

Town of Summit
June 2017 Newsletter

Message From Harold L. Vroman - Supervisor

Hope everyone survived the winter with no major problems. I would like to thank Superintendent Jim Dibble and his highway department for a job well done this winter and as always the rest of the year. Summer is approaching and I know there will be family and friend get togethers. I would like to ask you to please be considerate of your neighbors and don't let the noise get out of hand. I believe in having a good time just like anyone else but please respect your neighbors and keep the noise at a minimum.

Garbage and Recyclables Dumpster: Reminder, to please be courteous and do not block the front of the dumpster.

Western Catskills is looking for a responsible person in the Summit township to serve on their board of directors.

As to the concerns of Route 10 (South), I totally agree the road is in bad shape and needs to be fixed. First of all this is a state maintained road and the town doesn't have much control over the maintenance and fixing of the road. However, myself and the Supervisors for Jefferson and Richmondville have written letters and made calls to DOT Officials. Also, we have contacted elected officials over the condition of Route 10. We did receive notification that bids will be let on October 5, 2017 for remediation of the slope on Route 10 in Richmondville. Our understanding is that they will continue to replace culverts this summer and once that's done they will consider paving at some point of time. A lot of this work also depends on securing the proper permits.

Wishing you all a happy and safe summer.

Message From Barbara VanValkenburg – Town Clerk/Collector and Registrar of Vital Statics

If you have an unpaid 2017 Land and County Tax Bill(s) you must contact the Schoharie County Treasurer's Office at 518-295-8386. Who ever answers the phone will be able to give you the correct amount due and address where the payment is to be sent. Keep in mind your 2017-2018 school tax bill should be received by first week in September. If you do not receive, I would suggest to call your school district to verify they have your correct mailing address on file. This too will help to avoid penalties.

Dog license yearly renewals are mailed monthly according to when you first licensed your dog(s). It is your **responsibility** as a dog owner to see your obligation is done accordingly. People are getting confused when they read their renewal. The top of the renewal will read Town of Summit Dog License Renewal – 2017 (or current year). You will then see an expiration date for the year later. This means when you pay your 2017 (or current year) renewal, it is good for one year which means it will expire in 2018 (or current year). In 2018 (or current year) you will get another renewal. If you have any questions you can always call me. The tag you received when you first licensed your dog(s) are the only tag needed unless the dog(s) loses them then you will need a replacement tag at the price of \$3.00. All dogs 4 months or older must be licensed. I will need proof of their rabies information.

Reminder, if your dog passes away, if you gave your dog away, if you moved out of Summit, you need to advise me. I need to correct this information so that I do not have to contact the Dog Control Officer. If the Dog Control Officer has to be involved, this will result in an appearance ticket and you will have to go to court and pay a fine. I know some of you do not live here year round and you have a dog(s). In this case, as long as you are here 30 days or more consecutively, you still need to license or renew the dog license in the town of Summit. You may have a dog license in the other town, city or state you live but you still need one for Summit. Summit has a leash law in effect. You must have

100% control and know they will not leave your property for any reason or the dog(s) must be on a leash. All dogs being walked off your property must be leashed. I do not know how many of you know, but if you know someone living in town and they have a dog and you know the dog is not licensed, I have complaint forms which you can fill out. The form then goes to the Dog Control Officer to follow up on.

In one of the newsletters, I asked anyone who rented their home to give me the name and mailing address of the renter. I would like to send them a copy of the newsletter so they may be up to date on things regarding the Town of Summit. There is a lot of good information which may pertain to them.

To erect, alter, convert, demolish or bring in a shed over 144 square feet you must obtain a building permit. The building permit application in the amount of \$10.00 may be obtained from the town clerk. There is an instruction sheet which you will need to follow. Any questions regarding buildings, pools, decks and porches, septic systems, stoves, green houses, pole barns etc. can be directed to Don Clarke – Code Enforcement Officer at 518-287-1436 Monday through Thursday **only** between the hours of 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you know there is something being done and do not see a building permit in their window I have complaint forms of which will go to Don Clarke.

