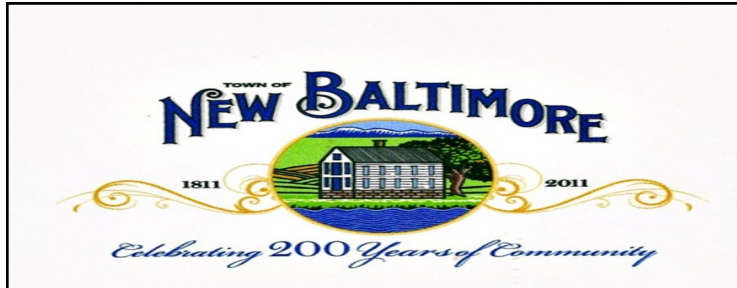


HAPPY 200th BIRTHDAY NEW BALTIMORE



JANUARY-MARCH 2011

- Bicentennial Celebration
- Greene County Sponsored Events
- AgFest 2011



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The opening ceremony of the Town of New Baltimore's Bicentennial was held Sunday, March 13 beginning with a parade that included the Cornell Hook and Ladder Fire Company, the Greene County Sheriff's Office, Medway-Grapeville Fire Company, local scout troops, Civil War Reenactment and Revolutionary War Drum Line, veterans organizations, and Congressman Chris Gibson.

Senator Jim Seward and Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin both highlighted the importance of small communities and the strong bond of families in their remarks before presenting legislative resolutions to Chair Joyce Schoenig and Supervisor Susan O'Rourke. Wayne Speenburgh, Chairman of the Greene County Legislature, also presented a proclamation with Legislator Jim VanSlyke and recognized the meaning of community and wondered if New Baltimore was formed from land that was "stolen" from Cossackie. Congressman Chris Gibson thanked our local law enforcement officers, firefighters, youth organizations, and veterans for protecting our residents, providing hope for the future, and serving our country.

Twelve former Town Supervisors who together served our community for more than 40 years were recognized and Cliff Baldwin, Bill Finke, Nils Backlund, Bob Hallock, Ed Barber, and Dave Louis were present to accept special recognition.

Local resident Dick Brooks also read an original "Ode to New Baltimore" which documented the history of our town with help from local children who held pictures depicting our heritage of local industries like agriculture, shipbuilding, and ice harvesting.

The events of the day concluded at Town Hall, the former Rocky Store School, where many historical items and artifacts were displayed, refreshments were served, and conversations and friendships were enjoyed by all who attended the day's memorable community festivities.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

June 4
Dinner After AgFest at VanEtten Farm, Bring Dish to Share, Reservations 756-9155

July 9
Greene County Historical Society Tour of Homes 10 AM-4 PM
\$20 By July 2/\$25 Day of Tour
Send Check to Greene County Historical Society, P.O. Box 44, Cossackie, NY 12051

New Baltimore Conservancy
Wine and Cheese Party at Cornell Park
www.newbaltimoreconservancy.org

July 31
New Baltimore Reformed Church
Historical Picnic

August 20
Ag Dinner at Kriel Farm

September 24
Barn Dance and Dinner
at Flegel Farm

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

I am pleased to introduce myself in this space as the new Town Historian. We have been blessed with outstanding town historians over the last thirty-five or so years, namely Anthony Gambino, Walter and Frances Dietz, and Clesson Bush. With Cless, we actually got two for the price of one, as Jean is an outstanding historian as well. And so I have large shoes to fill. I am grateful to each of them, as I will be able to stand on their shoulders.

2011 is of course the bicentennial anniversary of New Baltimore's Declaration of Independence from Cocksackie, and I am fortunate that I have subject matter which is on everyone's mind. What we know about early town government comes from the hand written town minutes from 1811 – dutifully maintained under lock and key by our current town clerk Janet Brooks – and research done by Mrs. Dietz and published as Supplement #1 to the Heritage of New Baltimore.

Following the establishment of the town by the state legislature on March 15, the first town meeting was held on Tuesday, April 2, 1811 “at the house of Matthew Sitssers”. The legislation creating the town actually designated the date and the location of the first town meeting “to be held at the dwelling house of Peter Wolf now occupied by Matthew Setts”.

Mrs. Dietz argued convincingly that the Wolf/Sitssers house is the building still standing at the northeast corner of Route 51 and Roberts Hill Road. Early town records indicate Matthew Sitssers was a tavern keeper in 1811.

