

VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR LOCAL FIRE COMPANY TODAY

Volunteer firefighters are the **backbone of our community**. They provide a vital service each and everyday to all of our residents and to make these fine organizations stronger, they need your service now more than ever.

Volunteer firefighting is a very rewarding and valuable way to serve your community. It takes dedication and many hours of training to become a firefighter. If you're willing to put in the time and effort, there is a department ready for you to serve. Below you'll find resources and frequently asked questions about becoming a volunteer.

What qualifications do I need to become a volunteer firefighter?

This varies greatly from department to department. All departments have a minimum age requirement, though some allow younger members to enroll as 'explorers' or junior volunteer firefighters. Most departments also have a physical testing requirement. Testing procedures vary.

What is the first step to volunteering?

Contact your local fire department and express your interest in joining. Search the internet for your local department's name — they may have a website with useful information.

Do volunteer firefighters get paid?

Volunteer firefighters do not get paid, but they can get reimbursed. Reimbursement is usually a small amount of tax-free money for time spent on shifts, responding to calls and training. The amount is usually at the discretion of the department.

Should I start physical training before applying to volunteer?

Yes, a training program will likely help you achieve the physical standards required by your department. Contact your local department for a recommended list of exercises.

Can a volunteer position lead to a career in firefighting?

Yes. Volunteering is one of the best ways to get the necessary training and experience to be an attractive candidate for a career firefighting position.

Can I become a volunteer EMT at my local fire department?

Maybe — some departments have volunteer EMS programs to supplement their public services. Contact your local department to find out more.

How many hours do volunteer firefighters work?

Many departments require a minimum number of volunteer hours per month. Ask whether your local fire department has minimum participation requirements.

CALL TODAY:

Cuddebackville Fire Department— Patti Sibilias at 914-443-2326

Huguenot Fire Department— Firehouse at 845-856-1606

Sparrowbush Fire Department— Danielle Glynn at 845-856-5480



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Spring Supervisor's Update

By: Karl A. Brabenec, Town Supervisor

YMCA SUMMER CAMP

It's that time again for YMCA Summer Camp sign up! Slots are still available, especially for younger campers. Cost is \$80 per week per

child for a maximum of two (2) weeks and camp is for Deerpark residents only. Proof of residency and full payment is required (cash, credit card, or check payable to "Town of Deerpark"). For more information, please call Theresa Creegan, Chairwoman of the Deerpark Recreation Committee at 845-856-2210, ext. 2. Information on the day camp can be found at <http://www.newyorkymcacamp.org/daycamp>.

BULK CLEAN UP IN MAY

The annual Deerpark Bulk Clean Up Month program will be held for town residents and businesses during month of May. All town residents and businesses are entitled to one permit each allowing you to bring up to 4 cubic yards of garbage to the Port Jarvis Transfer Station at no cost (dump truck load). Certain items are restricted such as leaves, electronics, paint cans, oils, and monitors. Permits can be obtained by visiting the Deerpark Town Clerk's office from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. For more information, please call 845-856-2210, ext. 2.

NEW ZONING PASSED

The Deerpark Town Board unanimously passed Local Law #1 of 2013 which makes various changes to the town's zoning. The board has been working on the zoning changes since November of last year and has also held two public hearings on the proposal. The major points of the zoning changes were to make many special uses into permitted uses in business zones to help attract new business and expansion of business into the town. In addition, the Hamlet-Mixed Use districts (HMU) along Route 209, Route 211 and Route 6 have been expanded on the zoning map to allow more options for property owners to market their properties to potential business opportunities.

Elected Town Officials:

- Karl A. Brabenec, Supervisor
- David M. Hoovler, Councilman
- Gary Spears, Councilman
- Arthur T. Trovei, Councilman
- David M. Dean, Councilman

- Florence T. Santini, Town Clerk
- Edward A. Hughson, Highway Supt.
- Jane A. Garvey, Tax Collector
- Laurie Osowick, Town Justice
- John Wulff, Sr., Town Justice

The board had previously made changes to their Interchange Business (IB) district, located off of Exit 1 on Route 84, two years ago, which helped to attract Planet Fitness, a new retail outlet center named "The HUB", and Alpin Haus, the new RV/Boat Superstore located on Route 6.

One of the major priorities of my administration was to make our town's zoning more business friendly which will help to attract positive rateables and stabilizing our residential tax base. It's sad to go down Route 209 and see empty shells of buildings which used to house great businesses such as restaurants and hardware stores. I am happy to say the town is now open for business and we hope that these changes are the first step to attract new business opportunities which will benefit our residents in many ways!

The town will be working on other ideas for business marketing incentives in the coming months to help spur economic growth and create job opportunities and other conveniences for town residents in future years.

NEW TAX INCENTIVE FOR RESIDENTS PROPOSED

The "Reinvest in Deerpark Home Improvement Exemption" will be introduced for consideration in the month of May. A Public Hearing will be held on the proposed local law on Monday, May 13th at 7:30 PM at Town Hall.