I would like to remind everyone of my office hours. I am in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm, Thursdays between the hours of 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm and the first Saturday of each month between the hours of 8:00 am and 12:00 noon. If these hours do not work for you please call me at the office 518-287-1430 or at home 518-287-1208 and we can make an arrangement to meet at the office. I realize I only have certain hours and I know many of you work, but I have always been willing to meet people outside of my office hours to issue hunting or fishing licenses, to help you in licensing or renewing your dog license(s), fill out a marriage license, notarize or to help in genealogical services. There will be times that myself and my deputy, Judy Sirena, won't be in the office due to health issues or family situations and the office will be closed but I ask that you please call me and make an appointment. In most cases if I can't be here Judy will fill in for me but there may be a time we both will be out and I am sorry for that. Keep in mind there will be a day in June, September, December and March when we both will be at the Schoharie County Clerk's Association meeting. I will make sure the date will be posted at the stores and post offices and when the make up day will be. If ever you feel you have a problem with anything, I ask that you please call and make an appointment if needed so we can get the problem resolved. My saying is, "Talk directly to the person whom you may have the problem with to avoid the problem getting out of hand." With that, I hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

Message From Jim Dibble - Highway Superintendent

There will be White Goods/Metal Pick Up Day on Monday, June 5, 2017. Items are to be by roadside at 6:00 am.

Message From Judy Sirena – Assessor

Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 1pm to 4pm phone is 518-287-1100
e-mail is summitassessor@yahoo.com (this is the quickest way to contact me)
mailing address: PO Box 132, Summit, NY 12175

Barns being built for the exclusive use for animals and or farm equipment does not get charged for a building permit, but should still get a limited permit for assessment and exemption purposes. I have created a one page permit with no charge to the property owner so we can have the building on file. If the building is not on file and should be ruined by fire, your insurance company will not pay you for it.

When leaving a message on my answering machine please speak slowly and clearly so I can

understand your name, phone number or e-mail address. People tend to talk so quickly I have to play the message several times. Also, I prefer e-mail rather than making a long distance call to save on the telephone bill.

If you move away or there is a death of a property owner, please contact the Board of Elections so that your name can be removed. They won't remove a name based on my say so, it has to come from the person or a family member.

Also please remember that this is a small rural community and with the exception of the Highway Department workers, the rest of us work part-time. If you live out of the area and plan to stop in to see one of us, please call ahead and if it's other than our working hours we will try to accommodate you.

Message From Karen Cuccinello – Town Historian

To contact the Town Historian you can email her at karenc@midtel.net or call her at 518-287-1945.

Message From The Charlotteville Schoolhouse

The 2017 season marks the 20th Anniversary of the formation of the School House Committee and we have some exciting events coming this year:

*July 1st – Summit Mountain Day we will have a Free Ice Cream Social and Open House with period clothing and children's crafts at the School House 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. There will also be a free book table.

*August 12th is Family Farm Day and we will be a vendor at the Farmer's Market at Kymar Farm Winery & Distillery. There will be 2 bands playing on the green, plenty of vendors, tours, tastings and food by the Charlotteville Fire Dept.

The School House also sponsors the Margaret Madden Scholarship to a senior at Charlotte Valley SD that demonstrates community service.

As a reminder our breakfasts are April – October, join us on the 3rd Sunday 8:00 – 11:00 am for all you can eat, family style breakfast, including pancakes, french toast, sausage, potatoes, sausage gravy, eggs and apple sauce.

Bake Sales this year are sponsored by : June – Boy Scouts, July – Girl Scouts, August - Charlotteville Cemetery Assoc.

This year we are offering a season long 50/50 raffle. Winner will be chosen at the October breakfast.

We are actively looking for new members to join our team, and we would like to thank everyone for their continued support in our ongoing endeavor to restore our beautiful school house.

For more details, contact us at CSRC641@gmail.com and like us at [Facebook.com/charlottevilleschoolhouse](https://www.facebook.com/charlottevilleschoolhouse).

If you have any questions or would like to reserve the building for an event, please contact Joe Dahms at 607-397-9180.

Message From Lori Baratta – Youth Program Director

Hello friends and neighbors. Very soon the Annual Free Summit Summer Programs will be upon us. This Summers performances will include: Original and traditional songs on guitar, mandolin, tin whistles and Irish bagpipes, live raptors, candle making demonstrations with pure natural beeswax, original jazz-influenced pop and rock music, Irish dancers, native wildlife up close, the exploration of Alaska and a purveyor of mystical wonders for mind bending family entertainment!

The events are held on Saturdays, here in town, during the months of July through August, from the hours of 1:00 (Sharp) through 2:00 PM. All programs are indoors, rain or shine, at the Community Seventh Day Pavilion, located at 2861 State Route 10, in the building located in the upper parking lot.

