

# Town of Glenville SPRING 2015 Newsletter Incorporated 1821 • State of New York

## From the Desk of the Town Supervisor...

Christopher Koetzle, Town Supervisor



I hope this newsletter finds you well and in good spirits as we finally emerge from one of the harshest winters in memory. Looking forward to spring and summer, now's a good time to take stock of our current progress and an ideal time to look forward to what's ahead.

As you'll read in the newsletter, I am happy to report that

our economic development efforts continue to reap dividends with projects like Applebee's, the Wolf Hollow Brewery expansion, and Capitaland's new Subaru dealership all on track to open this year. Other projects like the new Mohawk Honda Collision Center, Glenwyck Manor, and Patriot Square continue to help diversify our tax base while adding important amenities to our community. In fact, when taking all the projects from last year with the ones started this year, we have had over \$50 million invested in our community and we have created over 300 new jobs for our residents. More to come on that in the coming months.

I am also proud to announce that we finally have the resources needed to start the Town Center's Beautification project with new sidewalks throughout the commercial district coupled with brand new, efficient, LED lighting replacing the old, less attractive ones. This project represents over \$1 million investment in our commercial center and is a partnership between the town, private donors, Metroplex, and the state. Turning our attention to budget issues, I am pleased to announce that the town is in good fiscal shape. Although we are dealing with challenges - like all local governments today, which you can read about in the Comptroller's Report - we are on budget and have managed our expenses wisely. In fact, we have more than exceeded our required savings of \$85,000 per year to meet the state's "tax freeze mandate". I proud to have certified over \$310,000 in annual savings in 2015, and for each year through 2018. The savings was achieved by restructuring positions in the Supervisor's and Tax Receiver's offices, respectively, and making efficiency changes to the Dog Control Officer positons as well as the Maintenance Helper position.

This year's budget season will continue to present challenges for us, but the Board and I are committed to staying under the tax cap, as we have done every year, without instituting any new gimmicks or fees to help deal with falling revenues and increasing costs. I will begin working with the department heads and the Comptroller in late-summer to craft the 2016 Supervisor's Budget. As usual, we will hold a budget forum in September that I encourage all residents to attend.

I am pleased to announce that the town has moved forward with instituting new technology initiatives to help increase transparency and cut costs. The Town Board, as per the 2015 strategic plan, has focused on implementing new technology this year. In this newsletter, you'll read about two new programs - E311 and GPS - that will help us achieve these goals.

Finally, I want to thank all of our employees for all the work they perform on behalf of our residents. This past winter was hard on our Highway and Public Works staff and they did an incredible job keeping our roads open, clear and safe. The Public Works staff also dealt with a number of water and sewer issues under extraordinary conditions this past season. Our police officers saw an increase in traffic accidents during this harsh winter and they also performed well under tough conditions. The Board and I greatly appreciate all the hard work. Now, on to spring... All the best,

Christopher a. Koetzle

## From the Highway Department...

Tom Coppola, Highway Superintendent

The Annual Bulk Item Program will be held May 25, 2015 through June 5, 2015. As in past years, only one pass will be made. Once the truck has passed by your property, disposal will be your responsibility. Eligible items are to be placed on the edge of your lawn no earlier than May 23, 2015 and no later than May 24, 2015. We are asking residents to help us keep this program viable by NOT PLACING ITEMS OUT BEFORE THE STATED DATES. Please help keep Glenville looking beautiful. Visit the town's website for the list of eligible & ineligible items. Please remember, if it fits in your garbage can, put it in your garbage can. The intent of this program is to dispose of large items.

New York State Highway Law §319 reads "no obstruction should be placed in the roadway and/or right of way". This includes basketball hoops, sprinkler heads and dog fences to name a few. The average right of way is 10ft. from edge of blacktop. For the specific right of way of your road, please call the highway department.

