

Gaines Citizens Courier

T O W N O F G A I N E S



Special points of interest:

- A special thank you from former supervisor Richard A. DeCarlo, Sr.
- New Burning Laws
- Updated Court hours
- Correction to Albion newsletters on Cost Per Mile

Census 2010

F R O M T H E T O W N C L E R K

What you
Should
Know

It's easy- the Census consists of 10 questions and should take about 10 minutes to complete.

It's important- Helps to paint a portrait of America by showing how the country has evolved over the past ten years and what America needs for the next ten years.

It's Safe- By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share your answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

In March Census forms will be delivered or mailed to households. **IT IS REQUIRED THAT YOU FILL THE FORM OUT.**

Everyone in the United State must be counted. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups; citizens and noncitizens. **If you do not fill the form out, Census workers will visit your household** to take the count in person.

Census day is April 1, 2010 and your responses should include everyone who will be living at your address at that time; however, please send your form in as soon as possible.

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>

FROM YOUR FORMER SUPERVISOR

On December 31, 2009 Town of Gaines Supervisor Richard A. DeCarlo Sr.'s term regrettably came to an end.

Richard has had a long history of serving the Town of Gaines. On February 23,rd 2000 Richard became a Planning Board member and then a Councilman on January 8th 2002. He became our Town Supervisor October 8th 2002 and was so until this past December.

We would all like to thank Richard for his hard work and dedication to the Town of Gaines and wish him the best of luck in the future. Richard you will be deeply missed.



The Town of Gaines presented Mr. DeCarlo with a painting done by Carol Culhane
 Pictured (from left): Front: Town Clerk Jean Klatt, Councilperson Lorraine Oakley, Richard DeCarlo Sr., Carol Culhane. Back: Councilperson James Kirby, Supervisor Bill Lattin
 (Picture provided by Lisa Mannella)

Richard wrote the following letter for the Residents of Gaines:

THANK YOU

I wish to thank the Residents and Taxpayers of the Town of Gaines for the opportunity to serve you as your Supervisor for the past eight years.

Also, I would like to thank the staff and various departments for the opportunity to work with excellent, competent and dedicated personnel.

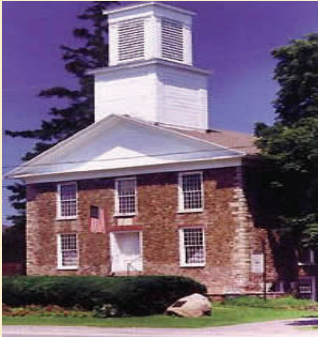
This shall be my last article for the newsletter as Supervisor for the Town of Gaines.

Once again - Thank you for this opportunity.

**Sincerely,
 Richard A. DeCarlo, Sr.**

FROM THE HISTORIAN'S DESK

A Half Century of History



Fifty years ago a letter was sent to local citizens inviting them to a meeting to discuss a threat to the then abandoned cobblestone church and schoolhouse at Childs. The intersection of Rts. 98 and 104 was zoned commercial and this fact stirred concern about what would become of these two buildings. The letter was signed by Cary Lattin, Orleans County Historian and cobblestone homeowner; Miss Katherine Billings, Albion Town Historian and descendent of one of the church founders; J. Howard Pratt, Gaines Historian; Maurice Wilson, Childs resident and cobblestone homeowner; and Robert Frasch, a history teacher from Hilton with a strong interest in cobblestone construction and preservation.

Sixty people responded to the letter, met with the leaders and formed the Cobblestone Society on October 23, 1960. Shortly, they applied for and received a charter under the New York State Education Laws. Their purpose was to acquire and preserve the church and to amass and disseminate information on the early 19th century building style of cobblestone. Since their initial founding the Society has grown physically and acquired the schoolhouse, the Ward House next to the church, the Vagg blacksmith shop, Print Shop, Harness Shop, Farmers Hall and several outbuildings. Locally the Society and Museum has become; a destination for school age to senior citizen tour groups, a place for weddings, a place for educational programs and community events, and a publisher of historic information.