Although the town is not affiliated with the SDA, they generously offer us the use of their community building each year, for which we are truly grateful.

For questions, more information or if you are interested in being a part of next year's programs, I can be reached at 518-287-1660. Remember these events are free and everyone is welcome to attend. I hope to see you there. Have a fun and safe Summer.

Message From George Liddle – Dog Control Officer

Hello to all of Summit. We have had another year pass with few problems. I did handle some dangerous dog issues that were dealt with and all involved are safe. Abandonment issue was dealt with in accordance with the law and by the appropriate authorities. If anyone can not take care of their animals, please contact the ASPCA or shelters to get help.

Please keep in mind they are calling for a really bad year for ticks and fleas, special collars and sprays can help repel them.

There are parts of the dog law I would like to put in the Town's newsletter over time but some are very lengthy so I am going to ask all dog owners to take some time out of their day, go to a computer, log onto https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/Laws_andRegulations.html. Click on Dog Licensing, Animal Population, Control Programs. Here you will find the Agriculture and Markets Laws. I would encourage all dog owners to read and get a good understanding of the dog laws.

Message From the Charlotteville Fire Department

The Charlotteville Fire Dept. thanks everyone who supports our fund-raising events. Our agenda: June 9, Buffet Dinner 5-7 pm and July 15-Annual Chicken Barbecue & Auction-Barbecue starts at 11:30 am and Auction starts at 2:00 pm., August 12 cook out at Kymar Farm and Distillery in conjunction with Schoharie County Family Farm Day 11:00 till ?, September 8- Buffet Dinner 5-7 pm, November we will be starting our pancake breakfast season and will also have a buffet dinner. Look for our ads and posters. We advertise in the My Shopper and the Summit column of the Times Journal.

The Dept. is always in need of volunteers to serve in many different capacities. Contact Chief Georgia Shafer at 607-397-8054. Remember if you have an emergency dial 911 from a land line phone, if you are using a cell phone dial 518-295-8114 and tell the dispatcher you have an emergency. A reminder that burning of household trash is illegal in New York State and fines can be issued by NYS DEC. When you are having a controlled burn of brush or a ceremonial bonfire you must call 518-295-8144 and notify the Schoharie County dispatch center. Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer.

Message From the Charlotteville Cemetery

The Charlotteville Cemetery is hoping to have a successful year of fund-raising events. These fund-raisers help pay for the mowing contract, insurance and other expenses of the cemetery. Our next dinner is October 13th from 5-7 pm at the Charlotteville Fire Station. If interested in purchasing plots in the cemetery please contact Georgia Shafer at 607-397-8054.

Message From the Summit Cemetery

If anyone has any issues or is interested in purchasing a burial plot in the Summit Cemetery, please contact Terry or Bea Miller at 518-287-1793.

Message From the Summit Senior Citizens

The Seniors will be going on the following trips:

1. Car pool trip to the Rotterdam Mall to see the Aquarium. Normally it costs \$14.00 for a senior ticket, but if we go as a group of 15 or more seniors it will cost just \$8.00 each. No date has been set.
2. May 23rd - Lobster fest at Holyoak, Mass. Price is \$70.00 each (although original schedule said \$60.00). Bus pickup is at Price Chopper Plaza at 8:45 am.

3. June 1st - Bus trip to Mac Hayden Theatre (Chatam) to see "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at 2:00. Bus pick up at Price Chopper Plaza (Pizza Hut) at 11 am; stop at McDonald's for a snack before the show. After the show go to Cracker Barrel for dinner (you pay for your dinner separately). Reserve and pay \$50.00 by May 1st.
4. June 7th – Bus and garden tour of the Cornell Botanical Gardens. Cost is \$50.00 per person, RSVP by May 1st.
5. July 11th - Summit Seniors meet at the Pavilion at Minekill State Park for a picnic at noon. Betty will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and rolls. Peggy will provide soda and water. Ron will bring charcoal and lighter fluid. Everyone else bring a salad. (Note: this is a change in date from the original agenda)
6. July 18th - No regular meeting. Lunch at the Buffalo Head Restaurant (in Forestport) at noon followed by a narrated cruise through the lock on the Erie Canal. Leave Sharon Springs firehouse at 9:45 am. Reserve and pay \$60.00 by June 9th.
7. August 7th – Luncheon and cruise on Lake George (Lake George Steamboat Company). Cost is \$73.00 per person. RSVP by July 1st. Pickup at the Schoharie Park & Ride at 9:30 am.
8. August 24th – Bus trip to Mac Hayden Theatre (Chatam) to see "Hello Dolly" at 2:00. Bus pickup at Price Chopper Plaza (Pizza Hut) at 11:00 am. After the show go to Cracker Barrel for dinner (you pay for your dinner separately). Reserve and pay \$50.00 by July 14th.
9. Anyone interested in a Frank Sinatra concert? Dates are July 20th, August 16th and September 12th. For \$48.00 you get lunch and a show (1:00 show time). Carpool only.
10. October 12th – Bus trip to Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady to see "The Color Purple". The only pickup is in Prattsville. Cost is \$75.00.

