

Town of Johnsburg Newsletter

Supervisor's Report

Flooding Fall Out

Early May witnessed extreme weather conditions and flooding in Johnsburg with the Town under a declared state of emergency for several days. Fall out from the storm will be significant on a number of fronts.

River Record

The highest measured level for the Hudson River before May, 2011 was 12.14 feet. The river crested on April 29 at 13.65 feet causing flooding across the region. In North Creek the river rose over its banks and across the train tracks to a level of more than one foot deep in the Kellogg buildings and over the historic train station. At peak the water nearly reached Main Street in North Creek and closed New York State Route 28 in North River.

Evacuation

As the river crossed Route 28 in North River it entered the North River Trailer Park leaving several of the trailers at island status.

Under the guidance of county EMS, Supervisor Goodspeed requested the North River Fire Department to orchestrate a voluntary trailer by trailer evacuation led by North River Fire Chief John Donahue.

Road Damage

Significant damage occurred on a dozen town roads with the town highway department battling hostile weather conditions for days. Flooding also forced the rerouting of traffic on certain roads, particularly in North River.

Perhaps the worst damage occurred on a county road, 13th Lake Road in North River. Supervisor Goodspeed is working in coordination with Warren County DPW Chief Jeff Tennyson on the road situation.

At its worst point, flooding caused a mud slide on 13th Lake Road in excess of 200 feet. The county is putting together a plan to remove the debris and reopen the road in coming weeks.

Short Takes

Planning Board Appointment

The Town Board has recently appointed resident Cork Nester to a position on the planning board

Youth Program

Johnsburg Youth Program is slated to begin on July 5.

Front Street News

Having let an approval lapse, Frontstreet Mountain Development and their attorneys are back before the Johnsburg Planning Board. Additionally, the Town Board granted approval for a temporary hold and haul waste water system to be used until the actual system was designed, approved and installed. That system has not been completed and the board must decide whether to grant a 3rd extension to Frontstreet. The project has been pending for a number of years.

BEACH POLL – This poll was recently conducted on the Town's Facebook page. Participants were allowed to vote on existing options or add options and make comments:

What should the Town do with the beach?

- 93 -Build a swimming pool**
- 48 -Fix it and make it something the town can be proud of!**
- 31 -Allow it to become a fishin' hole**
- 4 -Indoor Heated Pool**
- 4 -Put the beach on the Hudson!!!**
- 4 -Close it**
- 3 -Heated Pool**
- 2 -I have no idea!**
- 1 -Sauna and hot tub next to a new hot spring!**

If you do not use Facebook but would like to share your opinion, please call Cherie at 251-2421x21 or stop by Town Hall during regular business hours. You can also mail you comments to Town of Johnsburg – Beach Discussion, PO Box 7, North Creek, NY 12853 or email them to mail@johnsburgny.com (please include "BEACH" in the subject line.

Beach Discussions Continue

The Town Board voted by a 3-2 margin to not seek a Department of Health conditional beach opening for the summer of 2011. Attempting to open the beach this summer would have incurred immediate town expenses of approximately \$7000.00. without establishing a permanent fix to water quality problems. Additionally, Department of Health officials suggested to town engineers that the Town's potential liability would be higher with a conditional opening.

The Board will next explore whether a cost effective long term solution to the beach problems can be found or whether the area should be returned to a non-swimming recreational section of the park.