The proposed local law permits homeowners to apply for a partial exemption from increased taxation and special ad valorem levies, for a period of time, due to reconstruction, alterations, or improvements to their homes under certain conditions.

A copy of the local law can be found online at www.townofdeerpark.org.



DEERPARK SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

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TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ON YOUTUBE AND BROADCAST LIVE ON TOWN'S WEB SITE

If you cannot attend the Deerpark Town Board meetings for any reason, it can be viewed live on our web site at www.townofdeerpark.org. In addition, previous meetings will now be archived on our new YouTube channel making them available for you 24/7 to view at your leisure! A special thank you to Thomas Brabenec for making this a reality!

CUDEDBACKVILLE 209 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The NYS Department of Transportation has worked diligently to complete the new Cuddebackville 209 Bridge project. The new bridge was completed a few months ago and they are now currently making improvements to Route 209, Prospect Hill Road, Third Street, Hoag Road and Galley Hill Roads. An anticipated completion date in will be this summer.

DEERPARK WELCOMES ALPIN HAUS

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to recognize the opening of Alpin Haus in the Town of Deerpark. Alpin Haus is one of the Northeast's largest, family-owned outdoor recreation retailers. They have opened a six-acre RV store in the Town of Deerpark off of Interstate 84's Exit 1, located at 36 Route 6, Port Jervis, NY.

The new location will offer towable RVs, four indoor service bays, and a full line of RV parts and accessories under the Priority RV banner, a nationwide network highly regarded for its uniform level of service and dependability.

This store is Alpin Haus' third RV location, joining those in Amsterdam and Saratoga. As many as 20 new employees will be hired to staff the Deerpark RV store.

The opening of this new location in our Interchange Business district is a further advancement of our town's plans for economic development and job creation.

DEERPARK SENIOR SHUTTLE

Just a reminder that our Senior Bus Service is available on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:15AM to 1:30PM. Rides available for shopping, medical appointments, and most essential services. We ask that you call the day before to schedule a pick up. You must be age 55 or over, and/or disabled, and must be a Deerpark Resident to participate. The cost is \$5.00 per round trip. Please call Quality Bus Service at **845-858-2150**.

DEERPARK SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE CONTINUED...

MEMBERS NEEDED FOR POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A Police Advisory Committee has been established to oversee citizen and operational complaints. This committee is in charge of making formal recommendations of action to these complaints to the Police Commissioner and Town Board. The Deerpark Town Board is currently looking for interested individuals willing to serve on this committee. **Previous law enforcement experience is preferred.** Please contact me at 845-856-2210, ext. 1 to find out more information.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Much progress has been made with improvements to Harriet Space Park located off of Route 209 in Huguenot. Last year, the Town Board authorized reserve parkland money to construct a football/soccer field with an additional practice field, upgrades to the baseball fields, football scoreboards, new movable bleachers and the construction of a concession stand. These projects have been completed and the park is now fully operational and being used by The Port Jervis Youth Football League and Port Jervis Little League. A new baseball scoreboard, an expanded parking area, new dug outs for the first baseball field, and additional picnic tables for the pavilion are planned as well.

Many of the local youth sports organizations have been without a home in Deerpark for many years, although there are a large contingent of residents that participate. These improvements have allowed them to return back to the town and expand their programs.

Additionally, the pocket park located in Deerpark Manor was renamed and rededicated as the Sheriff H. Frank Bigger Memorial Park in memory of the late Orange County Sheriff who lived in that neighborhood. A swing was installed and the basketball court was resurfaced last season by the town's highway department. Improvements which include a new slide, park bench, and picnic table are planned to be installed this year.

We are still waiting to hear back from Orange County on a potential grant from Senator Bonacic's office that would pay for improvements to Sparrowbush Firemen's Park located on Main Street. If we are successful in obtaining the grant, plans are in the works to improve the walking trail and install a new bathroom for park visitors.

We have also met with our insurance company to make sure all of our parks are in compliance which will help in reducing potential liability. These are huge improvements to these beautiful recreational areas and we hope that it improves the quality of life for our residents now and into the future.

That is all for now and until next time, I send you best wishes for good health and happiness!

Sincerely,

KARL A. BRABENEC
Deerpark Town Supervisor

Regular Meeting Dates (unless otherwise noted):

- Town Board meets the Second and Fourth 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
- Recreation Committee meets First Tuesday at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- Museum Committee meets First Thursday at 7:00 PM, Old School House
- Community Development Task Force meets as needed, Town Hall
- Veterans Committee meets Second Tuesday at 7:30 PM, Town Hall.

Town Hall and Highway Dept. —

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

Police and Senior Center—

Building #2, 231 US Route 209, Huguenot
Police—845-858-4529
Seniors—845-856-0888

Museum—

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