Message From the Summit Mountain Day Committee

Summit Mountain Day will be Saturday, July 1, 2017. This years activities will be held along Route 10 in Summit, Kymar Distillery on Baptist Church Road and the Charlotteville Schoolhouse on Charlotte Valley Road.

The fun will begin with a breakfast at the Summit Fire House by our local Senior Citizens and a Fishing Derby that will be for both children and adults on Summit Lake starting at 8:00 am and ending at 2:00 pm. Vendors will open at 10:00 am and close at 4:00 pm across from the Summit Post Office on the corner of Sawyer Hollow Road and Route 10. Entertainment will start at 10:00 at the Summit Fire Department Pavilion and conclude at 4:00 pm.

Kymar Farm Winery and Distillery will have their Farmers Market from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and there will be an ice cream social at the Charlotteville Schoolhouse in the afternoon.

A hearty "Thank You" to all of you who have been supporting our fundraisers. Because of your generosity we have the funds needed for insurance, advertizing, portapotties and bus transportation from the parking areas to the events along Route 10. Now is our time to celebrate. Hope to see you at the 2017 Summit Mountain Day Festivities.

Town Council Members

Georgia Shafer
P.O. Box 111
Charlotteville, NY 12036
607-397-8054

David Kearney
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Summit, NY 12175
518-287-1449

Fern Kovac
271 Bear Gulch Road
Summit, NY 12175
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504 Bear Gulch Road
Richmondville, NY 12149
518-294-8958

Town Board Meetings are held at the Town Hall located at 1580 Charlotte Valley Road, Summit, NY on the 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 7:00 pm

Voter Registration – The last day to get registered for the General Election is in October, please call Board of Elections at 518-295-8388 for an exact date. Forms to register are available at the Town Clerk Office or Schoharie County Board of Elections.

Code Enforcement Officer

Don Clarke
P.O. Box 19
Summit, NY 12175
518-287-1436 Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 am to 2:00 pm **(ONLY)**

Town Attorney

Mike West
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Board of Assessment Review

Al Sorrentino Elizabeth Morin Rosanna DeRobertis

Planning Board Members

John Meaney, Chairman 518-287-1789 Nan McGuire
Gayle Beller, Secretary Jane Stevenson
Ed Foote Shawn DesRoches
Shelley Bradley
Planning Board Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the Town Hall at 7:30 pm.

Board of Appeals Members

John Foote, Chairman Al Sorrentino Desiree Josephson Joe Dahms
Meetings held as needed.

Town Justice

Ivan Cole – Judge 518-287-1194
Kathryn Sorrentino – Court Clerk
Court is held the first and third Thursday of each month at the Town Hall at 10:00 am

Town of Summit Directory

**Supervisor—Harold L. Vroman – office 518-287-1430—home 607-397-8187
Thursday 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm**

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector—Barbara VanValkenburg – office 518-287-1430
Monday & Tuesday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
1st Saturday of each month 8:00 am to 12:00 noon
email: summitclerk@midtel.net
home 518-287-1208**

Highway Superintendent—Jim Dibble – office 518-287-1544

**Sole Assessor—Judy Sirena – office 518-287-1100
Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
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**Town Justice – Ivan Cole—518-287-1194
Court 1st & 3rd Thursday 10:00 am
or by appointment**

**Planning Board Chairman—John Meaney—518-287-1789
Planning Board Meeting 1st Monday of Each Month at 7:30 pm**

**Board of Appeals
John Foote
518-287-1928**

**Dog Control Officer—George Liddle
home—518-234-4212 or cell—518-231-4224**

**Building Inspector/Code & Zoning Enforcement Office—Don Clarke—518-287-1436
Monday through Thursday Only 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Youth Program Director – Lori Baratta
518-287-1660**

**Town Historian
Karen Cuccinello
518-287-1945**