In addition, in 1982, the Society added the Cobblestone Resource Center, the organization's library and archives. The Resource Center contains information on every known cobblestone building constructed in North America, over 1,000 buildings. These buildings are found, not only, in New York State, but also, Vermont, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Colorado and Canada. The collection spans 19th century information on soft-lime mortar construction to 21st century preservation information. Included, also, is history of New York State and the Great Lakes Region of the U.S. and Canada. Rounding out the collection is the history of the Society, its buildings and collections.

In line with modern technology the Society has a website to further the dissemination of information to a world-wide audience. The efforts of the Cobblestone Society over the years have developed it into the leading source of information on the vernacular building style called cobblestone. In 1993 the national significance of the Society and its Museum was recognized with the designation of the Cobblestone Historic District, a National Historic Landmark.

In 2010, on its 50th anniversary, we salute the Cobblestone Society and value it as a proud part of the history of the Town of Gaines.

Contacting Dee:

589-4355
deerob@mail.com

Gaines History Website:

www.gaineshistory.org

New burning laws went into effect October 14, 2009

In an effort to help reduce harmful air pollutants and prevent wildfires, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) extended restrictions on the open burning of residential waste. The open burning of residential waste will be prohibited in all communities statewide, regardless of population.

For a complete outline of common questions and answers as well as a more comprehensive list of exceptions on the new regulation go to the DEC website.

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/>

Exceptions for open burning include the following:

- On-site burning of limbs and branches between May 15th and the following March 15th in any town with a total population less than 20,000
- Barbecue grills, maple sugar arches and similar outdoor cooking devices
- Small cooking and camp fires
- Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires
- Prescribed burns performed according to state regulations
- Open fires as necessary to control invasive plant and insect species.

December 16, 2009, State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council determined that adopting a new rule was required in order to both comply with “Amanda’s Law” which went into effect on February 22, 2010, and in order to preserve public safety by clarifying requirements for Carbon Monoxide Alarms. It essentially requires all residences, both new and existing, to have carbon monoxide alarms installed.



Alarms needed:

If the building was done after 1/1/2008: On each story with a sleeping area and/or each story with a carbon monoxide source

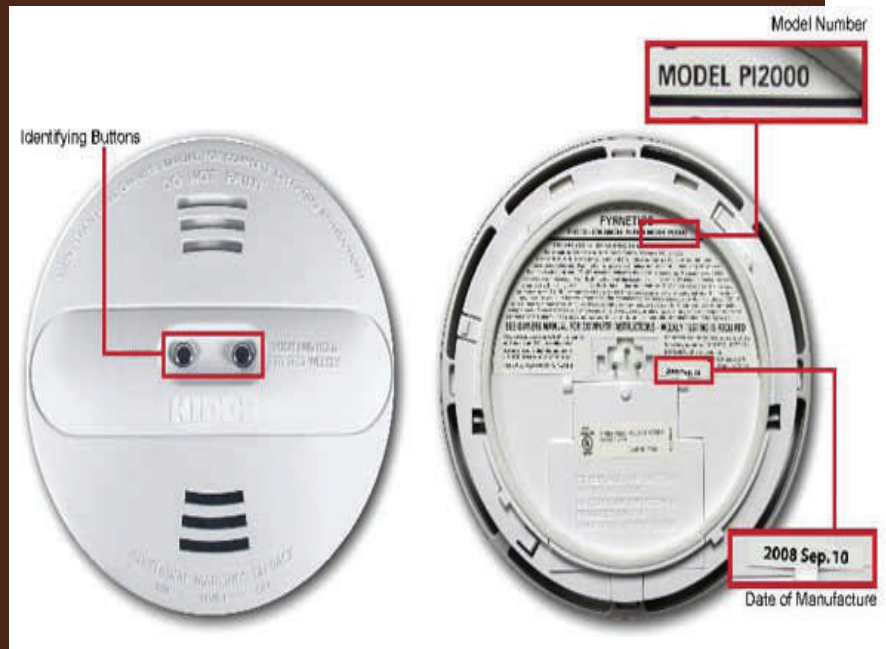
If the building was done before 1/1/2008: On the lowest story with a sleeping area.

