

The Official Newsletter for Residents of the Town of Preble

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Important Town Changes

New Land Use Plan and Zoning Changes

The Town of Preble Land use Plan was updated and passed by the Preble Town Board. The existing Zoning regulations for the Town of Preble are being reviewed and updated.

Minimum Lot Size for New Construction

The Cortland County Health Department recently enacted a requirement for a lot size of 2.4 acres or greater for new homes that will have a private well and septic system. The Town Board felt this new lot size requirement was excessive and have forwarded their objections to the county health department, noting that other Towns in adjoining counties have smaller lot size requirements. No response has been received from the Health Department and the Town Board continues to pursue this issue.

Swimming Pools

If you are planning on purchasing a new swimming pool, there are several new regulations that you need to be aware of. New York State enacted new legislation that requires all new pools installed after December 14, 2006 to be equipped with a pool alarm. This new regulation also applies to any existing pools that are modified or reconstructed in the future.

Town Code requires a building permit for all swimming pools over two feet deep. The pool needs to be enclosed by a fence with a locking gate, and a permanent electrical connection is required for the pool filtration systems. (An extension cord is no longer permitted.)

For more information regarding changes and requirements for swimming pool installations, contact Doug Staley, Town Code Enforcement Officer.

Town Assessor Changes

Samantha Morse recently resigned from her position as the Town Assessor due to an illness in her family. Under the terms of our contract with Cortland County, Nedra Griswold and Larry Fitts will be acting assessors for the town of Preble.

Property Offered to Little York Lake Residents

Residents on the west side of Little York lake recently had the opportunity to purchase land on the west side of Little York Lake Road, which would be appended to their current deed. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.





The Town was able to secure a grant for \$25,000 to subsidize the cost of construction for the new salt shed.

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The New York State DEC enacted legislation that requires road salt to be stored in a covered building to protect the salt from the elements and to prevent run off.

Due to the limited amount of land at the site of our current Town Highway Garage, a search began in 1990 to locate and purchase property for a new salt storage shed. In the fall of 2006, the Town of Preble purchased the former Perfection Auto property on Route 281 and contracted with BFE, Inc. and Eagle Silo to construct a new salt storage shed.

Through the Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation department, the Town was able to secure a grant for \$25,000 to subsidize the cost of construction for a new salt shed. Construction on the new salt shed began earlier this year and should be completed by August.



Local Business News

Bestdeck LLC Opens New Facility in Preble

Bestdeck LLC recently began operations at 7209 US Route 11, the former E-One / Saulsbury site. Bestdeck LLC, a new subsidiary of Bestway Enterprises Inc., manufactures composite products for the building industry.

Their decking products are available through Bestway and have been used on projects in Minnesota, Washington, the Virgin Islands, and Cancun, Mexico. Currently, they have two production lines in operation and hope to add two additional lines by the end of this summer.

Barden Homes Explores Wind Power

Barden Homes investigated the feasibility of constructing a wind tower earlier this year by erecting a temporary wind tower and conducting a wind study.

The results of the study indicated that the wind spread in our area was not enough to warrant a permanent wind tower because it could take over 75 years to recoup the cost of the wind tower.

However, if a tower were constructed on top of one of the adjacent hills, the costs could be recouped more quickly.

Gas and Oil Exploration

Mason Dixon Energy, Inc. has been busy the past few months conducting geophysical tests for gas and oil in our area.

You have probably seen Mason Dixon's orange cables running through local fields or their low flying helicopters moving equipment around the area.

The results of their testing will be available later this year.

Preble Historian Page

Origin of the Preble Monument

The World War Memorial Monument located on Preble Road, just west of the I81 overpass, was dedicated on May 30, 1937. The large boulder was originally found and relocated from West Hill, a distance of one and a half miles. The late Glen Van Patten was very instrumental in the construction and dedication of the monument.

Preble School Celebrates Centennial Anniversary

In the fall of 2006, the Town of Preble celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the Preble School, which currently houses the Preble Town Hall and Post Office. The Preble School was originally a two room school house constructed in 1906 and was used until the early 1970s. Former teachers and students attended the celebration, which concluded with an ice cream social.

2008 Bicentennial Celebrations

Both the Town of Preble and Cortland County will celebrate their 200 year anniversary in 2008. The last celebration large celebration was held in 1957 and the county is planning several activities to celebrate this bicentennial event, including a county parade, a formal ball, and other activities.

The Town of Preble is also starting to make plans and we are looking for ideas and suggestion of how best to celebrate our town's bicentennial anniversary. A meeting is planned for 6PM, Wednesday, July 25th, at the Preble Town Hall and everyone is encourage to attend, to share their ideas, and get involved with this great 2008 event. For more information or to share your suggestions, please call Anne Henderson, Town Historian, at (607) 749-2044.

The Preble Fire Station

The Town of Preble Fire Stations was constructed in 1952 by former town resident John Rouse and over the years the station has served many purposes in the community.

The Preble Fire station has been used by the Preble Fire Department and Fire Auxiliary to host pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, card parties, children's Christmas parties, community socials, and dances over the years.

But the station has also serves other purposes over the years. In addition to being the polling place for town residents, the fire station has been used to host political caucuses; as an emergency shelter in inclement weather; and to host private parties hosted by town residents.

If you would be interested in volunteering for the Preble Fire Department or the Preble Fire Ladies Auxiliary, please call (607) 749-4237.



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Long time Preble resident

Bessie Swayze celebrated

her 100th birthday on

May 11, 2007.

