

## Community News and Events:

**NO COST RABIES CLINIC:** On Sunday, January 9, 2011 from 1 PM to 3 PM, Roeder's Ark Veterinary Hospital, 361 Finchville Tpke., Otisville, NY 10963. For Deerpark and Mt. Hope residents only, must show proof of residency. Dogs must be leashed and cats in appropriate carriers. Vaccine good for one year. Sponsored by Humane Society of Port Jervis/Deerpark. Pre-registration strongly suggested at 845-386-8700.

**PORT JERVIS AMBULANCE CORPS:** Congrats to the 2011 Officers of the Port Jervis Ambulance Corps, Captain Lincoln Van Horn, 1st Lt. James Rohner, III, 2nd Lt. Rita Parkhouse, President Robert Launt, Vice President Dennis Aumick, Secretary Tara van Horn, and Treasurer Bridget Van Horn.

## Board Members Needed:

The town board is continually accepting letters of interest and resumes for various boards. These boards include Planning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Police Commission, Cable Commission, Recreation Committee, Ethics Committee, Community Development Task Force, and Museum Committee. If you are interested in serving, please send a letter of interest with a resume to Town Clerk Flo Santini at PO Box 621, Huguenot, NY 12746 or [fsantini@townofdeerpark.org](mailto:fsantini@townofdeerpark.org).

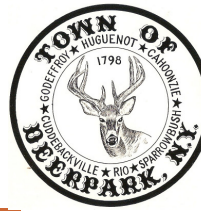
## Tax Collector's 2011 Hours (Jan-Feb-March 2010):

Mondays: 9:30 AM to 1 PM  
Tuesday Evening: 5 PM to 7 PM  
Wednesday: 9:30 AM to 1 PM  
Thursday: 9:30 AM to 1 PM

## January Only:

Saturday: 9:30 to 12 Noon  
Closed all Legal Holidays

To submit your community posts and events, contact the Supervisor's office at 856-2210, ext. 1 or e-mail at [sparliman@townofdeerpark.org](mailto:sparliman@townofdeerpark.org) and for more information, please visit us on-line at [www.townofdeerpark.org](http://www.townofdeerpark.org)



# The Deerpark Digest

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## Supervisor's Update

By: Karl A. Brabenec, Town Supervisor

**2011 Budget/Taxes Remain Stable:** The 2011 adopted budget has a decrease in the tax levy from 2010 by 0.28% or \$7,600. Despite rising costs in health care, workers compensation rates, retirement contributions and lower revenues, the board was able to accomplish the goal of keeping taxes stable by enacting many cost savings initiatives and monitoring expenses. Some of the highlights of the budget include \$10,000 to explore bringing back a town bulk clean up day, an additional \$15,000 for the town's road paving budget, and we have started to fund reserve accounts for future potential liabilities. The budget also received full approval by the New York State Comptroller's office.

**Reduction of Hours/Taxpayer Savings:** In the beginning of 2010, we reduced two full time positions within the Supervisor's and Town Clerk's offices to part time, saving taxpayers an estimated \$34,000 per year in salary and benefit costs while keeping both offices very efficient. The town board has recently decided to reduce the full time positions of Police Chief, Building Inspector, Assistant Assessor, Highway Secretary, and Buildings and Grounds to part time in 2011. These decisions were very hard to make because it does affect some people personally. However, we need to remember that most revenues, such as mortgage tax and state and federal aid are down dramatically. In addition, all governments are being burdened with rising health care costs, increased retirement contributions, tax-shifting and unfunded mandates from the state and federal governments. It is our opinion that major tax increases are NOT an option going forward and that we need to start trimming back on major government expenses in anticipation of hard economic times. This move will end

up saving taxpayers an estimated \$160,000 per year in salary, benefit, retirement, and FICA costs. That's over \$1,000,000 over a ten year period! We will continue to examine every town department to make sure we are saving taxpayer money and to make sure that government still runs effectively and efficiently.

**New Veterans Board Created:** The town board recently passed a local law creating a Veterans Committee. This committee will be charged with formulating and initiating plans to fund and erect a new Veterans Memorial in the Town of Deerpark. Additionally the committee will assist veterans and their families to take advantage of certain tax exemptions and programs afforded to them by all levels of government. I want to thank the following Veterans for stepping up to the plate to serve on this committee: Floyd Babcock, Colin Tunney, George Keller, Dominick "Tar" Santini, Richard Lee Cornell, Wilbur Wessilus, Dennis W. Simmons, and Tony Zippo. I look forward to working with these gentlemen in the coming months.

**Board Members Needed:** There are many boards within the town that you can serve on to assist your neighbors and fellow residents. In January, the town board will be making appointments for various boards which include: Planning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Ethics, Recreation, Veterans, Police Commission, Museum, Community Development, and Cable Commission. If you are interested in serving on one or more of these boards, please submit a letter of interest by December 31<sup>st</sup> to Town Clerk Flo Santini at PO Box 621, Huguenot, NY 12746 or e-mail at [fsantini@townofdeerpark.org](mailto:fsantini@townofdeerpark.org).

## Elected Town Officials:

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| • Karl A. Brabenec, Supervisor | Florence T. Santini, Town Clerk  |
| • David M. Hoovler, Councilman | Edward A. Hughson, Highway Supt. |
| • Gary Spears, Councilman      | Jane A. Garvey, Tax Collector    |
| • Arthur T. Trovei, Councilman | Laurie Osowick, Town Justice     |
| • David M. Dean, Councilman    | John Wulff, Sr., Town Justice    |



# January 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

**Regular Meeting Dates  
(unless otherwise noted):**

- Town Board meets the First and Third Mondays at 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- Planning Board meets Second and Fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- Zoning Board of Appeals meets Third Thursday at 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- Police Commission meets Second Thursday at 7:00 PM, Building #2
- Recreation Committee meets First Tuesday at 6:30 PM, Town Hall
- Museum Committee meets First Thursday at 7:00 PM, Old School House
- Community Development meets Fourth Tuesday at 7:30 PM, Town Hall

**Town Hall—**

420 US Route 209, Huguenot  
Monday-Friday: 8 am– 4 pm  
845-856-2210

**Highway Department—**

420 US Route 209, Huguenot  
845-856-2210

**Police and Senior Center—**

Building #2, 231 US Route 209, Huguenot  
845-858-4529

**Museum—**

Old School House, 25 Grange Rd, Huguenot  
845-856-2702

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2	3	4	5	6 <i>Ethics Board—7:30 Museum Committee—7:00</i>	7	8
9	10 <i>Town Board (Reorganization Meeting)—7:30</i>	11	12 <i>Planning Board—7:00</i>	13 <i>Police Commission—7:00</i>	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 <i>Zoning Board of Appeals—7:30</i>	21	22
23	24 <i>Town Board—7:30</i>	25 <i>Community Development—7:30</i>	26 <i>Planning Board—7:30</i>	27	28	29
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