Spring/Summer YARD WASTE including leaves, brush, grass clippings is the responsibility of the homeowner. The town only conducts a fall loose leaf program. Most garbage haulers include yard waste in their services. Please contact your garbage company for their specifics. Another option for Glenville residents is being able to bring yard waste to the Schenectady County Conservation District on Hetcheltown Rd. For details you may contact them at 399-6980.

This year the town will be focusing on pavement resurfacing in the Paradowski area.

As always if you ever have concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the highway department.

### From the Building Department... Paul Borisenko

Spring is here and with it comes the start of the building season. Maybe you have been planning your project for a while, or may you are just getting started. Either way if you are going to be constructing, altering, or replacing something, you should check to see if you need a building permit. Simple repairs that involve replacing certain elements with inkind materials usually don't require permits, but it's always wise to check. If you are planning a project that requires a permit then check out the town's web site, Townofglenville.org where you can download both applications and instructions, or stop in and we will be glad to assist you anyway we can.

My portion of the newsletter wouldn't be complete without a reminder to make sure your house numbers are visible from the road, and you've been reminded to change your batteries on your smoke and CO detectors. Have a happy safe spring and summer.

# For News and Updates... Stay Connected!

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# What is that Big New Building?



Communications Test Design, Inc. in the Glenville Business & Technology Park

In early 2014 a rather hefty new building started to take shape at the western end of the Glenville Business & Technology Park along Route 5. By July, the Galesi Group-built structure was complete; all 130,000 sq. ft. of it. And within a few weeks a company new to the Capital District, Communications Test Design, Inc. (CTDI) had occupied the new building.

CTDI is a West Chester, Pennsylvania-based company that provides repair and logistics services for the communications industry, including cable television companies, internet companies, and telecom carriers. The company employs about 7,500 people in 70 facilities worldwide. The new facility in Glenville almost exclusively serves the Capital District market of Time Warner Cable.

CTDI's Glenville facility initially started with 120 employees, and in a period of about seven months, it has increased its payroll to approximately 300 employees.

Competition for CTDI's new regional operations center was significant, and it involved a number of candidate building sites throughout several states in the northeast. CTDI decided to build their \$11.4 million facility in Glenville for a number of reasons, including Glenville's strategic location in CTDI's northeast market, quick and easy access to the interstate highway system, and a skilled work force. Glenville's ability to usher the project through the Town's planning & zoning review process in one month's time was also vital, as were the efforts of Galesi, Metroplex, and National Grid.

With the establishment of new facilities by both CTDI and Old Dominion Freight Line in the last two years, the western end of the Business & Technology Park has gone through a renaissance of sorts, with long-dormant industrial-zoned properties being converted to job producing, property tax-generating businesses with solid reputations nationwide.

# Update on the Town's Comprehensive Plan Effort

As noted in the previous issue of the Glenville Newsletter, the Town is in the process of rewriting its Comprehensive Plan. The current Plan was adopted in 1990, and has served the Town's decision-makers and community well. However, in the last quarter century the Town's population has increased, the business community has changed, significant new roads have been built, new technologies have emerged, and the economies of the region, state, and nation have evolved. Given all of these factors, the Town realized that a Plan from 1990 just isn't well-suited for a growing town in 2015 and beyond.

Late in 2014 the Town held three public workshops to gather input from residents on what our new Plan should focus upon, and how the Town should proceed over the next decade or so. The Town also made available for several months an on-line survey to gather additional public comment. The information gathered at the public meetings and via the on-line survey will help us mold the new Plan into a policy document that will hopefully have the support of the residents and business community alike.

As of this writing two separate committees are working to prepare the Plan. The first is the eight-person Comprehensive Plan Committee. This Town Board-appointed group, consisting of the chairmen of various standing Town committees (i.e Planning & Zoning Commission, Open Space Committee, Traffic Safety Committee, Small Business and Economic Development Committee, etc.), is responsible for the heavy lifting of actually drafting the new Plan.