There were 190 men who voted that day for the first town office holders. It would be impossible for that many people to fit in the ground floor of that building at once, and still hard to believe that many would squeeze into two floors if an upper floor happened to be a dance hall. So men rotated in and out of the building to vote, which was done in a public or semi-public manner.

The following were elected:

Tunis vanSlyke	Supervisor
Elisha Hall	Town Clerk
Samuel Youmans	Assessor
Martin Van Bergen	Assessor
Hollet Titus	Assessor
Thomas Powell	Commissioner of Highways
Thomas Hallock	Commissioner of Highways
Salmon Skinner	Commissioner of Highway
Jeremiah Bedell	Poor Master
Peter vanSlyke	Poor Master
Jeremiah Bedell, Jr.	Collector
Caleb Gage	Constable
Matthew Scott	Constable
Jeremiah Bedell, Jr.	Constable
Levi Dewitt	Constable
Peter Wolf	Pound Master
Noah Wheeler	Pound Master
John Armstrong	Fence Viewer
William Bedell	Fence Viewer
William Ray(?)	Fence Viewer
Robert Palmer	Fence Viewer
Thomas Powell	Fence Viewer
Martin VanBergen	Fence Viewer

Town government business was minimal – in fact, there was no “town meeting” again for a year. There was no town board, so the business which was conducted must have been by consensus of those voters in attendance. No votes other than those for town offices are noted. The supervisor presumably chaired the meeting, and then was the legal representative of the town for purposes of entering into contracts and dealing with the state and other town governments whenever necessary until the next town meeting.

Elisha Hall went on to serve as town clerk until 1836. He would have been the face of local government during his tenure, just as town clerks are today in many rural upstate New York places.

No salaries are mentioned. The minutes reflect the need to raise \$150 for the operation of town government, but no budget is discussed.

A special thank you to Joyce and Jeff Schoenig and the Bicentennial Committee for their countless hours of planning for our successful 200 Years of Community celebration.

The only other topics of town business in 1811 were the welfare of the poor, management of livestock, and maintenance of roads.

We will look at these items in more detail in the next newsletter. On another note: the town has a terrific collection of historical photographs, many of which do not appear in the Heritage book and never see the light of day. As part of the bicentennial celebration, I am planning on making a presentation of the best of these photographs in the fall. If you have photos of New Baltimore people or places of years ago that are not in the Heritage book and would permit me to copy them and use them, please call me at 943-1060 (days) or 756-7647 (nights and weekends). Photos will be copied and returned promptly.

Ted Hilscher, Town Historian

Thank you to Claudia Kuder for her many years of dedication in the Town Clerk's Office and Pat Monks and Ashley Carnivale for their service with our Town Justices.

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RECORDING
756-6600**

**SHERIFF
756-3300**

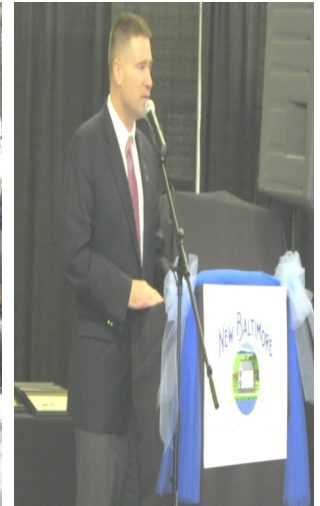
BICENTENNIAL MEMORIES



Greene County Sheriff's Color Guard



Civil War Reenactment
Followed by Boy Scouts



Congressman
Chris Gibson



Revolutionary War Drum Line



Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin and
Senator Jim Seward Present Legislative Resolutions
To Joyce Schoenig, Chair, and
Supervisor Susan O'Rourke



Former Supervisors Nils Backlund, Ed Barber,
David Louis, Bob Hallock, Bill Finke, and
Cliff Baldwin

Our Children Depicting the Town's Heritage
in the "Ode to New Baltimore"



Town Board Report

JANUARY

- Held Organizational Meeting to adopt appointments, policies, and salaries for 2011.
- Held Public Hearing and Adopted Proposed Local Law 1, Establishing Sewer Use Fees.
- Approved Purchase of 2011 International Cab Chassis Model 4300 for Highway Department.
- Appointed Ray Blaisdell as Code Enforcement Officer.
- Received six month update from Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board.
- Joe Caputo, Bill Johns, and Kathy Rundberg were appointed to three year appointments on the Planning Board and Kathy Rundberg was appointed Chair.
- Renewed contract with Columbia Greene Humane Society until December 31, 2011.
- Public Hearing and adoption of Local Law 2 to Establish A New Schedule of Real Property Tax Exemptions for Persons 65 or Over and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes.

