

Town of Colden

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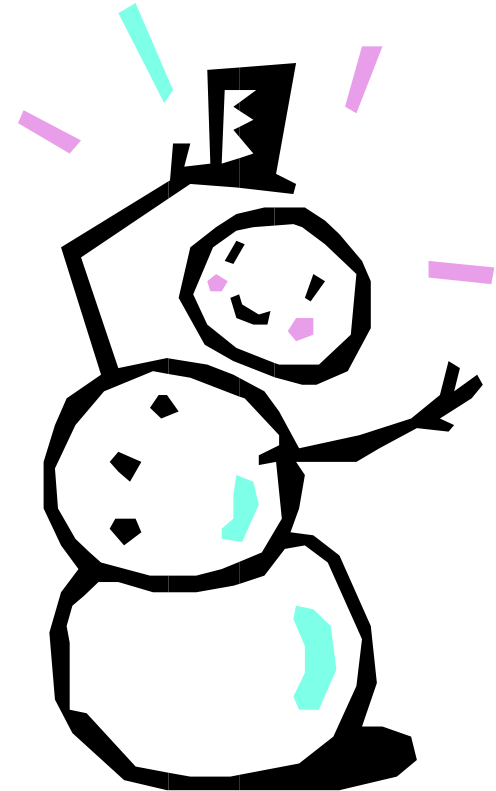
Welcome to our Winter Wonderland!

The emblem boldly emblazoned on the Plow in front of the Highway Garage proclaims "Town of Colden, Snow Capital of Western New York" And weather you like being outdoors playing in the snow, or prefer to wait for spring at a warm spot by the fire, the Town of Colden has something to offer everyone.

Welcome to our first annual winter newsletter. There are so many activities going on in the first few months this year, we felt it was important to get the word out to the residents of Colden.

Please take some time to browse through these pages and discover a little more about all the great things that are happening in our community. We have added some new winter programs this year as well as continuing improvements to our Veterans Park slated for construction in the spring.

We also wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some of the things your Town Government is working on, and to show some of the things we have accomplished in the past year. We hope you find this newsletter both informative and



entertaining.

Charles T. Nuttle, Supervisor

Check out our Website www.Erie.gov/Colden

The new Colden Town Website premiered in mid October and features more information than ever before. Found on the Web at www.erie.gov/Colden, or simply put Town of Colden into your search engine and you find information on

every thing from Recreation Department programs to minutes of the Board Meetings.

Also Featured will be a business directory and photo's from around Town with the advent of our

snow sculpture contest.

Check back for frequent updates and please, send me your feedback. Use my e-mail link on the site, Coldensupervisor@erie.gov or call my office at 941-5022

New Highway and Parks Equipment



Supervisor Charles Nuttle and Highway Superintendent Ed Wochensky (shown above) are pleased to announce the addition of two new pieces of snow fighting equipment. In December, the Town took delivery of its new International WorkStar 4 Wheel Drive Plow Truck, complete with sander

body and mobile hydraulics. The truck features a modern, safer design and more fuel efficient drive train system. It replaces a 1970's era Oshkosh that had reached the end of its useable life. The truck was purchased using a combination of Federal Consolidated Highway Improvement funds, and savings accumulated over the past mild winters. By doing this, we were able to keep the Town Highway Department debt free, and save on future interest costs. The new truck will serve us many years into the future.

We were also able to purchase a new Kubota hydrostatic drive snow thrower to replace the Belt Driven John Deere Parks Tractor. This tractor has the horsepower and capacity to clear the heavy snow from the sidewalks installed under the DOT Bridge Project.



Water Survey Results are in...

This past summer, the Town of Colden in conjunction with TVGA Engineers and surveyors conducted a town-wide survey of the quality and quantity of residents water. This was done in response to several petitions circulated by residents requesting public water.

TVGA mailed out 1,650 surveys to all parts of town, excluding the cur-

rent water district. The results were plotted on a Town map to give the Water Committee direction as to what areas were supportive of a water district as well as those areas where the interest was low. The map is currently

A Public Meeting on the results of the Survey has been scheduled for 7:00 pm on Wednesday February 4, 2009 at Colden Town Hall.

on display in the Town Hall. A public meeting to discuss the results of the survey as well as the process and potential costs of establishing a water district will be held on Wednesday February 4, 2008 at 7:00 in the Colden Town Hall. All are encouraged to attend.