Complementing the Comprehensive Plan Committee is the Residential Advisory Committee, or RAC. The RAC consists of seven Town residents, also appointed by the Town Board. Their primary role is to review sections of the new Plan as they become available, and to ensure that the goals and desires of the Town's residents are being accommodated by the draft Plan.

# Town Offering New Grant Program for Business Improvements

Town Supervisor Chris Koetzle and the Glenville Town Board have introduced a new grant program for 2015 known as the "Business Enhancement Grant Program." This grant program offers a Town match of up to 25% towards the cost of the project, with a maximum grant of \$5,000, for various types of exterior business improvements. A total of \$25,000 has been set aside for this year's program.

Businesses in both the Town of Glenville and Village of Scotia are eligible for funding under this grant program. All businesses are eligible, but priority will be placed on meritorious projects that fall within the Freemans Bridge Road corridor and the Town Center. Examples of eligible projects include the following:

- Improvements and alterations of building facades.
- The addition or replacement of decorative or ornamental building elements such as windows, exterior skirting, wall projections, dormers, arcades, porticos, canopies, awnings, railings, columns, cornices, molding, lintels, etc.
- Landscaping in the front yards of businesses, with special emphasis on street trees and shrubbery that screen unattractive features such as exterior utilities, dumpsters, foundations, block building exteriors, etc.
- Outdoor patios and seating areas, benches, bike racks, kiosks, clock towers, water features, and decorative trash receptacles.
  Pedestrian-scale lighting.
- applications must be submitted

Grant applications must be submitted to the Town of Glenville Economic Development and Planning Department by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15th. Additional information on the Business Enhancement Grant Program and the grant application form itself can be found on the home page of the Town of Glenville website: www.townofglenville.org. If you have any questions, call the Economic Development and Planning Department at 688-1200, ext. 407.

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# **Glenville Parks Updates**

**Maalwyck Park** - The final archaeological review will be put out to bid this spring. This is an expensive but necessary task required before further development of the park can occur. A reduced ground disturbance plan (vs. traditional development techniques) has been prepared to minimize these archaeological mitigation costs.

Indian Meadows - Four new dugouts grace the BH BL Girls' Softball fields! Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Glenville and the volunteers of Spartan Softball and their many contributors. A great community effort for the girls!



**Dog Park (Andersen Park)** - Plans are nearly finalized for the dog park at the former Andersen property at the corner of Van Buren and Swaggertown Roads. Two separate fenced areas (large/small dog), parking for 10 - 15 cars, landscaping, site amenities and water service are some of the planned improvements. Work will begin this spring.

# New Street Lights and Sidewalks Coming to the Town Center in 2015

Long-envisioned for Glenville's Town Center, it is anticipated that new street lights and sidewalks will be installed along both Route 50 and portions of Glenridge Road within the Town Center in 2015. The Town is responsible for the lighting project, while the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) will be handling the sidewalk project, with the Town assisting with the cost.

The lighting project will result in 29 new street lights on both sides of Route 50, from the bridge over the Indian Kill, just north of Price Chopper, south to Bank of America. Street lights will also be installed along Glenridge Road between Route 50 and the Glenville Municipal Center. The new lights will be ornamental in design, per the Town's zoning standards for the Town Center area. The total project cost will be right around \$500,000. Work is expected to begin by early summer, with a completion date of late July.

The DOT sidewalk project will bring us 4,000 feet of new sidewalks along both sides of Route 50, as well as in front of First National Bank and the Post Office properties on Glenridge Road. This project will also include pedestrian crossing countdown timers at signalized driveways/intersections, and high visibility crosswalks in the pedestrian crossing locations. The total cost of this project is around \$650,000, with the Town contributing \$130,000. Work on the new sidewalks is expected to start in the late summer or early fall.

In combination, the lighting and sidewalk projects will render the Town Center area much more pedestrian-friendly. This, in turn, helps make Glenville's commercial hub more marketable to new businesses, while providing a safer environment for pedestrians and motorists alike.