FEBRUARY

- Adopted Resolutions to recognize Cless Bush for his service as Town Historian since 1995 and Lee Davis for his work on the Planning Board for 19 years.
- Received update from Joyce Schoenig on Events for Bicentennial Celebration and Sandy Mathes from the Greene County IDA on the Water Park.
- Adopted resolution to support Greene County Water Study.
- Approved waiving the late fee for licensing dogs for six months until July 1.
- Congratulated Zeb Girvin on Receiving the Rank of Eagle Scout.
- Appointed Dawn Palmateer as Full time Justice Clerk and Lynn Taylor as Temporary Court Clerk.
- Renewed insurance coverage with Trident Insurance Co. through Marshall & Sterling Agency.

MARCH

- Presentation from Dan Quigley from the Cocksackie –Athens Area Chamber of Commerce to announce May 1 as National Lemonade Day.
- Approved Greene County Historical Society's use of Town Hall as Headquarters for 2011 Home Tour.

- Approved agreement with Intelligent Technology Solutions until December 31.
- Approved lease agreement with Rob and Shelly Van Etten for Agfest.
- Approved Memorandum of Agreement with AgFest Committee.
- Approved Second Hand Junk and Auto Parts Dealers' License for J.B. Car Services.
- Established policy for placement of employment ads in local newspapers.
- Approved installation and monitoring of operations at Sewer Plant by Scott Alarm Systems Inc.
- \$1,700 was approved as payment to Rural Water Association to prepare Request for Approval for upgrades to Sewer Plant.
- Authorized \$400 for Farmer's Market.
- Amendments approved for Sewer District budget.
- Presentation by Sandy Mathes from Greene IDA on proposed Water Park.

Planning Board

JANUARY

- Board Members Kathy Rundberg, Bill Johns, and Joe Caputo sworn in.
- Appointed Dan Kelly as Vice Chair and John Murray as Secretary.
- Dave Wukitsch named as Planning Board Attorney.
- Discussed Thruway signage issue, Board Members to review guidelines received from the NYS Thruway Authority.
- Reviewed and discussed the plans Bristol Manor, the proposed assisted living facility.

FEBRUARY

- Continued discussion on the Sign Ordinance with regard to signs erected near the Thruway.
- Discussed letter received from Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company following its review of plans for the proposed assisted living facility, Bristol Manor. Copy of letter was forwarded to Mr. Brandt and his attorney.

MARCH

- Presented Lee Davis with resolution to thank him for his 19 years of service on the Planning Board.
- Began discussion on bringing Fire Company into Site Plan approval and format in which they are to respond.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

JANUARY

- Building Permits Renewed 2
- Certificates of Compliance Issued 2
- Application Fees for January.....\$273.05

FEBRUARY

- Building Inspections 4
- Certificate of Compliance Issued 1
- Certificate of Occupancy Issued 1
- Commercial Site Fire Inspection 1
- Do Not Occupy 1 (Fire)
- Building Permits Renewed 3
- Application Fees for February.....\$288.00

MARCH

- Building Inspections 17
- Building Permits Issued 1
- Building Permits Renewed 3
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued 3
- Do Not Occupy 1
- Junk Vehicle Complaints 2
- Miscellaneous Complaint Investigations 3
- Septic Tank Replacement Applications Received 1
- Septic Tank Replacement Permits Issued 1
- Sign Permit Applications 1
- Code Violation Investigations 5
- Application Fees for March.....\$218.40
- Total Fees for Year to Date.....\$779.45

A special thank you to Sheri Jourdin for her many years of dedication to the Town. We thank her for her faithful service and wish her much luck in her new position in Greene County.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Continued and Completed Variance Public Hearing for William Brandt to allow for additional roof height for assisted living facility. Approved variance at Regular meeting that followed. A resident on Route 51 advised the Board that a trailer on their property will be removed within 60 days.

Assessor's Report

Grievance Day scheduled for May 24 from 3:00-5:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM at Town Hall.

