

eye on North Salem

A Publication for North Salem Readers

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NEW VOTING MACHINES THIS FALL

by Ronnie Howley, Town Clerk

When you go to the polls this fall, you will be voting on new "Optical Scan Voting Machines:"

- When you arrive at your polling place you will check in with the election inspectors at your district table just as you always did.
- After signing in, you will be given a 'paper ballot' with a privacy folder which you will take to a privacy table where you will mark the ballot by filling in the square next to the candidates' names.
- When you've completed your ballot, you will take it to the image cast optical scanner and feed the ballot into the scanner.

For a preview of how the process works, please check the link on the town website: www.northsalemny.org, on the town clerk's page

Primary Day is Tuesday, September 14

CROTON FALLS NOW HAS CLEAN WATER

Two new wells are now providing Croton Falls residents with clean water. Radiologicals are below levels in bottled water! While water in the Sunset Water District is now exceeding Board of Health quality standards, more work is being done to ensure further quality improvements.

PEACH LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

On schedule and on budget! The connector pipes are being installed, the pump houses will soon be built, the plant itself is being constructed. We expect the homes will be connected and the system operational by the start of 2012.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Comprehensive Plan has been submitted to the County. In September, there will be a public hearing. Along with Town Planning Consultants, over 80 residents participated in the research, analysis and writing of the Plan. We thank all of them for their commitment, insights and hard work.

SAVING MONEY/GOING GREEN

Amy Rosmarin, Town Councilwoman, amyrosmarin@gmail.com

North Salem is now part of the Northern Westchester Energy Action Consortium – 13 towns working together that have already received over \$2.75 million in stimulus funds to address energy and sustainability. More grants are expected and projects will save residents money.

Building Efficiency Retrofit Financing Program – Residents will have an opportunity, starting in late 2010, to obtain low cost loans to retrofit their homes to make them more energy efficient. These loans could be structured so that the total annual cost of the loans will be less than the estimated electricity and fuel savings generated by the retrofits. Those who choose to participate will likely have net savings each year. Once in place, residents will be notified about the sign-up process.

Regional, municipally-owned Smart Grid – Unlike utility-owned grids, this will measure electricity use at main distribution lines and directly at homes and businesses that choose to have meters. Once in place, participants could receive credit for short-notice demand response – a rate that is about 10 times higher than the rate offered by utilities for on peak con-

sumption demand response. When programmed, appliances with a smart chip will automatically (and occasionally) turn off for a short time earning owners money. Thank you, John Hall, for securing an anticipated \$400,000 in Appropriations funding.

Town Energy Inventory and Climate Action Plan - North Salem has a grant for a town-wide (residential, commercial, municipal/school) greenhouse gas inventory and climate action plan. We will identify our energy usage, set a reduction goal and develop a plan to reduce our usage.

Waste Management – The Consortium is looking at e-waste, organic waste and MSW waste and exploring ways to turn them into assets (e.g. methane capture, sweet peat, etc.) to produce revenue streams for the Consortium towns.

*The Croton Falls Fire Department invites all to join them
On Saturday, September 11, 6:00 pm
North Salem Firehouse, 301 Titicus Road
A CEREMONY IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON 9/11*

North Salem Democratic Club
Post Office Box 525
North Salem, New York 10560

PRSRST STD
U S Postage
P A I D
White Plains, NY
Permit N. 6060

Rural Route or Box Holder

KITCHEN TOUR AND MORE

Friday, September 24, 2010, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Our hosts will open the doors to their cooking havens for one day only

1. Darlington Hall, 422 Hardscrabble Road
2. Dog Hill, 757 Titicus Road
3. Fleischner Residence, 4 Cider Mill Lane, Salem Chase
4. The Grant Estate - Inland Vale, 640 Grant Road
5. Salvatore/Krupp Residence, 264 Titicus Road

Advance tickets \$25 (may be picked up at any residence on day of tour)

Send check to *EYE on North Salem*, P O Box 525, North Salem, NY 10560

Same day tickets \$30 (may be purchased at any home listed above)

Raffle baskets will be at No. 4 - the Grant Estate.

Questions - please call 669-5013

Westchester Exceptional Children's School

Benefit Wine Tasting Event, hosted by *Front Street Cellar*

honorary chair: Supervisor Warren Lucas

\$25 single / \$40 couple in advance. \$30 at door

at Lift Trucks Project, 3 East Cross Street, Croton Falls

Sept 25

6 - 8pm

EMERGENCY CALL SYSTEM

The Town has a new emergency communication system. It will enable our emergency team to reach you by landline, cell phone, text and email. If phone lines and/or electricity are down, they will use multiple modes of access to reach you. This service is primarily for emergencies. This fall a contact form will be mailed to all households. Please be sure to fill it out and return it. The Town will not share this info and you can opt out at any time.

U. S. M. A CONCERT BAND WEST POINT

at the
North Salem Middle/High School

Friday, October 8, 7:30 pm
sponsored by *The Friends*
of the Ruth Keeler Memorial Library

No admission charge

Tickets will be available at the library
beginning Sunday, September 19 following
the Friends Annual Meeting at 3:00 pm

Save
the
date

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 4-7pm
OUR ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY
Salvatore & Krupp Residence, 264 Titicus Road

All
are
invited!