# The Empire State Aerosciences Museum

The Empire State Aerosciences Museum (ESAM) will host Glenville Appreciation Weekend on June 20th and 21st. During this weekend, admission to the museum will be free for Town of Glenville residents. ESAM is located along Route 50 at Schenectady County Airport, and recently celebrated its 30th anniversary. The museum interprets aviation with a variety of truly unique exhibits, as well as a spectacular airpark featuring over twenty historic military aircraft. Two new exhibits have recently been completed - a World War I French Nieuport 17 fighter in Gallery I, as well as an interactive lunar rover exhibit in Gallery II. As part of the weekend, tours will be provided, and you'll have the opportunity to hop into one or more of the jet fighters and helicopters in the airpark. The museum is committed to working in partnership with the Town, and this weekend is being supported by a generous appropriation from the Town

### **Glenville Senior Center**



Spring is always a busy time at the Glenville Senior Center. In April, Supervisor Chris Koetzle joined us as we recognized our volunteers at our Appreciation Luncheon catered by Marcella's Restaurant with entertainment by the Misty Jazz Trio. At this event, we honored our 140 volunteers who give more than 4,000 hours of their time each year. With their help, we offer 9 types of exercise classes, 4 sports leagues, and 16 different hobby\interest groups. The seniors also host numerous social functions and trips throughout the year. We provide a wide range of community services including transportation for area seniors, safe driving classes, scholarships for local teens, educational programs and tax preparation assistance. Our Catholic Charities Dining Center serves 30-35 meals per day, ensuring that area seniors have access to affordable, nutritious meals. If you are interested in joining or maybe even volunteering, stop by the Center at 32 Worden Road to learn more.

# April Declared Scotia-Glenville Tartans Boys' Basketball Month Throughout the Town of Glenville!



At the April 15th Glenville Town Board meeting, Supervisor Chris Koetzle and Town Board members honored the Scotia-Glenville Tartans Boys' Basketball Team for completing an historic 2014-2015 undefeated 26-0 season, culminating in the Public High School, Class A New York State Championship. The team made Section II history by becoming the first boys' team to win consecutive NYS Public High School Athletic Association championships. Congratulations to S-G High School Principal Peter Bednarek, Coaches Jim Giammattei, Mark Mortenson, Michael Rausch, and Glen Stopera, Manager Jonathan Sharer, and teammates Joe Almond, Dan Clune, Christian Corker, Diamond Corker, Joe Cremo, Sean Degraffenried, Trevor Martin, Mike Palleschi, Scott Stopera and Rhys Ten Eyck.

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# Indian Meadows Winter Trail Grooming Report • Season 7

Greg Stevens



First Outing December 12, 2014



#### Last Outing March 21, 2014

Winter 2014 started early, but a bit slow. After November's snowstorm, we lost all base until mid- December. Another storm came on December 12. That all melted relatively quickly. It was in the mid-50s on Christmas Day and it would be January 12 before we received another ski-able snowfall. From that day on, though, the conditions were ideal for the rest of the season. I averaged about 2 outings per week through the heart of the ski season. Usually I made one pass during the week at about 5pm and another grooming pass typically on Saturday mornings to refresh the trails for the heavy weekend traffic.

The Capital District spent over a month below the 32\*F mark; we had no thaws for all of February. The persistent cold meant that dry, fluffy snow was free to drift for weeks at a time. The roller was crucial to packing the big dumps we received this year. Still the drifts on the East trail (running roughly N/S) near Edmel Road built up to an estimated 4' deep. Toward the end of the season steering the snowmobile off the packed trail almost guaranteed that the operator would capsize the sled. We ended up with the deepest snowpack I've encountered since I started grooming the trails in 2008.

March did not bring a lot of new snow but the existing snow stuck around with our relatively cold temperatures. As of the final grooming outing on Saturday March 21, there was PLENTY of snow left on the trails with full cover throughout. The snow was somewhat icy and very dirty from all of the windstorms pushing sand and tree debris around. The rain we received on Wednesday and Thursday March 25-26 effectively shut down the skiing for the year.