For a more detailed explanation of rules and exceptions visit: <http://www.flboa.com/html/newsletter4.html>

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Kidde Recalls Dual Sensor Smoke Alarms- The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced a voluntary recall on **Kidde Model PI2000 Dual Sensor Smoke Alarms** due to a failure to warn of a fire. Consumers with this product should stop use immediately.

- Manufacturer: Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Inc., of Mebane, N.C.
- Description: This recall involves Kidde dual sensor smoke alarms model PI2000. The alarms can be identified by two buttons, "HUSH" and "PUSH AND HOLD TO TEST WEEKLY," which are located on the front/center of the alarm. The model number and date code are on the back of the smoke alarm. Only date codes 2008 Aug.01 through 2009 May 04 are included in this recall.
- Sold at: Retail, department, and hardware stores and through electrical distributors nationwide from August 2008 through May 2009 for between \$30 and \$40.
- Manufactured in: China
- Remedy: Consumers should contact Kidde immediately to receive a free replacement smoke alarm.
- Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Kidde toll-free at (877) 524-2086 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.kidde.com



RECALLS

Composite Decks Recalled

The Consumer Products Safety Commission recently issued a recall for composite decks (decks board and railings) that were manufactured by Louisiana-Pacific between January 2005 and August 2008. The brand names for these materials are LP WeatherBest, ABTCo, and Veranda. There have been reports of the decks breaking and causing injuries. Consumers can contact LP for a free inspection and if the decking is showing premature deterioration, LP will replace it for free.

Rabies Immunization Clinics 2010

Location	Date	Time
County Highway Building 225 West Academy Street, Albion	May 22, 2010	9-12
Town of Shelby Highway Building 4062 Salt Works Road, Medina	September 11, 2010	9-12
County Highway Building 225 West Academy Street, Albion	TBA	9-12

Water & Highway Review

Ronald Mannella
Highway & Water
Superintendent

- ◆ The Highway Department has been working this winter to keep the roads plowed and clean for our safety
- ◆ We have applied for a Salt Storage Grant to keep all our deicing materials undercover
- ◆ The Highway Department employs a support staff that includes 2 Full time and 1 Part time workers
- ◆ The Department Maintains:
 - Over 45 Miles of Water Lines
 - Over 600 Customers
 - 400 Hydrants
 - 225 Main Valves
 - 20 Sample Stations
 - 4 Auto Flushers

Jessica Klatt is no longer serving as the Town of Gaines' Water Billing and Deputy Town Clerk. Taking her place is Mary Pettit. If you have any questions feel to call at

589-4592 ext. 12

or email at

water@townofgaines.org

Be Prepared, the next Billing for Water will take place in April

Recently an ad was placed in the Lake Country Pennysaver that included the Town of Gaines Highway Cost Per Mile. The information was **INCORRECT**. Listed below is the correct information for the Town for the years 2008 and 2009.

**TOWN OF GAINES
HIGHWAY COST PER MILE**

20.17 MILES COUNTY
18.00 MILES TOWN
38.17 TOTAL MILES

2008

Revenue from County

Mowing	529.89 per miles	10,687.88
Snow & Ice	5,100.00 per miles	<u>102,867.00</u>
		113,554.88

Snow & Ice Breakdown

0.3333	34,285.57	Material
0.3333	34,285.57	Equipment
0.3334	34,295.86	Labor
1.0000	102,867.00	

Mowing Breakdown

0.6667	7,125.61	Equipment
0.3333	3,562.27	Labor
1.0000	10,687.88	

Payroll Expenses from W-2 Reports

170,184.41	Total wages- Water Wages are included
<u>-17,018.44</u>	10% for water wages
153,165.97	Total Wages- with water

153,165.97	Wages
<u>-37,858.13</u>	Revenue from County
115,307.84	

115,307.84	Wages
<u>38.17</u>	Total miles
3,020.90	Cost per Mile with Water

2009

Revenue from County

Mowing	532.54 per miles	10,741.33
Snow & Ice	5,390.70 per miles	<u>108,730.42</u>
		119,471.75

