

Newcomb Town Tattler October 13th, 2008*

****Calendar****

Newcomb Chamber of Commerce Meeting 7:00 pm All are welcome. Yearly elections will take place and the Chamber is looking for new members and people to run for positions. Come on out and check out the Chamber!

Looking Ahead: Open House, Book Fair, and Celebrate Newcomb Central School will be on Thursday, October 23rd. Be sure to put this on your calendar.

Newcomb Foreign Affairs "Roundtable"

AFTER THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION:
THE FOREIGN POLICY POSITIONS OF
U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES OBAMA AND McCAIN

Wednesday, October 29, 2008
7:00 PM at the Newcomb School

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the rising importance of Russia and China in world affairs, the value of the dollar in relation to world currencies and global trade/investment, the rising price of oil, food, and other commodities, transnational crime and terrorism, genocide in Sudan, nuclear proliferation, and environmental concerns are among the many international issues that directly affect citizens of Newcomb and surrounding communities.

A foreign affairs roundtable is an informal gathering of individuals interested in world affairs who select for discussion different international issues/events not only to gain knowledge of those issues/events, but to share views--and thus to achieve a richer and more rounded appreciation of our complex world.

The purpose of the Newcomb foreign affairs roundtable is to hold periodic sessions that feature a major international issue in order to learn about that issue, its causes and effects, and policy options for the United States in addressing that issue. Newcomb's foreign affairs roundtable is envisaged as an educational-social gathering of citizens who wish to become more knowledgeable about the world that influences upstate New York and the nation at large.

A series of four roundtables is proposed for Fall/Winter 2008-2009. Each roundtable will consist of four parts, each moderated by the presenter:

- (1) a short lecture presentation of an international issue chosen by the participants;
- (2) a roundtable discussion moderated by the speaker during which time participants ask questions and make comments;

- (3) a summary of the proceedings by the moderator; and
- (4) a selection among the participants of the next session's topic.

The presenter suggests one or two readings in advance of each session so that participants who wish to come prepared with questions and comments may do so. The first session will take place on Wednesday, October 29, 2008, from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Newcomb Central School. Skidmore Professor of Government Roy H. Ginsberg has volunteered to lead the series, with the inaugural roundtable discussion titled "After the Bush Administration: The foreign policy positions of U.S. Presidential candidates Obama and McCain."

Please Join Us!

Attention Gardeners!

Hold onto your seeds! There will be a SEED EXCHANGE this February (date and location TBA). Packaged seed and seed harvested from your own vegetables can be shared or exchanged for others. This is a great way to get growing tips and to try something new. Start collecting your garden seed now for your 2009 garden. Do you have a great recipe? Bring it along! More information to follow. Any questions? Call Lorraine Miga 582-2402.

Buy Local

"Just a short note to "Thank" everyone for supporting my business this past summer. Without you there would be no business. Also, to let those of you who I haven't seen in a few weeks I would just like to let you know that someone turned me in to the NYS Board of Health for running a "cafe"?? Which if you had stopped in and checked us out you would have seen that it was in no way shape or form a cafe. But whatever! At this point I am doing some brainstorming on what we'll do next year so who knows what lies ahead, but I do know that we'll be back and hopefully better than ever! So keep in touch over the winter and again "thanks" to all of you."

Kelly LaRose

Also Kelly is babysitting again! So if you are in need of a sitter Mon-Fri. 7am to 6 pm just give her a call, 582-4202

Aunt Polly's Material Girls received a large shipment of Thimbleberries for \$6.00 per yard.

Joanna Donk can do digital printing from anyones digital camera card. 4 x 6 Glossy \$.35 plus tax just call to catch her at home 582-4601

Thanks!

Newcomb Mountain Quilters announces the winners of the challenge block contest voted on by those who attended the quilt show at the VIC. First Place went to block #2 by Carol Woolhiser; 2nd place to block #1 by Cheryl Patterson; and 3rd place to block #8 by Jeanne Garrand. The People's Choice award went to quilt #24: Woodland Spirits by Ellen Rathbone and the Quilter's Choice award to quilt #42: Patchwork Diamonds by Dorothy Moses. We thank all those who helped to make the 2008 Quilt Show a success.

Newcomb in the News

Essex County supervisors balk at 911 bills for Long Lake

<http://www.adirondackdailyenterprise.com/page/content.detail/id/502872.html>

Comptroller's audit of Newcomb cites payroll flaws

<http://www.adirondackdailyenterprise.com/page/content.detail/id/502876.html>

These are the links to the State Comptrollers Office for both the Town and School.

Town: <http://osc.state.ny.us/localgov/audits/towns/2008/newcomb.pdf>

School: <http://osc.state.ny.us/localgov/audits/schools/2008/newcomb.pdf>

****Check it Out!****

The Adirondack Ecological Center keeps records of moose sightings in Newcomb. If anyone sees a moose, please contact Stacy McNulty at 582-4551 x102 or smcnulty@esf.edu (or call AEC and leave a message). Desired information includes:

Location where moose was seen

Date and time of day

Gender (does it have antlers or not? how large are the antlers?)

Your name and phone number

It's moose breeding season so they are on the move. Thanks!

Marvin Bissell reported A skunk visited Friends house last week. The first one known to be in this area in years They used to be common here and curious dogs would often be sprayed, much to the dismay of their owners. Also, A moose family was seen near Tahawus club recently. Father, mother and 2 young ones. Many flocks of geese flew over last Sunday. They could be heard almost constantly all day and night. Marvin wants to know if anyone knows what kind those 2 were at the dump last Sunday with long green necks and brown bodies?