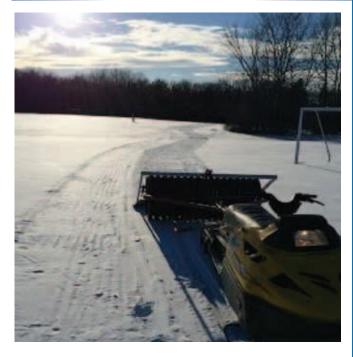
#### OPENING DAY: November 26, 2014 CLOSING DAY: March 25, 2015

#### SKIING DAYS

Month	Ski-Able Days	
November	5	
December	12	
January	20	
February	28	
March	25	
TOTAL	90	

#### GROOMING HOURS (EST): 34 Hours MILES GROOMED: 113 Miles FIRST OUTING: December 12, 2014 LAST OUTING: March 21, 2015

GROOMING OUTINGS		
Month	Grooming Outings	
November	0	
December	4	
January	5	
February	9	
March	6	
TOTAL	24	



### Police Department Report Michael Ranalli, Chief of Police

The FBI collects crime data in a system called Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR). There are two categories of UCRs, Part 1 offenses and Part 2 offenses, which is any offense not reported in Part 1. Because of differences in reporting between agencies, the more accurate of the two is the Part 1 category which consists of homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault (requires serious harm), burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. These are also called "index crimes". These are used as a snapshot of crime in any given community but is not a complete picture. In 2014, Glenville had 475 Part 1 index crimes reported. Larceny is the most common type of crime reported, and last year we had 430. We also had 34 burglaries, which was a drop from 58 the year before. From 2006 through 2009, we averaged 315 Part 1 offenses. From 2010 through 2014, we have averaged 426 Part 1 offenses.

Glenville is safe town and violent crime is fairly low. In fact, we only had five reported Part 1 violent offenses and 74 Part 2 misdemeanor assaults. Also from Part 2 offenses, we had 86 criminal mischiefs, 55 frauds and forgeries, 51 DWIs and 58 drug-related offenses.

In 2014, our 22-member force made a total of 445 custodial arrests and issued over 2,000 traffic and other appearance tickets. Some incidents have two or more offenses that arise from it, and we had a total of 1,661 Part 1 and Part 2 reported offenses, excluding traffic tickets.

While many people typically just associate the police with handling crime-related matters, most of the incidents we respond to are service related. In any given year, we typically handle over 300 domestic

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incidents, 100 non-domestic dispute or disturbance calls, 500 motor vehicle accidents and over 100 calls dealing with someone who is mentally ill or in crisis. Our officers also respond to a variety of civil disputes, medical calls and hundreds of burglar alarm activation calls. We also actively check properties that have been reported to our department as vacant or have been previously been the targets of some sort of crime.

On a final note and as a reminder, as of May 2014 we no longer have dispatchers at our station due to the consolidation of dispatch with the county. To help serve you better, we equipped our entryway with a phone that connects to the Unified Communication Center (UCC) and a computer kiosk that allows you to perform certain administrative functions including requesting copies of reports. If you live or work in Glenville and you wish to report a crime or file a report with an officer, you may stay where you are and call the UCC at (518)630-0911. One of our officers will be dispatched to come to you. If you need something else, then please check out the options on the Glenville Police Department website and see if you can do what you need to do from one of the options there.

## **Comptroller's Report**

#### 2014 RECAP

All told, 2014 was a good year for Town of Glenville finances. We ended the year with surpluses in our town outside the village, sewer, and water funds while we broke even in our town general fund. We ran a very slight deficit in the highway fund due wholly to our decision to pay cash for new sidewalks in Town Center instead of borrowing the money. The sidewalks are due to be installed in summer 2015. This decision by the Supervisor and Town Board to pay cash will save taxpayers a few thousand dollars in interest payments and fees over the next five years.

