
Ron Hofaker
Jean Horn
Ken Rebusmen

Planning Board

Lee Davis, Chair
Joseph Caputo
Dan Kelly
Kenneth Kuder
Eric Hoglund
John Murray
Alta Turner

Zoning Board of Appeals

Maeve Tooher, Chair
Donna Carlson
Marie Corrado
Jack Covey
Shelly VanEtten

Joe Tanner, **Animal Control Officer**

Calendar

Town Board Meetings
2nd and 4th Mondays

Planning Board Meetings
2nd Thursday*

Zoning Board Meetings
1st Wednesday*

*If no agenda, no meeting

For agendas and other Town
information, please call Town
Offices or visit our website.

www.townofnewbaltimore.org

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756-8880 Fax

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Hannacroix, NY 12087



TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE

County of Greene
3809 County Rte. 51
Hannacroix, N.Y. 12087

**Mail to: Ellie Alfeld
3809 County Route 51
Hannacroix, NY 12087
Call Ellie 756-2452 With Questions**

Dear Neighbor,

The Town of New Baltimore is seeking to identify and develop programs to meet the needs of Senior Citizens. Please fill out the brief questionnaire below. The completed questionnaire can be mailed to Town Hall at the above address and residents can call Ellie Alfeld at 756-2452 with any questions.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to receiving your ideas. Your response is very important to moving this program forward.

Senior Citizen Committee

'SURVEY

1. Would you be interested in participating in a town wide Senior Program? Yes _____ No _____
2. If so, what locations and times would be best for the Meetings? _____

3. Would you be interested in bus trips or other types of outings with Seniors? Yes _____ No _____
4. Do you need assistance with grocery shopping and other errands? No _____ Yes _____
5. If yes, please explain _____
6. Would you be interested in learning more about services for seniors that are provided at the State, County or Local Level? _____ Yes _____ No

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____

May we call you? Yes _____ No _____

2011 ADOPTED BUDGET

| | AMENDED 2010 | ADOPTED 2011 | | AMENDED 2010 | ADOPTED 2011 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | REVENUES | | |
| Town Board | \$ 16,400 | \$ 16,400 | Property Taxes | \$ 299,460 | \$ 293,637 |
| Town Justice | 79,020 | 78,064 | Payments In Lieu of Taxes | 20,900 | 23,641 |
| Supervisor | 19,125 | 20,025 | Tax Penalties | 11,000 | 9,000 |
| Accountant | 500 | 500 | Franchise Fees | 18,000 | 21,100 |
| Tax Collector | 8,930 | 8,930 | Clerk Fees | 1,200 | 1,900 |
| Assessors | 39,280 | 36,953 | Recycling Fees | 300 | 300 |
| Town Clerk | 40,290 | 40,863 | Zoning Fees | 200 | 200 |
| Attorney | 17,000 | 22,000 | Planning Fees | 1,000 | 500 |
| Engineer | 500 | 500 | Interest | 9,000 | 6,500 |
| Records Management | 9,300 | 7,000 | Dog Licenses | 1,900 | 1,900 |
| Buildings | 20,600 | 19,839 | Building Permit | 15,000 | 12,000 |
| Central Print | 4,500 | 5,200 | Permits, Other | 500 | 500 |
| Central Data Process | 1,100 | 5,300 | Fines & Forfeitures | 119,000 | 119,000 |
| Unallocated Insurance | 32,000 | 23,000 | County Youth Grant | 500 | 500 |
| Municipal Dues | 1,100 | 1,100 | | | |
| Contingent | 14,000 | 14,000 | STATE AID | | |
| Education | 4,500 | 3,000 | Per Capita | \$ 12,000 | \$ 12,000 |
| | | | Mortgage Tax | 51,000 | 55,000 |
| | | | Youth Program | 1,250 | 1,250 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | | | | | |
| Public Safety | \$ 600 | \$ 600 | TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 562,210 | \$ 558,928 |
| Police | 1,000 | 1,800 | UNEXPENDED BALANCE | | |
| Traffic Control | 7,000 | 4,000 | (USE OF FUND BALANCE) | 101,300 | 101,000 |
| Animal Control | 5,750 | 5,750 | TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE | \$ 663,510 | \$ 659,928 |
| Safety Inspect | 27,100 | 22,600 | | | |
| | | | HIGHWAY FUND | | |
| HEALTH | | | General Repairs | \$ 461,200 | \$ 464,233 |
| Health Officer | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | CHIPS | 78,000 | 78,000 |
| Registrar | 880 | 880 | Machinery | 95,000 | 95,000 |
| | | | Brush & Weeds | 21,600 | 21,894 |
| TRANSPORTATION | | | Snow Removal | 140,200 | 141,283 |
| Highway Superintendent | \$ 51,800 | \$ 52,580 | Retirement | 27,300 | 39,220 |
| Garage | 12,000 | 11,000 | Social Security | 22,500 | 22,829 |
| Street Lights | 2,400 | 2,500 | Workers Comp | 1,800 | 2,710 |
| | | | Disability | 150 | 200 |
| ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE | | | Hospitalization | 68,600 | 74,500 |
| Veterans Service | \$ 700 | \$ 700 | Other, Uniforms | 8,400 | 6,400 |
| Aging Programs | 2,500 | 2,500 | | | |
| Economic Development | 1,300 | 1,300 | DEBT SERVICE | | |
| | | | Bond Principal | \$ 12,400 | |
| CULTURE & RECREATION | | | Bond Interest | 383 | |
| Rec Administration | \$ 1,900 | \$ 1,900 | Transfers Capital Reserve | \$ 15,000 | \$ 15,000 |
| Playgrounds | 17,000 | 9,540 | | | |
| Youth Program | 7,430 | 7,430 | HIGHWAY FUND REVENUES | | |
| Historian | 1,660 | 1,660 | Property Taxes | \$ 744,333 | \$ 755,207 |
| Cultural Programs | 2,600 | 2,600 | Payment In Lieu of Taxes | 28,700 | 30,062 |
| | | | Interest | 9,000 | 7,000 |
| HOME & COMMUNITY SVCS. | | | S/A CHIPS | 99,000 | 99,000 |
| Zoning | \$ 3,200 | \$ 3,200 | Transfers In | 71,500 | 70,000 |
| Planning | 19,200 | 19,200 | | | |
| Refuse and Garbage | 11,000 | 11,120 | TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 952,533 | \$ 961,269 |
| | | | | | |
| Retirement | \$ 19,145 | \$ 27,194 | Sewer District #1 | \$ 136,756 | \$ 140,997 |
| Social Security | 23,000 | 23,200 | Sewer District #2 | 544 | 2,124 |
| Workers Comp | 2,200 | 3,000 | Water District #1 | 500 | 563 |
| Disability | 300 | 500 | Water District #2 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| Hospitalization | 61,700 | 69,000 | Water District #3 | 400 | 400 |
| | | | Lighting District #1 | 18,000 | 18,000 |
| Trans. Highway Fund | \$ 71,500 | \$ 70,000 | Lighting District #2 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Trans. Parks Reserve | | 1,000 | Ambulance District 1 | 31,213 | 31,269 |
| | | | Ambulance District 2 | 27,448 | 29,333 |
| TOTAL | | | TOTAL | \$1,844,904 | \$1,857,883 |
| APPROPRIATIONS | \$663,510 | \$659,928 | | | |