New applications were received for Enhanced STAR in response to a mailing from Senator Jim Seward to all residents turning 65 this year.

GREENE COUNTY 2011 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT



Greene County Solid Waste Management will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Greene County residents on Saturday, June 25 at the Greene County Highway Department, 67 Scott Lane in Athens. This event is from 8 AM to 12 PM and residents are asked to arrive during suggested times according to the first letter of their last name. Proof of residency is required.

A-G	H-N	O-T	U-Z
8-9 AM	9-10 AM	10-11 AM	11 AM-12 PM

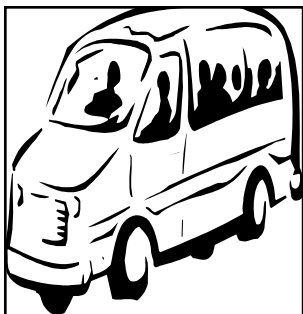
Household hazardous waste requires special handling, processing, and disposal and residents can ensure that these wastes are handled safely and recycled or disposed of properly.

Accepted materials are acids and bases, automotive fluids (except motor oil), chlorine, cleaning products, driveway sealer, fire extinguishers, fluorescent light bulbs, gasoline and kerosene, hobby chemicals and paints, paint removers and thinners, paints (oil and latex), pesticides/herbicides/insecticides, photo chemicals, swimming pool chemical, turpentine, varnish, weed killers, and wood preservatives and stains.

Materials that are not accepted are agricultural and commercial waste, compressed gasses (except aerosols), controlled substances, explosives and ammunition, fireworks and flares, industrial waste, infectious and biological waste, known dioxins, medical waste, prescription medication and syringes, radioactive materials, smoke detectors, and any non-household quantities.

Items that are not accepted but can be recycled normally include empty aerosol cans, motor oil, and propane tanks. Empty paint cans will not be accepted, but can be part of regular household waste.

Residents can call **943-4600** or email solidwaste@discovergreene.com with questions.



GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING

Homebound Transportation Services are available to Greene County residents over age 60 that do not have family or friends to help. This service will arrange transportation to doctors with volunteers for persons needing the service. They are open on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM and two week notice of appointments is requested by calling
719-3555, 719-3770
or toll free (877)794-9266.

*If residents have name or mailing address changes, please send an email to editors
Barb Finke or Michael Meredith at:
bfinke@townofnewbaltimore.org or mmeredith@townofnewbaltimore.org*

Ag Fest

The Bicentennial Pot Luck Dinner will be held at the VanEtten Farm on Saturday, June 4 during Ag Fest following the day's events. Anyone wishing to attend can make a reservation by calling 756-9155 and bring a dish to share. The Ag Fest Committee will provide the main course and refreshments. Ralph Barger and band will once again provide the evening's entertainment.

Farmer's Market

The 2011 Farmer's Market will begin on June 11 from 9 AM-12 PM and will continue weekly through September. Vendors will also participate at Ag Fest on June 4 from 10 AM-4 PM at VanEtten Farm on Saw Mill Road.

Business Breakfast

The 6th Annual Business Breakfast will be held on
Wednesday, June 22
at 8:30 AM
at Red's Restaurant

Park Rental Information

The Wyche Park, Cecil C. Hallock Park, and Silver Lake Park have water and electric and are available to town residents for graduation and birthday parties, family reunions, or other social occasions

To reserve a town park, submit a Park Rental Form to the Town Clerk for the date and park desired. A rental of \$25 is required, plus a deposit of \$25. Charitable organizations can apply for a waiver of this fee in writing.

Upon final inspection, the deposit is refunded. Forms are available at the Town Hall or on the website www.townofnewbaltimore.org.

Townwide Yard Sale

The Townwide Yard Sale has been set for
Saturday, September 17 from 9 AM-4 PM
with a rain date of Sunday, September 18.
Councilwoman Barb Finke and
Tax Collector Lynn Taylor will again Co-Chair
this community event.

2011 Rabies Clinic

Another successful rabies clinic sponsored by Greene County Public Health was held at the Medway-Grapeville Firehouse on Wednesday, March 30. According to Joe Tanner, Animal Control Officer, 158 dogs, cats, and ferrets were vaccinated by Dr. Curtis Halstead and his assistant, Tim Jewett, from Maple Ridge Veterinary Clinic in Earlton. We would like to thank Lynn and Joe Tanner and Heather Collins who volunteered their time and assisted with paperwork, answered questions, and directed animals and their owners during this very busy time.