#### 2015 OUTLOOK

As is the case every year, 2015 will present financial challenges. We're still experiencing unusually low mortgage revenues due to the drying up of home refinancings. In 2014, we collected only \$540,000 in mortgage revenues, far below our 5-year average of \$660,000. Our 2015 figures so far are tracking very closely to 2014. We're also dealing with flat sales tax revenue, as has been the case for the past 10 years, due to the city-county sales tax contract. Unfortunately, this major revenue stream will remain flat through 2020. On the expense side, our health insurance costs increased over \$100,000 from last year due to premium increases of 7% and 12% for the two plans most utilized by Town employees. We were also recently informed by NYS Retirement that our premium rates in the next few years will likely remain at current levels instead of dropping as we had been told previously. In 2014, Town taxpayers paid \$1.18 million to the NYS Retirement system on behalf of Town employees.

#### 2016 PLANNING

While it seems 2015 just started, we've already begun planning for the 2016 town budget. A key component of the budget is the state imposed tax cap. The tax cap limits the increase in the overall tax levy to the lesser of 2% or a calculation which is based largely on the change in the consumer price index (CPI). For 2016, we expect the tax cap to fall short of the 2% maximum for the third year in a row as the CPI is running about 1.1% as of April 2015. This would be the lowest figure since the tax cap was implemented. The final tax cap calculations won't be known until autumn 2015.

#### **INTERESTED IN FREE MONEY?**

Well, of course you are. And there's a chance that you might have some waiting for you. Every year, banks, government agencies, brokerage firms, utility companies, and myriad other organizations turn over hundreds of millions of dollars in unclaimed funds to the New York State Comptroller. These funds might be from utility deposits, old bank accounts, uncashed payroll checks... basically any type of monetary transaction with a business that you can imagine. When the business or organization can't locate the rightful owner these funds are turned over to the state which holds the money until the owner claims it. And the number of unclaimed accounts is astonishing. Right now, there are 47,944 accounts on file for owners whose last known address was in Schenectady County. Together, just these Schenectady County accounts hold more than \$20 million waiting to be claimed.

Statewide, there is now \$13 billion waiting to go home into owners pockets. Maybe some of this money is yours. To find out, go to the NYS Comptroller's website or just type "NYS unclaimed funds" into your internet search engine. Once on the website just type in a name and start searching. If you find money for yourself you may be able to submit the claim form right online. If online submission is not an option then you just need to print the form from the website, complete it with notarization, and mail it in. Last year the state returned \$422 million to rightful owners with the average claim being worth just over \$100. If you've got a few minutes to spare, it might be worth your while. There is no cost to search the site or to file a claim. Good luck!

## Assessor's Office

We held a very successful seminar on exemptions in February. Over 40 people attended and it resulted in some residents learning that they qualified for property tax exemptions which they were not previously aware of. Special thanks to the volunteers at the senior center who helped make this happen. This was the first ever exemption seminar in Glenville and we plan on doing this every year in either January or February.

Looking ahead, we are in the process of preparing the assessment roll for the upcoming year. All new buildings, sub-divisions, and additions are evaluated for assessment purposes. Exemption processing is also a huge part of this process.

The tentative roll is published on May 1 and is still subject to grievance. This means that a property owner has a right to file a complaint on their real property assessment. Some reasons a property owner might file a complaint can be due to excessive or unequal assessment, incorrect property data, or incorrect denial of an exemption. Please visit our website for more information and instructions.

# Glenville, FIOS and Cable TV

The town has received numerous inquiries over the past few years regarding FIOS (Fiber Optic Services - a Verizon product) availability in the town of Glenville. Since it is available in the Village of Scotia, residents question why Glenville doesn't have it also. In a word - Verizon.

It is Verizon's choice whether they wish to build a fiber optic network in a municipality. Verizon may build the network without any approval required from the town. However, federal regulations require that when a carrier wishes to provide "cable" TV in a new market, they must receive a franchise agreement from that municipality.

