

Town of Ancram Newsletter

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Plan to Celebrate Our Community August 14 to 16

Because the July 4 weekend party at Lake Tagkanic was cancelled this year due to storm damage, Councilman Jim Miller suggested to the Town Board that Ancram should hold its own celebration with the money already budgeted.

The Board approved Jim's suggestion, and he was asked to head up the event.

So you can mark your calendars for the weekend of Friday, Aug. 14 to Sunday, Aug. 16, with activities and fun for all ages. Please contribute your own ideas and suggestions – it's for the entire community, and there's still plenty of time to add new events.

To get started, Jim Miller recently held a meeting with people from local organizations, including:

- Anne Carriere and Nancy Bryant, Ancramdale Neighbors Helping Neighbors;
- Monica Cleveland, Ancramdale Presbyterian Church and the Ancram Youth Commission;
- Madeleine Israel, Ancram Senior Commission (a newly formed group established by the Town Board);
- Mary Ann Roche, St. John's Lutheran Church in Ancram;

- Melissa Sorman, Ancram Preservation Group and Ancram Angels, and
- Ruth Wittlinger, Ancram Youth Commission.

Plans for this special weekend include:

Friday, Aug. 14, Youth Commission-sponsored event with hot dogs.

Saturday, Aug. 15, petting zoo or animal display; antique tractor pull; Ancram Fire Company chicken BBQ; plus, the possibility of fireworks, music, and dancing.

Sunday, Aug. 16, an ecumenical service in the morning, followed by a pot luck dinner or picnic, and an ice cream social.

If you'd like to help plan this event, come to the **Town Hall on Sunday, May 17, at 6 p.m.**, to meet with other volunteers and plan the weekend celebration. To volunteer, you can also call Jim Miller at 329-1474 or e-mail him at: junkyarddog4567@yahoo.com.

Make It a Memorable Weekend By Enjoying Local Events

Enjoy the holiday weekend at one, or all, of these local events.

Tag Sale at Simon's General Store

The Ancram Preservation Group holds its annual tag sale on Saturday, May 23, and Sunday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Simon's General Store, located at the intersection of Rte. 82 and County Rte. 7.

"The sale includes all kinds of fabulous things," says Melissa Sorman, "from books, household items, antiques, to white elephants – all priced to sell."

On Friday, May 22, the store will open from 6 to 8 p.m. for an early buyer's cocktail party and sale. Cost for this event is \$25 for non-members and \$15 for members.

If you have items to donate for the tag sale, you can leave them on the porch of the store the week before the sale; pick up of larger items can be arranged. (No clothing, please.)

For more information, call Abby at 398-6435 or Melissa at 329-3136 or e-mail Melissa at msorman@fairpoint.net.

Neighbors Host Sunday Pig Roast

Ancramdale Neighbors Helping Neighbors hosts its third annual pig roast on Sunday, May 24, from

noon to 4 p.m. rain or shine next to The Farmer's Wife in Ancramdale at the intersection of Rte. 82 and County Rte. 3.

Kevin Silvernail does the cooking, so come sample his famous BBQ pork and chicken, plus vegetarian dishes, beverages, and dessert included for \$15 for adults, and \$6 for children under 12.

Enjoy live music, children's crafts table, miniature horses, and more.

Tickets are available at The Farmer's Wife and the Ancramdale Post Office, or you can call Nancy Bryant at 329-3835.

St. John's Lutheran Church Holds Tag Sale at the Firehouse

On Saturday, May 23, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. John's will hold a tag sale at the Ancram Firehouse, located at the intersection of Rte. 82 and County Rte. 7.

Tables are available for \$15 each – call Mary Ann at 398-5688. Plus, you can enjoy a hotdog or hamburger while you're shopping.

The church is also working with other area organizations to raise a ton of food by Memorial Day for the Roe Jan Food Pantry. Call Cindy at 328-0038 to find out where to donate or to have food picked up.



David Ditto displays his invention, "The Leaning Tower of Power"

Young Inventor's Creation Wins District Recognition

David Ditto, 12, son of Ancramdale residents Beverly and Tom Ditto, invented "The Leaning Tower of Power," a one megavolt electric transmission line, which was selected as one of 100 semifinalists (out of 1,100 entries) in the Capital District Invention Convention.

This is the second time one of David's inventions has been selected as a semifinalist. Last year, his invention to find a cat after dark also won honors. Named "Loco Cat," it's a cat collar that lights up with power from a remote control David built.

David's newest invention is on display at the Schenectady Museum, where it will remain for a month and then perhaps it will become one of 25 regional finalists to compete statewide.

David attends Stissing Mountain Middle School, Pine Plains, where he is in the sixth grade.

"We need to develop electricity from renewable sources instead of fossil fuels that pollute our world," David explains, "and that's just what my invention does."

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, May 16: Field Day BBQ, held by the Youth Commission at Blass Park, 10 a.m. Tickets: \$5.

Thursday, May 21: Town Board meets at Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26: Grievance Day: File any appeal on your property tax assessment before this date and then appear at Town Hall on

this date to present your case to the Town Grievance Board.

Monday, June 1: Town Board Workshop at Town Hall, 8 p.m. Workshops are held on the first Monday of the month, 8 p.m.

Thursday, June 18: Town Board meets, 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

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1416 County Route 7
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State-Required Building Inspections to Begin

The Ancram Building Department will begin state-required fire prevention and building code inspections of all multiple dwellings and non-residential buildings this month.

If you have a job, or are looking for a job, to advertise, contact Bob Mayhew. Town of Ancram Newsletter is supervised by Councilman Bob Mayhew (329-4436 or BMayhew16@fairpoint.net) and is edited by Jane Shannon (329-0123 or janeshannon@taconic.net). To save tax dollars and receive this newsletter by email, please go to www.townofancram.org and enter your email address.

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