

# Town of Johnsburg Newsletter

## Supervisor's Report

### Short Takes Property Conveyed

The Town of Johnsburg secured title to the Kellogg/Waddell property by donation from the Open Space Institute. Once Spring arrives, a group of volunteers will reconvene to discuss management and planning for the buildings. Anyone interested in becoming involved should call the Town Hall at 251-2421.

### Connected!

The long sought inner-connect between Core Mountain and the Ski Bowl was completed with a celebration on January 29 at the base of the new Hudson lift. Many people were in attendance including locals who reminisced about skiing the trails on the day the old t-bar opened in 1948.

### Hudson By Lease

The historic Hudson trail has been leased to Johnsburg, permitting further trail development by ORDA in the future.

### The Future of the Beach

The Town Board is beginning a series of meetings to discuss the future of swimming at the North Creek Beach.

Closed last Summer by order of the New York State Department of Health, several efforts at revitalizing the area have faltered. The essential problem is water quality given the lack of fresh water movement into the pond.

While a state trout program had placing limitations on what can and can not be done in the area of the historic dam, appears to have been eliminated, cost and viability remain a challenge.

The Board has asked local engineering firm Delaware Systems to take an initial look at options which might be available. Even closure of the beach could be costly with the state requiring engineering planning to do so.

The Board will schedule a public workshop style meeting in the near future to get as much feed back as possible.

### Fasten Your Seatbelts

Governor Cuomo has submitted an aggressive budget aimed at reinvigorating New York's troubled fiscal situation. Already we know that the proposal calls for substantial reductions in school aid from the state and will dramatically affect the way counties provide services.

The budget though is only one part of the picture and in coming months the fiscal future of our state and region will come into clear focus. It is a time to be quite nervous on a number of different levels.

While all can agree that dramatic change is necessary, citizens are urged to take a global view and ask a few important questions.

- Will the budget unfairly impact an Upstate economy with a diminished population base lacking political clout?
- Will the much touted property tax cap come with companion legislation to provide relief from State mandates?
- If mandate relief comes, will it be of the right kind ie: continuing to provide services where desperately needed while attacking areas where our State has created costly layers of bureaucracy?
- What will be the long term community impact of what appears to be an on-coming realignment of government? Will communities bind together or turn against themselves?

**Total Revenue Collected through December for 2008, 2009, and 2010  
(2010 Posted through January 31, 2011)**

## Occupancy Tax

BO	\$820,705.59	24.19%	\$614,946.24	20.86%	-25.07%	\$738,790.09	22.82%	20.14%
CH	\$43,299.82	1.28%	\$37,048.38	1.26%	-14.44%	\$32,736.05	1.01%	-11.64%
GF	\$71,864.57	2.12%	\$66,773.05	2.27%	-7.08%	\$68,212.56	2.11%	2.16%
HA	\$19,178.72	0.57%	\$18,474.24	0.63%	-3.67%	\$19,818.26	0.61%	7.28%
HO	\$21,456.56	0.63%	\$21,432.64	0.73%	-0.11%	\$22,488.13	0.69%	4.92%
JBG	\$59,672.89	1.76%	\$62,422.53	2.12%	4.61%	\$64,590.60	2.00%	3.47%
LG	\$744,093.18	21.94%	\$689,775.19	23.40%	-7.30%	\$759,254.83	23.45%	10.07%
LUZ	\$30,086.09	0.89%	\$27,432.00	0.93%	-8.82%	\$25,410.44	0.78%	-7.37%
QBY	\$902,659.76	26.61%	\$782,477.95	26.55%	-13.31%	\$801,413.18	24.76%	2.42%
SC	\$27,776.12	0.82%	\$5,907.12	0.20%	-78.73%	\$29,891.17	0.92%	406.02%
THUR	\$4,647.76	0.14%	\$4,210.93	0.14%	-9.40%	\$3,451.14	0.11%	-18.04%
VIL LG	\$629,656.96	18.56%	\$598,676.24	20.31%	-4.92%	\$654,689.70	20.22%	9.36%
WBG	\$17,076.34	0.50%	\$17,743.88	0.60%	3.91%	\$16,438.05	0.51%	-7.36%