Many of you who have been looking for savings around the home may have switched to compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). Did you know that they require recycling because of the tiny amount of mercury present in them. We have no program for recycling here but Ellen Rathbone forwarded to me some info about disposal through Home Depot. They have recently started accepting CFLs. She also forwarded some web sites for more information.

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/44927.html>

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8787.html>

Newcomb to Update its Comprehensive Plan

In the late 1980s, the Town of Newcomb undertook the task of creating a town Comprehensive Plan. The result of that effort is a document which is titled: "A Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, New York" in 1990. This Plan defines existing Land Use within the Town and Public Facilities. It includes a visual analysis, an economic analysis, a Transportation Plan and numerous tables outlining Town Trends.

The Comprehensive Plan used a Town-wide questionnaire to gather information about residents and their concerns. This information helped identify a number of concerns and suggestions to make the Town a better place to live, and is the basis for establishing Goals and Objectives regarding proposed land use, land classifications, resources – it is the basis for the Town Zoning Ordinance.

Much has happened over the past 20 years. A review and update is necessary and prudent. We are seeing many changes -- in our population, the number of seasonal versus year round residents, property ownership, land development and subdivisions, residential demographics, the age of our population, and many other areas. The concerns raised twenty years ago, and the goals and objectives that came from them, may have changed. So, it is time to start the process.

Comprehensive Plans are extremely important to the community. State statutes require that zoning and all land use regulations conform to the locality's comprehensive plan. Comprehensive plans have also been called a master plan, land use plan, and development plan. There are important legal effects. It is our road map to the future.

The Planning Board, along with the Town Council, has started the process. Over the next few weeks, all residents will be hearing more about the Plan. A Comprehensive Plan Committee composed of residents and volunteers, and others, will be formed, a consultant will be hired to help us in the process, and a number of Public Forums will be held. The entire community will need to be involved to ensure that all views are heard, all concerns are identified, all suggestions and ideas are presented.

As time goes on, the Town website (www.newcombny.com <<http://www.newcombny.com/>>) will have current activities, and regular forms of publicity will keep you aware of status and actions. Look for this information in the "Local Government" tab on the site.

Please stay tuned and please think about your ideas for the future of Newcomb. The will be essential as we move forward.

****Thoughts, Prayers, Cards and Casseroles****

For the most part I can't pass on the details of people's medical condition or need but if a name

shows up on the list suffice it to say that you might want to call and see how they are doing.
Gert Canon, Lana Fennessey, Maggie Alitz

Family and Friends of Richard Drosdowich

Richard Ronald Drosdowich Sr., 69, of Newcomb, NY, formerly of New Paltz, died suddenly in the Adirondack Mountains on Thursday, October 9, 2008.

He was born in Yonkers, May 31, 1939, a son of the late John and Anna Estvanik Drosdowich.

After serving three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, he moved to Rosendale to start his family and his business, R D Autobody. He later worked for New York State at the Highland Training School and then worked as a Welder at Green Haven Correctional Facility until his retirement.

In 1978, Rick bought a small home in Newcomb, NY, located in the heart of the Adirondacks. Rick called it "God's Country". After spending many weekends and holidays in Newcomb, he finally fulfilled his dream and moved there full time in 2002. As an avid hunter and fisherman, Rick loved sharing this passion with his children, grandchildren, and friends. He was a member of numerous sporting clubs in Ulster County and Mohegan Pond Club of the Adirondacks. He also traveled all over the country, touring the United States on his Harley Davidson. Rick lived for the outdoors and riding his Harley.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Joe Millham of Pine Bush; daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Bob Farrell of Lowman; daughter and son-in-law, Danette and Alan Ostroff of Lakewood, CA; son and daughter-in-law, Ricky and Michele Drosdowich Jr. of New Paltz, son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Sue Drosdowich of Vermontville, and daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Shawn Castano of Pleasant Valley. Also survived by two sisters, Dolores Lambertson of Stone Ridge and Stephanie Temple, and her husband, Wayne Temple of Rosendale; 11 grandchildren: Pamela and Amy Millham, Monica and Airman 1st Class David Farrell, Brian and Casey Ostroff, Ricky III and Ryan Drosdowich, Ashley and Amber Drosdowich, and Shawn Castano Jr.; a great-granddaughter, Aailiyah Missere; many nieces, nephews, and friends, including his Newcomb family, the Dillon and Bush families.

Friends may call at the George J. Moylan Funeral Home, Inc., 2053 Route 32, Rosendale, on Wednesday evening, October 15, from 6 to 9 p.m.

A Service to celebrate his life will be held Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. at the funeral home. The Rev. Arlene Dawber will officiate.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, October 17, at 1 p.m. at Rick's Newcomb house. Following the service, a celebration of Rick's life will be held at the Dillon family estate in Newcomb.

Memorial donations are requested to the Newcomb Fire & Rescue Squad, Rt. 28N, Newcomb, NY, 12852.

Arrangements by Moylan Funeral Home; 845-658-3139.

****From the editor/publisher/whatever****

Thanks for the opportunity to share! Please remember that I do this just for fun. I have no agenda, We live in a great place and its fun to share news and stories and keep track of each other. But, if you don't send it in yourself, it may not get printed. So, e-mail me, bureaus@frontiernet.net. Mail, Box 193 or phone 582-2266. Sandy Bureau