Time Warner currently has a franchise agreement with the town, so federal "third party" regulations require that a new entrant into a market should be held to the same regulatory standards as the existing TV provider. This would include a build out plan for the fiber network to cover most of the town, no doubt an expensive proposition. So, Verizon may build a FIOS network at their discretion in Glenville, and they may provide phone, internet and satellite based TV without any approval from the town of Glenville. If they wish to carry land-line based TV, they must receive a franchise from the town under the same rules that Time Warner has followed as dictated by the Federal Communications Commission.

Ultimately, economics is the driver of these decisions. As FIOS is expensive to build, Verizon has provided the service only in high population density communities in order to maximize return on investment. Glenville encourages Verizon to expand FIOS in our town, but realistically, we don't expect this to occur any time soon.

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## New Technology to Aide Resident Reporting and Town's Response; Encourages More Transparency and Efficiency.

The town of Glenville will roll out two new programs in the coming months that utilizes technology to boost efficiency and transparency. The first, an E311, will be used for reporting non-emergency problems through the town's website or via a mobile app. The second, involves installing GPS in all town vehicles.

"This technology gives the town a way to systematically accept, track, and address resident's comments and concerns in a very efficient and transparent way, " said Supervisor Koetzle. "It provides our residents with enhanced services, while helping our employees operate more efficiently."

The E311 system will be part of a pilot program to see how the residents utilize the program, which will run through 2015. The town will also be able to enhance its reporting to the community by publishing quarterly reports with stats on the number of items that remain open, closed, and gauge metrics on how long it took to address. "We'll have access to more data," said Koetzle, "and that's helpful in evaluating our response times."

Once rolled out, the town will engage the residents in using the program.

The GPS units should be fitted to vehicles by June 1st and will help management better track resources while also providing employees with a better understanding of maintenance issues. The units will provide more reporting functions directly to residents so they can determine when a plow may be in their area, or to monitor when leaf pick will occur in their neighborhood.

# DEC to Invest \$23 Million in Freeman's Bridge Clean Up; New Water Line

DEC issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the source property, the Former Kenco Chemical Company, Inc. Site which describes the remedy selected to address contamination associated with the former Kenco property.

Major elements of the selected remedy include:

- 1. Temporary re-routing of the surface water at the site to avoid contacting site contaminants.
- 2. Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil near the surface (0-2 feet below grade).
- 3. Thermal treatment of contaminated subsurface soil and groundwater with vapor collection.
- 4. Chemical injection treatment of contaminated subsurface soil and groundwater at nearby off-site properties.
- 5. Removal of the structure on the property.

The cost to implement the remedy for the source site is estimated to be over \$20.5 million in today's dollars and is covered by the Superfund, not Glenville property taxpayers.

An electronic copy of the ROD is available on NYSDEC's Region 4 web page at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37564.html (look under Schenectady County). Copies of the ROD also are available for review at the Glenville Library, Glenridge Road.DEC will issue a seperate ROD for "offsite properties" in the future.

#### WATER LINE ON SUNNYSIDE

The DEC is also proceeding with the construction of the water line on Sunnyside to ensure safe, quality drinking water to our residents. Public bid procurement of the construction contract for the extension is tentatively scheduled to begin in the summer 2015. Contract award and initiation of construction activities are anticipated in the fall of 2015. It is the intention of the DEC to complete remedial construction activities in 2016. This project will cost over \$1 million and will be covered by the Superfund and not Glenville homeowners.

### Wolf Hollow Brewing Company to Expand in New Location



Jordan White and Pete Bednarek opened the doors to Wolf Hollow Brewing Company in the fall of 2013 in the West Glenville Grange. During the course of 16 months of operation, the team quickly maxed out their production capacity brewing six batches each week on a halfbarrel system. As the demand for more fresh brews continued to increase, Wolf Hollow added a third partner, Bill Kenneally, and initiated plans to expand to a 7-barrel brew system on a new property.

