

Town of Ancram Newsletter

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Town Hall Can Serve as Your Emergency Center

Our Town Hall serves as an emergency center for residents who lose power at home. The Ancram Fire House is also designated as a local emergency center.

In emergencies, residents can call Town Hall (329-6512) or the Fire House (329-2922) or 911 to find out where to seek shelter.

Outside of business hours, if you need to use Town Hall as a shelter, call any of these council members:

Tom Dias, 329-0014
Donna Hoyt, 789-3580
John MacArthur, 329-0532
Bob Mayhew, 329-4436
Jim Miller, 329-1474

Cell Phone Coverage Takes More Time Than You Probably Wanted

AT&T plans to construct a local cell tower to serve Ancram, Copake, Gallatin, and Taghkanic. The tower site, which has not yet been selected, requires one acre of land; AT&T prefers to use town properties for a tower. It's estimated the tower would be ready by 2010.

Town Board to Host Meetings About New Town Garage

The Town Board will host two meetings to get public input on the four current proposals for a new town garage. The meetings will be held at Ancram Town Hall on:

- Saturday, February 21, 1 p.m.
- Thursday, March 5, 6 p.m.

These meetings will help the Town Board determine which of the proposals they might bring to a vote by town residents in a special election.

Briefly, the proposals each vary by cost, depending on the need to purchase property, renovate, or build new construction. The alternatives range from more than \$900,000 to \$1.5 million and include:

- Renovating the current garage,
- Purchasing the Bob Matthews property and renovating an existing building,
- Placing a prefabricated structure (Mike Citron proposal) on the existing or new garage site, and
- Buying the Frank LaCasse property and constructing a new building.

Mark Your Calendars to Participate

Each month, the Ancram Town Board will meet at Town Hall for a workshop on the first Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and on the third Thursday at 7 p.m. for a formal board meeting. The workshops allow for discussion of topics before they're voted on at board meetings.

Among the topics scheduled for the February 19 board meeting are establishing a Senior Committee, a potential Ethics Committee, rabies clinic on March 7 at the Town Garage (\$5), and the chicken dinner at the Ancram Firehouse, Feb. 28, at 4 p.m.

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