Supervisor's message

Looking back on the year 2008, we all can agree that the State of the economy is the one story that had an impact on everyone. In the Town of Colden, we have been working to insure that your local government remains on solid fiscal footing in spite of all the external turmoil.

Through our diligent efforts over the last three years, we were able

to increase General Fund Balance 28% without raising your taxes. Highway fund balance has similarly climbed, and the Department emerges from 2008 Debt free and with newer, more efficient equipment. We are projecting a Budget surplus for 2008.

Looking forward, because we were prepared, we can carry on with our plans for improvements to our high-

ways and parks. I believe investing in and maintaining our recreational spaces and infrastructure should always be a top priority.

Our efforts in sound fiscal management and preparation for the future have been rewarded. The Town of Colden is well positioned to weather this economic storm.

-Charles Nuttle

Veterans Park Memorial Brick Walkway.

Eagle scout candidate Joshua Berenson will be constructing a walk of honor in front of the Town of Colden Veterans Memorial Wall this spring. The walkway will feature bricks engraved with messages honoring our service men and women. The 4" x 8" Bricks feature three lines of 18 characters each and can include the Veterans Name, Branch of Service, or any other appropriate message. It



is open to anyone who wishes to memorialize a friend or loved one, or who just wishes to express gratitude to those brave men and women

who have fought to preserve our freedom.

Order Forms are available at Colden Town Hall, or on the Website at www.Erie.gov/Colden, or simply call to Town hall at 941-5012 if you would like one mailed to you.

Veterans Memorial Wall

If you are a Town of Colden Veteran, or know of one, who is not listed on the Memorial Wall, please send the name, and dates of service to the Town Hall.

We have already begun compiling a list of names to be added and will forward it to the engraver on March 1st. Please send your submissions to Town Hall as soon as you can...

Family Day at Colden Tubing Company

And February Snow Sculpture Contest

The first annual Colden Family Day at Colden Tubing Company will be held on Sunday, February 15 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per person and there is a 42 inch height requirement. It will be a great time to come out and see your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of winter fun.

The week of February 16 to the 24th will feature the Town of Colden Snow Sculpturing contest. Build a Sculpture Any Size, Any Color, use your imagination. Open from the youngest to the oldest and everyone in between.

On completion of the Grist Mill in 1815, Richard Buffum and his family relaxed with a day of Tubing in what is now present day Glenwood

Contact The Town Hall at 941-5012, or Councilman Annie Hoffman at 941-3340 when the sculpture is complete. Photo's will be taken and added to the Town Website.

Judging Will take Place on February 25

Town of Colden Historical Society

With such a rich history, the Town of Colden has a virtual treasure trove of artifacts, pictures and records that tell a story, not only of how the Town was built, but also give us a snapshot of early American life.



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ized our historian, Dave Freeman to begin incorporation of a Town of Colden Historical Society. The mission of the Society would be to collect and preserve those items that are of historical significance and to keep them available for our future

generations. Incorporation of this society is important because it provides for perpetual stewardship over our historical assets.

For more information on the Colden Historical Society, including plans for the 2010 Colden Bicentennial Celebration Contact Dave Freeman Historian at 592-7740

The Town board has author-

**TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS
TAX SEASON 2-15-09—3-15-09**

Mon-Tue-Thur-Fri 9am - 5pm
Wednesdays 9am - 7pm
Saturday March 14 9am- Noon

Alice Wangelin, Clerk 941-5012

**SENIOR CITIZEN, VETERANS and BASIC STAR
EXEMPTION**

If you received a **Senior Exemption**, or **Senior Star Exemption** in the past, you must file a renewal.

If you filed for *BASIC* Star before, you do not need to file again until you turn 65 or move.

Senior Star exemptions are available to those 65 years of age and older with income under \$73,000. The property must be your primary residence.

Cold War Veterans are now eligible for a 15% property tax exemption.

All forms are available for pick up in the Town Hall, or Call to have one mailed to you. Forms must be filed by mail or in person by **March 31, 2009**

The Southtowns Rural Preservation Company is accepting grants to assist low income Colden Residents with needed home repairs, energy conservation and testing and correction for lead based paint.

For application information, contact Southtowns Rural Preservation company 941-5787 Mon-Fri 10am - 4pm

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