A special hello to Elizabeth Bredice and Emma Akers who introduced us to ferrets Daisy and Scooter.

YOUTH PROGRAM COUNSELORS

The 2011 Youth Program is tentatively scheduled for
July 18-August 12
Applications for Summer Youth Program Counselors
are available at Town Hall or on the website
www.townofnewbaltimore.org



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**
Ray Blaisdell **Code Enforcement Officer**
Ted Hilscher, **Town Historian**

**Board of
Assessment
Review**

Jack Ablett
Ellie Alfred
Ron Hofaker
Jean Horn
Ken Rebusmen

Planning Board
Kathy Rundberg, Chair
Joseph Caputo
Bill Johns
Dan Kelly
Kenneth Kuder
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

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New Baltimore

Antique Machinery & Agricultural Festival



June 4-5, 2011

AGFEST

Begins 9:00 AM Saturday & Sunday

Town of New Baltimore Bicentennial Events

FREE ADMISSION

WHERE: Van Etten farm, Saw Mill Road, New Baltimore

DIRECTIONS: Route 9W to Aquetuck Road; left on Dean's Mill, right on West Dean's Mill, right on Saw Mill Road

Agricultural and vendor displays on an open air field:

Antique and Garden Tractor Pulling
Hit & Miss Engines by Bill Burns
Portable Saw Mill by John Scott
Blacksmithing by John Earl
Full-Sized and Model Airplanes 'touch-&-go'
New Baltimore Farmers' Market

Ropesmithing by Dave & Mike
Rochelle Ford's Falconry
Bill Robinson's Raptors
Local History Displays
1920 Case Steam Tractor by Tom Curtis
Naturalist Dean Davis

SILENT AUCTION, FEATURING MERCHANDISE AND GIFT CERTIFICATES DONATED BY SPONSORS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES (to underwrite festival costs).

FOOD VENDORS: Breakfast & lunch prepared by Cornell Hook & Ladder; frozen desserts & lemonade by Guido. Potluck covered dish supper for exhibitors, vendors & reservations, Saturday 6pm (\$2 donation requested). For reservations, call 756-1194.

MUSIC: 77th NY Regimental Balladeers, Steve Schwebler's One-man Band, Ralph Barger and Peaceful Country

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: Rock Solid Church will be providing games, contests, crafts & other fun activities, including pie eating & pudding drop contests, painting, coloring, play doh, stickers, corn sandbox, & Bouncy Bounce. Face painting by About Face

AGFEST sponsored by the Town of New Baltimore, Greene County, LaFarge, Stewarts & many other area businesses.

Albany Greene ATV Club provides security & handicapped transportation. **All tractors required to have wheelie bars in all contests**

INFORMATION: 756-2793; 756-3517

FOR OTHER EVENTS & PLACES TO STAY,
VISIT WWW.GREENETOURISM.COM



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AGFEST 2011

PARTIAL SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY

- 9:00 AM GARDEN TRACTOR PULL
SILENT AUCTION
FARMERS' MARKET
BOUNCY-BOUNCE
CRAFTS FOR KIDS
EXHIBITS, DISPLAYS, DEMONSTRATIONS
BICENTENNIAL EVENTS
ROCHELLE FORD'S FALCONRY
DAVE & MIKE, ROPESMITHS
JOHN SCOTT'S PORTABLE SAWMILL
- 1 PM KIDS PIE EATING & PUDDING DROPS
STEVE SCHWEBLER, THE I-MAN BAND
- 3 PM 77th NY REGIMENTAL BALLADEERS
- 6 PM RALPH BARGER & PEACEFUL COUNTRY
POTLUCK SUPPER (BRING A DISH)
(\$2 DONATION) RESERVATIONS 756-9155

SUNDAY

- 9:00 AM ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULLING
SILENT AUCTION
SPIDERWEB FARM HORSE/WAGON RIDES
KINGS HILL BAND – GOSPEL/COUNTRY
BOUNCY-BOUNCE
BILL ROBINSON'S RAPTORS
- 10:30 AM FACE PAINTING BY ABOUT FACE
- 1:00 PM KIDS PIE EATING & PUDDING DROP
- 3:00 PM SILENT AUCTION CLOSES