Snow & Ice Breakdown

0.3333	36,239.85	Material
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0.3334	34,250.72	Labor
1.0000	108,730.42	

Mowing Breakdown

0.6667	7,161.25	Equipment
0.3333	3,580.09	Labor
1.0000	10,741.33	

Payroll Expenses from W-2 Reports

158,048.31	Total wages- Water Wages are included
<u>-15,804.83</u>	10% for water wages
142,243.48	Total Wages- with water

142,243.48	Wages
<u>-39,830.81</u>	Revenue from County
101,412.67	

102,412.67	Wages
<u>38.17</u>	Total miles
2,683.06	Cost per Mile with Water

GAINES COURT

The Office hours for the Gaines Court have changed. Court is always held on Wednesday, at 3:00. The District Attorney is present on the second Wednesday for criminal matters and the third Wednesday for traffic matters. The Office hours for Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday is 10:00 to 3:00. The Office is now closed on Friday.

The mailbox to the left of the front door is for Court payments. If you choose to use the drop box, a receipt will be mailed to you.

Please call the Court Clerk, Marita Dumrese, at 589-4592, extension 11, with any questions or concerns.

Gaines Recipe Roundup

Ingredients

- Your favorite colors of PEEPS marshmellow chicks
- 1 bag of jelly beans
- 1 standard box cake mix, flavor of your choice (see pkg. for additional ingredients)
- 2 containers of vanilla frosting
- 1 cup shredded coconut (can use green sugar sprinkles instead)
- Green food coloring
- 1/3 cup water

Directions

- Prepare cake mix according to pkg. directions using 2 8" round cake pans. Bake and let the cakes cool
- To layer, place one cake on a plate and top with vanilla frosting. Place second cake on top of first. Lightly frost entire cake. The chill in the refrigerator for 1 hour
- Add a second coating of frosting. Using a large serving fork, create vertical and horizontal lines to make a basket weave design in frosting on sides of cake
- Spread coconut shavings. Mix green food coloring with 1/3 cup water in a spray bottle. Spray over coconut shavings (or you can add the coloring to the coconut directly and mix well)
- Place on top of cake. Decorate with PEEPS and jelly beans.



Marshmellow PEEPS Easter Basket Cake

Town of Gaines Officials:

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Town Hall: 589-4592

Residence: 589-9510

Town Clerk: Jean Klatt

Town Hall: 589-4592 ex. 10

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Town Justice: Bruce Schmidt

Town Hall: 589-4592 ex. 15

Court Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk: Marita Dumrese

Town Hall: 589-4592 ex. 11

MDumrese@nycourts.gov

Highway/Water Superintendent:

Ronald Mannella

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Deputy Town Clerk: Sharon Harding

Town Hall: 589-4592

Assessor: Coleen Pahura

Orleans County Clerk's Building

Real Property Tax Office

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Planning & Zoning Board Secretary,

Deputy Town Clerk: Loretta Long

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Councilman: David Kast

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Residence: 589-7540

Councilwoman: Sue Smith

Residence: 589-1223

Councilwoman: Lorraine Oakley

Residence: 589-7556

Chairman, Planning Board: Tibbs Ahlberg

Residence: 682-4609

County Dog Control Officer: Kathleen Smith

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Town Attorney: Douglas Heath

Heath & Martin: 638-6331

Town Historian: Delia Robinson

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TOWN OF GAINES



April 13, 2010
 May 5, 2010
 June 8, 2010
 July 13, 2010
 Monday Aug 9, 2010
 Sep 7, 2010
 Oct 12, 2010
 Nov 9, 2010
 Dec 14, 2010
 Wednesday Dec 29, 2010 (4 pm)

**Town Board
 Meeting
 Schedule**

**Town Hall
 Monthly
 Schedule**

Town Board	2nd Tuesday	7:30 pm
Planning Board	1st Monday	7:30 pm
Town Court	Every Wednesday	3:00 pm
District Attorney Night	2nd Wednesday-Criminal 3rd Wednesday-Traffic	3:00 pm