Community News

Preble Resident Crowned 2007 Dairy Princess

Emily Brooks, 17, of Preble, was recently crowned the 2007 Cortland County Dairy Princess and will promote the dairy industry at school and community activities. Emily will begin her senior year at Homer Central School this September and plans to attend SUNY Brockport following graduation. Emily is a member of the National Honor Society, a 4-H member, and President of the 4-H Teen Council. She is the daughter of Clint and Brenda Brooks, and her family operates a large dairy farm on East Homer Baltimore Road. *Congratulation to Emily!*

Town Resident Celebrates 100th Birthday

Bessie Swayze, a long time resident of Preble, celebrated her 100th birthday on May 11, 2007 and the Preble Town Board declared May "Bessie Swayze Month" in her honor.

Bessie Abbot was born on May 11, 1907 in Otisco, New York and following graduation from normal school, she began teaching school. In 1944, Bessie married Henry "Woody" Swayze and they operated a gas station at the four corners in Preble for many years. When Woody was elected to the Cortland County Legislature and then name County Chairman, Bessie took an active role in managing the family business, pumping gas and checking oil for their customers.



Bessie has four sons, Wesley, Burdette, Royce, and John, seven grand children and five great grand children. In 2005, Bessie participated in the annual Preble Memorial Day Parade and was honored as our oldest town resident.



Preble Recreation News

Kitchen Renovations at the Park Pavilion

The kitchen area at the Preble Park Pavilion has received several new upgrades earlier this summer:

- Two new refrigerators were donated to the pavilion by the Homer Central Class of 1955 and Rosalie Borthwick.
- A three basin sink was donated by Dennis Morgan.
- A new table was donated by the Nancy Baldwin family.
- New drywall was installed by Paul Maher and Tom Pitman in memorial of the Simon family.

The pavilion is available to all town residents for family reunions, graduation parties, receptions, etc. For more information or to reserve a date, please contact Babe Carroll at (315) 696-5177.



Community Calendar

July 2007

July 10	Tennis	10AM to Noon at Preble Park
July 11	Recreation	10AM to Noon at Preble Park
July 12	Trip: Herkimer Diamond Mine*	
July 13	Arts & Crafts	10AM to Noon at Preble Park
July 13	Archery	1:30 to 3:30 at Preble Park
July 16	Tennis	1:30 to 3:30 at Preble Park
July 17	Trip: Syracuse Chief Game*	
July 19	Archery	10AM to Noon at Preble Park
July 20	Arts & Crafts	10AM to Noon at Preble Park
July 20	Recreation	1:30 to 3:30 pm at Preble Park
July 24	Recreation	10AM to Noon at Preble Park
July 25	Trip: Sylvan Beach	
July 26	Tennis	10AM to Noon at Preble Park
July 27	Arts & Crafts	10AM to Noon at Preble Park
July 31	Archery	10AM to Noon at Preble Park

August 2007

Aug 1	Arts & Crafts	1:30PM to 3:30PM
Aug 7	Recreation	1:30PM to 3:30PM
Aug 8	Arts & Crafts	10AM to Noon
Aug 9	Tennis	10AM to Noon
Aug 9	Trip: Fillmore Glen State Park*	

*If you would like to attend one of these field trips sponsored by the Cortland County Recreation Department, call Babe Carroll at (315) 696-5177 for more information and to make a reservation.

Girls' Softball Schedule

Jun 25	Preble vs. Cortland	at Preble Park
Jun 27	Preble vs. McGraw	at Preble Park
Jun 29	Preble vs. Dryden	at Dryden
July 2	Preble vs. Homer	at Homer
July 6	Preble vs. Cortland	at Cortland
July 9	Preble vs. McGraw	at McGraw
July 11	Preble vs. Dryden	at Preble Park
July 16	Preble vs. Homer	at Preble Park
July 23	Preble vs. McGraw	at McGraw
July 27	Preble vs. Homer	at Preble Park
July 30	Preble vs. Cortland	at Preble Park
August 1	Preble vs. Dryden	at Dryden

Special Activities

July 9 – 14	Bottle & Can Drive to Benefit Preble Girls' Softball Team	Contact Dale Morgan at (607) 591-9714 for more information.
August 3	Community Night at Preble Park 6PM to 11PM	Live music by Dan Edwards, Hank Recor, and Skip. Refreshments will be available.
August 6	Ball Team Awards Banquet 6PM to 9PM	Preble Park
October 27	Halloween Party 6PM to 8PM	Preble Fire Station. If you'd like to volunteer or to make a donation, please call (607) 749-3519.



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Monthly Meetings

Town of Preble Meetings, Held at the Preble Town Hall:

Town Board 2nd Monday of every month at 8PM
 Planning Board 4th Thursday of every month at 7PM
 Zoning Board of Appeals 1st Thursday of every month at 7:30PM

Preble Fire District Meetings, Held at Preble Fire Station:

Preble Fire Commissioners..... 2nd Thursday of every month at 7PM*
 Preble Fire Department..... 1st Monday of every month at 8PM
 Preble Fire Department Auxiliary..... 3rd Monday of every month at 7PM**

* Meetings are not held during the month of August.
 ** Meetings are not held during the months of July and August.

Town Officials

Town Board Members

Town Supervisor..... Elizabeth Pitman
 Deputy Supervisor Peter Knapp
 Council Person M. Catherine Edinger
 Council Person Thomas Fox
 Council Person David Morse

Town Officers

Town Clerk & Collector..... Jane Davenport
 Town Historian Anne Henderson
 Town Highway Superintendent..... Jeff Griswold
 Town Justice Lynn Web
 County Legislature John Steger
 Dog Control..... Cortland SPCA
 Code Enforcement Officer..... Doug Staley

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