

DATES TO REMEMBER

NO BURN LAW

From March 15 to May 15, NO open burning is permitted in New York State.

NEXT FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, April 10, 7 p.m. at the Fire House

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m. at Town Hall

SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, April 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Town Garage

DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m.-noon
Saturday, June 2, 9 a.m. - noon
at Town Hall

Columbia County Senior Citizen of the Year

If you know a senior citizen who makes significant contributions in the town of Ancram, please contact Madeleine Israel (329-7483, airjazz@taconic.net) for a nominating form. Forms are due on April 6.

Last year, Nancy Bryant, Ancramdale resident, was selected as one of the two outstanding seniors in Columbia County and was honored at Senior Citizen Day in Albany.

Spring Cleanup Day Set for April

Bring your broken or otherwise useless items to the Town Garage, 32 Maple Lane, Ancramdale, on Saturday, April 28, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., rain or shine.

Disposal is free for furniture, appliances, metal, glass, pots, pans, TVs, computers, computer screens, electronics, tire rims without their tires, batteries. There will be a charge of \$1 for each tire and \$2 for each tire on a rim.

You CANNOT bring garbage, paint, paint cans, oil, oil cans or barrels, chemicals, fertilizer or pesticides or their containers, hazardous materials of any kind, brush, construction debris. You will be able to dispose of this waste, for free, at the Columbia County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, on Saturday, June 2, between 8 AM and Noon, County Highway Garage, Route 23B, Greenport. For details, go to www.govt.co.columbia.ny.us/depts/solid%20waste/documents/FREEHAZARD.pdf.

If you have items that are too big to move like old cars, trucks, farm equipment, call Art Bassin, 329-6512 ext.6 (abassin@aol.com) or Jim MacArthur, 329-6190 (highway@townofancram.org).

We need 6-8 volunteers to help out at the Garage on April 28. Let Art know if you're available to help direct traffic and keep things running smoothly.

Day Camp Plans Firming Up

Ruth Thomas, the director of the Ancram Day Camp, is planning a 6-week program beginning July 9 and ending Friday, August 17. The Monday through Friday sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities will include swimming, arts and crafts, field trips, sports, and story-time, among others. The fee for Ancram residents is \$65 per week. For residents of other towns, the fee is \$75 per week. Some scholarship help will be available. Money for scholarships will be raised through donations and fundraisers, such as the weekend tag sale to be held sometime in June. If you have any questions, call Ruth at 329-7309, or email her at ancramcamp@fairpoint.net.

Editor's Note: We're trying a new format for the newsletter. Toward the end of each month, we'll send a letter telling what has happened during the month, plus important events coming up. Send ideas for stories, dates for upcoming events, and comments to Art (abassin@aol.com) or Madeleine (airjazz@taconic.net). You can save Ancram printing and postage costs by receiving the newsletter via email. Send your address to Art or Madeleine.

Art's Notes from the March 15 Town Board Meeting

Steven Williams was appointed Ancram representative to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Board, and Bill Gillers was appointed as the alternate representative.

Donna Hoyt was appointed to the Zoning Revisions Committee.

Town requested approval from the state to reduce the speed limit on Carson Rd. to 40 mph. The town board decided not to apply for a reduction of the speed limit through the Rtes. 82/7 intersection in Ancram. Received approval to lower the 55 mph speed limit on Cty. Rte. 7 between Ancram and Gallatin to 45 mph.

The application for a cell tower on the Ancram-Gallatin boarder is still on hold at the request of the applicant, Mariner Tower Development, while they continue to look for alternative locations in

that general area. Copake's cell tower should be up this spring, plus a tower has been applied for in the southern area of Gallatin near the Taconic Parkway. If a site is approved on Rte. 82 near the Ancram-Gallatin boarder, there will be three sites serving the area. A fourth site will probably be needed in Ancramdale to complete the coverage of our town.

Glen Smith, code enforcement officer, zoning enforcement officer and building inspector for Austerlitz, Hillsdale and Canaan discussed the advantages of sharing these town services among towns. The town supervisors from Copake and Taghkanic, and two town board members from Taghkanic, participated in the discussion. Ancram, Copake and Taghkanic will continue to discuss the possibility of sharing these services as a way to save money, and provide better service.

Official minutes will be posted on the website before the next town board meeting.

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1416 County Route 7
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Easter Egg Hunt at Town Hall
Sunday, April 1, 1 p.m. sharp