As only the second microbrewery in Schenectady County, Wolf Hollow began with a small group of Founders and Contributors who believed in the vision to have a "neighborhood brewery" which provides a fresh, high-quality product for the local area. The owners have invested in the property at 6882 Rt. 5 in the western part of Glenville and are currently completing renovations which will included the new brew system, an enhanced tasting room experience and expanded hours of operation in which to enjoy Your Beer. Brewed Here.

Wolf Hollow is targeting a Grand Re-Opening early this summer. Stay tuned for updates on their website at www.wolfhollowbrewing.com



# SAVE THE DATE FOR GLENVILLE'S ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

Authentic German Beer and Food Music - Kids Fun Activities And of Course, The Dunk Tank!



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# 2015 BURNT HILLS BALLSTON LAKE COMMUNITY FLAG DAY PARADE: WHAT IT MEANS TO BE "GRAND"

by Robert Falkenburgh

Something has to be considered pretty darn special to carry the connotation of "Grand" before its name: Grand Canyon, Grand Piano, Grand Slam ... Unarguably, all of these are examples of things that are truly "grand." Impressive, significant, and exceptional are also terms that come to mind when defining this extraordinary adjective. Appropriately, Charlie and Pat Merriam, the Grand Marshals of the 2015 BH-BL Community Flag Day Parade, are all of these things and more. Having spent most of their lives in Burnt Hills, the Merriams have earned the title of "Grand Marshals" based upon their prodigious service and dedication to their beloved community.

Pat's family roots in Burnt Hills go as far back as the early 1900's, when her grandfather Claude Bailey established the Fo' Castle Farm. Mr. Bailey also set the precedent of strong community service for his family upon his arrival in the area, which is likely where Pat developed her desire to give back to her hometown. Over the years, Mrs. Merriam has been a German language teacher at Burnt Hills High School, where she notably established the "Job Match" program to help students find local jobs. She has also served as a board member of The Charlton School, and has been on the staff of the local United Way chapter as well. Additionally, she has been an Executive Director with the Girl Scouts of America, and was an instrumental participant in the "Ballston 225" celebration in 2013. On a personal level, she has been married to her loving husband Charlie for 36+ years, and has raised two lovely daughters in her cherished Burnt Hills.

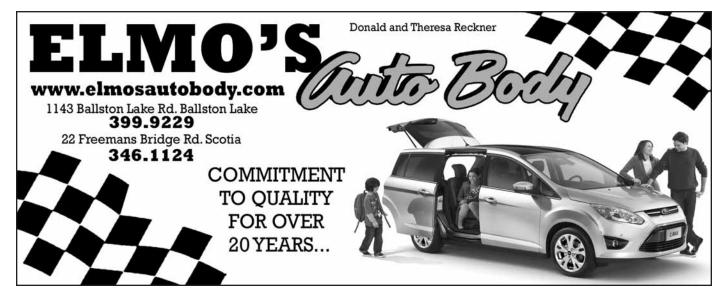
Family patriarch and World War II veteran, Charles Merriam is certainly no slouch as an accomplished resident of Burnt Hills as well. In addition to his role as Town Justice, Charlie's impressive resume includes involvement with the local Meals on Wheels program, the Republican Party Committee, Calvary Episcopal Church, The Saratoga Industrial Development Agency, and Chairman of Ballston's Ethics and Community Directory committees. Through all of his social and political involvement Charlie's dedication and leadership have contributed immeasurably in establishing Burnt Hills as a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Taking all of their wonderful efforts into account, it is no surprise that this fine couple has been chosen as the Grand Marshals of the 14th Annual Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Community Flag Day Parade, which takes place on Thursday, June 11th 2015. This traditional small town event is a great source of community pride for everyone in the town and the surrounding areas, and who better to lead the way along Route 50 than two such outstanding community icons: Charles and Pat Merriam. The parade kicks off at 7PM, so don't be late, and be sure to give our truly "grand" Grand Marshals a hearty wave and thanks for all of their spirit and loving dedication to our fine town!



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